



BARRY COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

As you will know, a large part of this year has been spent in planning the transformation of secondary schooling in Barry, specifically the closure of Barry Comprehensive School and Bryn Hafren School and the opening of Whitmore High School and Pencoedtre High School. This is an exciting project, but also one which has required significant amounts of work 'behind the scenes' to ensure a smooth transition for both school communities with minimal impact on the students and their ongoing education.

To enable the final stages of planning to be successful, we need to ensure the staff of both new schools have sufficient time together to be ready for the opening of the two new schools in September. As such, **the Vale of Glamorgan has granted Barry Comprehensive and Bryn Hafren two further INSET days this year – Friday 22nd June and Friday 29th June.** On these days, students will not attend school and the staff of both schools will engage in essential training and planning to ensure the progress of our pupils' continues upon the opening of the new schools.

We apologise for the inconvenience of these two days, but hope you understand that we have worked hard to minimise the impact of the schooling transformation on students and families. We want to guarantee that both schools will open with an excellent foundation and will continue to flourish.

As students head towards the halfterm holiday, remember that there are excellent revision sessions available next week for GCSE and A Level exams after the half term. Please see the website for details.

Please also be aware that this year our **Sports Day is on 25th June and will be for Years 7-9 only** (plus the GCSE Sport class in Year 10). All other Year 10 pupils, and the Sixth Form, will attend school for normal lessons/extended learning in key subject areas.

We wish all members of our school community a restful half term.

Yours faithfully,

Gerard McNamara
Headteacher
Barry Comprehensive School

Andrew Thompson
Head of School
Whitmore High School