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Dear Parent / Carer

Welcome to George Pindar School

I hope this finds you well after the first two weeks of the academic year. We have been delighted to welcome our wonderful Year 7s to George Pindar School; they have already made a fantastic first impression on us and we are so pleased by the way they have integrated into school life. We are looking forward to getting to know them more in the weeks ahead and hope they will take every opportunity to join in with all the brilliant activities we have planned.

Attendance is our number one priority and I am delighted to let you know that Year 7 have made a superb start achieving 97.14% attendance over the first nine days in school. We know that every day counts to help students lay firm foundations for future success so please encourage your child to attend school every single day. Our rewards system is based on the collection of stamps and your child will receive a stamp on arrival at school every day and in every lesson - these stamps are counted up weekly and students can 'buy' rewards like queue jumper tickets or tuck shop vouchers at the end of each term. We also offer incentives to students who achieve 100% attendance each week with tickets to the 100 Club to enter into our prize draw - please let your child know that they need to be in to win! If you have any queries about attendance, or your child is having difficulties with attendance, please contact school - we are here to help.

We are so pleased by the way students have adapted to our new uniform and our website provides reminders of our uniform expectations. Please ensure your child's name is written on the label on the jumper. I would like to remind all families that we expect every student to carry a bag with them to school where they can put their school planner and equipment including a black or blue pen, green pen, pencil, ruler and calculator as a minimum. It is vital that students bring their own equipment to school to speed up learning and I am grateful for your help in ensuring your child is well equipped for school.

I am keenly aware of the importance of home-school communication to ensure that your child can succeed and we want to work with families to strive for success. I would strongly encourage you to download the Edulink App which gives you a quick method of checking your child's attendance, achievement points, behaviour and timetable, or bookmark the Edulink website address so you can check in on your child's progress. If you have any difficulties with your login, please contact the school office.

Our 'Beyond The 25' programme has already started and students can sign up to a variety of activities including football, badminton, gymnastics, fitness, homework club and more. Please encourage your child to join in with clubs and try something new in 2025! Trips and visits including sports fixtures will start soon so please complete the annual consent form which was emailed to you last week. If you have any queries, please contact the school office.

As you are no doubt aware, Year 7 students had their new school photographs on Friday 5 September and a flyer showing their image with ordering details was handed out last week.

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Please ask your child to check their bag / pockets if you have not already seen this flyer and contact school if you have any questions.

Finally, please be aware that Year 7 students will take 'CATS' online assessments on Tuesday during lesson time. These assessments are not a test or an exam and students cannot revise for these; instead they give the school a really good insight into your child's underlying reasoning skills which helps us when we are teaching them throughout school life. Please ensure your child attends school on Tuesday (and always!) so the tests can be completed as efficiently as possible.

I would like to thank you again for choosing George Pindar School for your child's education and for your support as we seek to help your child strive for success. I look forward to seeing you soon.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'L Welsh'.

Lesley Welsh

Principal | George Pindar School