

Annwyl riant/warcheidwad,

Ga'i gychwyn trwy ddiolch i chi am eich cefnogaeth a'ch cydweithrediad ar hyd yr hanner tymor hir yma! Mae llawer i'w ddathlu a phethau i'w hystyried wrth wynebu'r daith tuag at y Nadolig.

#### **Dathliadau:**

##### **Llwyddiannau**

Cafwyd noson wobrwyo hynod o lwyddiannus ar ddiwedd mis Medi er mwyn dathlu cyflawniad a chyfraniad disgyblion ar draws yr ysgol. Gwobrwwyd dros gant a hanner o ddisgyblion am waith cymunedol, academiaidd, lledu enw da'r Ysgol a disgyblion sy'n gwireddu'r arwyddair Dysgu Gorau Dysgu Byw. Llongyfarchiadau i bawb. Mae'r Academi Rygbi (tîm XV cyntaf) yn mynd o nerth i nerth gyda phedair gêm wedi chwarae a phedair buddugoliaeth. Diolch yn fawr iawn i'r rhieni sydd yn cludo'r bechgyn i sesiynau hyfforddiant ac i bawb sydd wedi bod yn cefnogi'r gemau. Mae'r bechgyn yn gwerthfawrogi'n fawr.

##### **Prif Ddisgyblion**

Braf yw cyhoeddi ein Prif Ddisgyblion ar gyfer 2023-24. Llongyfarchiadau i Efa Jones ac Aled Jones ein Prif Ddisgyblion ac yna Bethan Bray, Sion Lloyd, Mali Loader, Emily Pickering, Maddie Pritchard, Mea Verallo a Matthew Williams yn ddirprywon.

##### **Gwaith Elusennol**

Unwaith eto, rydym wedi bod yn meddwl am eraill gyda'n gwaith elusennol ac wedi ffocysu ar gefnogi elusennau Braintrust a Young Minds. Trwy weithgareddau amrywiol codwyd dros £700 at yr achosion da. Y tymor nesaf byddwn yn ffocysu ar Blant Mewn Angen a'r Banc Bwyd fel ysgol gyfan ac yna elusennau amrywiol fesul blwyddyn. Diolch i chi gyda am eich cefnogaeth.

##### **Teithiau Tramor**

Rydym yn dymuno'n dda i dair taith tramor dros hanner tymor:

**Taith Compiègne** – bydd tîm rygbi safle Bro Dur a thîm 1af Canolfan Gwenallt yn cystadlu mewn Twrnaint Rygbi Rhyngwladol yn cynnwys timau o Ffrainc, y DU ac Ewrop fel rhan o Brosiect Cofeb Rygbi'r Byd.

**Taith Gwlad Belg** - bydd disgyblion o flynyddoedd 9-11 safle Bro Dur yn ymweld â meysydd brwydro'r ail ryfel byd yng ngogledd Ffrainc a Gwlad Belg

**Taith yr Eidal** – bydd disgyblion hŷn (11,12,13) safle Ystalyfera yn ymweld â'r Eidal er mwyn gwerthfawrogi hanes a chrefydd Rhufain.

##### **Pethau i'w hystyried:**

##### **Safonau a Disgwyliadau;**

Mae cynnal safonau uchel ym mhob agwedd o fywyd ysgol yn hanfodol a hoffwn gymryd y cyfle hwn i bwysleisio dau neges:

##### **1. Presenoldeb:**

Fel y gwyddoch, mae presenoldeb yn ffocws allweddol o bwysig i ni yn yr ysgol oherwydd os nad yw eich plentyn yn yr ysgol, dydyn nhw ddim yn dysgu. Am y tymor hwn mae ein presenoldeb yn **92.97%** Ein targed ar gyfer pob disgybl yw lleiafswm o **95%** er mwyn rhoi'r cyfle gorau o gyrraedd y potensial

llawn. Rydym yn monitro'n wythnosol ac os fyddwn yn pryderu am ganran presenoldeb, byddwn yn cysylltu er mwyn trafod ymhellach. Gofynnwn yn garedig i chi weithio gyda ni er mwyn sicrhau ein bod yn cyrraedd yn nod.

## 2. Gwisg Ysgol:

Mae safon y wisg ymysg rhai disgyblion yn annerbyniol: nid yw leggings, sannau gwyn, hoodies a treinyrs yn dderbyniol. Ar ôl hanner tymor byddwn yn gweithredu'n gadarn er mwyn sicrhau bod pob disgybl yn cydymffurfio gyda'n disgwyliadau. Rwy'n siwr y cytunwch gyda ni bod safonau yn cychwyn gyda gwisg ysgol a bod gwisgo'r wisg yn anrhydedd y dylid ei barchu bob dydd.

Diolch i chi gyd am eich cefnogaeth wrth gynnal safonau uchel – mewn partneriaeth y byddwn yn llwyddo.

### Gwybodaeth bwysig:

Mae Adroddiad Blynyddol y Llywodraethwyr i Rieni bellach wedi ei llwytho i wefan yr ysgol; am drosolwg o waith yr ysgol yn 2022-23 ewch draw i'w ddarllen.

### Dyddiadau pwysig yr hanner tymor nesaf:

Gwener	10	Tachwedd	Adr Int 12, 13 YGYBD
Llun	13	Tachwedd	Mathemateg TGAU papur 1
Mercher	15	Tachwedd	Mathemateg TGAU papur 2
Gwener	17	Tachwedd	Plant Mewn Angen
Llun	20	Tachwedd	HMS 2 (Cydag / Clwstwr)
Iau	23	Tachwedd	Adr Int Bl.9 & 10 YGYBD
Gwener	24	Tachwedd	
Iau	30	Tachwedd	Ffair Nadolig YGY
Iau	7	Rhagfyr	Noson Rieni Bl9 BD
Llun	11	Rhagfyr	Cyngerdd Nadolig Adran Iau TA
Mawrth	12	Rhagfyr	Cyngerdd Nadolig Cyfnod Sylfaen
Iau	14	Rhagfyr	N Rieni Bl.9 YGY Cyngerdd Nadolig Bro Dur
Llun	18	Rhagfyr	Wythnos ffug brofion Bl.11, 12 a 13
Mawrth	19	Rhagfyr	Cyngerdd Nadolig YGY
Mercher	20	Rhagfyr	Noson dystysgrifau TGAU/Lefel A
Iau	21	Rhagfyr	Adr Int Bl. 7 a 8 YGYBD Diwedd Tymor
Gwener	22	Rhagfyr	HMS 3 (Rhithiol)

Diolch yn fawr iawn am eich cydweithrediad



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Dear Parent/Guardian

Can I start by thanking you for your support and cooperation throughout this long half-term? There is much to celebrate and many things to consider whilst reflecting on these last eight weeks and as we face the journey towards Christmas.

### **Celebrations:**

#### **Successes**

There was a hugely successful awards night at the end of September to celebrate the achievement and contribution of pupils across the school. Over a hundred and fifty pupils have been rewarded for community and academic work; for ensuring that the school's reputation reaches a wider audience and pupils who realise our motto 'Dysgu Gorau Dysgu Byw' (Best Learning, Learning to Live). Congratulations to all. The Rugby Academy (first XV team) is going from strength to strength with four games played and four wins. Thank you so much to the parents who transport the boys to training sessions and to everyone who has been supporting the games. The boys are very appreciative.

#### **Head Pupils**

I am delighted to announce our Head Pupils for 2023-24. Congratulations to Efa Jones and Aled Jones our Head Pupils followed by Bethan Bray, Sion Lloyd, Mali Loader, Emily Pickering, Maddie Pritchard, Mea Verallo and Matthew Williams as deputies.

#### **Charity Work**

Once again, we have been thinking about others with our charity work and have focused on supporting charities such as Brainstrust and Young Minds. Through various activities over £700 was raised for good causes. Next term we will focus on Children in Need and the Foodbank as a whole school and then various charities by year. Thank you for your support.

#### **Foreign trips**

We wish three overseas trips well over half term:

**Compiègne Tour** – Canolfan Gwenallt First Team and Bro Dur Year 11 rugby team will compete in an International Rugby Tournament featuring teams from France, the UK and Europe as part of the World Rugby Memorial Project.

**Belgium Tour** - pupils from years 9-11 at Bro Dur will visit the battlefields of the second world war in Northern France and Belgium

**Italy Tour** – senior pupils (11,12,13) at the Ystalyfera site will visit Italy to appreciate the history and religion of Rome.

## Things to consider:

### Standards and Expectations;

Maintaining high standards in all aspects of school life is essential and I would like to take this opportunity to emphasise two messages:

#### 1. Attendance:

As you know, attendance is a critically important focus for us in school because if your child isn't in school, they're not learning. For this term our attendance is **92.97%**. Our target for all pupils is a minimum of **95%** to give the best chance of reaching their full potential. We monitor weekly and if we are concerned about attendance percentages, we will get in touch for further discussion. We kindly ask you to work with us to ensure we reach our goal.

#### 2. SchoolUniform:

The standard of uniform amongst some pupils is unacceptable: leggings, white socks, hoodies and trainers are not acceptable. After half term we will act firmly to ensure all pupils comply with our expectations. I'm sure you will agree with us that standards start with school uniform and that wearing the uniform is an honour that should be respected every day.

Thank you all for your support in maintaining high standards – in partnership we will succeed.

### Important information:

The Governor's Annual Report to Parents has now been uploaded to the school's website; for an overview of the school's work in 2022-23 please log on and access the document.

### Important dates for the next half term:

Friday	10	November	Interim Reports Yr12+13 YGYBD
Monday	13	November	GCSE Mathematics Paper 1
Wednesday	15	November	GCSE Mathematics Paper 2
Friday	17	November	Children in Need
Monday	20	November	INSET Day
Thursday	23	November	Interim Reports Yr9+10 YGYBD
Thursday	30	November	Christmas Fair YGY
Monday	11	December	Yr2-6 Christmas Concert
Tuesday	12	December	Foundation Phase Christmas Concert
Thursday	14	December	YGY Parents Evening Bro Dur Christmas Concert
Monday	18	December	Yr 11, 12 and 13 Mock Examination Week
Tuesday	19	December	YGY Christmas Concert
Wednesday	20	December	A Level/GCSE Certificate Presentation
Thursday	21	December	Yr 7 and 8 Interim Report YGYBD End of Term
Friday	22	December	INSET Day

Thank you for your continued support and co-operation

Kind regards



Head