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Dear Parent / Carer,

We are now approaching the last few weeks before the start of the GCSE examinations; hopefully all pupils are focused, revising and confident. There are a few pieces of information that are needed in the run up to exams and the end of term.

Exams

The GCSE exams begin on Tuesday 7th May. Pupils need to be in school on time and wearing the correct school uniform to sit their exams. They need to have a clear pencil case, a black pen and correct equipment for each exam (i.e. calculator, protractor, compass). Phones and smart watches will need to be handed in prior to sitting the exam. Water bottles must be transparent with any labels removed. Pupils must know their exam numbers and seat number prior to the exam, these are displayed outside the exam room. Pupils must understand that all exams are undertaken under WJEC rules and infringement of those rules will result in a WJEC investigation.

Study leave will begin on the **3th May**. However if teachers request pupils to attend lessons up until the date of their exam they are expected to do so. After pupils have sat an exam in each subject they will no longer have a taught lesson in that subject. Parents need to be aware that if pupils decide to work from home parents are responsible for transport into school for exams and that the safeguarding responsibility reverts to parents.

Leaver Hoodies

As part of our end of year celebration the pupils have requested leaver hoodies. The hoodies will have the school badge on the front and the names of all pupils in their year group on the back. The pupils have voted for their choice of colour and the most popular colour was Baby Pink.



The sizes available are:

XS	34"
SMALL	36"
MEDIUM	38"
LARGE	40"
X LARGE	42"
XX LARGE	44"



There are samples of hoodie sizes in PAWB if pupils wish to try on before ordering. The cost of the hoodie is £25 and this is to be paid via parent pay. When payment is made you must add the size required to parent pay. The deadline for ordering and making payment is Friday 5th May. No orders will be accepted after this date.

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End of year celebrations

Tickets for the end of year party in Margam Orangery on **Thursday 11th July** will shortly be on sale, the cost is **£30** and payment is to be made via parent pay. The cost of the ticket covers the venue, buffet, DJ and transport.

Those pupils who have had poor attendance (medical issues are taken into account), over 60 negative behaviour points, are on a behaviour card, have not followed school behaviour and uniform rules will not be invited to purchase tickets. The school reserves the right to withdraw the invitation to the celebration at any time. Tickets can be collected after the leaver's assembly and will only be issued upon return of the Chromebook (a letter will be sent out later this week with further Chromebook details).

Pupils will leave Cefn Saeson at **5:30pm**, they are to be dropped off in the pupil drop-off zone and cars are not to come into the school car park. All pupils must travel to the venue by bus, pupils who do not do so will not be permitted to attend. Parents are welcome to come to Margam Park to take photographs before pupils enter the venue.

Behaviour is expected to be of the highest standard during the evening. There will be security in place and any poor behaviour will result in parents being asked to collect pupils. Pupils will leave Margam at 10:00pm and return to school. They will need to be collected unless we are informed beforehand that they have permission to leave without parents.

We would also like to invite you to leaver's assembly. This will take place on **Thursday 2nd May at 1pm.** As they are a large year group we will only be able to accommodate one adult per pupil attending. Following the assembly pupils can participate in signing their school shirts. If pupils would like to donate their Blazers to school for future pupils that would be very much appreciated.

I wish all pupils every success in their examinations and am certain that their hard work will pay dividends.

Yours faithfully,

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