



## Weekly Bulletin ~ Bwletin Wythnosol

Spring Term ~ 4<sup>th</sup> March 2022

### This Week's Prayer

Almighty God, whose loving hand has given us all that we possess:  
Grant us grace that we may honour you with our substance as well as our generous giving to others,  
and, remembering the account which we must one day give,  
may be faithful stewards of your bounty,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

### Dates for the Diary

**21<sup>st</sup> March**

Tempest Photography [Years 9, 10 & 11]

**22<sup>nd</sup> March**

Year 10 Science 'Live' Trip

**24 March**

Year 9 Vaccinations

**30 March**

Year 11 Drama Examination

**5<sup>th</sup> April**

Year 9 Retreat Day

**8<sup>th</sup> April**

School closes for Easter break

**25<sup>th</sup> April**

Staff Development Day

**26<sup>th</sup> April**

School Opens to Pupils

**2<sup>nd</sup> May**

May Day [School closed]

**4<sup>th</sup> May**

Year 7 River Trip [River Clywedog]

### Lateral Flow Test Kits

The last delivery has not yet arrived. Will be here next week.

Should you require LFTs sooner, please visit your local pharmacy.

### Brain Tumour Research

One of our many amazing pupils, Kolo Rippon of 8 Kolbe, has raised an incredible **£920** for Brain Tumour Research. Well done Kolo! We are very proud of you.

If you are interested in fundraising for the cause please see the link below.

<https://www.braintumourresearch.org/>



## **St Joseph - Cathedral Mass**

There will be a Mass at St Mary's Cathedral on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March at 10.30am. This marks the solemnity of St Joseph the Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. A special welcome is offered to those from our school community who wish to attend.

## **Study+**

We are pleased to inform you that Study+ will re-open next week. This is the perfect opportunity for pupils to complete homework or revise in a supervised space at lunch time and Monday to Thursday 3.30pm – 4.30pm.

## **Ukraine Charity Appeal**

Our final batch of Ukraine donations left us yesterday...a full mini bus was transferred into two vans that will be sorted and heading down to Dover this weekend. This means that we have donated as a school...**4 x van loads and 2 x car loads** which in a week is brilliant!

Thanks so much to everyone!

## Safeguarding

Childline offers free confidential counselling for any young person with any problem, on 0800 1111, and via their website for an online chat. Their website also has information about issues that young people may experience, and ideas and activities for positive ways of coping. Some young people and their parents or carers may find this useful.

## Pupil Absence

If your child is too poorly to attend school, it is important that school is made aware of the absence before 9am. Please telephone 01978 360310 or email [attendancep6@hwbcymru.net](mailto:attendancep6@hwbcymru.net) as we appreciate the phone lines can be busy in the mornings.

## Tempest Photography

Individual photographs for Years 9, 10 and 11 and a group photograph for Year 11 will take place on Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> March.

## Attendance Matters

This week's whole school attendance is **94.9%**. Congratulations to 10 Romero for 100% attendance, your headteacher's reward is on its way to you.

Year	Cassidy	Devereux	King	Kolbe	Romero	Year Average
7	<b>97.8</b> ☺	91.6	92.3	95.8	94.4	94.4
8	<b>98.5</b> ☺	96.4	92.2	92.5	95.4	95.0
9	94.2	96.3	88.9	<b>98.3</b> ☺☺	95.8	94.7
10	<b>99.6</b> ☺	91.9	96.0	93.3	<b>100</b> ☺☺☺	96.2
11	94.2	91.5	93.6	94.2	<b>96.7</b>	94.0
<b>Family Average</b>	96.9	93.5	92.6	94.8	96.5	

# Important Information

## Covid-19 - UPDATE

### **Positive case at school. This applies to children and adults**

You must isolate for 5 full days after the day on which you test positive (which is 'Day Zero'). The child or adult can return to school on day 6 if they have no symptoms AND report 2 negative LFDs, taken 24 hours apart on days 5 and 6. If either of these tests are positive, continue to isolate and retest each day until 2 negative tests 24 hours apart OR have isolated for 10 days, whichever is sooner. If symptoms continue past day 10 (especially a fever) do not return to school until these have passed. You may have to take LFDs test routinely to return to school (if a child at primary school testing is not required). If this test is positive at any time within 28 days of your infection, retest each 24 hours until you have a negative result, at which point you may return to school. During the 28 days a positive test in the absence of new cardinal symptoms will not be considered as new infection.

### **Contacts of a positive case at school. This applies to children and fully vaccinated adults**

If between 5 and 18 years or fully vaccinated, you should do a daily LFD test for 7 days. If these remain negative you can return to school and your school's pre-attendance testing programme. If at any point the LFD becomes positive, you must isolate for 7 days and follow the guidance above for positive cases. If you develop symptoms also do a PCR.

### **Contacts of a positive case at school. Non-fully vaccinated adults**

If you are a contact and not fully vaccinated, you must isolate for a full 10 days and may return to school on day 11 if no symptoms, and pre-attendance testing is negative.

Here are 2 Welsh Government links for 'people at increased risk' & 'clinically extremely vulnerable'. See extract from 2<sup>nd</sup> doc (Aug 21) below also:

[People at increased risk from coronavirus | GOV.WALES](#)

[Guidance on protecting people defined on medical grounds as clinically extremely vulnerable from coronavirus \(COVID-19\) – previously known as 'shielding' \[HTML\] | GOV.WALES](#) (last update August 2021)

### **What we mean by 'clinically extremely vulnerable'**

Clinically extremely vulnerable refers to people in Wales who have one of a very specific list of pre-existing and long-term serious health conditions. Based on what we know to date the impact of their pre-existing, long-term health condition on their immune system puts them at high risk of serious illness if they are exposed to coronavirus.

## Important Information

### Covid-19 – UPDATE continued

People in the clinically extremely vulnerable group include:

- Solid organ transplant recipients
- People with specific cancers:
  - People with cancer who are undergoing active chemotherapy or radical radiotherapy for lung cancer
  - People with cancers of the blood or bone marrow such as leukaemia, lymphoma or myeloma who are at any stage of treatment
  - People having immunotherapy or other continuing antibody treatments for cancer
  - People having other targeted cancer treatments which can affect the immune system, such as protein kinase inhibitors or PARP inhibitors
  - People who have had bone marrow or stem cell transplants in the last 6 months, or who are still taking immunosuppression drugs
- People with severe respiratory conditions including all cystic fibrosis, severe asthma and severe Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD)
- People with severe single organ disease (e.g. Liver, Cardio, Renal, Neurological).
- People with rare diseases and inborn errors of metabolism that significantly increase the risk of infections (such as Severe Combined Immunodeficiency (SCID), homozygous sickle cell).
- People on immunosuppression therapies sufficient to significantly increase risk of infection.
- Adults with Down's syndrome.
- Pregnant women with significant heart disease, congenital or acquired.

If you think there are clinical reasons why you should be added to the Shielding Patient List, you should discuss this with your GP or hospital clinician. They are able to add people to the list if it is clinically appropriate to do so.

There is a **wider group people whose conditions mean they are at an increased risk**, but are not considered clinically extremely vulnerable. If you are within this group you should be rigorous about following social distancing measures but otherwise follow the same advice as the general population.

# Vaccination of 12 to 15 year olds



## Information for you and your parent/guardian

The COVID-19 vaccine is being offered to all 12-15 year olds in Wales, to help protect your health and well-being.

The decision to have your COVID-19 vaccine is a choice for each individual to make.

If you have questions about the vaccine take time to look up trusted and accurate information - the NHS is always a good starting place - and chat about what you think, with your parent(s) or guardian.

You probably also have family or friends who have had their vaccine and who could chat with you about how they felt, or help answer any questions you may have.

You have to give a clear agreement (called 'consent') before any vaccination can be given - so you are in charge of what happens.

There is a lot of information out there about the COVID-19 vaccine, so please be careful to use only accurate and trusted information to help you answer any questions you may have.

Here are some trusted places for you to find out more about why you are being offered the vaccine, any side effects you might experience. They will also offer you more information about the vaccine or if you can't agree with your parent(s) or guardian on what to do:

**Public Health  
Wales**



**BBC**



**Public Health  
England**



**British Society for  
Immunology**



You may still benefit from having the vaccine even if you have previously had COVID-19. If you have tested positive for COVID-19 infection in the last 28 days, you need to wait a bit longer to have your vaccine. Your first dose needs to be at least 28 days away from when you tested positive.

Whether you have the vaccine or not, please keep wearing a face mask in indoor public spaces, staying home and getting tested if you have coronavirus symptoms, and keep washing your hands regularly.

## Clubs & Activities 2021-2022

Activity	Time	Teacher	Place
Lunchtime in the Chapel	Mon – Adoration/ Noonday Prayer Tues - Justice & Peace Wed - Check in with the Chaplains Thurs - Fiction & Flicks Fri - <u>Talze Prayer</u> 12.30pm-12.45pm	Chaplains	Chapel
Art Club [KS4]	Tues and Wed 3.30pm-4.30pm	Mrs Taylor	Art Room
Extra Maths [Intermediate KS4]	Tues 5.40 – 5.55pm Foundation 6.00 – 6.30pm Intermediate	Mr <u>Donlon</u>	Google Classroom
Additional Maths	Thurs 3.30pm-4.15pm	Mr Tait	MA4
Extra Maths [Intermediate KS4]	Thurs 3.30pm-4.15pm	Mrs Jobson	MA2
Band	Wed 3.30-4.30pm	Mr Sammons	Social Court
School Choir	Tues and Thurs 12.55pm	Mr Sammons	Music Room
Physical Education Sports Clubs	Full Timetable <u>can be found</u> on the next page. It is also displayed in PE and on Google Classroom	PE Teachers	Sports Hall / Gym / Outside
Design Technology [KS4]	Wed & Thurs 3.30-4.30pm	Mr Cook, Mr Lambert & Mr Farrell	TE2

We are looking into the possibility of resuming Study Plus sessions which usually run from Monday to Friday 12.30pm-1pm and Monday to Thursday 3.30pm-4.30pm. We will keep you updated.

## St Joseph's P.E Department Extra Curricular Timetable

### *Activities to start WC 07/03/22*

	<i>Lunchtime 12:25 – 1pm</i>	<i>After School</i>
<b><i>Monday</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Just Dance – Gymnasium</li> <li>• Gaelic Football – Sports Hall</li> <li>• KS4 Fitness – Fitness Suite</li> </ul>	Girls Football All Years 3:30 – 4:30pm
<b><i>Tuesday</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hoola Hooping – Gymnasium</li> <li>• Futsal – Sports Hall</li> <li>• KS4 Fitness – Fitness Suite</li> </ul>	Years 9, 10 & 11 Netball 3:30 – 4:30pm Football Fixtures / Training TBC
<b><i>Wednesday</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Boxercise – Gymnasium</li> <li>• Basketball – Sports Hall</li> <li>• KS4 Fitness – Fitness Suite</li> </ul>	Badminton All Years 3:30 – 4:30pm Gymnastics All Years 3:30 – 4:45pm
<b><i>Thursday</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fun Fitness – Gymnasium</li> <li>• Badminton – Sports Hall</li> <li>• KS4 Fitness – Fitness Suite</li> </ul>	Years 7 & 8 Netball 3:30 – 4:30pm
<b><i>Friday</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GCSE PE – Sports Hall / Gymnasium</li> </ul>	

