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Y Parc, Pontypwl, Torfaen, NP4 6XG

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Dear Parent/ Guardian,

NOTICE OF CONTROLLED ASSESSMENT- WELSH NOV/DEC 2016

I write to inform you that your son/daughter will be undertaking an extremely important GCSE controlled assessment over the coming 4 weeks (All groups will be recorded before Christmas). It is vital that he/she revises thoroughly before then and attends school on the date of recording. It is essential that your child arrives in school on time and brings with them the necessary revision notes.

He/She has been fully prepared for this assessment and should therefore be confident about its content and the various requirements of the task. He/She has been provided with revision materials and must prepare well *at home* for this examination which equates to **15% of their final GCSE grade** in Welsh.

EXPECTATIONS

Pupils are expected to research a particular facility in their area that they would like to renovate or improve. They will then engage in a group (or paired) discussion where each person presents/argues why *their* facility is most worthy of investment or renovation. He/She has been provided with a booklet which includes suitable Welsh language patterns to facilitate this discussion. Part two of the assessment is to write a persuasive article outlining that which is discussed by the group or pair.

Pupils may wish to consider researching and preparing for questions such as; when was the facility built? Who uses it at the moment? What are the potential usages? Are there other similar facilities in neighbouring towns that are better, more modern? Why does the facility need investment? How will it be funded? Are there facilities for the disabled? What does the facility contribute to the area- who uses it etc.? How the facility might help young people?

SUPPORT

To further support your son/ daughter there will be several revision sessions staffed by various members of the Welsh Department taking place before hand, during lunchtime and after-school. If your son/ daughter wishes to attend these revision sessions they it is essential that they "sign-up" with their Welsh teacher.

I would greatly appreciate your support in ensuring that your son/daughter revises thoroughly for their Speaking Examination and brings the necessary notes on the day of the test. If you have any questions about the requirements of the task please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Thanking you in anticipation of your support,

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