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Dear Parents/Carers

It is probably the right time to write to you concerning a few things, as this term is nearly half way through.

This letter accompanies information on your daughter's attendance. As a school we are making a push towards improving attendance. There is a proven link between good attendance and good academic results. I am pleased that our attendance figures are up and hope we can count on your continued support in this area.

The school remains purposeful as we continue to prepare pupils for their summer examinations and assessments.

We have received many letters of thanks from elderly residents of Barry to whom we delivered a Christmas Hamper. Talking of Christmas I do hope that those of you who were able to attend our festive concerts were suitably impressed.

In January we received good news as our Mathematics early entry results showed a 5% increase on last summer's results. With a second chance for those who did not get a C-grade available this summer we are looking to obtain our best Maths. results ever.

Other successes this term include our senior girls winning a public speaking competition and our Y8 physical education girls obtaining the gold medal at the Cardiff Games. The work of our MFL department continues to be recognised far and wide through its work and status as the Lead Creative School in our region.

There is one less positive thing I need to bring up, however. Since Christmas the older girls in particular have pushed the boundaries with regard to the uniform. Whilst it is easy to remove items such as scarves and large earrings we have had some issues with facial piercings. May I remind you that facial piercings are not allowed under our uniform policy. This includes visible retainers etc. I do hope that you will support me in my efforts to ensure the girls are as smart as they can be.

Below is a reminder of the significant dates for the rest of the school year: -

Term 2

Begins for pupils	Monday 4 th January 2016
Ends for pupils	Thursday 24 th March 2016
Half-term	Monday 15 th February– Friday 19 th February 2016

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Term 3

Begins for pupils Monday 11th April 2016
Ends for pupils Friday July 15th 2016 at 12:30
Half-term Monday 30th May – Friday 3rd June 2016

(Please note that Monday May 2nd 2016 is a Bank Holiday and that there are no more scheduled INSET days during the above dates)

Other remaining significant events for your diary are: -

- Y11 Parents' Evening (from 4 o'clock 9th February 2016)
- Y7 Parents' Evening (from 4 o'clock 19th May 2016)
- Y8 Parents' Evening (from 4 o'clock 26th May 2016)

One final matter – whilst we have a number of parents who serve as school governors it is my wish to consult with a wider group of parents. We have established a Parents' Forum that has met twice so far (though its numbers are small). If you would like to be part of this focus group (which will meet at least termly) please would you fill in the form below and send it to school with your child.

I look forward to seeing you at school events throughout the year.

Yours sincerely

(Mr. T. Davies)

I would like to be a member of a Parents'/Carers' Focus Group.

Name: _____ Name of Child/Children: _____

Child's Form(s): _____ Telephone Number: _____

Address: _____

Email address: _____ Signature: _____