

18<sup>th</sup> February, 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

This is both an exciting and challenging time for our Year 11 pupils at Llanwern. It is exciting as our pupils, your children, are working hard in lessons to improve their knowledge and skills. It is positive to see how many pupils have completed their controlled assessments. Many of the year 11 teachers are pleased with the progress pupils are making. It is refreshing to see pupils focused and working in lessons. It is also exciting that our pupils will be able to demonstrate in the exams what they have learnt.

We understand it may also be a challenging time for pupils and parents. To help support pupils and parents this letter has points of information to help parents support their child.

- The **summer examination season for GCSE written exams opens Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May** and is **completed by Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June**. Please do not book holidays during this period as this is the only time the exams will take place.
- There are **oral examinations for Welsh GCSE which will take place across Monday 4<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April**. This is a 10-minute exam where pupils have a conversation in Welsh. All pupils must attend their oral exam. The date and time for each pupil will be available after half term. It is worth a third of their final grade and is a golden opportunity for all pupils to gain valuable marks. Again, this is the only date this exam can take place as it is set by the exam board. The pupils have been doing really well in lesson preparation on this.
- The staff at Llanwern are committed to supporting students in their learning. Continuing after half term there are a number of revision sessions at lunch time or after school. Please encourage your child to attend. The timetable of sessions is attached.
- Furthermore, during the **Easter and Whitsun breaks there will also be revision sessions available in school**. For your information these dates are Easter – Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April to Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April, and, Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April. For Whitsun from Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June. Details and timetables of these events will follow shortly.

After half term support will continue to prepare pupils for their exams. This will include assemblies on items such as exam technique, revision techniques and how to manage exam stress and wellbeing. Therefore, we need pupils to ensure they are in school for 8.30 to allow a prompt start for registration and Form Time. Pupils will also receive their individual examination timetable.

For your information, **for each exam pupils will need to be school at either 8.30am for a morning exam, or 1.00pm for an afternoon session**. This is to ensure all pupils are fully prepared knowing the requirements of the exam, the location and seat number; all the logistics which can cause pupils stress. Furthermore, a team of staff will be present to support and guide pupils reminding them about key revision points as well as to support pupil wellbeing.

We hope this information will be of use to you, and your family have a happy and safe half term.

Yours sincerely



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