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Summer 10, 11, 12
Friday July 21st 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians/Carers,

As we come to the end of the academic year and the summer break begins on Monday 24th July, please accept my thanks for your ongoing support of your children and your support of our school.

It has been a busy Summer Term and I hope that the summer holidays will bring some opportunities for increased family time, although this often presents additional challenges and pressures too. Above all, I hope that you will all stay safe and well. We look forward to seeing the return of our learners in September, welcoming new Year 7 learners and Sixth Form students.

YEAR 11 ACHIEVEMENT CEREMONY - Friday July 8th

It was wonderful to see so many Years 11 in their finery, looking very glamorous and grown up, with so many of you in attendance, for the Year 11 Achievement Ceremony. A really momentous and celebratory occasion, we were joined by Samuel Kurtz MS and the Chair of Governors, Mrs Sally Elliott, who both presented many different awards to our learners. As part of the ceremony, I asked our Year 11 learners to show gratitude to you, their parents for their unconditional support of them during their time in school and Samuel Kurtz invited parents present to show their support for their Year 11 learners. We also heard the words of Walt Disney taking about his success.

"People often ask me if I know the secret of success and if I could tell others how to make their dreams come true. My answer is, you do it by working hard. The way to get started is to quit talking and begin doing. All of our dreams can come true if we have the courage to pursue them."

All best wishes to the class of 2023, for their next steps, whether returning to our Sixth Form, taking up offers of places at Pembrokeshire College or Coleg Sir Gar, or taking up apprenticeship or employment opportunities.

THE FRIENDS OF YSGOL HARRI TUDUR FETE - Friday June 23rd

After a spell of lovely warm weather, the rain on the morning of the fete on June 23rd was disappointing but thankfully stopped in time and did not stop a large number of you from coming – thank you! £1600 was raised by the Friends of Ysgol Harri Tudur. Every penny of this amount will be spent on learners at this school. Many thanks to the Director of Education, Steven Richards-Downes for opening the fete and coming to be with us during the afternoon.

SPORTS DAYS AND SPORTING SUCCESS

After a few weeks of anticipation and organisation Ysgol Harri Tudur challenged our House's in a variety of sports. Learners would compete to be overall champions and take home the house sports cup. Year 7 & 8 started proceedings on Monday with some thrilling games of: Rounders, Softball, Football and Netball. A great sense of excitement and achievement was had by all. We also had entries of archery and boccia with learners showcasing their accuracy and poise as they aimed towards their targets. Day one saw Upton house as overall winners for KS3. But it was still all to play for on Wednesday when our Year 9 & 10s put their best foot forward to challenge the scores of Monday's performances.

Wednesday was just as thrilling as KS4 entered the field of play. The competitive spirit of the day was strong with some brilliant games and skill displayed throughout the day. Winners for KS4 overall were Manorbier and Picton & Narberth. With points accumulated over the two days the overall House sports winners were..... Picton and Narberth.

Congratulations and well done to all learners who contributed and supported their house across the two days. It was an enjoyable event for all learners and staff.



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DRAMA SOCIETY PRODUCTION OF " A MEMORY OF LIZZIE" - Saturday 15th July

Many congratulations to the Drama Society and their thought-provoking production of A Memory of Lizzie last Saturday. This was a powerful and brilliantly acted ensemble piece. Thank you to so many of you who came to support your children and to Mr Peter Kingdom for his ongoing brilliance in the support of the Drama Society. More Saturday lunchtime shows to come, House plays in October and a musical next Summer!

BRONZE AWARD STATUS - Armed Forces Service Children

We have been informed this week that we have been awarded the Armed Forces Friendly Schools Cymru Bronze status. Many thanks to Mrs Emily Morgan who has played a significant role in developing the support and provision for Armed Forces Service children.

HSBC Financial Education Award - Another One!!

We have received a second award from HSBC for our work in delivering Finance Education. Many thanks to Mrs Rachel Edwards and our teaching staff delivering these important skills lessons.

SCIENCE STARS

Many congratulations to these Year 7 and 8 learners who have been recognised with Science Star status:

Mariah Quinn
Ashton Scourfield
Chloe Butland
Rosie Gilligan
Isabella Cressey
Alex Smith
Olivia Nicholas
Abby Anderton
Callum Ellis
Caden John
Taylan Roberts
Dylan Lewis
Morayoola Afonja
Ruby Doyle
Griff Jones
Maisie-Rose Farran-Brown

PARENT CALENDAR 2023/4

A parent calendar for the 2023/4 academic year will be published early in September. Term dates and INSET days are published below.

TERM DATES 23/24

Term Dates for the 23/24 Academic Year are available [HERE](#)

Tuesday 5th September - Years 7, 11 and 12 (Work will be available on Google classroom for Years 8, 9, 10)

Wednesday 6th September - All Year groups

Week Commencing September 4th is Week B

INSET DAYS 2023/2024

Friday 1st September 2023 (PCC Designated INSET day)
Monday 4th September 2023
Monday 9th October 2023
Friday 9th February 2024
Monday 8th April 2024 (PCC Designated INSET day)
Monday July 1st 2024



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SCHOOL UNIFORM 2023/2024

Thank you as always to the vast majority of you who always ensure your children are dressed in correct, appropriate school uniform and equipped with pens/pencils etc. It would be appreciated if non uniform items (such as branded hoodies, gilets, bodywarmers, sweatshirts) were not purchased/ provided for wearing in lieu of statutory uniform items for school. Our school uniform infographic is available [HERE](#), on our website and regularly published in the half termly edition of the Tudor Times.

LESSON TIMES 2023/2024

The start and end time of lessons has not changed for September. An adjustment to lesson and break timings is shown below.

Monday to Thursday										
Year group	8:45 - 9:05	9:05 - 10:05	10:05 - 11:05	11:05 - 11:40	11:40 - 12:05	12:05 - 12:40	12:40 - 1:40	1:40 - 2:15	2:15 - 2:40	2:40 - 3:15
13	MENTOR	Lesson 1	Lesson 2	Break 1	Lesson 3	Lesson 4	Break 2	Lesson 5		
12										
11		Lesson 1	Lesson 2	Lesson 3		Break 1	Lesson 4	Lesson 5		Break 2
10										
9		Lesson 1	Lesson 2	Break 1	Lesson 3	Lesson 4	Break 2	Lesson 5		
8										
7	Lesson 1	Lesson 2	Break 1	Lesson 3	Lesson 4	Break 2	Lesson 5			

Friday								
Year group	8:45 - 9:00	9:00 - 10:00	10:00 - 11:00	11:00 - 11:30	11:30 - 12:00	12:00 - 12:30	12:30 - 1:30	1:30 - 2:00
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STAFF FAREWELLS

A number of staff leave us this academic year due to retirement, taking up posts in other schools, temporary contracts ending or taking up new posts and challenges in non-educational settings.

Mr R Ellis and Mrs A James, Assistant Headteachers are retiring from teaching, having started work at Pembroke School in 1990 and 1993 respectively. We all wish them both a very healthy and happy, long retirement, after a significant contribution in service to education.

We also say goodbye, sending health and happiness to Ms L Thomas (LSA) Ms N Treweeks (LSA) Mrs J Scaife (LSA) Mrs M Mead (LSA) Mrs B Lewis (Teacher of Psychology) Mrs C Winter (Pupil Support Officer) Mrs K Duffy (Admin Assistant) Mrs C Liddell (HLTA) Mrs J Perkins (Admin Assistant) Ms E Banner (Teacher of Science) Mrs C Cumine (Teacher of English) Mr J Griffiths (Teacher of Art) and Miss K Thomas (Teacher of History)

NEW STAFF

We welcome Ms A Wilson (Teacher of Science) Ms K Hughes (Teacher of Welsh) who will be joining us in September. We also welcome Mrs R Rees (Teacher of History) back after maternity leave. Ms F Mackeen, Ms S Griffiths, Ms R Wilton and Ms H Castell join us as Learning Support Assistants

Graffiti / Criminal Damage to School Equipment

It is disappointing that I need to write yet again, about a very small minority of learners who seem determined to spoil the school environment for others. It is even more disappointing that I have to mention it at all. Most recently, a learner has defaced a school chrome-book, with a £180 replacement cost.

Here once again is the warning that those learners who unfairly choose to behave in this way, will face consequences, including reporting the damage to the Police. Regrettably, parents of learners who cause criminal damage will be asked to pay for repairs for the damage that has/have been caused. I know that there



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are a large number of parents/carers, who will appreciate why I have mentioned this, in addition to our learners, who should not have to experience this.

Donations from local companies for learner achievement (self-employed parents)

Donations from local companies with your generosity will enable us to recognise a number of learners and the rewards will be given in your name. Just a reminder, that if any self-employed parents with businesses could see their way clear to donating small amounts, this would significantly help us to reward and recognise the achievements of many of our learners. Please contact my School Business Manager, Mr N Makin, nmakin@yht.wales if you are able to help. Thank you once again in advance, if you are able to help, we know times are tough at the moment and very much appreciate it

I hope the following information is of help / use to you if you are eligible

FREE SCHOOL MEALS ELIGIBILITY IN WALES

Please see this [information](#) regarding free school meals is for parents and carers.

The eligibility criteria are:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit (as long as you don't also get Working Tax Credit and your annual income is £16,190 or less before tax)
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on: paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit: your household earnings must be less than £7,400 a year after tax. This does not include any income from benefits

Pembrokeshire County Council School Essentials Grant - information available [HERE](#)

If you are the parent or guardian of a child in school, you may be eligible for a grant to help to pay for essential school items.

The official name of this grant is School Essentials Grant.

This is also known as the Pupil development grant, PDG access or Uniform grant.

- £200 for children in Year 7, and
- £125 for children in all other years.

You can apply from 1 July 2023 to 31 May 2024.

If you received the School Essentials Grant last year and continue to be eligible, we expect your automated payment to be made mid-July. If you do not receive this payment there may be an issue with your eligibility.

You can use the grant to pay for:

- school uniforms and footwear,
- sports equipment and kit,
- school activities, including musical lessons, school trips and after school clubs,
- classroom essentials, including pens, pencils and school bags,
- laptop or tablet if you cannot loan it from the school.

You are eligible if your child receives free school meals.



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The Friends of Ysgol Harri Tudur/ Henry Tudor School

If you have some time to volunteer to help our Friends raise funds for our school and our learners over the course of the academic year, please let us know [HERE](#).

And finally, please contact the school if you have any general queries. The school phone lines are open during term time from 0800 to 1600 on 01646 682461 or by email on contact@yht.wales

The [school website](#) has detailed information about our school.

For more specific queries related to your child, you may contact your child's Key Stage Leader.
Years 7 and 8 and primary transition - Mrs S. Martin, smartin@yht.wales

Year 9/10 from 09/23- Mrs E Sutton, esutton@yht.wales

Year 11 09/23 from - Mr G Williams - gwilliams@yht.wales

Updates are also posted on our Twitter account: @YsgolHarriTudur

With all best wishes,

Mrs. F. Kite, Headteacher