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Dear Parent/Guardian

We are sure you will agree with us that this academic year has been strange to say the least.

As we near the end of the official summer term of such an important year, we would like to congratulate Year 11 on their efforts prior to the enforced lockdown. It was wonderful to witness our students immerse themselves into school life prior to lockdown. When we reviewed the information that was sent home, it was fantastic to see the level of participation and development in a plethora of extra-curricular opportunities such as Welsh Baccalaureate, Performing Arts, Sports and MOD events. These were all of course in addition to a wealth of skills and subject progress across the curriculum. Well done.

As many parents will be spending time over the summer holidays purchasing new sixth form school uniform, we would like to remind you about the clothing requirements for September. Please ensure that these are read in detail (as attached) 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 considering having any piercings they **MUST** be removed during the school day. There were a small minority of pupils wearing nose studs and false nails – these are **NOT PERMITTED** on Health and Safety grounds. If you are unsure about any clothing or any other aspect of the school uniform, please contact Mrs G Griffiths who is our Link Progress LSA for Years 11 – 13.

School Uniform Policy for Key Stage 5

- White shirt with red 6th form tie (ties are available from LM Sports)
- Black trousers / skirt (please ensure skirts are of an appropriate length)
- Black V neck jumper with the school logo

Despite the current uncertainty surrounding what to expect in September rest assured we have been working incredibly hard in the background ensuring students who are lucky enough to gain a place in our excellent sixth form are not disadvantaged, in terms of the opportunities available to them, to boost their University applications, apprenticeship applications or employment applications. These opportunities will include, among other things, a duty rota (which will replace form period), a lower school lesson support timetable and delivery of whole school assemblies. We are also continuing to update our Llantwit Major Alumni records as we really do value the experience and expertise of our past pupils, many of whom very kindly joined us throughout the year to deliver motivational talks to our sixth formers. If you are a past pupil of the school or you know someone who was, please contact Mrs E Denscombe or Mr E Rees at llantwitschool.org.uk as we would love to hear from you and hopefully get you to share your story with our next generation. 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 what next year will bring in terms of advanced level academic achievement and we will be encouraging all of Year 12 to make the most of as many opportunities as possible, particularly applying for

various summer schools. As always excellent attendance throughout Year 12 will be essential to ensure the best possible opportunities for success.

Important date for your diary

20 August 2020 – GCSE results day

Further details regarding the running of this day will be sent via Schoolcomms closer to the time.

Students - if you are in any doubt about your offer of a place in Year 12 when you are in receipt of your GCSE results, Mrs E Denscombe and Mr K Francis will be available for you to discuss your options on results day or between 9am and 11am on 21 August 2020 but please note this will be **by appointment only**. Appointments must be made on results day and can be booked in reception prior to you leaving.

It is very important to us that all our students study the **right courses for their ability**. University offers that our students had this year are testimony to the fact that more and more Universities would rather see students succeed in the right combination of courses than achieve mediocre to poor results in the wrong ones. We consider the following general guide as a good indicator of what courses your child should be considering studying:

- if they achieve mostly A*s and A's - 4 academic AS levels would be achievable
- if they achieve a mix of mainly A's and B's - a combination of academic and vocational qualifications including potentially the Welsh Baccalaureate would be the most appropriate to achieve success
- if they achieve mainly B's and C's we would recommend they study either 3 vocational courses plus the Welsh Baccalaureate or 4 vocational qualifications.

Finally to all our parents and guardians, a heartfelt thanks for your continued and invaluable support of the school throughout what has been an incredibly difficult year for all of us, 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 happy and safe Summer Holidays.

Yours faithfully



Mrs E Denscombe
Progress Leader Years 11 - 13

Mr E Rees
Asst Progress Leader Years 11 – 13

Mrs G Griffiths
Progress LSA Years 11 - 13