Monday 15th July 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

As we approach the end of a busy academic year, I would like to thank all parents and carers for the support and interest you have shown this year. This Summer Term finishes for all learners on Friday 19th July at 2:50pm.

The calendar for the academic year has not yet been fully finalised, but I am able to confirm some key dates for next year. The following arrangements have been made for the start of the school year in September:

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| Thursday 15th August  (A Level results day) | Years 12 and 13  (8:30am to 11:30am) |
| Thursday 22nd August  (GCSE results day) | Years 10 and 11  (8:30am to 11:30am) |
| Monday 2nd September | INSET 1 |
| Tuesday 3rd September | Year 7: School starts at 8:30am. Learners assemble in the Main Hall.  Years 8 to 11: School starts at 8:30am. Learners go straight to new form groups. |
| Wednesday 4th September | Years 12 and 13 Induction day starts at 8:30am. Learners go straight to the Main hall. |

Further information regarding parents’ evening and key events for the school year will be published shortly on the school website. I can confirm there will be 5 INSET days in total next year. However, it is likely that an additional INSET day will be added to enable schools to plan for curriculum change. This has been provisionally added to our school calendar.

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| INSET 1 | Monday 2nd September 2019 |
| INSET 2 | Monday 14th October 2019 |
| INSET 3 | Friday 20th December 2019 |
| INSET 4 | Monday 4th May 2020 |
| INSET 5 | Monday 20th July 2020 |
| *\*Welsh government INSET 6 (to be confirmed)* | *\*Friday 26th June 2020 tbc* |

We are delighted to have been able to provide a variety of school events during the course of the year. Such events add so much to the wider experiences young people have in school. The school website and Twitter account is full of pictures and stories. There is so much to celebrate at CCYD and we are very proud of all our learners.

Shortly you will be invited to engage with the SIMS Parent app. This will allow you to be more informed and involved with regards to your son or daughter’s timetable, attendance and academic performance.

I would be grateful for your support in ensuring that your child is fully equipped and in the correct uniform in readiness for the start of the school term. Please see the website for clarification. Our uniform policy does not allow leggings, skinny jeans, facial piercings or unnatural hair colouring. All learners will be checked on the first day back to ensure that they are in the correct uniform.

Years 13 and 11 have now finished their examinations and will be returning on Thursday 15th August and Thursday 22nd August respectively to pick up their results. We hope they have achieved well in these exams and wish them well in the next stage of their lives. It is also a time to bid a fond farewell to members of staff who are leaving CCYD at the end of the year and thank them for the contribution they have made to our school.

I wish you all a safe and happy holiday and look forward to seeing learners in September.

Yours sincerely

**Tracey Wellington**

**Headteacher**