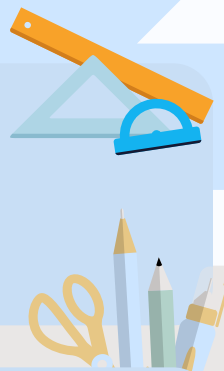




PARENT NEWSLETTER

October 2026



EVERY DAY COUNTS!

Good attendance is essential to helping pupils achieve their potential, build friendships and make the most of every learning opportunity. A huge well done to our Year 7 pupils, who have made an excellent start to the year with an impressive 95.5% attendance this half term, achieving the Welsh Government target! Even more excitingly, 115 Year 7 pupils have maintained 100% attendance so far! Da iawn, Year 7! Keep up the fantastic work and remember, every day in school makes a difference.

PUNCTUALITY MATTERS!

The majority of our pupils do an excellent job of arriving on time and understand the importance of being punctual. However, we need to see further improvement next term, particularly in arriving on time for morning registration and moving promptly between lessons. Being on time ensures pupils don't miss important information, learning opportunities or valuable time with their form tutor. Thank you for your continued support in helping us make punctuality a positive habit for every pupil.



OCTOBER 10-DAY ATTENDANCE CHALLENGE

A huge well done to Years 7-9 for taking part in our October 10-Day Attendance Challenge! With flu affecting some pupils, it was a challenging couple of weeks, but there were some fantastic achievements. Congratulations to 9DC, who won the Most Improved Attendance trophy, and 7HC, who won the Highest Attendance trophy, maintaining the highest attendance throughout the term so far! Llongyfarchiadau to both forms and to Dr Rugen-Hankey and Mrs Dexter. The competition isn't over yet! Our next attendance challenge will begin after half term, giving everyone a fresh opportunity to improve their attendance and claim the trophies. Da iawn, pawb!

ATTENDANCE MATTERS – OUR TARGET IS 95%!

Our target for all pupils is at least 95% attendance. This allows for around nine days of absence across the school year for unavoidable illness, such as coughs and colds, and essential appointments that cannot be arranged outside school hours. However, when pupils miss 19 days or more of school, they are classed as persistent absentees, which can have a significant impact on their learning, progress and friendships.

Since the start of this academic year, over 250 school days have already been lost to family holidays during term time. Please remember that most holidays taken during term time cannot be authorised by the Headteacher, and these absences can quickly use up a significant proportion of the days a child can miss while maintaining good attendance.

If you are experiencing difficulties getting your child into school regularly, please contact us as early as possible. We are here to listen, work with you and provide support to help improve attendance before it becomes a bigger concern. Working together, we can help every pupil make the most of their time in school.



SCHOOL UNIFORM REMINDER

We have been informed by our uniform stockists that all items should be back in stock over half term. We therefore expect all pupils to return to school after the break wearing the correct school uniform. Please remember that black leggings are not part of our school uniform and that only plain black trainers are permitted. We ask parents and carers to ensure that pupils have the correct uniform and footwear ready for their return.

Thank you for your continued support in ensuring that pupils are smartly dressed, ready to learn and meeting our high expectations and standards across the school. We appreciate your cooperation.

https://www.aberconwy.conwy.sch.uk/en_gb/school-uniform/

YEAR 7 TRIP TO GLAN LLYN

Our Year 7 pupils recently enjoyed a trip to Glan Llyn, where they had the opportunity to take part in a range of exciting activities, develop their teamwork and communication skills, and build friendships with their classmates. Experiences like these are a fantastic way to build confidence, independence and resilience while creating lasting memories. Da iawn, Year 7, for embracing the experience and making the most of this fantastic opportunity!

EXAMINATIONS

See the new Student Examinations Booklet for 2026-2027 and the latest examinations timetables on our website here:

https://www.aberconwy.conwy.sch.uk/en_gb/examinations-and-testing/

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday 23 October 2026 - Last Day of Term
Half-term

Monday 2 November 2026 - Students Return

Tuesday 24 November 2026 - Year 9 Parents' Evening

Tuesday 1 December 2026 - Sixth Form Open Evening

Friday 18 December 2026 - Last Day of Term
Christmas Holiday

HALF-TERM REVISION

GCSE English & Mathematics

Get ready for your exams on 5 & 11 November



MATHEMATICS



Monday 26 October



9:30 am–12:00 noon



Higher – Set 1



Miss Dexter



MATHEMATICS



Tuesday 27 October



9:30 am–12:00 noon



Higher – Set 2



Miss Youlden



MATHEMATICS



Thursday 29 October



9:30 am–12:00 noon



Foundation – Sets 3 and 4
Plus any pupils who attended
the Sicily trip



Mr Simpson



ENGLISH



Thursday 29 October



1:00–3:50 pm



Pupils preparing for the
English examination



Mrs Murphy



EVERY REVISION SESSION COUNTS!

Please encourage your child to attend—focused revision now can boost confidence, strengthen understanding and make a real difference on exam day.

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!