



# Idris Davies School 3-18

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29<sup>th</sup> March 2018

Dear Parent/Guardians,

As the first term at Idris Davies School comes to an end I thought it would be an ideal opportunity to write to you and introduce myself to those that I have not had the opportunity to meet. I would also like to provide you with an update with regard to some of the work that has been taking place this term and give you some key dates and information for the summer term.

I am privileged to be the Headteacher of Idris Davies School and to work with such talented pupils and dedicated staff and governors. My vision for Idris Davies School is a simple one and that is to continue to build on the successes of Rhymney Comprehensive, Abertysswg and Pontlottyn Schools to ensure that we are providing our pupils with an excellent education that could not have been bettered elsewhere.

As a school we will continue to work together, in partnership with parents and guardians to ensure that we are meeting the needs of all of our pupils. We will continue to seek your views through consultation processes with regard to any changes that we are making in the school. We highly value your feedback in order that we can refine and develop our systems to better cater for our mutual needs.

Idris Davies School will continue to remain at the heart of its community and we will aim to further develop our links to enhance our provision and deliver a curriculum that is broad, balanced and provides our learners with the experiences and skills they need to go onto be successful in their lives outside of this school.

We have made substantial progress across the school since opening in January. The primary phase building is now fully functional and pupils are settling well into their new building. Over the next term we will be further developing and making use of our outdoor facilities which now includes new sport pitches, a vegetable garden, amphitheatre and an outdoor classroom.

At the start of the summer term we will be launching our new school website which can be found at the following address: [www.idrisdaviesschool.wales](http://www.idrisdaviesschool.wales). We also have a new twitter account if you are not currently following us which is @ids3to18. This account links into all the departmental and classroom accounts across the school so that you can stay updated with all the news here.

Please find further information regarding the summer term for the Secondary Phase on the back of this letter. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me either via the school office or on my email address which is: [r.owen@idrisdaviesschool.wales](mailto:r.owen@idrisdaviesschool.wales).

I would like to thank you all for your continued support of the school. Have a restful Easter break see you in the summer term.

Many thanks,

Mr R Owen

Executive Headteacher

## Secondary Phase

### Important Dates – Summer Term 2018



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Easter Holiday Revision Timetable Available on Website

16 <sup>th</sup> April	Summer Term begins
19 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 12/13 Parents Evening
26 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 10 Parents Evening
1 <sup>st</sup> May	National Tests Begin
3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Year 9 Parents Evening
7 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday
8 <sup>th</sup> May	External Exams begin
25 <sup>th</sup> May	Last day of Half Term
28 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 7 Parents Evening
13 <sup>th</sup> July	Canada Trip Leaves
20 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of term

## Uniform Reminder

Please note that from next term there will be no black jeans/leggings allowed as part of the school uniform. Shoes must be all black without visible branding. KS4 pupils must wear a tie at all times.

Coats/Hoodies will not be permitted within the building.

## Attendance

The school target for attendance is 95% and we are currently below this target. Every child plays a part in achieving our school target so please ensure that your child attends on a regular basis. We monitor attendance on a daily basis and work with the EWO and LA to identify and challenge families with children with low attendance.

## Behaviour

Mobile phones should not be seen out in any lessons or corridors during lesson changeovers unless permitted by a member of staff. Pupils will be allowed to use mobile phones at breaktime/lunchtime.

Pupils are reminded that when speaking to any other member of the school they should do so respectfully and politely.

Only 6<sup>th</sup> Form pupils will be permitted to use the automatic doors in reception – all other pupils to enter the building via the entrance next door to the Gym.