



RE: Headteacher Update September 2024

A warm welcome back!

A very warm welcome back to the new academic year at Caerleon Comprehensive School and a special welcome to parents/carers of any new students joining us this year. We are all looking forward to another year of learning at Caerleon, enabling our students to 'maximise their potential'.

Results 2024

We were delighted to see so many happy faces on results day and so many of our students were accepted to their first-choice university on A Level results day. We will ensure a breakdown of our results for both GCSE and A Level is placed on our website so that parents/carers can view these if they wish to.

Uniform

It is very important that all students wear the correct uniform to school. We have a swap shop which we will ask students to access if they arrive at school in the incorrect uniform. Please support us in ensuring that all students bring their jumper and/or blazer to school. During the warmer months, they are expected to wear these in assembly but do not have to wear them to lessons if they are too hot. When the weather turns cooler, we expect students to wear their jumper and/or blazer around the site and into lessons. To get students into good habits we therefore ask that students bring a jumper and/or blazer with them to school every day from now.

Y11 Prom

As a school, we would like to host a prom for our Y11 students. The prom would be hosted in our main hall, which would be transformed for this special event. The prom would be organised by the school and school staff, with the PTA supporting the event (Friends of Caerleon Comprehensive School). Y11 parents/carers would be welcome to join the PTA to support the organisation of this event. However, I am conscious that the tradition at Caerleon has been for parents/carers to organise the Y11 prom at a venue outside the school, without any input from the school or school staff. I am therefore going to survey Y11 students and parents/carers to see what the continued preference would be as I do not want to organise something in-house if that is not what students and families would prefer. Please look out for the survey if you are a Y11 parent/carer and we will go from there.

Charity Fundraising

As with last term, this term our school's fundraising will focus on Velindre and our PTA, FOCCS. We have our first Cynefin celebration day on Friday 18th October and will be asking for donations to be split equally between the Velindre Charity Bike Ride total I mentioned in my previous communications, and the PTA, FOCCS.

In addition to this, Mr G Jones and I are running the Cardiff Half Marathon on the 6th October. If you would like to sponsor us for this event, you can do so via the parent app. 50% of the sponsorship raised will go towards the Velindre Charity Bike Ride total and 50% to our PTA, FOCCS. If you are watching the Cardiff Half, please look out for Mr Jones, who will look like he's

had a little walk in the park, and for me, who will be near the end of all the runners looking very red and out of breath!

All donations are very gratefully received. Donations for the Cynefin day can be made closer to the time, but the link for sponsoring me and Mr Jones is available on the parent app now. As always, we wish all our families the very best for a happy, healthy term. Please communicate with us when you need to and use our website/follow our social media for all the extra information you may need.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs L Purcell
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