



Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2022

Dear Parent or Carer,

I need to write to you to inform about a difficult decision the school has had to make.

Over the last few weeks we have lost two of our Welsh teachers – these staff will return but are not currently with us and in one case unlikely to return for some time. This has huge implications for the teaching of Welsh as we have not been able to secure Welsh-speaking cover for staff – this means we now have only one part time teacher of Welsh to cover the entire curriculum (with some support from another).

We will continue to try and source cover but at the moment the teaching of Welsh in some years is simply not possible. I am suggesting that some pupils (but not all) will no longer study a Welsh Language GCSE in Years 10 and 11. These pupils will undertake a different qualification that is based on Welsh culture and Society but is not language based. This will be a full GCSE qualification for them. and will support access into College.

We will endeavour to maintain Welsh Language provision for as many as we can - including at GCSE for some in Years 10 and 11 and for other years - to maintain the continuity of learning. If staffing matters improve we will of course make sure all pupils return to their study of Welsh.

I know this will be as disappointing for you as for us but this is a rare situation where there are simply not enough staff to teach a specific subject in Wales – something that is affecting lots of schools currently.

I thank you in anticipation of your ongoing support.

Best wishes

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Headteacher