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Dear Parents / Guardians,

Firstly, I would like to extend a warm welcome to you all to the new academic year. It was lovely to welcome all pupils back to School with each learner displaying renewed energy ready to work to the best of their ability to reach their potential.

It gives me great pleasure to introduce to you our new staff who have joined us this term: Mr Elidir Dafydd (Head of Welsh), Mrs Amy Wright (Science), Mrs Holly Ellis (Music), Miss Emma Grimes (Mathematics), Mr Dafydd Millard (Physical Education). We also welcome new members to our support team in the Adran Gynnal namely Mrs Lowri Hughes, Miss Martha Rees Swain, Miss Erin Brittain Jones. We also welcome Miss Jodie McCarthy (Inclusion Officer) and Miss Elin Owen (Welsh Language Officer) and very much look forward to working with them in order to provide the best possible education for our pupils.

Over the summer, we received our A Level, Vocational, AS and GCSE results and I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all pupils on their excellent grades. Pupils at the School have once again shone across a wide range of subjects and everyone from Canolfan Gwenallt has been awarded a place in University, Apprenticeship or jobs in the world of work. I wish them all well and thank them for their dedicated commitment and support to the school.

Here is a recap of important practical arrangements.

School Uniform:

From Monday, secondary pupils are expected to wear the school's official winter uniform: shirt and tie, school jumper, black trousers / black skirt and shoes and all pupils will be required to change for PE lessons.

ParentPay / School lunches:

Year 7 pupils have been registered to be able to use the biometric system. We kindly ask you to ensure that your child has money on their account and transfer regularly as lack of funds can cause problems for pupils and the system as we do not accept cash. A set meal costs £2.90. If you think you would qualify for free school meals, click here for more information <https://www.npt.gov.uk/1317>



Class Charts:

As you know, we have moved to a new online communication system. Currently 1,350 parents have registered and have created their Class Charts account; therefore, if you have yet to register, please do so as soon as possible. From Monday, we will be sending all school communications including messages regarding your child's attendance through Class Charts. We would also encourage you to report any absences through the Class Charts app. If you have had a problem with registering for Class Charts, please contact the school for support. All students from year 7-13 will have received their student Class Charts access code this week, please ensure that they have activated their account as all set homework and student communication will be via the app from Monday onwards.

Attendance and punctuality:

Increasing the attendance of our pupils is a priority for us; if your child is not present then they are not learning. We will monitor attendance very closely and expect each pupil to aim for 95% or more. We ask for your joint co-operation in this priority to ensure that everyone has the best chance of realising their potential. **Punctuality:** Remember, School starts at 8.40am (secondary) and 8.40am. (Primary) – all pupils must be on site by these times.

Ysgol Gymraeg Ystalyfera Bro Dur website

Our new website is live and contains a huge amount of vital information such as: Curriculum information, key dates, important contacts, policies and letters, please remember to use the website as a point of contact to receive updates of school procedures.

INSET days and School Holidays for 2023-24

Season	Start of Term	Holidays	End of term
Autumn term 2023	September 4, 2023	October 30 - November 3 2023	December 21, 2023(HMS December 22)
Spring 2024	January 8, 2024	February 12-16 2024	March 22, 2024
Summer Term 2024	April 8, 2024	May 27 - 31, 2024	July 19, 2024

Inset Days 2023-24:
Friday 1st September 2023 Friday 27th October 2023 (Primary ONLY) Monday 20th November 2023 Friday 22nd December 2023 Friday 9th February 2024 (Secondary ONLY) Friday 28th June 2024 Monday 15th July 2024



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Pwyll Class:

We send Mr Alex Williams our very best wishes for his surgery which is scheduled for the end of September. The temporary arrangements for Pwyll will be shared with you in due course and we look forward to having Mr Williams back with us when he is fully recovered.

I look forward to working closely with you once again this year, if you have any concerns or questions, please contact us so that early solutions can be achieved.

Sincerely

Head

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Annwyl Rieni / Warcheidwaid,

Croeso cynnes i'r flwyddyn academiaidd newydd. Braff oedd gweld yr holl ddisgyblion yn ôl i'r Ysgol gyda phob un yn barod gydag egni newydd i weithio hyd eithaf eu gallu er mwyn cyrraedd eu potensial.

Ar ddechrau tymor newydd hoffwn gyflwyno i chi staff newydd sydd wedi dod i'n plith: Mr Elidir Dafydd (Pennaeth y Gymraeg), Mrs Amy Wright (Adran Wyddoniaeth), Mrs Holly Ellis (Adran Gerddoriaeth), Miss Emma Grimes (Adran Fathemateg), Mr Dafydd Millard (Adran Addysg Gorfforol). Rydym hefyd yn croesawu aelodau newydd i'n tîm cefnogi yn yr adran gynnal sef Mrs Lowri Hughes, Miss Martha Rees Swain, Miss Erin Brittain Jones. Rydym hefyd yn croesawu Miss Jodie McCarthy (Swyddog cynhwysiant) a Miss Elin Owen (Swyddog y Gymraeg) atom ac yn edrych ymlaen yn fawr iawn at gael cyd-weithio gyda nhw er mwyn darparu'r addysg orau posib i'n disgyblion.

Dros yr haf derbyniom ein canlyniadau Lefel A, Galwedigaethol, UG a TGAU a hoffwn gymryd y cyfle hwn i longyfarch yr holl ddisgyblion ar eu graddau ardderchog. Unwaith eto mae disgyblion yr Ysgol wedi serennu ar draws amrediad eang o bynciau a phawb o Ganolfan Gwenallt wedi cael lle mewn Prifysgol, Prentisiaeth neu swyddi yn y byd gwaith. Hoffwn ddymuno yn dda i bob un ohonynt a diolch iddynt am eu hymroddiad a'u cefnogaeth arbennig i'r Ysgol.

Dyma atgof o drefniadau ymarferol pwysig.

Gwisg Ysgol:

O fore Llun ymlaen, disgwylir i ddisgyblion yr adran uwchradd wisgo gwisg swyddogol (gaeaf) yr Ysgol: crys a thei, siwmpwr ysgol, trowsus du / sgert ac esgidiau du a bydd gofyn i bob disgybl newid ar gyfer gwersi Addysg Gorfforol.

ParentPay / Ciniawau ysgol:

Mae disgyblion blwyddyn 7 wedi cael eu cofrestru er mwyn gallu defnyddio'r system biometreg. Gofynnwn yn garedig i chi sicrhau bod gan eich plentyn arian ar ei gyfrif a throsglwyddo'n rheolaidd gan y gall diffyg arian achosi problemau i ddisgyblion a'r system gan nad ydym yn derbyn arian parod. Mae pryd y dydd yn costio £2.90. Os ydych chi'n meddwl eich bod chi'n deilwng o brydiau bwyd am ddim, cliciwch yma am ragor o wybodaeth <https://www.npt.gov.uk/1317>

Classcharts:

Fel y gwyddoch, rydym wedi symud i system gyfathrebu ar-lein newydd. Ar hyn o bryd mae 1,350 o rieni wedi cofrestru ac wedi creu eu cyfrif Class Charts; felly, os nad ydych wedi cofrestru eto, gwnewch hynny cyn gynted â phosibl. O ddydd Llun ymlaen, byddwn yn anfon holl gyfathrebiadau'r ysgol gan gynnwys negeseuon ynghylch presenoldeb eich plentyn trwy Class Charts. Byddem hefyd yn eich annog i roi gwybod am unrhyw absenoldebau drwy'r app Class Charts. Os ydych wedi cael



problem gyda chofrestru ar gyfer Class Charts, cysylltwch â'r ysgol am gymorth. Mae pob disgybl o flwyddyn 7-13 wedi derbyn ei cod mynediad i Class Charts yr wythnos hon, sicrhewch eu bod wedi actifadu eu cyfrif gan y bydd yr holl waith cartref a chyfathrebu myfyrwyr penodol drwy'r ap o ddydd Llun ymlaen.

Presenoldeb a phrydlondeb:

Mae cynyddu presenoldeb ein disgyblion yn flaenoriaeth i ni; os nad yw eich plentyn yn bresennol yna nid yw'n dysgu. Byddwn yn monitro yn ofalus ac yn disgwyl i bob un anelu am 95% neu fwy. Gofynnwn am eich cydweithrediad yn y flaenoriaeth hon er mwyn sicrhau bod pawb yn cael y cyfle gorau i wireddu eu potensial. **Prydlondeb:** Cofiwch, mae'r Ysgol yn cychwyn am 8.40yb (uwchradd) ac 8.40yb (Cynradd) - rhaid i bob disgybl fod ar y safle erbyn yr amseroedd hyn.

Gwefan Ysgol Gymraeg Ystalyfera Bro Dur

Mae ein gwefan newydd yn fyw ac yn cynnwys llawer iawn o wybodaeth holl bwysig megis: Gwybodaeth gwricwlaidd, dyddiadau allweddol, cysylltiadau pwysig, polisïau a llythyron, cofiwch ddefnyddio'r wefan fel pwynt cyswllt er mwyn cael diweddariadau o weithdrefnau'r ysgol.

Gwyliau Ysgol a Diwrnodau HMS ar gyfer 2023-24

Tymor	Dechrau Tymor	Gwyliau	Diwedd tymor
Tymor yr hydref 2023	Medi 4, 2023	Hydref 30 - Tachwedd 3 2023	Rhagfyr 21, 2023 (HMS Rhagfyr 22)
Gwanwyn 2024	Ionawr 8, 2024	Chwefror 12-16 2024	Mawrth 22, 2024
Tymor yr Haf 2024	Ebrill 8, 2024	Mai 27 - 31, 2024	Gorffennaf 19, 2024

Diwrnodau HMS 2023-24:
Dydd Gwener 1af Medi 2023 Dydd Gwener 27ain Hydref 2023 (Cynradd yn UNIG) Dydd Llun 20fed Tachwedd 2023 Dydd Gwener 22ain Rhagfyr 2023 Dydd Gwener 9fed Chwefror 2024 (Uwchradd yn UNIG) Dydd Gwener 28ain Mehefin 2024 Dydd Llun 15fed Gorffennaf 2024

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Dosbarth Pwyll:

Dymunwn yn dda i Mr Alex Williams sydd wedi bod yn aros yn hir am lawdriniaeth, a'n gobeithio y bydd yn parhau ar ddiwedd y mis. Bydd y trefniadau dros dro ar gyfer Pwyll yn cael eu rhannu gennych maes o law ac edrychwn ymlaen at gael Mr Williams nôl gyda ni pan fydd yn holl iach.

Edrychaf ymlaen at gael gweithio'n agos gyda chi unwaith eto y flwyddyn hon, os oes gennych unrhyw bryderon neu gwestiynau, cofiwch gysylltu â ni er mwyn gallu sicrhau datrysiadau cynnar.

Yn ddidwyll

Pennaeth