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Dear Parent/Guardian

We are sure you will agree with us that this academic year has flown by. The summer term has almost ended and what a busy and unusual year it has been. Certainly one that none of us will forget. It has been wonderful though that we have had an opportunity before the summer holidays to see many of our Year 7 students in school again. It has been so lovely seeing them and hearing their chatter in the classrooms again.

I am sure, like me, you cannot believe this is the end of your child's first year of Comprehensive school. I would like to congratulate the year group as a whole on a very successful year. They have truly immersed themselves into school life here at Llantwit Major School and settled in so well. When I review the information in newsletters and bulletins, as well as the school Twitter feed, it is wonderful to see the level of participation and development in extra-curricular opportunities such as Performing Arts and Sporting events. These are of course in addition to a wealth of skills learnt and developed in subjects across the curriculum. I am also very proud of the way the pupils have adapted so well to the home learning process, quickly establishing new routines and ways of learning that none of us would have expected this time last year. It has been lovely to see through the school Twitter and Google Classroom what other challenges the students met and skills they've learnt during this time. Well done Year 7 and thank you to your parents and guardians for supporting you so well throughout this time.

Looking towards the new academic year, many parents will be spending time over the summer holidays purchasing school uniform, we would like to remind you about the clothing requirements for September (as attached). Please ensure that these are read in detail in order to avoid purchasing clothing which is not deemed to be appropriate school uniform. **In particular, please ensure that denim, leggings and hoodies are NOT purchased as school uniform.** If pupils are having any piercings it is suggested that this is done at the start of the holidays in order for the pupils to remove them before returning to school in September. There have been a small minority of pupils wearing nose studs and these **are not permitted**. Hair colour should be a natural colour, should not be excessively short or shaved (such as tramlines). False nails and/or nail varnish are not permitted. If you are unsure about any clothing or any other aspect of the school uniform, please contact the school for further guidance.

#### **Reminder of School Uniform for Key Stages 3 & 4**

- a white shirt with red and blue school tie
- jumper with the school logo
- black trousers or skirt (please ensure skirts are purchased with an **appropriate** length for the school environment).

You should be aware that the school runs a very successful Reward Trip Scheme whereby students are 'invited' to attend an end of year trip. Sadly we were unable to run the reward these trips this year, however we are hopeful they will run as normal next year. The requirements for an 'invite' are outlined below:

- **Plus (positive) points in excess of 500+ which are awarded for reasons such as:**

1. Consistently good work ethic throughout lesson
2. Positive participation in lessons
3. High standard of homework (Gwaith Cartref)
4. Correct uniform
5. Positive contribution to the school community
6. Notable achievement outside of school

- **Capped Minus (negative) points of 40, such points may be awarded for reasons such as:**

1. Unauthorised use of mobile phone during lessons
2. Lack of focus / low level disruption in lessons
3. Failure to use homework diary appropriately
4. Incorrect uniform
5. Failure to attend form period/assembly
6. Leaving school site at any time without authorised permission.

- **95% minimum attendance requirement**

### **Basic equipment list**

It is essential that your child brings basic equipment to school every day. (This is particularly relevant due to Covid 19 as we can't currently loan equipment.)

Your child should bring a bag every day with the following items:

- Blue or black pen, green pen, pencil, rubber, ruler, sharpener
- protractor and compasses (or a geometry set)
- Scientific calculator. We recommend purchasing one with a 'text book' style display, such as the Aurora AS-595 or Casio fx-835GT. These are generally sold at a reduced price in major supermarkets before the start of term.

Please therefore ensure that these are purchased if your child does not have them. If you require support in purchasing these items please contact Mrs Cox, Student Support Centre Manager.

The pastoral team next year for Year 8 will be made up of Miss Knight (Progress Leader), Mrs Williams (Assistant Progress leader) and Miss Thomas (Progress LSA). They are very much looking forward to working with your child and the rest of Year 8 next year.

Many thanks for your continued support of the school throughout the year, as you know home-school partnerships are essential to your child's progress and achievement. It just remains for us as a school to wish you all a safe Summer Holidays and we look forward to supporting your child through Year 8 and watching them progress and flourish even further.

Yours faithfully



**Mrs H Marshallsay**  
**Year 7 Progress Coordinator**



It takes sunshine and rain to make a rainbow. After every storm, if you look hard enough, a rainbow appears.

Well done Year 7 Class of 2020 – together we have made it through!