

# MAESTEG SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

As we approach the end of another term, and the start of the Christmas holiday, I would like to thank you all for your continued support of both the school and your child. Maesteg School pupils continue to impress me with their compassion for one another and their determination to succeed. As parents you can read of pupils' achievements in our termly newsletter and regular Twitter updates to help us celebrate their successes. If you know of any achievements that we may not already be aware of, please contact the school's publicity officer, Mr Dan Shaw.

We will host our annual **Christmas Concert at 6:00pm on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2019**. We would like to see as many of you there as possible to celebrate the festive period and to support our children and the Creative Arts faculty.

As you may be aware, the Welsh education system is undergoing significant change and reform. Teachers are expected to change the way that they teach and the content of the curriculum is due to change radically. As a result, Welsh Government have allocated additional INSET days to allow schools to prepare for the new curriculum which will be launched in January 2020. **The school will be closed** to allow staff to work on this new curriculum **on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December and Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2019**.

Details of the new curriculum for Wales are available by following the link on the school's website or by following the link here <https://gov.wales/education-changing>

**School will end for pupils at the usual time on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December**. I look forward to welcoming pupils back to school on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2020 when it will be WEEK 2 of the timetable**.

**January 2020** will, no doubt, bring numerous New Year's Resolutions'. Can you please support ours by not allowing your child to bring unhealthy, sugary drinks to school. Jumpers are a compulsory element of school uniform and hoodies are not permitted. Please support us in our efforts to instil in our pupils a sense of pride in our uniform; they represent everything that we as a school community, stand for when they wear it.

Please remember that Our Year 10 pupils will be sitting the **English Literature exam** on the morning of **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2020**. Good luck to you all but please remember to revise 'Of Mice and Men' and perfect your poetry techniques in between all of the festivities.

In the meantime, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

From all at Maesteg School

Yours sincerely,

Mrs H. Jones

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