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Dear Parents/Carers

It is probably the right time to write to you concerning a few things as this academic year already has five weeks under its belt.

The school has made a good start. There is a mood of positivity around the school with a sense of purpose. Our revised uniform has proved a wonderful tonic to the school. The girls are wearing their uniform with pride and we have received many positive comments from members of the public, parents, the girls themselves and from colleagues who work in other schools.

The school has also received some recognition for its work as we have been selected as the lead school for Modern Foreign Languages from over fifty secondary schools. We have also been awarded Lead Creative School status by the Welsh Arts Council and are due to receive two visits from "Her Majesty's Inspectors" of schools who are visiting us to see very good practice in languages and art.

I need to let you know that the school will be closed to pupils on Friday October 16th for an INSET day. It also seems appropriate that you are reminded of the year's dates – see below: -

Term 1

Begins for pupils	Wednesday 2 nd September 2015
Ends for pupils	Friday December 18 th 2015 at 12:30
Half-term	Monday 26 th October – Friday 30 th October 2015

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

Term 3

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

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Other significant events for your diary are: -

- Y11 Information Evening (5 o'clock 16th September 2015)
- Y7 "Tea with the Tutors" Parents' Meeting (from 4 o'clock 29th September 2015)
- Y10 Information Evening (5 o'clock 13th October 2015)
- Form Tutor Parents' Evenings (from 4 o'clock 19th & 26th November 2015)
- Y11 Open evening for prospective Sixth Form entry at Barry Boys' School (time to be confirmed 21st January 2016)
- Y12/13 Parents' Evening entry at Barry Boys' School (time to be confirmed 28th January 2016)
- Y9 Parents' Evening (from 4 o'clock 4th February 2016)
- 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. If you would like to be part of this focus group (which will meet at least termly at 4:00 pm) 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: _____