

Dear parents/carers

## **Re: Headteacher Update March 2024**

### **Launch of Caerleon Comprehensive School Study Support Hub**

We are delighted to share with you our new study support hub, which can be found on our website in the Learning section. This is an interactive hub supporting students with that all important question: *How do I revise?* We have aimed the hub at Y10-13 students, but students in Y7-9 are very welcome to access it also when they prepare for assessments etc. It is also a useful tool for parents/carers to look at if you would like some ideas about how to support your child with revision. We will be launching this tool with students during assemblies in the week beginning 15<sup>th</sup> April, but they are of course welcome to use it before then.

### **Parent Forums**

Our parent forum on the 21<sup>st</sup> March this week will be dedicated to an invite only Y11 parents evening, to discuss matters pertaining to the upcoming GCSE examinations. For those parents/carers invited, you will have received a separate communication.

Our summer parent forum will revert to our anti bullying focus, with a session planned on cyber bullying and how we can work together to encourage our young people to use social media responsibly and with care. We have representatives from Gwent Police joining us for this supportive session. We hope that all the parents/carers who are members of our anti bullying alliance group will join us at this forum, and any other parents/carers who are interested in this topic are welcomed. We will send more information out about the summer parent forum nearer the time.

### **Caerleon Comprehensive 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

This summer marks the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Caerleon Comprehensive opening as a school. We thought it would be special to mark the occasion on the last day of term (Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July). We will send out information nearer the time on our plans for this day.

### **Summer Uniform**

While the weather remains chilly, students should continue to wear winter uniform. We will send out a communication when the weather heats up about students moving to summer uniform (blue polo shirts, no blazer/jumper).

### **Family Help and Support Section on our Website**

We continue to build up our new website. We now have a new section entitled 'Family Help and Support' with links for families to use to apply for free school meals, uniform grants and other important services. We hope you find this section helpful.

### **Toilet usage**

I am delighted to report that since the difficult incident last week, our new toilet procedures are starting to work well. We will re-write our toilet policy in the summer term if we continue to have success with the way things are currently being managed, and we also hope to invest in the toilets as much as we possibly can to make them more pleasant in general.

### **Charles Williams Trust**

We must say a huge thank you to the Charles Williams Trust, who have supported us with a hardship fund for students this year. We have been able to buy revision guides, astro boots and PE resources for individuals, amongst various other purchases. We are very grateful to the charity for their support of our students.

### **The Student Planner Returns**

As you are aware, for the first time this year we moved away from the use of a student planner. We haven't found this to be the best course of action for our students and teachers and therefore, a bigger, better version of the planner will be back for September 2024! Students will have a section where they can record homework and they can indicate where the homework can be found (Teams or Google Classroom). This, alongside our homework 'how to guide' which can be found on our website, will hopefully mean families feel well equipped to support their child to complete homework. If you haven't already, please view the 'how to guide' and the videos in this section of our website, which are there to help parents with where homework can be found etc.

I would like to wish all our families celebrating Easter peace and happiness at this important time and for our families who will be celebrating Eid when we return to school, I hope you all have a wonderful time with family and friends.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs L Purcell

Headteacher.