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Dear Parent/Carer,

Full School Reopening – Monday 12th April

The end to such an unusual term has been, for the school, a really positive one. It has been great to see all our pupils return to school across the two weeks, back in classrooms and social areas with smiles on their faces (as well as masks) and outstanding attitudes to learning. I hope your child has enjoyed their return and is feeling more settled about coming back fully on 12th April. Year 11 pupils have spent considerable time preparing for the assessment tasks which are part of the process to replace GCSEs, and early indications are that these have begun very well. Below are the key points all parents and pupils need to know for the start of the summer term.

Uniform

We will be returning to full school uniform for all pupils on Monday 12th April. This is an important step to ensure all pupils feel that school is returning to normal and to ensure a good sense of community and belonging. I appreciate that many shops will not be open yet, but I would ask all parents to attempt to replace any outdated items as best they can during the Easter holiday. As you will now be buying with one eye on September, I would like to remind that our uniform requirements do not allow 'skinny' and skin-tight trousers or leggings – please do not buy these.

School day timings and the school canteen

The timings for the school day will revert to the pre-Christmas timings. This is because the school canteen will be open after Easter (for lunch but not yet break-time), but we must still keep year groups separate whilst eating. Therefore the school day will again operate as follows:

Year	8.30-9.30	9.30-10.30	10.30-10.45	10.45-11.45	11.45-12.45	12.45-1.05	1.05-1.25	1.25-2.25/30
7	Lesson 1 <i>Staggered entry to school</i>	Lesson 2	Break <i>Staggered entry to school</i>	Lesson 3	Lesson 4 <i>Y7 finish for lunch 10mins early</i>	Lunch	Registration/ Assembly	Lesson 5 <i>Staggered exit</i>
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Mobile phones

While children have been at home for more than four months, we understand that many have become almost inseparable from their mobile phones! However, we have seen a slight increase in them in school for the last two weeks, and they have become an unwelcome distraction in some classrooms. Please remind your child that phones must not be used at any point in and around school, otherwise they will be confiscated as before.

Coronavirus Safety Reminders

Although it appears that the prevalence of the virus is dropping, the school continues to work under Welsh Government health guidelines. Please be vigilant in not sending your child to school if they are unwell, particularly suffering with any of the key covid symptoms – persistent cough, raised temperature, loss of taste/smell. Face masks must continue to be worn indoors. The one-way system must be followed at all times. If in Year 10 or 11, Lateral Flow Tests are available for pupils to use at home. It is important that all families continue to follow safety guidelines, particularly as isolation of pupil groups remains a possibility if there are any coronavirus cases entering the school.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents and carers, again, for the unwavering support you have shown the school over the last term. It is hugely appreciated by all the staff. I hope you and your family have a peaceful and enjoyable Easter holiday, and your child returns rested and eager to learn on Monday 12th April.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Thompson', followed by a period.

Mr. A. Thompson
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