



April 9<sup>th</sup> 2025

## **Our reference: End of Term letter – Spring 2025**

Dear Parent/Carer

As we reach the end of an exceptionally busy Spring Term, I know that everyone is looking forward to a much needed and well-deserved Easter break. You will be aware that Estyn visited Bryntirion to conduct a thorough Section 28 inspection from March 31<sup>st</sup> to April 4<sup>th</sup>. The Estyn report will be published on June 6<sup>th</sup> 2025. I would like to thank everyone for their hard work, dedication and commitment during the course of this Spring term.

The last day of term is **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April** and we finish, as usual, at 3.00pm. The Summer Term begins on **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April**.

We have one further INSET day on **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July**. There is a public holiday in the Summer Term: **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May** (May Day).

## **Summer Exams**

This is, of course, a crucial time for all students preparing for examinations. Students in Years 10 to Year 13 are concluding their final preparations for GCSEs, A levels and non-examined qualifications. As always, we appreciate the support of our parents in ensuring that their son/daughter is fully aware of the exam schedule and that they are undertaking appropriate revision activities at home. They should also ensure they have suitable equipment for each exam. Staff and students have been working conscientiously in school to ensure high levels of success and achievement.

We wish all our students every success in their examinations this year.

The main summer examination series begins on **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May**. To ensure pupils maximise revision and study time in school, all pupils in Year 11 must attend lessons as normal until the Whitsun holiday, which begins on **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May**. There will be no study leave during the first part of the Summer Term.

During the next few weeks, final non-examined assessments (NEA) and preparations for terminal examinations will be taking place. Good attendance and application will be crucial in ensuring this preparation is the best it can be prior to final exams.

## **Attendance, holiday leave and summer uniform**

Excellent attendance is essential if your child is to reach his or her potential in school. We have written to you to share your child's attendance during the Autumn Term and will provide a further update following the Easter holiday. We have also



communicated the new actions we take to encourage good attendance and address any concerns we have. These are outlined in full in the school's Attendance Policy.

We understand that parents have requested term time authorisation for holiday leave this year. However, please be aware we actively discourage holiday leave during term time as absence may affect your child's educational progress and attainment. For that reason, **any requests for absence will only be granted in exceptional circumstances.**

Pupils will be able to wear the summer uniform (the school's polo shirt instead of a shirt and tie) next term. Sensible black shorts and skorts can be worn, but please note that leggings and lycra shorts are not permitted. For more details on the summer uniform please see the school website, where you will be able to find relevant information within the school prospectus. [School Uniform | Bryntirion Comprehensive School \(bryntirioncs.bridgend.sch.uk\)](https://www.bryntirioncs.bridgend.sch.uk)

### **School Events and Activities**

As usual, many pupils have been involved in a wide range of events, activities and visits this term. The school newsletter is a celebration of these activities as they serve to enrich the experience of school life. Parents and pupils can also see how weekly extra-curricular activities are planned and organised, and on which days.

The school show, Miss Saigon, was held at the school last week. Those who were able to attend were treated to a wonderful production which showcased the incredible talent of our performing arts students and staff. I want to extend my heartfelt congratulations to everyone involved in a quite remarkable and special school event.

Finally, I hope you all enjoy a happy Easter, and look forward to seeing all our students return refreshed and ready for a positive and productive Summer Term. Once again, I would like to thank you for your continued support. It is genuinely appreciated.

Yours sincerely



R K Pawar – Headteacher

