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Keeping in touch spring update

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we approach the Easter holidays, I am writing to you to update you on our progress over the term and seek your support in a number of key areas. The term has been very productive as we seek to enable every learner to achieve their very best. This term has seen wonderful eisteddfod events that enabled our school community to come together and celebrate our culture and heritage with some truly inspiring performances. They are always special events and this year we were reminded of some of the last words of St David – *‘to do the little things well’*. We remind all our students that the little things matter, particularly in the 3Rs demonstrating **responsibility**, developing healthy **relationships** and showing **respect** for everyone and everything.

Attendance progress:

We are pleased that we have seen progress in the overall attendance of many pupils this term and some of the latest initiatives are starting to have an impact. We would continue to urge you to ensure your child's attendance is as high as possible. High attendance has a real positive impact on pupils' academic progress and their overall wellbeing. If your child is struggling to attend, please contact the school so that we can arrange further support. We will continue to drive this priority area over the year, and we are grateful for your support in this matter as we return to our high standards in this area.

Exams on the horizon:

As we approach GCSE examinations for Year 10 and 11 students, we hope that the Easter break will prove a valuable time for their preparation. There will be an information evening for parents on **Thursday 26th March, from 4.30 - 5pm for year 10 and 5.15 - 5.45pm for year 11**. This event will provide key information that will help parents/carers to know what they can do to help their child in the lead up to exams. Pupils need a close network of support through this exam season and so we hope to see you there. For more information on exams and exam preparation please see the school website:

<https://www.bryngwynschool.co.uk/YEAR-11-REVISION-TOP-TIPS>

ESTYN action plan:

Following our ESTYN visit, we celebrate our community culture and the strong sense of family and belonging that we create within our school. Our school improvement plan mirrors our ESTYN recommendations, and we have a strong ambition to drive these areas forward in the school with a



focus on the progress of every learner. To access the school's improvement plan, please see the school website, which highlights the main areas of our focus over the coming year. We will endeavour to update you on our progress throughout the year.

Teaching and Learning:

During the spring term, we have been focusing much of our attention on teaching and learning and supporting pupils to develop strong, consistent learning habits that we call our 'distinctives'. Our first priority areas have centered around a renewed focus on assessing pupil progress, highly effective strategies for questioning and purposeful 'do now' tasks at the start of lessons that help pupils activate their knowledge and approach learning activities. These areas enhance and strengthen learning and progress, and we hope your child is seeing the benefit of these initiatives to support their academic development.

School council progress:

In the Spring term, we met with pupil leaders to improve the impact of pupil leadership further. The relevant year group councils have met with pupil leaders and are working on their priority areas for the year. It is really powerful to see pupils driving the agenda on what they want to develop. We have already seen pupils feeding into many areas of school life including shaping the curriculum, canteen facilities and seating areas around the school. It has been a pleasure to discuss how we make our school community better with our learners across the Federation and we hope this work will bring about many new developments over the coming years.

Upcoming dates:

Wednesday 25th March, 6:30pm: Spring term concert in Bryngwyn Sports Hall.

Thursday 26th March: Yr 10 and 11 GCSE exam information evenings (Y10 4:30pm; Y11 5:15pm)

Monday 23rd – 27th March: Year group reward assemblies

Monday 30th March – Friday 10th April: Easter break

Thursday 23rd April: Year 7 Parents evening

Thursday 7th May: GCSE examination period begins.

We remain very proud of our students' achievements and will be sure to send some 'half-term highlights' soon. Thank you for your continued support. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a very happy Easter break and we look forward to many exciting events and learning opportunities in the summer term. As always, if you have any queries, please contact the school via the usual means on 01554 750661 or by emailing enq@bryngwyn.cymru.

Best wishes,



Rob Jones

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