



Year 11 Assembly

Second Edition



A message from Mr Cotter.....

I hope you are all keeping safe and well. Hopefully you are also keeping busy, looking forward to your future studies/jobs, taking up a new hobby or helping out around the house! It is important you don't sit in front of a screen all day. Keep your body and mind busy. It has been nice to see people while I have been on my daily exercise, on my bike or running. If I did see you I apologise for not stopping but I could hardly breathe or was trying was to watch my accident prone children on their bikes!

Hopefully by the time you read this you will already have had your hoodies and photographs, I know you really wanted these and hopefully they have raised your spirits! Again I really enjoyed seeing the people I delivered to and I know Mrs Mainwaring felt the same. All we need now is some cooler weather so you can get them on!

I have also been asked about leavers assembly/prom etc. We hope that when we can we can run all the events that you would have had if not for the lockdown, we will try and do something. It will be nice for us ALL to get together again, and look back at your time in school, particularly the old photos and I for one am looking forward to it!

I am also setting up a google classroom, so that if you need to contact me for any reason you can join and we can keep in contact this way. The code is **73ysght**. This will be for communication only, if you want extra biology you can always ask!

Look after yourselves and keep safe!

Mr Cotter



Taking the Next Step.

Since the last assembly I have been in contact with some of you about your future plans and choices. It is important that if you have been offered a place on a course you respond and accept any offer you wish to take. It is also important to make sure you have applied. Don't wait for your results, you need to take action to make sure the course you want isn't full, don't leave things to chance.

If you need advice or need to research information Careers Wales are very helpful.

www.careerswales.gov.wales


I can also share the Careers Advisors email should you have ANY Questions.

sara.llewellyn@careerswales.com

Or you could always contact me via Google Classroom and I will try and find an answer.

<http://www.cymoedd.ac.uk/hello> - This is useful if you are going to Coleg y Cymoedd. It will give you useful info, including email addresses to contact the people you need.

This could also be useful in finding things out or asking questions.



Live chat with us  **Gyrfa Cymru
Careers Wales**

Careers Wales has launched its Wales-wide live chat with careers advisers, so young people and their parents can still get vital careers advice around their options and next steps, whilst schools and colleges are closed.



We can help:

- School pupils who are unsure on their next steps following recent decisions around school closures and exams
- Further education students who want to understand their options and what happens next
- Parents who are worried or concerned about their child's future options and career
- Young people who are normally educated at home.


How do I access live chat?




The live chat facility is available Monday to Thursday: 9am to 5pm, Friday: 9am to 4:30pm.

- Visit careerswales.gov.wales and click on the 'chat now' icon at the bottom of the home page.
- Choose the option to speak to one of our advisers about choices in school/college or once you/your child leave full-time education.
- You will then be diverted through to one of our expert careers advisers.

Don't forget we have a host of resources, tools and information available on our website. Why not try the fun Buzz Quiz app at home as a family to find out which animal you are!

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0800 028 4844  Webchat  post@careerswales.gov.wales

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If you attending/ or thinking about Coleg Y Cymoedd they are holding a virtual open event on 3rd June. The details are as follows:

There are 2 sessions planned:

1.11am - 12

2.2pm - 3pm

The link is <https://www.cymoedd.ac.uk/en/open-events>

The format is:

- Welcome from the Principal
- Live Q & A with staff
- Live Chat with our tutors from subject areas
- Hear from our current learners on student life at Coleg y Cymoedd
- Virtual tours of our campuses and facilities

You will need to be registered before hand but this is straightforward to do.

For those pupils attending Crosskeys College

- There will be a Webinar very soon which will give you Information and a chance to ask questions if you need to.
- The college will also be putting resources on Google, which will be subject specific and will enable to start looking at your new courses and engage your brains! We will get the codes to you when we know them.
- More Information to follow and I will let you know more when I can.



Looking Forward

I know it feels like the end of something, with your time at IHS coming to a close, but it's not, it's the start of the next chapter of your lives! This is an exciting time, this means that the opportunities are endless, you can do or become what ever you want. As I have said before grab these opportunities with both hands and run with them! If you haven't met your full potential yet, what are you going to do about it? You now get to choose your future path, no longer will people dictate what subjects you have to do, the choice is yours, it's your time to shine! At the moment the world is your oyster, you are building a future for yourself, follow your dreams and do what makes you happiest.

I have included a video clip that I have used before, It has stories from people and how they made a success of their lives and thought it may be useful for you to take a look at.

Enjoy!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R7iN71uJcG0>