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Dear Parent/Guardian,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you back to the new academic year and to update you on our most recent achievements as a school. I would also like to welcome the parents of our new Year 7 pupils for whom this week will be the start of an exciting new chapter in the lives of your children. I am delighted to report that as we start the year, we are over-subscribed in a majority of year groups.

On August 22nd, we were delighted to receive our best ever GCSE results. Many pupils in our 2019 cohort achieved excellent grades and a brilliant 99% of pupils achieved at least five GCSE's. We were especially pleased that 25% of Year 11 achieved at least 5A*/A grades – this is an outstanding achievement by the pupils. Just under 70% of pupils achieved 5 or more GCSE grades A*-C including English and Maths. In terms of the average points achieved, once all our data is finalised, we believe the average score for our pupils will be close to a staggering 400 points. This was achieved in part by the number of top grades achieved with just under three hundred A*/A grades awarded. As a school, we celebrate every grade achieved by every pupil.

Staffing

From September 2022, pupils will follow the new Welsh Government 'Successful Futures' Curriculum. In order to help plan its introduction, a major reorganisation of middle and senior leadership posts was carried out during the Spring term 2019. The new structure is largely based on the 6 'Areas of Learning Experience' (AoLE). From this September, our curriculum has been further improved with the introduction of Drama into Year 8 and 'World of Work (WoW) lessons for Year 9. The WoW lessons will allow all pupils to achieve a recognised qualification in personal finance and money matters over the course of the year.

Staffing structure with effect from this September:

Senior Leadership Team

Headteacher	Mr. D.A. Howells
Deputy Headteacher/Safeguarding Officer	Miss. G. Fiorillo
Assistant Headteacher	Miss. L. Evans
Assistant Headteacher	Mr. M. Kent
School Business Manager	Mrs. S. Jordan

Pastoral Team

Head of Wellbeing and Pastoral Care	Mrs. R. Evans
Head of Year 7 & Transition	Miss. J. Roberts
Pastoral/Attendance/ALN/Deputy safeguarding	Mrs. M. Harries
Pupil Attendance/Wellbeing Support	Mr. A. Goulden
School based Youth Worker	Mrs. M. Griffiths

Faculty/Department Leadership Team

Head of RE & Ethos	Mrs. R. Lawrence
Additional Learning Needs Coordinator	Mr. T. Earey
Head of Science & Technology	Mrs. C. Adams
Head of Mathematics/Numeracy	Mrs. J. Roberts
Head of English/Literacy	Mrs. V. Jones
Head of Wider Provision (Welsh Baccalaureate)	Mrs. A. James
Head of Expressive Arts (Music, Art, Drama)	Mrs. L. Sanders
Head of Humanities (History, Geography)	Mr. G. Sambrook
Head of Languages (Welsh, French)	Mrs. L. Ayers
Head of Health and Wellbeing (PE, PSE)	Mr. C. Lovell
Head of IT/Digital Competency	Miss. N. Jacob

This term we welcome a number of new staff to our team. Mrs. Victoria Jones from Ysgol Bryntawe, Swansea joins us as our new Head of English. We also welcome our new ALN Coordinator, Mr. Thomas Earey from Ysgol Penrhyn Dewi, Pembrokeshire.

Our Vision

As well as our existing school mission statement, this term we are launching a new 'Vision' for our school. Our school community, including parents and families, continues to strengthen and with us all working together, we will continue to develop. Our over-riding vision is quite simple – for us **to be brilliant every day**. In order to achieve this, there are five, non-negotiable principles that are shown below:

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Our Vision – To Be Brilliant Every Day.

Our community expects St. John Lloyd to be:

1. **A high performing school** - underpinned by Gospel values and respect;
2. **The best school** - where pupils and staff have **high expectations** of themselves and each other;
3. **A resilient school** - where pupils and staff see challenges as **opportunities to grow** and develop further;
4. **A happy school** - where **visitors are welcomed** and the highest standards of **behaviour** are expected at all times;
5. **A united school** - where our **collective effort** will promote excellence for us all. **We are #teamSJJL.**

School Uniform Reminder

Girls	Boys
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Navy skirt – pleated or A-line length • Navy Trousers; • White blouse; • School tie; • Navy V-neck jumper with school badge; 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Black or dark grey trousers; • White shirt; • School tie; • Navy V-neck jumper with school badge; • Black/grey socks;

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • White, black or navy socks; • Navy tights; • Black shoes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Black shoes.
<p>Jewellery and Hair:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One single stud earring is permissible in each ear. No facial piercings are allowed in school; • All other jewellery is forbidden on safety grounds; • No 'extreme' hairstyles or colours 	
<p>Ties: Year 7-9 wear the red and gold tie. Year 10 and 11 wear the navy and red tie. Prefects wear the burgundy tie. Ties are available from the school office.</p>	
<p>Coats: Only plain dark coats should be worn in navy, black or grey. Coats should be removed in lessons and in the main hall during break and lunch time. Pupils who choose to wear 'Hoodies' instead of coats to and from school must not wear these in school and they are to be kept in school bags during the day.</p>	
<p>The following items are not part of the school uniform and are <u>NOT</u> to be worn:</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jeans or trousers with leg pockets and zips; • Leather or denim jackets; • Leggings; • Any shoes with logos, coloured laces or coloured/white trim on the side; • Boots; • Hooded tops regardless of colour; • Ear 'stretchers', spike earrings, bracelets, bangles, wrist bands, rings, any other piercings; • Pupils are not allowed to wear plasters over piercings; • False/acrylic nails and nail varnish. 	

Types of plain black shoes that are allowed are shown below. Boots are not permitted. Trainers are only permitted if they are plain black.





Shoes such as the ones shown below, with white soles, coloured laces or any type of visible logo are not allowed.



Apart from our PE kit, school jumper and tie, all our school uniform items are available in-store or online from shops such as ASDA, Tesco and Marks & Spencer. This ensures that costs for families are kept to a minimum.

All items of uniform and PE kit are also available from Picton Sports and Toppers Schoolwear.

Our levels of school attendance and punctuality continue to be a major focus for this coming year and I am grateful for your continued support in helping us achieve our challenging targets. We have invested heavily in recognising excellent attendance and all pupils will continue to have opportunities to win rewards during the next year.


We are aware that over the summer, some family circumstances change. If any parent would like further information about how to apply for free school meals, please contact 01267 246521 / 246525 or [Email:FreeSchoolMeals@Carmarthenshire.gov.uk](mailto:FreeSchoolMeals@Carmarthenshire.gov.uk). The Carmarthenshire website also has an electronic application form which can be completed online. Alternatively, please contact the school reception staff who will also be happy to help with any queries you may have. Parents are also welcome to use the school IT facilities in order to help complete the online form. As you are aware, the school operates a 'cashless' catering system and pupils entitled to free school meals automatically have money credited to their school accounts. This ensures other pupils are not aware if a child is receiving free school meals.

Calendar

Attached to this letter is the main calendar for this year. This, along with all the latest news can be found on the school website at www.stjohnlloyd.co.uk as well as on our Twitter feed. Should any changes be made to the calendar, we will endeavour to let you know as soon as possible.

Thank you once again for your continued support and I look forward to welcoming you to our school during the course of the year.

Cofion cynnes/Yours sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Ashley Howells in black ink.

Ashley Howells
Headteacher