



Re: Headteacher Update April 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

A warm welcome to our new cohort of families

This is my first update of the summer term and as usual, this will be sent to families of children who have a place with us in September's Y7 cohort. We are delighted that you have chosen our school for your child and look forward to working with you this term during the transition activities that will take place. You will receive separate communication from us in relation to transition, and you will also receive my monthly update this term.

A special goodbye

Very soon, our Y13 learners will be sitting their A level exams and will leave us to go out into the world and onto their next stage of life. They have been a fantastic cohort and we wish them every success with their examinations and with obtaining their places at university, apprenticeships and in the workplace. Similarly, in just a few week's time Y11 will start their GCSE exams. They have been an equally wonderful cohort, both talented and hard-working. We wish them every success and hope to see many of them in Y12 next year. There has been a separate communication sent to families about study leave/ examinations/leaver's assemblies for both Y11 and Y13.

INSET days 2026/2027 and term dates

These can be found on our website using the following

link: https://www.caerleoncomprehensive.net/files/ugd/0afaf9_30886544042545ea8c406b63faaa4a4c.pdf

Secondment of Mrs Muggleton (ALNCo)

I am delighted to inform you that Mrs Emma Muggleton our Assistant Headteacher and ALNCo, has been selected by the authority to support them in their ALN work across Newport secondary schools. It is no surprise to us that Mrs Muggleton has been chosen for this role; she is a fantastic ALNCo with much experience supporting our learners. She will be working with the authority until March 31st 2027 (with the possibility of an extension until August 2027). During this time, Miss Suzannah Edmondson, currently lead teacher for ALN, will step up into the role of ALNCo. Mrs Marchant, Assistant ALNCo, will continue to assist Miss Edmondson. We will miss Mrs Muggleton hugely but have no doubt that Miss Edmondson will do a fantastic job in her absence. Mrs Marchant remains the first point of contact for all ALN related issues for all parents/carers.

Update site works and important message about PE kit next year

It has been very exciting to see the progress on site with nearly all the demolition complete. One important factor parents/carers need to be aware of is that there will be **no PE changing facilities at our school for the entire academic year next year** (Sept 26-July 27). Therefore, students will need to come to school wearing their PE kit on days they have PE.

Please support us in ensuring they only wear PE kit on days where they have PE; otherwise they will be asked to attend the swap shop to change into the correct uniform. It is equally important that the PE kit they wear is the PE kit specified in our uniform policy only. If students wear other items, they will be asked to attend the swap shop to ensure they are dressed correctly. PE kit is as follows:

PE Kit Y7-Y9

- A logoed white/black or black/white t-shirt or a plain white or plain black t-shirt (please note that the black t-shirt may be preferred by those who wear undergarments)
- Black shorts, either running or cycling style of an appropriate length if no logo (optional to purchase with or without logo) or black leggings (optional to purchase with or without logo)
- A plain black quarter zip long sleeve top or a logoed quarter zip long sleeve top (logo preferred)
- White sport socks (for inside)
- Trainers (for inside)
- A maroon rugby shirt for those who wish to play rugby (girls)
- A maroon rugby shirt is required for all boys PE
- Maroon rugby/football socks

- Plastic Molded Stud boots (for outside games lessons on grass/3G pitch)

NB: students can wear black skins under clothes in cold weather

PE Kit Y10 and 11

- A logoed black t-shirt/plain black t-shirt
- A plain black quarter zip long sleeve top or a logoed quarter zip sleeve top (logo preferred)
- Black shorts, running or cycling style of an appropriate length if no logo (optional to purchase with or without logo) or black leggings (optional to purchase with or without logo) or plain black tracksuit bottoms

PE Kit GCSE candidates

There is a separate kit for those who opt to take PE as a GCSE and communication about this is sent by the PE department.

Please note - firm ground boots are required to use the 3G surface for health and safety reasons. Metal studs, astros and trainers are not suitable footwear.

For more details on uniform, please see the uniform policy on our website.

Safeguarding update

As usual, I am providing you with safeguarding considerations for your families. This month's focus is on talking to your children about sharing images and how to protect themselves in relation to this. You can find the resource at this link: [Overview - Sharing images collection - Resources - Hwb](#)

Attendance Matters

Please can I remind all families about the importance of attending school every day; if students are here, they are learning and they are also not missing out on important social interactions. It is important to remember that a student with 90% attendance has had 19 days off in a school year and missed nearly 100 lessons. Students with 90% attendance are classed as 'persistently absent' and tend to report lower levels of wellbeing and achieve lower levels of academic success. If you need support with your child's attendance, please contact their head of year in the first instance. We are here to help!

I look forward to writing to families in May with a further update.

Yours sincerely,

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