

**BLACKWOOD COMPREHENSIVE
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Dear Parents and Carers

End of Term 2021

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I hope you are all keeping well as we come to the end of another school year. As you are aware pupils' last day in school will be Friday 22nd July, and it will be a non-uniform day in aid of St David's Hospice and Cancer Research Wales. We will also be holding a talent show, which will be a lovely way to end what has been, at times, a challenging year.

It has been another year of uncertainty but the Governing Body, staff and I would like to thank you for your continuing support throughout it all. We are very proud of our pupils and the resilience they have shown under sometimes difficult circumstances. While we have seen a return to some of our normal school routines, such as our Year 11 Prom, assemblies and welcoming in external visitors, I hope that next year will bring even greater normality for us.

After the summer holidays, we have INSET days on Friday 2nd and Monday 5th September, with all pupils returning on Tuesday 6th. We have additional INSET days on:

- Friday 28th October 2022;
- Friday 23rd December 2022;
- Friday 17th February 2023;
- Friday 21st July 2023.

Pupils will need to wear full school uniform when they return but following a request from our Student Council we have added grey, tailored, knee length shorts to our uniform policy. This a year round addition and not just for the summer term. A reminder that our uniform now consists of:

- *Grey trousers, grey knee length pleated skirt or grey tailored, knee length shorts*
- *Compulsory black blazer with school badge on left hand side*
- *White blouse/shirt*
- *Optional V-neck black school jumper with school badge*
- *Plain black or navy coat*
 - *No denim, leather or leather look jackets*
 - *No hoodies*
- *Flat black leather or leather look shoes*
 - *Leather or leather look converse style shoes are acceptable but not trainers or boots.*
- *Black or white socks or black tights*
- *School clip on tie*
- *One small pair of stud earrings in ear lobes*



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- *No bright or unnatural hair colours, tramlines or facial piercings.*

Items of uniform are available in store or online at Asda, Sainsbury's, Next, Matalan or M&S amongst others. But we also have a uniform bank of clean recycled uniform, which is available to any families who wish to take advantage of it. If any families need support with purchasing new uniform then please contact the school. The PDG Access Grant is also available to eligible families. The application form is on CCBC website and must be completed online. If you do not have access to the online form or need assistance to complete it, please use the telephone helpline 01443 863052. It is open Monday – Friday from 9:00am-4:30pm.

In order to increase support for our pupils, we will be making changes to some of our forms from September, particularly in Years 10 and 11. In addition to our health and wellbeing programme, this support may include additional maths and English interventions, extra support for those who need a boost to help them to success in their GCSEs as well as examination skills and careers advice.

We are looking forward to welcoming all of our pupils back to school in September but in the meantime take care, stay safe and have a lovely summer.

Kind regards



Jane Wilkie

Headteacher/Pennaeth