

13<sup>th</sup> December 2021

Dear Parents, Carers, Guardians and Students

I hope you are all well and managing to cope with the increasing challenges the new Omicron variant of Covid-19 is causing across the country.

We have done everything we can to remain open this term to all students, but it has become increasingly challenging over the last few weeks. Staff absence due to Covid, general illness, the effects of vaccinations, booster vaccinations and the inability to get supply/cover staff has reached a critical point. Regrettably, we are unable to cover all lessons, nor can we sufficiently supervise all areas of the school at lunch and break times to ensure the health and safety of all our students. **As a result, we have taken the decision to move to online learning for years 8, 9 and 10 from Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2021.**

Work will be available online, which can be accessed using the following Google Classroom Codes:

- **Year 8** - rwud7oj
- **Year 9** - l6vjq23
- **Year 10** - zvqfnni

It is more difficult for parents to leave Year 7 children at home alone due to their age, so we will continue to open to Year 7. We are also keen to keep Year 11 in school so that we can give them every opportunity to learn and produce the work necessary to achieve their potential in the summer examinations, or potentially in the Centre Assessed Grades approach that happened last year.

The welfare of your children is our priority and regrettably we feel this is the best way forward at the present time. We will continually review the situation and if the staffing position changes such that we can guarantee being able to open to all students until the end of term, we will be in touch.

On behalf of all the staff and governors at Ysgol Treffynnon I want to wish you all a wonderful and happy Christmas and New Year.

Please stay safe and help look after one another.

Yours sincerely



John Weir  
Head Teacher