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## YSGOL GATHOLIG CRIST Y GAIR CHRIST THE WORD CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Dear Parent / Carer,

I am writing to thank you for all your support during yet another busy and successful year. The staff and children have adapted well and supported each other through what has been the most challenging academic year I can remember. We are looking forward to September and we are currently planning to revert back to our 'normal school times', which you can find in the table below.

	Nursery AM	Nursery PM	Lower School	Upper School
Start	9.00am	12.30am	8:55am	8.50am
Finish	11.30am	3.00pm	3.15pm	3.30pm

Parents and carers of our new Nursery children have already been contacted regarding a phased start into our school, as an additional measure to ensure the September start runs smoothly, we have implemented a further phased start as shown below:

Year Group	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> September
Reception A	8.55am – 3.15pm		8.55am – 3.15pm
Reception B		8.55am – 3.15pm	8.55am – 3.15pm
Lower School	8.55am- 3.15pm	8.55am- 3.15pm	8.55am- 3.15pm
Year 7	8.50am – 3.30pm	8.50am – 3.30pm	8.50am – 3.30pm
Year 8	9.50am – 3.30pm	8.50am – 3.30pm	8.50am – 3.30pm
Year 9		12.00pm – 3.30pm	8.50am – 3.30pm
Year 10		11.00am – 3.30pm	8.50am – 3.30pm
Year 11		9.50am – 3.30pm	8.50am – 3.30pm

We are looking forward to many exciting developments in the new academic year. Earlier this week, we had the pleasure of interviewing three of our Year 11 leavers to undertake an Apprenticeship with us next year. We are pleased to announce that all three candidates were successful and we look forward to working with them next year as they take up the roles of ICT Apprentice, Teaching Assistant Apprentice (Key Stage 2) and Teaching Assistant Apprentice (Early Years). We have worked hard to continue to encourage our learners to develop our Nurture Garden and bees. We plan to expand this into next year with the introduction of our 'Haven' resource, this will help to support our learners in giving back to our community via the produce they have grown and the honey from our bees.

Amongst all this, the Covid-19 situation is changing on a daily basis and everyone's safety will always be the priority and we continue to work with both Denbighshire County Council and TTP (Wales) to ensure each member of our school community feels safe in school.

To those parents/carers and students who are leaving us this year, and no siblings remain in the school, I do hope that your time with us has been a happy one, that you feel we have supported your child well and that they have been given a range of opportunities whilst in our care. To those parents/carers of students who are joining us in Year 7 or other years, we look forward to you joining our community.

Finally, please accept my best wishes for a very enjoyable, safe and peaceful summer break. I look forward to working with you all in the new academic year.

With best wishes,



Amanda Preston

Headteacher