



# Ebbw Fawr Learning Community

## Cymuned Ddysgu Ebwy Fawr

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Dear Parent / Carer

### Secondary Phase Students

I have had a very encouraging first week as the new Headteacher of Ebbw Fawr. The vast majority of students in the secondary phase have responded positively to a clearer set of expectations in terms of behaviour and work ethic. They are a delightful group of young people who we can all be proud of. During my many monitoring visits to lessons I have seen all staff and all students fully engaged in high quality learning and teaching. I am therefore confident that we will be able to further improve standards at Ebbw Fawr. Those students who have not responded to the new expectations have been dealt with appropriately. I would appreciate your support as parents and carers this weekend in order to reinforce the positive start, and I have noted below the basic expectations. Please take the time to read them with your children.

- We are keen to promote the idea of students being professional in their learning: **Presentable, Punctual, Prepared, Positive and Polite**. It will prepare them well for their future careers.
- Mobile phones need to be switched off and placed in bags when entering the school site. They are not allowed at break and lunchtimes. The rule is in force to stop the incidents of text bullying which have happened in the past. If parents need contacting during the school day students should report their need to Student Services. Students will have a first warning to put phones away if they are seen out in school. If they refuse then the phone will be confiscated and held in a safe in Student Services. They will be returned at the end of the school day. Repeat offences will see phones being confiscated and parents asked to come to school to pick up the phones.
- We have an absolute zero tolerance to bullying, discrimination, fighting and smoking. If your child is involved in any of the issues noted, then you will be immediately contacted so that together we can work to resolve the situation.
- We have an absolute zero tolerance to students who wish to disrupt the learning of others in any way.
- We have an absolute zero tolerance to students being verbally or physically threatening to staff.
- No students are allowed out at lunchtimes. There are a range of healthy food options in school. The lunch hours have also been split so that KS3 are on lunch whilst KS4 are being taught and vice versa. Queuing for lunch is now minimal. As the term progresses there will be an increasing amount of activities and revision sessions on offer at lunchtimes. McDonalds will not serve any Ebbw Fawr students at lunchtimes.
- The secondary building is a fantastic environment to learn but students need to walk on the left in order to avoid congestion.

I'm sure that we can build upon the positive start made and make Ebbw Fawr a school that we can all be very proud of. We have great students, great staff, great governors, great facilities, and a proud community with a wonderful history and heritage.

Yours faithfully

Mr H R Lloyd  
Headteacher

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