

Our Ref: MMC/DMB

24th May 2019

Dear Parents,

At this time of year, we notice that some students begin to get anxious about where they will be next year. Some become anxious about a move to a new class or Key Stage, others about starting accredited courses in Key Stage 4. To that end a special assembly will be held in school on Monday 3rd June. During the assembly students and staff will be informed of their classes for the academic year 2019-2020. Students will then spend the remainder of the morning with their new tutor group. You will also be informed of the changes.

For the vast majority of students, the transition assembly is enough preparation. Students will essentially be working with the same staff they know but in a different context (E.g. as a tutor). Some students need the support of an extended transition. Where this is the case additional opportunities will be provided to spend time building relationships with the new tutor group. We find this works well in reducing worries over the summer break.

School welcomed back members of Sixth Form this week who had been away on a weeklong residential at the Conway Centre on Anglesey. The week is full of challenging, exciting, controlled risk taking aimed at further developing young people's decision making, confidence and self-esteem. By remembering the challenges, they overcame during the week students can face the challenges of the future. *'I did it at Conway, I can do it again now'*. I would like to thank Mr Kenny and Anthea Jackson for planning, organising and running the week. I would also like to thank and recognise the contribution made by the students- they were awesome. Despite the long days I don't think any of us (including the centre staff) felt like it was work.

Huge congratulations to a member of sixth form, who has completed his 'GOLD' Duke of Edinburgh award and submitted it for assessment. To complete any award within the D of E scheme is a significant achievement as it requires dedication, commitment and determination to see a challenge through. I am delighted with this outcome and thank Anthea Jackson (D of E lead in school) and her D of E team for the support they provide to students in order for them to have these opportunities. School closes for the Summer half term break on Friday 24th May and will re-open for students on Monday 3rd June. School will close for the Summer break on Wednesday 24th July. Have a safe and enjoyable half term break.

Yours faithfully,

**Mr McCann
Headteacher**



Headteacher: Mr M. McCann