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Dear Parent/Guardian

We are sure you will agree with us that this academic year has been very different, but as the summer term has almost come to end its give us an opportunity to beginning focusing on next year.

As we near the end of your child's fourth year with us, we 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 when we review the information that has been sent home, it is wonderful to see the level of participation and development in extra-curricular opportunities such as Welsh Bacalaureate, Performing Arts, Sports and MOD events. These are of course in addition to a wealth of skills and subject progress across the curriculum. In addition to these fantastic efforts in school, we, of course, also have to knowledge the difficulties faced during the lockdown period. I have been incredibly proud of how maturely, consistently and conscientiously Year 10 have adapted to the home learning platform. It has not been an easy feat to adapt to a home learning environment and it has been a challenge that the year group have approached and tackled well. Well done Year 10.

As 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.

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

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

If you are unsure about any clothing or any other aspect of the school uniform, please contact Mrs G Griffiths who is an integral part of the Years 11 – 13-progress team. From September, your child's Progress Leader will no longer be myself. I will be handing over to Mrs E Denscombe who will be supported by Mr E Rees.

We will also be continuing to reward students using our successful points system. As you will be aware from previous years, we use a points system to allow students to attend end of year trips and next year for your Year 11 child, the Prom! Please see a reminder below as to how your child may be awarded/ deducted points throughout the year. We aim for 500+ plus points as a target to be invited on reward trips/ Prom invites so it is important to earn as many points as you can!

**Plus (positive) points:**

- consistently good work ethic throughout lesson
- attendance at extra revision sessions
- high standard of homework (Gwaith Cartref)
- correct uniform
- positive contribution to the school community
- Notable achievement outside of school.

**Minus (negative) points:**

- unauthorised use of mobile phone during lessons
- lack of focus / low level disruption in lessons
- failure to attend revision sessions
- failure to use homework diary appropriately
- incorrect uniform
- failure to attend form period/assembly
- leaving school site at any time without authorised permission.

**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.

Work is already underway preparing an extensive KS4 Independent Study Survival Guide which will include details about revision schedule for the exams. As always, excellent attendance throughout Year 11 will be essential to provide the best possible opportunities for success.

We have a very well established Sixth Form Twitter page which we are using to communicate with parents and pupils and keep you up to date with University Open days, in-house events, careers advice etc. As you are now officially moving into the Year 11 – 13 progress team, why not follow us on @llantwitsixthform and get one step ahead of the game! We are also in the process of updating our Llantwit Major Alumni records. If you are a past pupil of the school or you know someone who was, please do contact Mrs E Denscombe or Mr E Rees at [llantwitschool.org.uk](mailto:llantwitschool.org.uk) as we would love to hear from you and share your story with our next generation of students. As always, we welcome your feedback and should you have any suggestions for improvement, we are very interested to hear your views and look into the logistics/options available.

So now, as we approach the end of the academic year we would like to say that we are very much looking forward to working with Year 11 next year and watching them progress and flourish even further.

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 to wish you all a safe Summer Holidays and we look forward to supporting you through a fast-paced Year 11.

Yours faithfully



**Mrs A Reid**  
**Progress Leader Year 10**