## Lliswerry High School





## Headteacher's update

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year!



Welcome to my first update as Headteacher.

It is my intention to send out weekly updates to keep you informed of all the great things that are going on at the school as well as to give you key information and future dates.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my first week, I am extremely proud to be the Headteacher of this fantastic school and am excited for the future. It's been a great start to term with lots to celebrate!

On Wednesday, we launched the First Give project with Year 9 learners. This was a huge success last year. Learners chose a local charity to champion and developed their team work and oracy skills as part of the project. Local community members came in to judge the final presentations and the winners donated  $\pounds1,000$  to the winning charity. It's a great opportunity for us to work with our community and have such a positive impact.

Exam season is already under way! Some of our Year 10 learners sat their first GCSE exam this week, English Literature. I would like to congratulate the learners on their maturity and focus during the exam. The exam invigilators said they were the best year group they had seen. Well done Year 10!

Year 11 and 12 learners have been completing their practical science exams this week, which go towards their final grades. They have worked well and with focus, well done.

Year 11 have been sitting their PPEs (pre-public exams), which are extremely important to prepare them for their GCSE exams which start in just 13 school weeks.

## A reminder that external exams for Years 10, 11, 12 and 13 start on 8 May 2024 and finish on 26 June 2024 – please do not book any holidays during this time. Attendance is vital, if an exam is missed it cannot be taken at another time.

As well as a new Headteacher, there are some other staffing changes. Miss Moon will now be taking on the role of Head of Year 7 and Mrs. Lockhart-Dibble will be the pastoral support officer for Years 12 and 13.

## <u>School Car Park – Learner Safety</u>

I would like to remind you all that, to ensure learners' safety, non-school staff vehicles are not allowed in the school car park at the start and end of the school day.

If you are dropping your children off please park on the main road outside and away from the school gates themselves. A large number of our learners access the site either on foot or on bikes at this time of day and there is an increased risk of accidents with the traffic we are currently experiencing.

Upcoming dates

- Friday 12 January Y10 Progress & Wellbeing update sent home (check your email or school comms app)
- Thursday 18 January 3.30-6.30 Y12 and 13 progress evening (you can make your appointments via the link on the website)

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our families for your continued support.

Best wishes,

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