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Headteacher's Letter Friday 23rd September (Letter 2)

Dear Parents/Carers,

This is the second Headteacher's letter of this academic year. I trust these letters will keep everyone informed about what is happening at Penyrheol School. It has been a busy week in school despite it only being a 4 day week. This week, Year 7 had an excellent time in their Music Enrichment day and hopefully this experience will inspire more of our pupils to learn a musical instrument and join the choir or the orchestra. Please see the two-weekly calendar on the second page of this letter to see all the upcoming events taking place at Penyrheol.

Parent/Carer Consent for Photographs

We have to seek permission from parents/carers every academic year to use photos of pupils on the school website and on our social media accounts. We really want to celebrate the efforts and the successes of our pupils but we cannot assume consent for this. It must be granted. We have sent out an email asking for this consent. The link from that email is here:

[Consent Link](#)

I would really like to include photos of our pupils and their work in this letter, as well as in the termly newsletters. I can only do this with parent/carers consent. Please give consent if you are able to do so.

Sport

Our Year 8s and Year 9s took on Olchfa school yesterday afternoon. Our Year 9s were victorious but our Year 8s lost. Well done to both teams for their efforts while representing the school.

In terms of Girls' Sports, the following training sessions run weekly:

Monday 3:00pm – 4:00pm Girls' Football (Years 7-10)

Wednesday 3:00pm – 4:00pm Netball (Years 9-11)

Thursday 3:00pm – 4:00pm Netball (Years 7-8)

There is also the Badminton Breakfast Club (open to *all* pupils) This is an opportunity for pupils to play badminton before school and it takes place on a Tuesday and Thursday from 7:45am to 8:30am in the Sports Hall.

ClassCharts

As mentioned in the last letter, we are very close to launching our ClassCharts parent/carers App. This will happen in the next two weeks.



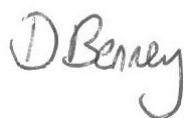
Standards

Attendance has unfortunately dropped this last 2 weeks and from Monday 12th to today, it was 89.6%. As always, please send your child into school wherever possible. We appreciate this isn't always possible but if they aren't in school, they miss out on learning.

Uniform continues to be very smart. We have over 99% of our pupils in the full correct uniform. Of the 99%, we have a few pupils waiting for embroidered skirts/trousers. We aim for 100% of our pupils to be in the correct uniform and I am delighted we are so close to achieving this. Smart uniform worn by all our pupils has such a positive impact on our ethos at Penyrheol. My thanks to parents/carers for their support in this area.

I wish all parents/carers a happy and restful weekend

Yours faithfully,



Damian Benney
Headteacher

Appendix

What's happening in the next two weeks:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Monday 26 th September	European Day of Languages
Tuesday 27 th September	
Wednesday 28 th September	Year 11 Art Trip Botanical Gardens Year 7 Enterprise Activity (MED) (Lessons 1-4)
Thursday 29 th September	
Friday 30 th September	Year 7 Enterprise Activity (RUS) (Lessons 1-4)
Monday 3 rd October	Year 11 Parents' Evening (3:30pm – 6:30pm) Year 11 English GCSE Individual Presentations (2 weeks) Year Councils Meetings (this week) Year 11 GCSE Geography Field Trip
Tuesday 4 th October	Year 11 Gower College Class Talks (Lesson 1)
Wednesday 5 th October	School Council Meeting with Gorseinon Town Council (7:00pm)
Thursday 6 th October	Year 7 Gideon's Assembly
Friday 7 th September	Year 11 GCSE Geography Field Trip National Poetry Day