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Dear Parent / Carer,

This half term has been a very busy and successful one. Year 7 pupils have settled in very well, as have pupils who have joined us in other year groups. The cashless system in the canteen has been successfully introduced and the number of children having lunch in school has increased since the new caterers have taken over. Our IT network system has changed to enable pupils to have easier access at other establishments within Caerphilly that are also connected to this learning domain.

We are very proud that recently published information shows that Pontllanfraith Comprehensive School has made significant improvement in the standards achieved by pupils at the end of Year 11. Our performance in all the main indicators is above the average for all secondary schools in Caerphilly. One of the **vitaly important indicators** is the percentage of pupils who achieve GCSE grade C or above in **English, Maths and Science**. This crucial figure for maintained schools across the borough ranged from 31% to 50%, with our result being an impressive 50%. You may also find the following information useful. The list below outlines the percentage pass rate at C or above for some of our other departments:

Biology	86%	Chemistry	86%
Physics	91%	Geography	71%
History	81%	Music	85%
Music Technology	100%	Spanish	72%
Welsh	100%	PE	71%
DIDA	80%	Additional Maths	100%

Future events you need to be aware of this term are:

- **Wednesday 20th October - Prize Evening Ceremony** to celebrate the achievements of last year's year 11 students.
- **Friday 22nd October** - Staff training day - no school for pupils
- Week commencing **25th October** - Half term holiday
- **1st November** - school recommences after the half term break
- **12th November:** Year 11 Tutor Review Day. This is to update parents about progress of their children early on in the year so we can work together to ensure every child reaches their potential. Normal school day for pupils in other year groups.
- **23rd to 25th November:** The school musical 'Little Shop of Horrors' - more details to follow.
- **6th December to 16th December** - Mock exams for year 11.
- **13th & 14th December:** Tutor review days for years 7 to 10. This will give you an opportunity to visit the school to have an update on the progress of your child.
- **17th December** - last day of term followed by the Christmas Holidays.

Details of other term dates and staff training days can be found on our website in the Parents section.

Yours sincerely,

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