12th July 2019

To Parents/Guardians of All Pupils

As we approach the end of a busy academic year, I would like to thank all parents for your support, and the interest you have shown in the life and work of our school. This Summer Term finishes for pupils on **Friday 19th July at 3.00 p.m.**

Some Key Dates

The calendar for the academic year has not yet been fully finalised, but I am able to confirm some key dates for next year.

The following arrangements have been made for the start of the school year in September:

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| **Monday 2nd September**                      | INSET 1  
|                                               | Year 12 Induction day |
| **Tuesday 3rd September**                      | INSET 2 |
| **Wednesday 4th September**                    | Year 7: School starts at 8.40. Pupils assemble in the Main School Hall. |
|                                               | Years 8 to 11: School starts at 8.40 and go straight to registration. |

On Wednesday 4th September, the school canteen will be open at break time (11.00 to 11.20) for snacks, and all pupils will be given information regarding mealtimes on the day. The canteen will still be accepting cash only at the start of term. The Local Authority has delayed the introduction of the cashless catering system until the end of September. Thank you for returning consent forms which will now enable a more efficient biometric process to replace the existing system.
Further information regarding parents’ evenings and key events for the school year will be published shortly on the school website, and I will write to you in September to communicate the main details of these events. I can confirm that there will be 5 INSET days in total next year. However, it is likely that an additional INSET day will be added to enable schools to plan for curriculum reform and this has been provisionally built into our school calendar.

Term dates for 2019.20 have been published as follows:

**Autumn Term 2019**
- Term starts Monday 2\textsuperscript{nd} September
- Half term starts Monday 28\textsuperscript{th} October
- Half term ends Friday 1\textsuperscript{st} November
- Term ends Friday 20\textsuperscript{th} December

**Spring Term 2020**
- Term starts Monday 6\textsuperscript{th} January
- Half term starts Monday 17\textsuperscript{th} February
- Half term ends Friday 21\textsuperscript{st} February
- Term ends Friday 3\textsuperscript{rd} April

**Summer Term**
- Term starts Monday 20\textsuperscript{th} April
- Closed Friday 8\textsuperscript{th} May (Bank Holiday)
- Half term starts Monday 25\textsuperscript{th} May
- Half term ends Friday 29\textsuperscript{th} May
- Term ends Monday 20\textsuperscript{th} July

**INSET days**
- Monday 2\textsuperscript{nd} September
- Tuesday 3\textsuperscript{rd} December
- Friday 29\textsuperscript{th} November
- Monday 6\textsuperscript{th} January
- Friday 20\textsuperscript{th} March
- Monday 20\textsuperscript{th} July

*We have included 6 INSET days based on Welsh Government guidance.*
School Uniform
I would be grateful for your support in ensuring that your child is fully equipped and in correct uniform in readiness for the start of the school term. The details of changes to the school inform are clearly stated on the school’s website and in earlier communications.

School Events
We are delighted to have been able to provide a huge variety of school events during the course of this term. Such events add so much to the wider experiences children and young people have in school, and help to enrich their lives. The school’s ‘Twitter’ page is full of accounts, pictures, videos and events which help to tell the story of Bryntirion. There is so much to celebrate at Bryntirion Comprehensive School, with pupils of all abilities and talents participating in school life and achieving well.

School Attendance
Official attendance for 2018.19 is 96% and is the highest the school has ever achieved. Good attendance is an important measure of positive wellbeing and attainment in schools, and we appreciate the support of all parents in ensuring excellent attendance.

Farewell to pupils and staff
Year 13 and 11 have now finished their examinations and will be returning on Thursday 15th August and Thursday 22nd August respectively to pick up their results. We all hope they have achieved well in these exams, and wish them well in the next stage of their lives.

It’s also a time to bid a fond farewell to members of staff who are leaving Bryntirion at the end of the year and thank them for the contribution they have made to our school.

Finally, I would like to thank parents for your continued support over the course of the year. I wish you all a safe and happy holiday and look forward to seeing all pupils on Wednesday 4th September.

Yours sincerely

RK Pawar