



Dinas a Sir Abertawe/City and County of Swansea

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Dear Parents/Carers

Upon reflection of a half term spent in school, Year 10 have settled very well. They have shown great maturity and positive attitudes to their learning and I am proud of them for this. The transition from Key Stage 3 to Key Stage 4 is a big step with new challenges faced due to the GCSE focus. The demand to keep up with work and focus is higher than ever before, as the work that they do will contribute towards their final outcomes in Year 10. As their Head of Year in Key Stage 3, I know the potential of each and every one of our children and I am eager to help them meet or exceed their potential.

Year 10 will have its pressures: coursework deadlines, revision, assessments and GCSE exams. However, this can be achieved as long as our children follow our guidance and put maximum effort into all that they do. A consistent and steady approach is best, and I have advised our children to focus in lessons and complete all that is asked of them. This will help alleviate any pressures faced with having to catch up on any work not completed.

Support is in abundance and there are a number of lunchtime and after school revision sessions your child can attend. These sessions can be a difference between grades and help to consolidate learning from the lessons. Additionally, there are a number of 'drop-in' sessions available for pupils to receive additional support from staff across the curriculum. There is no excuse for your child to struggle when there is so much support they can access. I encourage them to use this invaluable provision available to them.

Across the curriculum, pupils are completing their coursework. In these subjects, the coursework mark contributes towards their final grade. Therefore, I expect all pupils to work exceptionally hard and capitalise on any marks they can achieve outside of the exams. At present, there is a focus on the upcoming Science coursework assessments taking place at the end of the month. Children are being well-prepared for this and there is Science revision every Wednesday after school as an additional layer of support. In English, they are writing speeches for their coursework and will be filmed at the end of this month and into early December. The theme of their speech is 'Isolation' and pupils can research this at home as well as the work they are doing in school.

I am monitoring pupils closely and will contact home if I find that pupils are not meeting their potential in this area.

Some class set moves have taken place in core subjects to ensure your child is placed appropriately for their ability and to help them meet their potential. I will contact home to discuss any changes with parents/carers. The pressures of exams and fear of failure can be a negative factor affecting pupils who are sitting exams. Our wellbeing team will work to support and guide pupils at all times, promoting positive mental health and helping them deal with such pressures. As long as they do their best, it is more than good enough!



Ultimately, they have to be resilient and push themselves too. Their results will provide them with more opportunity to make wider career and further educational choices in life after school. That's why the investment in this year's work is so vital to them.

Overall, uniform and equipment has been excellent and I thank you for your support. It is important that we continue to maintain these high standards, so if you are experiencing any issues please contact me and I will be happy to support you in any way I can. As a reminder, we do have our uniform 'Swap Shop' where we can provide items of uniform free of charge-please feel free to use this wonderful resource.

Also, we have our laptop library where pupils can loan a laptop so they can complete any work/research at home.

We continue to monitor attendance and punctuality as this is vital in ensuring your child's progress and personal development in school. Missing school means missing vital lessons that could set your child back. It has never been more important to send your child to school. I thank you for your continued support in this area.

We have so much to look forward to over the coming months and I am excited to see how the year unfolds for all of us.

Please contact me at any time to discuss any worries or concerns you may have.

Yours faithfully

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Miss L Brown
KS4 School Manager