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Letter to all parents and carers of students at The John Frost School

Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to extend a special welcome to our Year 7 students who will be joining us in September and to inform you all of important details and information you will need for September:

Tuesday 1 September	INSET – school closed for students
Wednesday 2 September	Year 7 only in school; Year 12 Enrolment
Thursday 3 September	Year 7 - Year 11 and Y13 in school
Friday 4 September	Year 7, Year 10 & Year 12 school photographs; Year 12 Transition Morning

This phased approach will allow us to safely welcome all students back into school and prepare them for the new term.

- 1. Buses** – Newport Transport provide all buses. Please visit their website at www.newportbus.co.uk
- 2. School Uniform** - We are very proud of our reputation for excellent uniform and all students should be wearing full John Frost School uniform when they return in September. You will find a list of school uniform items and prices on our website. <https://www.thejohnfrostschoool.co.uk/page/?title=Uniform&pid=43>

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

- **Black shoes** only are to be worn (sensible style for all day comfort and safety; **trainers are not allowed**)
- **Jewellery is not allowed** (other than studs in the ear) for health and safety reasons – this includes facial piercings.
- Students can wear black or grey **opaque** tights or grey knee-high socks with a skirt.
- If your child has an extreme haircut, please ensure that this grows out before September. The same applies to brightly dyed hair. **The Headteacher has the final say on this.**
- Make-up can be worn; however, it needs to be natural and suitable for a professional workplace. No false eyelashes or excessive make-up is permitted.
- Nail varnish can be worn; however, it must be a discreet colour. Nails must be a short, safe length so as not to cause injury to self or others. **NO** false nails or extensions are permitted as this breaches health and safety.

3. **School Bags** - These should be dark, plain and big enough to carry all equipment. They should not be bright/logoed fashion accessories.

4. **Exam Results**

A' level Results Day - Thursday 13 August 2026 - 8.30am to 11.00am

All Year 12 and 13 results for GCE (AS and A2); BTECS; LIBF and Welsh Baccalaureate will be available to collect from the school library between 8.30am - 11.00am. Destination support will be available from school staff and a colleague from the University of South Wales will also be present to provide students with any advice they need, specifically should any student need to apply for a university place through Clearing. Students who are unable to attend will be emailed results to their Hwb account in the afternoon.

GCSE Results Day - Thursday 20 August 2026 - 8.30am to 11.00am

All Year 11 (and Year 10) results for GCSEs; BTECS; LIBF; NCFE; Agored Cymru and Welsh Baccalaureate will be available to collect from the school library between **8.30am-11.00am**. Mr Shinton and Mr Underwood will be available to sign students up to the Sixth Form. Support will also be available for any students who fall short of entry requirements. **Year 11** students who are unable to attend will have their results emailed to their *Hwb* account in the afternoon. **Year 10** students who are unable to attend will be able to collect their results from Student Reception when they return to school in September.

5. Parents **must** use ParentPay (our cashless method) to pay for school meals. There is no option to pay for school lunch by cash. Parents/carers can also pay for school trips via our ParentPay site. If you have not yet registered for ParentPay, please contact Mrs Watkins, WatkinsT50@Hwbcymru.net who will provide you with details of how to do this.
6. To keep up to date with all school news, information and updates, please regularly visit our website at www.thejohnfrostschoool.co.uk and/or our social media sites; **Facebook** - The John Frost School **Instagram** -@tjfschool
7. Free school meals entitlement is for students who attend school full-time; this includes sixth form students. Please note that students who return to Y12 and Y13 will have to make a new application if they wish to continue to have free school meals. Your child may be eligible if you get any of the following:
- Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit
 - National Asylum Seekers Support Benefit
 - Universal Credit household annual income less than £7400

It is important to the school that all those entitled to claim meals do so, even if your child only eats lunch in school a few times in the year. The school receives additional funding for free school meals, which will be spent on your child's education. To apply please follow this link:

<https://www.newport.gov.uk/en/Schools-Education/Schools/School-meals/Free-school-meals.aspx>

- If you are claiming for the first time and need help with filling in the application form, please contact the school.

- Applications can be made at any time during the year if there is a change in circumstances. Complete the on-line application form.
- Application forms can be downloaded for you in school (in term time) or from Newport City Council (outside of term time) by telephoning 01633 656656.
- Applications should ideally arrive no later than the end of the summer term so that they can be processed for the start of the new school year.

What other support is available?

Families that have traditionally qualified for free school meals can still access additional support, but must apply to the Council. Support includes - [School essentials grant](#)

8. Please can all parents ensure we have an accurate contact number and email address in case of an emergency and to ensure you receive all school correspondence. Can parents of our Year 7 students ensure they have completed the online forms, which have been sent by email. If you have not received an email, please contact the school.

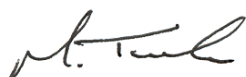
Year 7 students should report to the main hall on their first day. There will be staff on hand to meet them. Y7 students can use the canteen from their very first day, though some may like to bring a packed lunch for the first few weeks while they are getting used to their new surroundings and we do recommend this where possible.

9. We are excited to announce that from September, we will be using Starlight as part of our commitment to continuous school improvement and high-quality teaching. Starlight supports teacher professional development by analysing classroom practice and provides personalised, evidence-informed coaching and feedback, helping staff to further enhance learning experiences and outcomes for all students. As part of this process, some lessons will be audio recorded so that Starlight can analyse classroom interactions and provide teachers with developmental insights; these recordings are used solely for professional learning purposes and are managed in line with data protection requirements.

A final plea for parents to get involved in the PTA. Please remember, this is your school - help us to make it even better; with your input our students will achieve even more!

I hope you have a safe and enjoyable summer, and we look forward to welcoming our students back to school in September.

Yours sincerely



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