

17<sup>th</sup> December 2018

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are nearing the end of a busy and fulfilling, fifteen week, first term of the year. Though there are too many highlights to mention here, our December newsletter will give you a full flavour of some of the exciting things that have taken place. I am sure that all staff and students of Pencoed Comprehensive School and Penybont 6<sup>th</sup> Form College are looking forward to a well-deserved Christmas break.

It was good to see so many Year 7 parents and carers attending last week's Parents' evening. Year 7 have really settled into school life at Pencoed and are producing some excellent pieces of work and performances.

Year 9 parents and carers are reminded that the Y9 parents' evening takes place on Thursday the 17<sup>th</sup> of January 2019. This evening will also provide an opportunity to discuss possible GCSE options for next year.

Our Twitter and Facebook feeds contain so much information on the life of the school; providing an insight into the exciting opportunities taken up by our students. If you haven't already done so, I would strongly encourage you to follow these. I also hope that you are beginning to see the benefit of our SIMS Parent App. I am sure that this will have an on-going positive impact on communication between home and the school, providing you with access to attendance figures, progress tracking data and reports as well as school and departmental correspondence.

For our Year 11 students, the results of the November series GCSE examinations will be distributed in school on the 17<sup>th</sup> of January 2019.

A clear focus on the January Mock examinations, for those students sitting external examinations in the Summer, is an important one, allowing teachers to provide diagnostic feedback on aspects of the exams that will need developing and refining. Effective revision for the mock exams will support the revision required for the summer exam series.

School closes at 3.25pm on Friday the 21<sup>st</sup> of December 2018 and the new term will commence on Monday the 7<sup>th</sup> of January 2019. Our next Professional Learning (INSET) day for staff will be Friday the 15<sup>th</sup> of February 2019, with the following Friday, the 22<sup>nd</sup> of February 2019, being the last day of the spring half term.

May I take this opportunity, as Headteacher, on behalf of all the staff at Pencoed, to thank you for your continuing support as parents and carers and to wish you and your family a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year. I am looking forward to 2019 already!

Nadolig Llawn a Blwyddyn Newydd Dda i chi.



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