

Ebbw Fawr Learning Community

Cymuned Ddysgu Ebwy Fawr

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Dear Parent/Carer

As we approach the end of a very busy academic year I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of a few key dates and inform you of some changes ahead.

As a result of our inspection feedback and surveys undertaken with students, staff and parents, we intend to change the timings of lessons and registration within the school day in the secondary phase. School will still start at 8.45am and end at 3.10pm, however morning registration/assembly will now take place from 8.45 to 9.05am and there will be no extended registration at lunchtime. We will maintain split lunch breaks between key stage 3 and key stage 4 and we have also arranged to extend lunch by 10 minutes. Over the summer we plan to provide an outdoor canopy and seating area to provide further tables for learners to use at break and lunch.

Year groups will be based in wings in the school as below in order to foster a year group ethos and provide a sense of belonging and ownership for the tutor groups in each wing.

Year 7	pink wing
Year 8	yellow wing
Year 9	green wing
Year 10	blue wing ground floor
Year 11	blue wing first floor

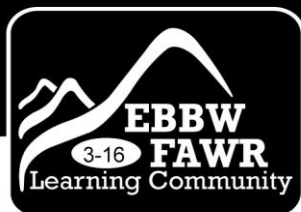
One area of the playground will be designated for Year 7 learners and teaching wings and upper floors will be out of bounds during break time and lunch time. In order to ensure learners are well-supervised, lunch and break times will be spent in the restaurant, playground, bistro or street areas of the school. All students must remain on site during break and lunch times. This is for health and safety reasons and is non-negotiable. We have recently established a Student Nutrition Action Group to work alongside restaurant staff to develop menu and choices for our learners.

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The Leaders of Learning for each year group in 2016-17 are listed below along with their contact details:

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From September 2016, Mr R Hart Assistant Director will take leadership of Key Stage 3 and Mrs M Thomas Assistant Director will lead Key Stage 4. Please feel free to contact your child's Leader of Learning or the Assistant Directors should you have any queries. There will be an opportunity early in the autumn term to meet your child's new tutor.

This term we have appointed a new anti-bullying coordinator, Mrs N Owens, and we have 40 young people who are trained to support their peers in combatting bullying in our community. This is a priority for Ebbw Fawr Learning Community and we will be celebrating our first anti-bullying day this month where all learners and staff will sign up to our anti-bullying pledge to stand together against bullying.

For learners collecting GCSE results, these will be released on Thursday 25 August. We look forward to celebrating with you then.

The new term starts on Thursday 1 September, however the first two days will be taken as INSET training days, so term starts for learners on **Monday 5 September**. I have included next year's term dates and INSET days overleaf to help parents with planning holidays out of term time.

I have also attached copy of our uniform policy. I would like to remind parents and students that skinny jeans or leggings are not permitted. A particular thank you to parents for your support with uniform, our learners' smart appearance is a source of great pride and visitors always comment on this.

Thank you for your support this year. I hope you enjoy the summer holidays and I look forward to working with you again in September.

Yours faithfully

Mrs N Davies

Phase Director Secondary

