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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 that we have had an opportunity before the summer holidays to see many of our Year 9 students in school again.

As we near the end of your child's third 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 Performing Arts, Sports and MOD events. These are of course in addition to a wealth of skills and subject progress across the curriculum. Pupils have adapted really well to the home learning process, quickly establishing new routines and ways of learning. I am really proud of everyone, well done Year 9.

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. If you are unsure about any clothing or any other aspect of the school uniform, please contact the school.

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).

As you are aware, 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+:**
 1. Consistently good work ethic throughout lesson
 2. Attendance at extra revision sessions
 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:**

1. Unauthorised use of mobile phone during lessons
2. Lack of focus / low level disruption in lessons
3. Failure to attend revision sessions
4. Failure to use homework diary appropriately
5. Incorrect uniform
6. Failure to attend form period/assembly
7. 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.

The pastoral team next year for Year 10 will be made up of Mrs Reid (Progress Leader) and Mrs Cox (Progress LSA). So now, as we approach the end of the academic year we would like to say that we have very much enjoyed working with Year 9 over the past year and look forward to watching them progress and flourish even further in Year 10.

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 Year 10.

Yours faithfully



Miss J Knight
Progress Leader of Years 8 & 9



Mrs M A Williams
Asst Progress Leader of Years 8 & 9



After every storm, there comes a rainbow.
We are the Year 9 Class of 2020.
Together, we got through it!