



# CWMBRAN HIGH SCHOOL

“Stronger Together”

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December 2014

Dear Parent / Carer (s)

I am writing to introduce myself as Headteacher of **Cwmbran High School** and to update you on 6 key areas of progress.

- 1 **Vision**
- 2 **Uniform (see costs attached)**
- 3 **Curriculum**
- 4 **Staffing**
- 5 **Building**
- 6 **Communications**

## 1 Vision for Cwmbran High School

Cwmbran High School will be a high achieving, academic school, where all pupils are driven to reach their full potential. It will be a centre of excellence for teaching and learning and have highly trained and dedicated staff. Cwmbran High School will develop a reputation for high standards and become **the** school of choice.

## 2 Uniform

The uniform has been agreed by the Interim Governing Body with pupils from both Llantarnam and Fairwater High School having had significant input in the process. The details are on the attached sheet (*appendix 1*)

The Uniform Policy will be **strictly** enforced. Uniform must be worn as stated in the policy or it will not be permitted.

We would appreciate your support by ensuring your son/daughter arrives at school in correct uniform. If they do not they will be challenged by staff and possibly have sanctions imposed upon them.

We are **hoping** to be able to support this transition by providing all pupils in Years 8 – 11 with a free tie and blazer and Year 13 students with a free tie and badged jumper. Further information on this will follow as soon as possible.

## 3 Curriculum

Mrs Ager (Assistant Head for Curriculum), along with all newly appointed Head of Departments, are continuing to work together to ensure there is a smooth transition for all pupils into Cwmbran High School.

The Options processes have begun and a significant amount of work is on-going behind the scenes to ensure a fully integrated curriculum is in place, for all subjects, across all Year Groups.

## 4 Staffing

We have now appointed all TLR (management) positions for Cwmbran High School. Please see attached list (*appendix 2*).

In January / February 2015, all Main-scale Teachers will be appointed, following this will be all other staff. This will ensure that Cwmbran High School has high quality staff to take the school forward.

## 5 Building

Building work on the current Fairwater High School site is starting in January 2015. We are hopeful that a significant amount of this work will be completed by September 2015. However, there will still be some on-going work after September to bring all areas/buildings up to the required level. **Ensuring pupil safety throughout this process is a priority.**

## 6 Communication

As the year progresses I will endeavour to clearly communicate all of the plans for Cwmbran High School as and when decisions are made. This information will be communicated in a variety of ways; including letters, the new [Cwmbran High School](#) website, parents evenings etc.

For those pupil currently in Year 10 additional planning is going on to ensure a smooth transition into their GCSE year. When in Year 11 all pupils will have an additional Lesson each day (Lesson 6 from 3 – 4 pm) to prepare and support them for their upcoming GCSE exams. I am hoping to have a specific Year 10 evening later in the year where we can share further information with you.

***“This is a fantastic opportunity to establish an outstanding school in the heart of Cwmbran. This will be a high achieving, academic school that will bring success to its pupils and the local community.”***

Yours faithfully

Mrs H Coulson  
HEADTEACHER

## Appendix 1(a)

Wearing the school uniform is a requirement for **ALL** pupils in Years 7 – 13.

**All pupils are expected to follow the school policy for uniform.**

The expectation for uniform from September 2015 is:

### YEARS 7 – 11

- ❖ **White Shirt**  
(please ensure the collar is large enough as the top button will be done up at all times)
- ❖ **School Tie** (available from Pretty Miss)
- ❖ **Black Cotton V-neck Jumper**
- ❖ **Black Blazer with School Badge** (available from Pretty Miss)
- ❖ **Black Tailored Trousers** (not tight or skinny fit) Or **Black Knee Length Skirt**
- ❖ **Black / Grey Socks / Tights**
- ❖ **Plain Black Shoes** (no daps, trainers or boots)
- ❖ **Plain Black Coat / Jacket**  
(no coloured coats, no logos or patterns, no sleeveless coats or any type of hoodies will be allowed)

### YEARS 12 & 13

- ❖ **White Shirt**  
(please ensure the collar is large enough as the top button will be done up at all times)
- ❖ **A Sixth Form School Tie** (available from Pretty Miss)
- ❖ **Black Cotton V-neck Jumper with School Badge** (available from Pretty Miss)
- ❖ **Black Tailored Trousers** (not tight or skinny fit) Or **Black Knee Length Skirt**
- ❖ **Black / Grey Socks / Tights**
- ❖ **Plain Black Shoes** (no daps, trainers or boots)
- ❖ **Plain Black Coat / Jacket**  
(no coloured coats, no logos or patterns, no sleeveless coats or any type of hoodies will be allowed)

- ❖ **No** jewellery apart from one stud in each ear, one flat ring and a watch
- ❖ **No** facial piercing or tunnel / spike earrings  
(a skin coloured 'plug' may be used for Health & Safety reasons)
- ❖ **No** extreme hair colour or styles
- ❖ **No** obvious make-up or nail varnish

**Pupils should not come to school wearing hoodies, non-school sweatshirts or cardigan**

### From Pretty Miss - Current Prices in Store

#### Blazers

28-33	£26.00
34-37	£28.50
38-52	£31.50

#### Ties

£3.50 (Normal)
£4.50 (Clip on)

#### Jumpers

9/10-XS	£14.50
S-XL	£16.50

#### Blazer & Tie

28-37	£25.00
38-52	£30.00

#### Jumper & Tie

9/10 –XS	£15.00
S-M	£17.00

Appendix 1(b)

Years 7–11 only



6th Form (Years 12 & 13 only)



# Cwmbran High School

## Appointments

Staff who have secured positions from September 2015.

**Helen Coulson (Headteacher)**  
**Geoff Dixon (Deputy Headteacher)**  
**Bernie Smith (Assistant Headteacher)**  
**Claire Ager (Assistant Headteacher)**  
**Jack Lewis (Assistant Headteacher)**  
**Jeff Savory (Assistant Headteacher)**

**Stuart Foster (Business Manager)**

**Lawrence Pollock (ALENCo)**

**Jemima Bartley (HoD – English)**  
**Ann Lawrence (HoD – Maths)**  
**Jo Lloyd (HoD – Science)**  
**Trudy Groskop (HoD – MFL)**  
**Richard Morgan (HoD – Geography)**  
**Claire McLaughlan (HoD – R E)**  
**Gareth Brenton (HoD – Welsh Bacc)**  
**Dan Povey (HoD – P E)**  
**Laura Chamberlain (HoD – Music & Perf Arts)**  
**Samantha Collins (HoD – History)**  
**John Childs (HoD – Computing)**  
**Ceri Shaw (HoD Business)**  
**Phil Darmanin (HoD – Art)**  
**Kylie Powell (HoD – Welsh)**

**Samuel Miller (HoY 7)**  
**Michelle Wood (HoY 8)**  
**Jane Povey ( HoY 9)**  
**Vicki Booton (HoY 10)**  
**Cheryl Haynes (HoY 11)**

**Rachel Vanstone (Literacy Coordinator)**  
**Kevin Parry (Numeracy Coordinator)**

**Rebecca Jones (2<sup>nd</sup> in English)**  
**Paul Lloyd (2<sup>nd</sup> in Maths)**  
**Andrew Bartlett (Additional Science)**  
**Rachel Jones (2<sup>nd</sup> in Science)**  
**Joanne Manning (2<sup>nd</sup> in PE)**

**Anthony Lewis (Head of Teaching & Learning)**  
**Mark Chapman (Head of 6<sup>th</sup> Form)**