

Pontypridd High School



Parent Newsletter

May 2015

Dates for Diary

Monday 4th: May Day Bank Holiday
Thursday 14th: Year 11 Leavers Assembly
Friday 22nd: End of Term

Exam Timetable

Literacy and Numeracy Tests (Years 7-9):
Tues 5th—Fri 8th May
GCE/GCSE examinations (Years 10 and above):
Friday 8th May—Tues 23rd June
Individual timetables have been posted home.
Good luck to all sitting their exams.

Examinations

Exam season is upon us. If your child is sitting examinations please remind them of the following:

Correct equipment should be brought to all examinations (Black pen, calculator, transparent pencil cases etc)

For exams which start between 1pm and 2pm and where there is no change to the school day, pupils lunch will start at 12:20pm. Please remind pupils to bring lunch with them or buy it at break time as the canteen will not be open.

Pupils should be aware of the consequences of disqualification if they have a mobile phone or any type of technology on them during an exam. It makes no difference if it is switched on or off.

Literacy and Numeracy Tests


This year's Literacy and Numeracy Tests for years 7 to 9 will take place during the week 5th—8th May. Pupils will sit three tests:

1. Reading—Short questions based on two or more texts.
2. Numeracy Procedural—Measures skills in numbers, measuring and data.
3. Numeracy Reasoning—Measures how well children can use what they know to solve everyday problems.

The tests can provide useful information to add to what your child's teacher knows about their reading and numeracy from their work every day in the classroom. Teachers can use the results to identify strengths and also areas where more help may be needed. On a whole-school level, these tests enable us to compare achievement in reading and numeracy in our school with others.

Test results will be issued at the start of the autumn term.

For more information: www.learning.wales.gov.uk



**KEEP
CALM
AND
STUDY
FOR EXAMS**

Contact us



Tel: 01443 486 133

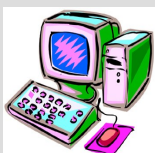
Text: 01443 606 044

Email: contact@pontyhigh.co.uk



Technocamps

On Thursday 21st May, Technocamps will be coming to do a workshop with Year 9 pupils who have opted to take Computer Science in Year 10. This is a day of programming incorporating Raspberry Pi, programming Robots, Greenfoot and Python. It follows on from a workshop held last month with our Year 10 Computer Science class. The pupils enjoyed the day and the feedback received from the course co-ordinators was very pleasing: "One of the best workshops of the year...I am so glad the pupils found it fun and educational!".



The Great Ponty Bake Off

Following on from the successful Great British Bake Off TV show, Ponty High will be holding its very own version during the Summer Term. Staff from departments within the school will complete on a weekly basis, baking their best creations to the brief set. Teams will be eliminated and the eventual winner will win a 3 course meal cooked by the Year 12 Hospitality pupils.



Passport to Summer

Our successful attendance initiative is making a return this month. Pupils will be issued passports for the period 5th—21st May and will win a stamp for every morning and afternoon session attended. The competition will be fierce as usual with spot prizes for pupils with complete passports. The registration class with the highest attendance each week will win a pizza party and there will be a trip-of-their choice for the overall winners! The aim is for every child to achieve 100% attendance so please try and avoid booking any medical appointments during this period.



Year 11 Leavers Assembly

The Year 11 Leavers Assembly will take place on Thursday 14th May, starting at 1pm. The assembly will give pupils and staff the opportunity to reflect on their past 5 years at Ponty High. Achievements will be celebrated, memories will be shared and each pupil will be presented with their Record of Achievement folder.

Even though this is the Leavers' Assembly, Year 11 pupils will be expected to attend school until the end of their examinations. Revision sessions will be taking place during lessons.

YEP Activities

The YEP Summer Activity Timetable is now available on the school website and from the YEP office. Activities include 5-a-side football, dance, DJ-ing and hair and beauty. Homework club is every Monday and Wednesday in the Clubhouse where pupils can go if they need a quiet place to complete their work. We also have an extended provision every Tuesday (Drama workshops and theatre mentoring) and Thursday (Youth Club). The Late Bus is available every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and leaves school at approximately 5:10pm. Some activities require pupils to sign up before attending, please ask them to go to the YEP office for more information or call 01443 494 911.

