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Dear Parents and Carers,

At the end of another successful term and full school year, I wanted to update all families with some key information for next year.

Next year's start of term dates and INSET days

- Fri 1st & Mon 4th September – Both are INSET days (no pupils attend)
- Tuesday 5th September – ONLY Year 7 pupils attend (start of term for Year 7 only)
- Wednesday 6th September – ALL pupils attend (start of term for Years 8-11)
- Fri 6th October - INSET day for all pupils (no pupils attend)
- Fri 22nd December - INSET day for all pupils (no pupils attend)
- Fri 26th January – INSET day for all pupils (no pupils attend)
- Mon 24th June – INSET day for all pupils (no pupils attend)

The full list of term dates is available on the school and Caerphilly Council websites.

Summer closure periods

To ensure safety of the school and appropriate access for building teams who will be carrying out work, the school will be closed to parents and visitors for most of the summer holiday period. Parents should also be aware that staff will be taking a well-deserved rest and will not monitor their emails for most of the holiday. There is wellbeing information on the school website, including contact and emergency details for when we are closed.

School Calendar and Parent App

I encourage all parents to access our online school calendar (linked through the website) and also to use the parental app to get up-to-date information including your child's attendance and behaviour. Please also ensure that if you have changed your contact details (including email address) in the last two years, you have informed the school office so that you are not missing vital information.

Exam results day

Exam results day is Thursday 24th August and pupils can collect their results from 9.00am. Year 11 pupils should go to the hall and Year 10 pupils can collect their results from the school office.

Attendance

Please send your child to school as frequently as you can. This is essential for their education and their own personal wellbeing. From September, the local authority will be issuing fines for families whose children persistently miss school without appropriate reasons.

Uniform

Following recent Welsh Government guidance, the Governing Body is reviewing our uniform policy to ensure that uniform is as affordable as possible. We also have good stocks of clean 'pre-loved' recycled uniform (all items) which is available for any families and parents who need it at no cost. Please ask your child to see their Progress Leader, or contact the school office in complete confidence. If any families have uniform which is no longer needed and is still in good wearable condition, we would appreciate it if you could send it in to the school reception (or to our family engagement worker Miss Plumley) to add to our supplies – please ensure all items are washed first.

Governing Body

I am delighted to welcome onto the Governing Body Mrs Samantha Jeffries as a parent governor, following our recent nomination process.

Senior Prefect team

Finally, we were delighted to announce, in the last week of term, our new Senior Prefect team and especially our **Head Boy – Cerrig Smith** - and **Head Girl – Megan Thomas**. Congratulations to Cerrig and Megan, who were nominated and voted for by staff and their year group; I know they, and the whole senior prefect team, will do an outstanding job at representing the school and leading the students across the school!

Have a lovely summer break,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Thompson', with a small dot at the end.

Mr. A. Thompson
Headteacher