



Re: October 2025 Headteacher Update

Dear Parent/Carer

Work on site

I am delighted to confirm with you that from the 17th November, the demolition of several buildings will be taking place. The caretaker's bungalow, music demountables, conference centre, both gyms, the staff room, the G block, the ALN hub and the drama demountable are all being demolished to make way for our fantastic new block. This is a very exciting time for the school as we prepare for much needed and long-awaited new facilities. The students will receive assemblies in the first week back after half term about site safety and the importance of sensible behaviour whilst the site is being demolished and the new build is under construction. It is planned that the new block will be complete by February 2027. We are also having substantial refurbishment to the ground floor of ABC block. I will keep parents/carers up-to-date in my monthly Headteacher's update as to the progress of the work.

Parking

I must make parents/carers aware that after half term, there will be no access to the second part of Cold Bath Road for cars. All staff will be parking in the Isca block car park, which means they will be turning right halfway down Cold Bath Road. There will not be enough staff car parking in the Isca block car park, and it is therefore highly likely that staff will also need to park in the public car park halfway down Cold Bath Road. At the start and end of the school day it is going to be incredibly busy. I would highly recommend that you DO NOT come down Cold Bath Road at all. Please make arrangements to drop off or pick your child up at a different location. If you do choose to come down Cold Bath Road, this will result in further heavy traffic and could impact on the safety of staff and students.

Cynefin Day

On Friday 17th October we will hold our first Cynefin celebration day of the year. During our Cynefin days, we celebrate our Welsh identity and our place in the world. We focus on the idea of belonging and how important it is that everyone in our community feels celebrated and valued. Students can wear non-uniform, and the Welsh department will send out further information about this, and the other events planned for the day in a separate communication.

Parent Forum

On the 9th October we welcome Year Seven parents/carers to our first parent forum. This is a chance to come along and hear a little more about life in Year Seven, and also to ask any questions you would like. This event is being run by Mrs Wilson, Assistant Headteacher, and Mr Dyer, the head of Year Seven will also be in attendance. This event will be running 5pm-6pm in the main hall and Year Seven parents/carers have received a separate communication about this.

School Show

Plans are underway for our school show in February, which this year will be 'High School Musical'. It was a pleasure to see so many students at the auditions and a big thank you to parents/carers for encouraging them to do so.

Christmas fair and concert

It would be wonderful to see our families at this event, running on Thursday 11th December. More information will be sent to you nearer the time, but this is a fantastic opportunity to stock up on Christmas presents and to get into the festive spirit!

Year 7 Parent's/Carer's Day

In response to feedback from last year's Y7 parents/carers, we will be holding a Y7 parent's and carer's day on the 6th November. You will receive information about this separately, but the purpose of the day is to provide parents/carers with an appointment with their child's form tutor to discuss how they have settled into life at Caerleon Comprehensive. We hope to see you there!

Y11 in person parents evening (23rd October 3:20-6:30)

In response to feedback from parents/carers, parents evening for Y10 and Y11 will be in person this year in the main hall. You will receive information on booking nearer the time. Please be aware that the last appointment of the evening will be 6:20pm and the evening will finish promptly at 6:30pm, when a bell will sound to ask families to leave the site.

Calendar

Please do make yourself aware of our online parent calendar, which contains dates for all the events I have mentioned above and many others! <https://www.caerleoncomprehensive.net/calendar>

Safeguarding

I expect that many of our Y7 parents/carers have recently bought their child a phone. This is a really useful post for parents/carers who have recently bought their child a smart phone.

<https://hwb.gov.wales/playlists/view/be53aafa-0e21-49cc-91c3-0f5462e35bc5/en/11?options=CNIQ39k7rbEp4zsz8OdGxip83XDxyAM%252BxyuNqUgoOrvEtxGXwma9Q0UtNK7LrNnQOFRnHpQ8%252BKWdEg%252FGvxnB6%252FFrAMBFzYSQZavZuiZfQ0UbCozbWEY6b0ey59wS%252FySVq1rJAYfKhRL%252FxlJSCI36DLqWzIAQ9GdojTkKvxsoB%252B8c2fHEkb2L59JkaL83Vf4o%252FBwbVRTv8ishWfda oQfXIg%253D%253D>

I have also attached a document to my newsletter linked to helping your child post, comment and upload online responsibly.

I hope the second half of this half term goes well for your families and you all enjoy a peaceful half term holiday when it comes. I will write to you again in November with further updates.

Yours sincerely,

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