



Our Ref: DH/MC

19<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians

Yesterday was a very tough day for everyone at the school when we were informed that all schools will close their gates as of the end of the day on Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020. There are no clear guidelines as to how long our learners will be off school.

However, the Education Minister, Kirsty Williams stated the following:

*"I have to be clear with parents today, I am not anticipating that we will be able to get schools back to normal after the Easter break. They won't be back to normal for a considerable period of time".*

The change to our daily routines will cause considerable upheaval in our lives.

In order to continue with their education, we will provide work for children of all ages to complete using Show My Homework. All learners will be reminded over the next two days on how to access this facility.

This is a deeply upsetting time for all and we, as a school, will endeavour to ensure that we communicate everything with you in a timely manner via our school website [www.brynelian.conwy.sch.uk](http://www.brynelian.conwy.sch.uk) and our social media platforms.

We have also arranged for support to be available for all learners over the next couple of days to help them comprehend the massive changes ahead.

In relation to learners who were due to take external exams in the Summer Series, we have been notified that examinations for this summer **WILL NOT TAKE PLACE**. Examination Boards and the Welsh Government will determine how grades will be awarded for these learners.

As tomorrow, **FRIDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2020**, will effectively be the last day for Years 11 and 13, we are proposing to use the day to celebrate and say our goodbyes in the form of a leavers' assembly and a get-together for Years 11 and 13 in the Sixth Form Centre. Here they will be able to sign each other's shirts, have photos taken and generally end their schooling on a happy note.

I have held an assembly for Years 11 and 13 this morning to update them. This was an emotional assembly and I have to say how incredibly proud I was of the maturity they all displayed under very uncertain circumstances.



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I am also very proud of my staff who have worked tirelessly in making sure that there is work available for learners to complete during this enforced closure and I am particularly proud of the way they have cared for our learners over the last few unsettling days.

I am grateful to all parents and guardians for their continued support. Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any worries or concerns.

I wish you and your family well and look forward to the time that we can re-open the school again. We are a great school community who help each other and long may this continue.

Yours faithfully

**Mr Dave Humphreys**  
**Headteacher**