



ST TEILO'S CHURCH IN WALES HIGH SCHOOL

LETTER FROM THE HEADTEACHER : FEBRUARY 2011

Dear Parent/Guardian

The Spring term is now well underway. Year 11 students have received feedback on their Mock Exams and we hope the advice and guidance from teachers will help them to prepare for the actual GCSEs in the summer. The January 2011 season for External Exams has ended, with our 6th form students completing as many, if not more, individual A/AS papers as in the summer season.

At this stage in the year it is useful to remind students and their families of the basic regulations regarding uniform and mobile phone / MP3 player usage. Our policies are also located in the School Prospectus and Student Planners. A summary of our uniform code is included on the school website for each year-group and a more detailed uniform list can be found in the Prospectus, page 21 (see link on the school website).

In order that we may move forward in our learning as a cohesive unit, we ask that students respect the school's uniform policy. Wearing a uniform adds to our sense of pride and belonging. The Pastoral Teams in each Year-Group are committed to ensuring student dress is smart and purposeful. We would like to draw your attention, in particular, to the following:

- *Black trainers and canvas shoes are not allowed*
- *Facial piercings are not allowed (just one small stud in each ear)*
- *Only clear nail varnish may be worn*
- *Heavy makeup is not permitted (we ask for a 'natural' look)*
- *Girls' trousers must be classic, tailored trousers (not skinny or flared)*
- *Coats and scarves must be plain and dark, without adornments*
- *Hooded tops are not allowed.*

The regulations regarding mobile phones / MP3 players can be found on page 19 of the Prospectus. We recognise that parents may wish their children to have mobile phones for use in cases of emergency. Phones must not be used for any purpose (e.g: phoning, texting, taking photos, checking the time, taking videos) between the hours of 8:30 and 3:30. Phones must always be switched off and kept out of view. The school sees no reason for students to bring other electronic music or games devices to school. Students who persist risk confiscation. The confiscation of the phone or electronic device will be recorded and the owner must collect it from Mrs Weatherall at the end of the school day. A second such confiscation in any term will result in the phone or electronic device being confiscated for a week. Persistent offending will result in parents being contacted and an escalation of consequences according to the school's behaviour policy. The school cannot be responsible for any such items brought to school and lost.

Finally some dates for your diary :

The staff INSET day in February when school will be closed, will be **18th February** and not 28th February. **As the LA has requested the use of St Teilo's as a polling station on March 3rd and May 5th we shall close the school for INSET days on those occasions.** The staff INSET day in July when the school will be closed will be **July 1st** and not July 22nd.

I have enjoyed meeting many parents and carers during my first six months here, and, most importantly enjoyed working with our young people.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "B J Walker".

B J Walker
Headteacher