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Annwyl riant / warcheidwad,

Croeso nôl i ail hanner tymor y gwanwyn. Mae'r hanner tymor yma yn un fer tu hwnt, dim ond 5 wythnos ysgol tan gwyliau'r Pasg sydd digwydd bod yn gynnar eleni.

Rhyddhawyd datganiad gan y Gweinidog Addysg, Kirsty Williams dros nos yn datgan mae bwriad Llywodraeth Cymru yw ail-agor ysgolion uwchradd i fyfyrwyr Blynnyddoedd 11 a 13 yn unig o ddydd Llun, Mawrth 15fed tra bo'r cyfraddau heintio yn parhau i ostwng yn rhanbarthol a chenedlaethol. Daw mwy o wybodaeth am hyn yn ystod y dyddiau a'r wythnosau nesaf.

Yn y cyfamser fe fyddwn yn parhau â'n strategaeth dysgu hirbell. Mae copi o'r amserlen ar gyfer yr wythnos nesaf ar gael ar ffurf atodiad i ddisgyblion CA3 a Blwyddyn 10. Hoffwn eich atgoffa mae wythnos 2 yw hi wythnos nesaf. Rwy'n anfon atoch fel atodiad, daflen sy'n crynhoi ein disgwyliadau ar gyfer 'dysgu byw'. A fydddech cystal ag atgoffa eich plentyn o'r disgwyliadau hyn os gwelwch yn dda?

Os na fydd darpariaeth 'fyw' ar gyfer gwrs benodol, fe fydd hynny o ganlyniad i salwch athro neu amgylchiadau eithriadol, neu oherwydd bod athro ar ddyletswydd yn yr hwb yn yr ysgol. Gwneir pob ymdrech i ddarparu gwaith ar Teams neu Moodle os na fydd hi'n bosib cynnig gwrs 'fyw'.

Hoffwn eich atgoffa bod cyfnodau bugeiliol ffurfiol i'r Tiwtor Personol gyda'i ddsbarth pob bore Llun a Gwener am 0845 a chynhelir gwasanaeth fesul blwyddyn ar fore dydd Mercher. Gofynnir yn garedig i chi sicrhau bod eich plentyn yn bresennol yn y gwasanaeth a'r cyfnodau bugeiliol gyda'r Tiwtor Personol.

Camerâu ymlaen: Neges glir a ddaeth yn rheolaidd o'r sesiynau adborth gan ddisgyblion ac athrawon oedd bod troi camerâu disgyblion ymlaen mewn gwrsi yn caniatáu lefel o ymrwymiad nad sy'n bosib pan fo'r camera wedi ei ddiffodd, a bod hyn yn llesol i bawb. Ar ôl y gwyliau, fe fyddwn yn parhau i ddisgwyli i ddisgyblion droi eu camerâu ymlaen yn ystod y wers ar gais yr athro fel bo'r athro a'r disgyblion yn medru gweld ei gilydd a rhyngweithio. Bydd disgyblion yn diffodd eu camerâu yn ystod y wers wrth weithio ar dasg neu ar gais yr athro. Bydd athrawon yn deall os nad oes camera ar gael neu ddim yn gweithio ar liniadur neu gyfrifiadur y disgybl. Mae'n bwysig bod gan bob disgybl ficroffon yn gysylltiedig â'r ddyfais er mwyn medru cyfrannu ar lafar i drafodaethau grŵp neu i gyfathrebu â'r athro. Os oes gan ddisgybl reswm penodol i beidio troi'r camera ar y ddyfais ymlaen, mae croeso iddynt gysylltu'n uniongyrchol â'r athro drwy e-bost i gynnig esboniad. Mae disgwyli bod disgyblion yn 'cuddio' eu cefndir os y medrant. Mae'r nodwedd hon ar gael ar rai teclunau wrth wasgu'r tri smotyn "... " yn y bar offer (*tool bar*) yn ystod y cyfarfod / gwrs Teams. A fyddai modd i chi annog eich plentyn i droi eu camerâu ymlaen ar ôl y gwyliau, gan fod llawer wedi bod yn amharod i wneud hynny? Buaswn yn gwerthfawrogi eich cefnogaeth ar y mater hwn er lles y disgyblion a'r staff.

Cymwysterau haf 2021: Anfonwyd llythyr drwy e-bost cyn y gwyliau at ddysgwyr Blynnyddoedd 10 - 13 gan Gymwysterau Cymru yn rhoi'r wybodaeth ddiweddaraf am drefniadau cymwysterau haf 2021. Mae Cymwysterau Cymru yn cydnabod ei fod yn gyfnod ansicr iawn i unrhyw un sy'n astudio ar gyfer cymwysterau allanol ac maent am roi cymaint o wybodaeth â phosib pan fedran nhw. Erbyn diwedd mis Chwefror, bydd CBAC yn darparu i ysgolion

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Fframweithiau Asesu Cymwysterau a fydd yn nodi'r gofynion ar gyfer pob cymhwyster. Ni fedraf gadarnhau ein cynlluniau a'n gweithdrefnau asesu nes bo'r canllawiau terfynol wedi eu cyhoeddi. Fe fyddaf i'n ysgrifennu at rieni a disgyblion Blynnyddoedd 10 - 13 yn fuan ar ôl derbyn y Fframweithiau Asesu Cymwysterau i gadarnhau ein trefniadau a'n gweithdrefnau wrth ddyfarnu'r Graddau a Bennir gan Ganolfan (GBG).

Rhieni Blwyddyn 10: Cofiwch am y noson rieni rithiol ar ddydd Iau, Chwefror 25ain. Anfonwyd atoch drwy lythyr eisoes drefniadau'r noson. Cynhelir y noson trwy ap Edulink One, felly mae'n bwysig bod gennych chi'r ap ar eich ffôn neu'ch cyfrifiadur er mwyn i chi gael mynediad i'r llwyfan ddigidol hon. Mae'n bwysig eich bod yn defnyddio eich cyfrif Edulink eich hun ac nid un eich plentyn. Os ydych yn ansicr ynglŷn â'ch manylion cofrestru, cofiwch gysylltu â'r ysgol. Mae yna nifer o athrawon sydd yn dysgu mwy nag un dosbarth ym Mlwyddyn 10, ac er y byddant yn cynnal cyfarfodydd gyda rhieni trwy'r dydd, yn ymarferol ni fyddant yn medru cyfarfod â phob rhiant. Os na fyddwch yn medru cael slot i weld pob athro ar y noson neu yn ystod y dydd, cysylltwch â Miss Catrin Edwards (Pennaeth Blwyddyn) er mwyn iddi drefnu eich bod yn derbyn adborth trwy e-bost gan yr athro. Gan fod sawl athro (pynciau craidd yn bennaf) yn cychwyn eu cyfarfodydd yn ystod y dydd, ni fyddant yn medru darparu gwersi 'byw' y diwrnod hwnnw, ond fe fyddant yn darparu gwaith trwy Teams.

Rhieni Blwyddyn 9: Byddwn yn lansio ein hopsiynau Cyfnod Allweddol 4 ar nos Iau, Mawrth 4ydd. Bydd yr holl wybodaeth angenrheidiol ar safle Moodle yr ysgol y noson honno, sef y wybodaeth a fydd o gymorth i'ch plentyn wrth benderfynu pa bynciau opsiwn i'w hastudio ym Mlynnyddoedd 10 ac 11. Daw mwy o fanylion atoch am drefniadau'r noson yn ystod yr wythnosau nesaf.

Cadwch yn ddiogel yn ystod y cyfnod anodd hwn a chofiwch gysylltu os oes angen unrhyw gefnogaeth ar eich plentyn. Mae eu lles emosiynol yn hollbwysig i ni, ac rydym fel staff eisiau gwneud popeth y gallwn i sicrhau eu bod yn cael yr addysg a'r gofal gorau posib yn ystod y cyfnod yma.

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February 19th, 2021

Dear parent / guardian,

Welcome back to the second half of the spring term which happens to be a short half term of 5 weeks as the Easter holiday is early this year.

The Education Minister, Kirsty Williams announced overnight the Welsh Government's intention of re-opening secondary schools to students in Years 11 and 13 from March 15th if the infection rates continue to fall both regionally and nationally. Schools will receive more information about this over the next few days and weeks which I will communicate with you as a clear picture emerges.

In the meantime, we will continue to deliver our distance learning programme for all year groups. A copy of next week's timetable for KS3 and Year 10 has been sent to you as an attachment. It is week 2 next week. I have also sent to you a reminder for pupils of our expectations of them during 'live lessons'. I would appreciate it if you could remind your child of our expectations before lessons begin on Monday morning.

If there is no 'live' provision for a particular lesson, it will be due to a teacher being unwell or due to unforeseen circumstances, or as a result of a teacher staffing the hub. Every effort will be made to provide work on Teams or Moodle if it is not possible to provide a 'live' lesson.

May I remind you that a whole year group assembly will continue every Wednesday morning for the foreseeable future, commencing at 08:45. There are also two formal Personal Tutor sessions on every pupils timetable, on Monday and Friday mornings at 08:45. Please could you ensure that your child attends these important wellbeing sessions?

Cameras on: A clear message that has regularly come up in discussion with pupils and teachers is that allowing pupils to turn their camera on during a lesson allows greater engagement with the teacher and is generally beneficial for all. After the half term holiday, we will continue to expect that pupils turn their cameras on during a lesson when the teacher requests for this to happen in order for the teacher to see the pupils and to engage with them. Pupils will switch their cameras off when on task or when the teacher requests for this to happen. Teachers will understand if a pupil is accessing the lesson on a device without a camera. It is important that every pupil has a microphone facility in order to engage in group work and to engage with the teacher. If a pupil has a particular reason to keep the camera switched off, they may want to explain this reason to the teacher through a direct message. We will expect every pupil to blur their background whilst on camera if they have that facility on their device. This feature is available on some devices through pressing the three dots "... " on the tool bar whilst in the Teams call / lesson. Please could you support us after half term in encouraging your child to turn his/her camera on, for the benefit of our pupils and teachers, as many have been reluctant to do so. We would really appreciate your support in this issue.

Summer 2021 qualifications: A letter from Qualifications Wales to learners in Years 10 - 13 was circulated before half-term via e-mail, giving an update on the current situation regarding the Summer 2021 qualifications.

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Qualifications Wales realise that these are uncertain times for anyone studying for a qualification and want to give as much information as they can, when they can. By the end of February, WJEC will provide schools with Qualification Assessment Frameworks that will set out the requirements for each qualification. I will be unable to confirm our assessment arrangements until the final guidance has been published. I will write to pupils and parents of Year 10 – 13 pupils as soon as possible following the release of the frameworks from WJEC, explaining how we will determine the Centre Determined Grades (CDG).

Year 10 parents: You will have received arrangements for the forthcoming parents evening arranged for Thursday, February 25th. The parents evening will be delivered through the Edulink app, which you should all have downloaded to either your phone, PC or both. It is imperative that you have your own account, as you will not be able to use your child's account. If you have forgotten your account details, please contact the school. Several teachers have more than one class in Year 10 and, despite the fact that they will be allowed to commence their appointments during the school day, practically they will not be able to offer enough slots for every parent. If you are unable to book a slot with a teacher, please contact Miss Catrin Edwards (Head of Year) who can arrange written feedback to you from a particular teacher. Those teachers who have to begin their appointments during the day (core subjects mostly) will not be able to provide 'live' lessons on that day, but they will have provided assignments in their Teams group.

Year 9 parents: We will launch our Key Stage 4 presentation evening on Thursday, March 4th. All the presentations and details required for your child to be able to make their subject option choices for Years 10 and 11 will be available on the school's Moodle site. All the necessary details about the presentations will be sent to you over the course of the next few weeks.

Please keep safe during these difficult times and remember to contact the school should you require any support that we may be able to offer you as a family. Your child's emotional wellbeing is of paramount importance to us and we will do everything in our means to offer the best possible academic and pastoral support for your child during this lockdown period.

John Hayes
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