



Wales HIGH SCHOOL

HEADTEACHER: MR. G. DI'IASIO

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Dear Parent / Carer

So much of what we love about our school is firmly rooted in many long standing traditions that make Wales a fantastic place to be part of and provide an anchor that the community can hold on to; especially during unprecedented times such as these.

We were delighted with how our first ever remote Super Learning Day was brought together. This is something that before lock-down we would never dream could happen. There is so much more to come in terms of the school continuing to honour so many of the traditions for our students, staff and families. A summer term without Sports Day, Higher Education Evening, Taster Days, Sports Award Evening and a Full School Assembly wouldn't be a July we would recognise. All of these events and many more are due to take place and we want as many of you involved as possible. Further details will continue to be shared and are a feature of this week's bulletins.

It is a particularly exciting time for our younger students as KS3 return to school and begin their on-site sessions today. Over the next two weeks over 1000 students will have the opportunity to return to school and receive the reassurance and support to help them to continue working effectively at home. I also appreciate that for many this will also provide the opportunity to overcome the potential anxieties and barriers of being back at school which, I know, for so many young people can be a daunting and apprehensive experience. If you have any questions regarding this, please contact your child's Head of Year. I know that all families have been emailed with details and the family bulletin [here](#) contains answers to a number of frequently asked questions which you may find helpful.

Despite the number of students accessing school, we will continue to prioritise remote learning. The bulletin continues to be updated each week and this week, more than ever, we have a fantastic number of online lessons being delivered. If your child has yet to be involved in Teams lessons, please use the family bulletins to learn how to access them. If you continue to struggle or are experiencing difficulties please contact your Tutor or Head of Year who will support you. The feedback from students and families has been excellent – don't miss out!

As I have regularly reminded you, the families bulletin is updated weekly and has so much to support remote learning. Although this is now the tenth bulletin we have produced during the lock-down period I am hoping it may also be nearing its end as we prepare for our summer break and plan ahead for September. I strongly urge you to refer to the bulletin and don't hesitate to get in touch with staff at school if you are experiencing any issues. All previous bulletins are saved on the school website and by following [this link](#) you can access previous support if you need it.

Finally, I want to finish my letter by looking forward and by celebrating the most recent government decision to ensure all students will return to school in September. This is something that I know you will have been waiting to hear for some time. As a result, the entire community can look ahead and begin to 'ready' ourselves for being back together again and enjoying all the 'normal' things we have missed over the last few months.

I look forward to sharing our plans for September with Governors over the coming days and then communicating them more widely with our community before the end of term. We have much to do before the end of term as we reconnect with our lower school students and plan for how to effectively use the summer break to prepare for September; but I do know that a safe and secure return to school will mean so much to so many.

For now, 'good luck' to all those KS3 students who are beginning their own journey towards preparation for returning. I look forward to seeing many of you in and around school over the next couple of weeks.

Stay strong and stay safe.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Pepe Di'lasio', with a large, stylized flourish extending to the right.

Pepe Di'lasio
Headteacher