



9 October 2017

Dear Parent/Guardian

Our Open Evening for parents and pupils of Year 5 and Year 6 is taking place on Thursday, 12 October, commencing at 4.30 pm. In order to prepare for this event the school will close early to all pupils. We will have a compressed day of 5 lessons between 8.50 am and 1.10 pm, ensuring that no lessons are missed. Canteen facilities will be available at 1.10 pm as normal, and school buses will leave at 1.30 pm.

School Calendar: Please find overleaf a timetable of events for the academic year 2017/18. Further information about events, such as trips etc., will be forwarded to you separately nearer the time of the event.

11 Exam Revision: You will note from the calendar attached that Friday 27 October 2017 is a designated INSET Day for the school. However, the Maths department are holding a revision session from 10.00 am to 2.00 pm for all Year 11 Maths classes with their respective Maths teacher. This is in preparation for the GCSE Maths exams taking place on Monday 6th, Wednesday 8th, Friday, 10th and Monday 13th November. Full attendance of all Year 11 pupils will increase their chances of success in these examinations.

Homework Club: This activity takes place every lunchtime in the school library and also every Monday and Thursday from 3.00 to 5.00 pm. Staff and student mentors are available to supervise and support students with homework tasks, and computers are available with full internet access for research and resources.

KS3 Lunch: I would like to remind you that KS3 pupils are not allowed to leave the school site during lunchtime. This policy is in place to ensure the safety of pupils. We believe this policy is in the best interests of our pupils and I would ask all parents to support us with this arrangement.

At the end of each day, the number of cars outside the main gates collecting students is causing concern for the students' safety. As a result, the area next to the school boundary fence will become a no parking area from Monday 16 October. I am requesting parents who collect students by car to use Newport Road as a collection and drop off point. This is a much wider road and will make the area immediately outside the school safer and more accessible for the buses.

I would like to assure you that our staff are always willing to see you to discuss any issues that may arise within school. However, as all staff have very few non-contact lessons, arriving without an appointment can often result in disappointment. Please be advised, that should you need to speak to a member of staff, you should telephone the school initially to ensure a mutually convenient appointment can be made with the teacher concerned. Please give the receptionist a brief indication of your concern so that the appropriate member of staff can be informed and contact you about this issue.

We are looking forward to another very successful year at Bedwas High School. We hope you will support the events scheduled in the calendar in order to ensure your son/daughter makes sustained progress over the course of the year.

Thank you for your support last year, this enabled the school to make substantial progress in many areas.

Yours sincerely

Mr P Ward
Headteacher

PARENTAL CALENDAR 2017-2018



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TERM DATES 2017-2018

Autumn 2017	
Term Starts	Monday 4th September
Half Term Starts	Monday 30th October
Half Term Ends	Friday 3rd November
Term Ends	Friday 22nd December
Spring 2018	
Term Starts	Monday 8th January
Half Term Starts	Monday 19th February
Half Term Ends	Friday 23rd February
Term Ends	Thursday 29th March
Summer 2018	
Term Starts	Monday 16th April
Half Term Starts	Monday 28th May
Half Term Ends	Friday 1st June
Term Ends	Tuesday 24th July
INSET DAYS AT A GLANCE	
	Friday 27th October 2017
	Friday 22nd December 2017
	Monday 26th February 2018
PARENTS' EVENINGS AT A GLANCE	
	Thursday 30th November - Year 9
	Thursday 1st February - Year 11
	Thursday 15th February - Year 7
	Thursday 1st March - Year 12 & 13
	Thursday 22nd March - Year 10
	Thursday 10th May - Year 8
EXAM RESULT DATES	
	Thursday 11th January - November Exams
	Thursday 1st March - January Exams
	Thursday 16th August - GCE Results
	Thursday 23rd August - GCSE Results

October	
Thursday	12th
Friday	27th
	OPEN EVENING
	KSS Skills Cymru Event
	INSET

November	
Monday	6th
Tuesday	7th
Wednesday	8th
Thursday	9th
Friday	10th
Monday	13th
Monday	27th
Thursday	30th
	EXAM - GCSE Maths Numeracy Paper 1
	EXAM - GCSE English Language Unit 2 (resits only)
	EXAM - GCSE Maths Numeracy Paper 2
	EXAM - GCSE English Language Unit 3 (resits only)
	EXAM - GCSE Maths Paper 1
	EXAM - GCSE Maths Paper 2
	Year 11 Mock Exam Timetables Available
	Year 11 (B&C) Science Practical Exam
	YEAR 9 OPTIONS & PARENTS' EVENING

December	
Monday	4th
Wednesday	13th
Wednesday	20th
Thursday	21st
Friday	22nd
	Year 11 (B&C) Science Practical Exam
	YEAR 11 MOCK EXAMS BEGIN
	KS3 Inter-House Football & Netball Tournament
	YEAR 11 MOCK EXAMS END
	INSET

January	
w/c	8th
Tuesday	9th
Thursday	11th
Monday	15th
Tuesday	16th
Wednesday	17th
Friday	19th
Monday	22nd
Thursday	25th
Monday	29th
	Year 10 Welsh Bacc Catch-Up
	EXTERNAL EXAMS BEGIN
	NOVEMBER EXAM RESULTS AVAILABLE
	Year 10 Mock Exam Timetable Available
	Year 11 (D&E) Science Practical Exam
	Year 11 (B&C) Science Practical Exam
	Year 11 (D&E) Science Practical Exam
	Year 11 (D&E) Science Practical Exam
	EXTERNAL EXAMS END
	Year 11 (D&E) Science Practical Exam
	Year 11 (B&C) Science Practical Exam
	Year 11 Reports Available to Parents

February	
Thursday	1st
Tuesday	6th
Wednesday	7th
Wednesday	14th
Thursday	15th
Monday	26th
Tuesday	27th
	YEAR 11 OPTIONS & PARENTS' EVENING
	Vaccinations - Year 8 & 9 Girls
	YEAR 10 MOCK EXAMS BEGIN
	YEAR 10 MOCK EXAMS END
	YEAR 7 PARENTS' EVENING
	INSET
	Year 12 & 13 Reports Available to Parents

March	
Thursday	1st
Friday	2nd
Monday	19th
Thursday	22nd
Monday	26th
Thursday	29th
	YEAR 12 & 13 PARENTS' EVENING
	JANUARY EXAM RESULTS AVAILABLE
	Year 9 Internal Exam Timetable Available
	Year 10 Reports Available to Parents
	YEAR 10 PARENTS' EVENING
	KS3 Inter-House Swimming Gala
	YEAR 9 INTERNAL EXAMS BEGIN
	YEAR 9 INTERNAL EXAMS END

April	
w/c	16th
Wednesday	25th
Friday	27th
	Year 11 Welsh Bacc Catch-Up
	EXAM - GCSE Art Practical
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May	
Thursday	3rd
	Vaccinations - Year 9
	Sports Presentation Evening TBC
	MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY: 07/05/18
Tuesday	8th
Thursday	10th
Friday	11th
Monday	21st
	EXTERNAL EXAMS BEGIN
	YEAR 8 PARENTS' EVENING
	Year 7 & 8 Internal Exam Timetables Available
	Year 9 Reports Available to Parents

June	
Friday	22nd
Monday	25th
Friday	29th
	EXTERNAL EXAMS END
	YEAR 7 & 8 INTERNAL EXAMS BEGIN
	YEAR 7 & 8 INTERNAL EXAMS END

July	
Monday	2nd
Tuesday	3rd
Wednesday	18th
Thursday	19th
Friday	20th
Monday	23rd
	Year 6 Transition Day
	Year 6 Transition Day and Parents' Evening
	Sports Day/Eisteddfod
	Whole School Rewards Event (TBC)
	Year 7 & 8 Reports Available to Parents

August	
Thursday	16th
Thursday	23rd
	GCSE EXAM RESULTS AVAILABLE
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