



CWMBRAN HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/ carers,

We are delighted that your son/ daughter has decided to join us here in Cwmbran High School from September 2023.

I would like to extend a very warm welcome to Cwmbran High School. It is a significant turning point in your child's education as they transfer to secondary school, and we look forward to working together with you over the coming years.

We are working closely with the primary schools to ensure the transition to secondary school is as smooth as possible. To aid this we have created a Google classroom for pupils to access a variety of activities from a range of subjects in CHS that pupils will be able to complete and share with us in September. This virtual classroom contains a video tour of the school to enable pupils to familiarise themselves with our school site and aid their completion of the pupil transition booklet - also available in the classroom. The school tour is available to view on both the CHS website and via our dedicated transition twitter page. - @transition_chs

As you may be aware we are in the process of changing our school uniform policy. This year we have been working closely with pupils and parents to design our new logo badge which will feature on our new school tie and blazer. Our new uniform policy will be phased in for pupils currently in Year 7-10, however, current Year 6 pupils will be expected to wear our new uniform as per the new policy. (Please see policy)

To support families, we will be providing all pupils joining us in September with our new school tie at no financial cost. Pupils are expected wear black school shoes- trainers will not be permitted from September 2023.

We aim to ensure that all of our pupils look smart and feel part of our school community, but not at the undue expense of families. While the school has a strong partnership with Pretty Miss in Cwmbran, it is important for families to know that only official school uniform needs to be purchased from Pretty Miss. We have ensured as a school that the cost of our uniform is affordable yet of the highest quality. All official items (school tie and logo badge) are only available from Pretty Miss. However, all other items can either be purchased from our supplier, other clothing stores or supermarkets. Please do not think that every item has to be purchased from one supplier.

I would also like to remind you of the 'School Essential' uniform grant of up to £225 per child per school year or £300 for current Year 6 pupils transferring to Year 7 available to qualifying parents to help with the financial costs of uniform. Please see link below for further information.

[School Essentials Grant | Torfaen County Borough Council](#)

Please note that families must apply for the grant prior the 30th June 2023 in order to receive the £300.00 which includes an additional £100.00 for 2023/24 only.

We thank you in advance for supporting our school uniform expectations. Should you have any queries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact myself tracey.abdulla@chs.schoolsedu.org.uk or Mrs Haynes (Head of Year 7) Cheryl.haynes@chs.schoolsedu.org.uk

We are pleased to invite you to our Year 6 Information Evening on **Monday 3rd July at 5pm until 7pm.** During this event you will have the opportunity to meet your child's form teacher and tour the school to see several departmental areas.

On **Wednesday 5th July 2023** we will be inviting all year 6 pupils transferring to us into school from 9.50 until 2.30pm. Pupils will be taking part in various activities throughout the day including spending time with their new form teacher and form class as well as a few taster lessons to experience high school life. We hope this day will be enjoyable for all. We would like you to drop the pupils to school by 9.50 and collect at 2.30 from the main school hall.

If you are happy for your son/ daughter to walk home please let us know via the Google Form link below. (Available on our website under transition)

<https://forms.gle/h87MEQMc1oJt8EMu5>

Cwmbran High School is confident in delivering high quality education. We have very talented and able pupils at Cwmbran High School and we are very much looking forward to working with you to inspire and develop your child, so they are able to realise their full potential.

Please read the Information Booklet as this contains vital information regarding your child's transition to Cwmbran. There are several forms which need to be completed as soon as possible using the link below. These forms include: Confidential Pupil Information, Medical Information, Cashless Catering and Parental permission slips for photographs and media use.

The staff at Cwmbran High School and I look forward to working with you in making your child's secondary education a rich and fulfilling experience.

Best wishes and kind regards,

Mrs Cheryl Haynes

Mrs Tracey Abdulla

Head of Year 7

Deputy Headteacher