



**QUEEN ELIZABETH HIGH SCHOOL
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NEWSPLETTER JULY 2011

Dear Parent/Carer

As we approach the end of another academic year, I am writing to update you on some issues of interest and some important dates.

Firstly, you may be aware that the Governors have recently appointed a new Headteacher for the school as the permanent replacement for Mr Tim Day. The new Head for 1 September 2011 will be Mr Peter Spencer who is currently the Head of Coedcae Comprehensive school in Llanelli. Mr Spencer will have the full support of the staff, leadership team and Governors as he settles into his new role to take the school forward in its next phase of development.

The end of a year is often a sad time as we bid farewell to a number of valued colleagues who will be leaving us for various reasons. The following members of staff will be retiring at the end of this term after contributing a combined total of 84 years of dedicated service to the children of Queen Elizabeth Maridunum, Queen Elizabeth Cambria and more recently, Queen Elizabeth High Schools.

- Mr Haldon Evans (Head of Music)
- Mr Ray Hendy (Teacher of DT)
- Ms Christine Baker (Teacher of Health & Social Care, Child Development and Science)
- Mrs Kate Lawson (PSHE Co-ordinator and Teacher of Science)
- Mr Wayne Wilkins (Teacher of History)
- Mrs Merril Parry (ALN Support Teacher)

They will be missed as colleagues and professionals and I am sure that you will join me in wishing them all a long, healthy and happy retirement and express gratitude to them all for the care and support they have provided to our children over many years.

Important diary dates

Wednesday 13 July 2011 – Activities Day (free out of uniform day for all pupils)

Thursday 14 July 2011 – End of term (there will be no early end to the day)

Thursday 18 August 2011 – A level and AS results

Thursday 25 August 2011 – GCSE results (Years 10 and 11)

Results will be issued from 9.00am and I would like to remind all parents that we cannot give out examination results over the telephone.

Friday 2 September 2011 – INSET Day

Monday 5 September 2011 – start of term for Years 7, 10 and 12

Tuesday 6 September 2011 – All pupils in school.

Uniform

I would like to draw your attention to the school uniform requirements and ask that all pupils are presented in the correct school uniform for the start of the new term. Full details can be found along with much other important information on the school website at www.gehs.org

Finally, as we embark on the long summer break and following the recent tragic death of one of our pupils, Kieran Bennett-Leefe, I would like to ask all parents/carers to discuss with their children the importance of paying close attention to their health and safety when at play, in particular around water. This clearly applies around beaches but especially around the river. The past week has been a difficult and traumatic one for the whole school community and one which I would wish never to experience again. I am sure that you will join with me, at this sad time, in sending our sincere condolences to Kieran's family and friends and assure them of the continued support from the school.

May I wish you all a pleasant, peaceful and hopefully sunny summer break.

Yours sincerely

P A Carter
Acting Headteacher