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Dear prospective Parent / Guardian,

I hope that you are all keeping safe and well during this uncertain time.

During the first half term of the new academic year, we usually welcome prospective parents and pupils to our Open Evening. However, due to the current situation we are unable to invite visitors to the school, and therefore, we are in the process of preparing a video for you summarising all the excellent provision that we have on offer at the school. The link will be sent on to you within the next fortnight.

Mrs Elias, Head of Year 7, and Mrs Morgan, Deputy Head of Year 7 have already started sharing information about Ysgol Dyffryn Aman with pupils through virtual meetings. These meetings will continue following the half term break.

### **Questionnaire**

The process of transferring from primary to secondary school can be a very difficult experience, not only for the pupils, but also for parents, and I'm sure that you will have a number of questions that you would like to ask about the school. To this end, we have created a questionnaire that will allow you and your child to make a note of any questions that you might have about any aspect of the school. After we've received all the responses, we will then create one document to answer all your questions. We kindly ask you to complete the document by Friday, November 13th.

The link needed to access this document is:

<https://forms.gle/sySc3rZ5Yme1chn89>

### **Estyn Inspection**

During November 2019, the school was inspected by Estyn, and the full report can be read by clicking the following link:

<https://www.estyn.gov.wales/system/files/2020-08/Ysgol%2520Dyffryn%2520Aman%2520en.pdf>

### **Effective Practice Report**

Recently, it was a privilege to be invited to write an effective practice report about how we support the wellbeing of pupils as they transition from primary to secondary school. Please click on the following link to access the report:

[https://www.estyn.gov.wales/effective-practice/support-wellbeing-during-transition-primary-secondary?\\_ga=2.86359640.1356114683.1603401285-1069278801.1603401285](https://www.estyn.gov.wales/effective-practice/support-wellbeing-during-transition-primary-secondary?_ga=2.86359640.1356114683.1603401285-1069278801.1603401285)

You will need to ensure that you have applied for a place at Secondary School by Friday, December 18th. Please visit the county website in order to complete an online application form.

[www.carmarthenshire.gov.wales](http://www.carmarthenshire.gov.wales)

We look forward to sharing our video with you within the next couple of weeks, as well as receiving your responses to the questionnaire. We would also like to encourage you to take a look at our website [www.dyffrynaman.org](http://www.dyffrynaman.org) as well as following our Twitter and Facebook pages.

In the meantime, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to email [fiona.elias@dyffrynaman.org](mailto:fiona.elias@dyffrynaman.org)

Yours sincerely



Headteacher