



Dinas a Sir Abertawe/City and County of Swansea

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Dear Parents/Carers

Year 10s journey so far has been wholly positive. Their attitudes to learning is to be commended and they have adapted to the step up to GCSE. We have now entered a critical period in their educational journey and the hard work and effort really starts at this point. I thank you for your attendance to Parents' Evening and hope this has given you an insight into your child's progress and education.

As well as the pressures of coursework, this is a crucial time where pupils should now be engaging in regular and thorough revision. Staff have provided extensive revision resource material via notes and through Google Classroom. Also, there is a vast range of after school and lunchtime revision sessions to help your child succeed. Pupils who dedicate time to revision will benefit and achieve grades that will enable them to access wider educational and career opportunities. Establishing study routines and self-discipline will provide them with the 'returns' they deserve. It is not easy, but they must show strength of character and tackle this head on and work for their futures.

They are the first year group to sit the brand new exams. We are in new territory, so it is even more important that pupils take every opportunity to work hard in and outside of school. The examination board has very little resource materials available at this time, so pupils must use the resources we have provided to support them.

Positively, the recent mock examinations have helped to prepare them for what is to come. The pupils' behaviour and attitudes during this time was exemplary and I am immensely proud of them. Their results would give them time to reflect upon what went well and where they need to improve, something that we have been working on in school.

Excellent attendance is essential as staff are going through key topics and exam techniques with your child. Poor attendance means that your child could miss a vital topic, impacting their outcomes.

I expect full uniform and pupils to be well-equipped for their exams. Please check that your child has appropriate equipment, especially for subjects such as Maths. If you require support, please contact me. Additionally, punctuality to school is expected on any day, but on exam days it is vital. This will ensure a smooth start to their exams, as well as alleviating any stress or worries our pupils may have.

All pupils have been issued with an exam timetable but you can also view their personal timetables through the MCAS school app.



Based on the summer's results, there will be potential set and exam tier changes. These changes will always be done to support your child's academic progress and reflective of grades achieved. There will be discussions with parents and pupils if this takes place.

With our current Year 11 about to leave school, preparations will start to get Year 10 ready for their last year in school. This will start with the process for Head Boy, Head Girl and Prefect applications at the end of April. I want a wide representation of pupils across the year group to apply and act as ambassadors for our school. I see potential in each and every one of them and they are all welcome to apply. Further information will be sent out nearer the date.

Our Careers Advisor, Helen Williams, will meet up with pupils and inform them of her role and the support she will provide over the coming year. Further to this, Neath Port Talbot and Gower College representatives, as well as a range of external employment and training providers, will be speaking to pupils about post 16 educational/employment opportunities.

In June, all of Year 10 will attend a 'Taster Day' event in Neath Port Talbot College, followed by a visit to Gower College in December.

As well as this, there will be opportunities for end of term trips and letters will follow in due course.

This is a busy and challenging period for our children. However, if they put in the hard work, they can achieve. What they invest now, will pay off in the future. We, as a school, will support them wholeheartedly.

I want to thank you for your continued support - we could not do this without you!

If you want to discuss any aspect of your child's education or wellbeing, please contact me at any time.

Yours faithfully

***L Brown***

Miss L Brown  
KS4 School Manager