

Dear parents/carers

Re: Headteacher's Update June 2024

Wear Bright Colours to Celebrate Pride Month

On the 27th June we are encouraging staff and students to wear bright colours to celebrate our school as an inclusive environment, where all students are celebrated and belong. There will be no request for any charity donation on this day.

Culture/Cynefin Day

We look forward to our culture day, where students can wear outfits they feel celebrate their heritage and identity. Please note that the day of this event has changed, from **Wednesday 10th July to Friday 12th July**. We are asking for voluntary donations that will go towards Velindre on this occasion.

Toilet Policy

We have noted some confusion over our toilet policy and therefore want to ensure all parents/carers are aware of the situation. Students may use the toilets freely before school, at breaktime, lunchtime and after school. Please note that F block toilets are now open before and after school and that this is in response to student requests. During lesson time, students are expected to ask their teacher if they need to use the toilet (as has always been the case). They then go to main reception to sign out a key, use a designated toilet, and return the key. Students with medical issues or particular additional learning needs are entitled to a toilet pass and parents/carers should contact the ALN team or their child's Head of Year if one of these is needed.

Please be rest assured that **all students are allowed to use the toilet if they need to**, though we do encourage them to do so at break and lunchtimes rather than during lesson time to ensure maximum learning time and limited disruption to lessons. The only difference between our previous policy and the new one, is that students have to sign out a key to use the toilet in lesson times. I'm delighted to share with you that we have noticed a significant decrease in many of the issues we were experiencing linked to the toilets since the new policy was introduced and we feel the toilets are a much safer and more pleasant environment for all our learners as a result.

If any parent/carer has any particular concerns in this area in relation to their child, please do not hesitate to contact your child's Head of Year.

60th Anniversary Celebrations

We are looking forward to our 60th anniversary celebrations on the last day of term. On this day we are asking for donations towards our fantastic PTA, FOCCS; every penny

raised is ploughed back into our school at a time of extremely challenging budgets in Newport. Here are some details of the celebratory activities we have planned:

- Special food/theme in the canteen
- A non-uniform day – choose your decade! Students and staff can wear clothes that are reminiscent of any decade, between the 60s to the present day.
- Our summer concert celebrating 60 years on the 11th July at 6pm. The summer fair will take place before the concert between 4-6pm. We look forward to seeing our families at both special events.
- Prizes for the ‘super 60’ - 15 students from Y7 to Y10 who have given back to the school and are our ‘top citizens’ will win a prize!
- We are putting together clips and videos to share in assembly containing stories from ex students and staff about their time at Caerleon. We will also be sharing some of these stories at our summer concert.
- In form time during the week beginning the 24th June, students will complete a set of bunting, expressing what Caerleon means to them. We will display this bunting around school ready for the last week of term.
- We are planning to take a photo of our Y7-10 students in the shape of a 60 using a drone at some point in the last week of term to mark this special occasion (wish us luck!).

Year Eleven Leaver’s Assembly

We look forward to this special event on the 21st June. The event starts at 2pm in the main hall and concludes at approximately 4pm with drinks and cake in the canteen. Students do not need to wear uniform. Please can we encourage you to take this opportunity to send in any school uniform that is no longer needed so we can use it in our Swap Shop. Items can be handed into main reception on the day. Thank you.

INSET day 28th June

A reminder that the 28th June is a professional learning day (inset day) so students should not come to school on this day. Staff will be working on our vision and strategies in relation to supporting disadvantaged learners; we have a session with the Show Racism the Red Card team, looking at our anti-racism vision and strategies, and we will also be discussing areas of strength and development in relation to student progress in exercise books on this day. Our final session of the day is focused on the introduction of Class Charts to Caerleon Comprehensive School. More information will follow on Class Charts for parents in the new academic year.

I will write to you again in July for the final headteacher update of the year.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs L Purcell
Headteacher