



HAWTHORN HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Your son/daughter will be taking part in an Assessment fortnight as part of their Welsh BaccaLaureate Qualification. This starts on Monday 15th June and has been planned to commence after the AS exams. Attendance is compulsory.

The Welsh BaccaLaureate Qualification is worth 120 UCAS points at A Level and is graded A*-C. It is made up of different components including Essential and Key Skills, an individual research project, 30 hours of voluntary work and a reflective diary. There is no exam but pupils can only pass the Welsh BaccaLaureate if they successfully complete each element.

During the fortnight various activities will take place including an off-site trip to the Senydd. There will be no additional cost for this trip and transport will be provided to and from school within the school day. There will be the opportunity during the trip for pupils to purchase their own lunch or if they would prefer they can bring their own packed lunch.

The work that the pupils produce during this assessment fortnight will count towards their Welsh BaccaLaureate Qualification. The expectation for all pupils in Year 12 is that by the end of this fortnight they will have successfully completed the Candidate Diary and any outstanding skills. This will leave the investigation to complete in Year 13. Pupils will be given the opportunity to work on this over the summer holidays if they wish to get ahead.

All pupils will have completed some elements of this work already and will be put into groups depending on what they still have to complete. Pupils will be expected to supplement the work we do during the day with additional work at home to ensure they complete all work by the end of the fortnight. This is vital if they wish to successfully pass the Welsh BaccaLaureate and achieve the grade they are capable of. Many of our current Year 13 pupils have secured their first choice of University place because of their level of achievement in the Welsh BaccaLaureate.

Pupils will be expected to wear full school uniform each day except on the days when they are on the trip when they can choose to wear their own clothes.

Please can you complete the attached consent form and return it to Mrs Lee by Monday 11th May.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs G Lee
Head of Welsh BaccaLaureate and Skills

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