

**8<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

**re: WM/ParentsCarersLetter/Feb2024**

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you're well.

As we come to the end of another fantastic term, we reflect on our achievements as one Federation, within each of our wonderful schools.

### **School Development Plans**

During this term, each school has worked hard at embedding our School Development Plans and the impact is being demonstrated through our self-evaluation exercises. I'm really pleased to see the progress that we're making as we continue to provide a fantastic and bespoke curriculum to pupils across the Federation.

To access these School Development Plans, please visit the Federation website, with the link provided <https://www.westernlearningfederation.co.uk/school-development-plans/>

### **Recruitment**

It's again been a busy term where we've appointed Teachers, Senior Teaching Assistants and Teaching Assistants across the Federation. The quality and the number of applications we received were outstanding and I'd like to thank our dedicated governors and leaders who have supported our recruitment over the last few weeks. A huge congratulations to those staff who have been appointed.

### **Ty Gwyn Extension Building Project**

As you know, Ty Gwyn School will be having an extension added to the rear of the school to provide 3 additional classroom spaces and work is progressing well since we returned from the Christmas break.

As the completion of this project comes closer, we'll be holding a question and answer session for families online and in person to ask any questions you may have. Once handover has been completed to the Federation from the Council, I'd be delighted to welcome you to visit the new provision as part of planned tours, with further information to be provided in due course.

## **Fairwater Campus Building Project- Riverbank and Woodlands Schools, with Cantonian High School**

I'm really pleased to share with you that progress continues to be made as we work with colleagues across Cardiff Council, ISG and MACE in relation to this outstanding opportunity at the Fairwater Campus. Meetings continue on a weekly basis as we work through plans and information sharing.

On Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2024, staff and pupils attended the Ground-Breaking Ceremony to celebrate a key milestone within the project and provide opportunities for pupils and staff to be part of the project, please keep an eye on our Social Media channels for updates: @CardiffWestern @RiverbankSch @WoodlandsHS

ISG have provided a newsletter for Parents and Carers which I've attached as part of my letter to you outlining all the progress that has been made to date, with some introductions to the site team who will be delivering the project. A number of engagement sessions will be held with Parents/Carers over the spring and summer terms and we look forward to hearing your views and feedback.

Please see the term dates for 2023-24 below:

### **Spring Term 2024**

Starts: Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Ends: Friday 22 March 2024

Half Term: 25<sup>th</sup> March 2024- 5<sup>th</sup> April 2024

### **Summer Term 2024**

Starts: Monday 8 April 2024

Half term: Monday 27 May 2024 to Friday 31 May 2024

Ends: Monday 22 July 2024

**Please see below the remaining Inset Days for the 2023-2024 Academic Year**

<b>Riverbank</b>	<b>Ty Gwyn</b>	<b>Woodlands</b>
8 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	24 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	28 <sup>th</sup> June 2024
22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2024	22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2024	22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2024

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I'd like to wish you a happy and enjoyable half term break and we'll see you in the new term.

Yours sincerely,

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