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Annwyl Rieni a Gwarcheidwaid

Wrth i'r flwyddyn ysgol ddod i ben, hoffwn achub ar y cyfle hwn i fyfyrio ar y daith ryfeddol rydym i gyd wedi'i chymryd gyda'n gilydd ac i fynegi fy niolch mwyaf diffuant am eich cefnogaeth cadarn a diflino.
Mae'r tymor olaf yma wedi bod yn un prysur, yn llawn uchafbwyntiau o bob math ac yn dymor lle rydym wedi gweld ein disgyblion yn disgleirio ym mhob maes.

Yn gyntaf oll, hoffwn estyn fy llongyfarchiadau cynnes i'n myfyrwyr Blwyddyn 13. Mae eu gwaith caled, ymroddiad a'u gwytnwch wir wedi bod yn ysbrydoledig. Wrth iddynt gychwyn ar y bennod nesaf yn eu bywydau, boed hynny'n astudiaethau pellach, byd gwaith, neu archwilio cyfleoedd newydd, dymunaf bob llwyddiant a hapusrwydd iddynt. Maent wir wedi gwireddu ein arwyddair 'Dysgu Gorau Dysgu Byw ac wedi gosod sylfeini cadarn ar gyfer cam nesaf eu taith bywyd.

Roedd hi'n hyfryd cael dathlu diwedd cyfnod gyda'n Blwyddyn 11 yn ngwesty'r Towers ar Orffennaf y 4ydd – yn anffodus – oherwydd y glaw ar y noson ni lwyddwyd I dynnu llun o bawb gyda'i gilydd ond roedd yn fraint bod yno gyda nhw i ddathlu eu cyfnod ym Mro Dur.

Rydyn ni'n falch iawn o'r disgyblion wnaeth ein cynrychioli yn Eisteddfod yr Urdd ym Meifod gyda Maisy a Milli yn cystadlu'n unigol a grwpiau dawnsio gwerin hŷn a iau yn gwneud cyfiawnder a'u hunain ar lwyfan y genedlaethol. Ymlaen nawr i Eisteddfod Dur a Mor yn 2025.

Yn ystod ein wythnos Cwricwlwm Cyfoethogi, mae disgyblion wedi herio eu hunain ac wedi dangos dygnwch arbennig drwy gyflawni tasgau cyfoethog hwyliog. Llongyfarchiadau i flwyddyn 10 am ddringo Pen y Fan ac ar yr un pryd gwneud ffrindiau newydd o safle Ystalyfera.

Roedd Blwyddyn 7 a 8 yn brysur yn cwblhau'n 'Her Haf' flynyddol a'r thema eleni oedd 'Caru Cynefin' – mae'r gwaith gwych a gyflawnwyd ganddynt wrth ymateb i'r her i'w weld yma - [HerHaf2024 profile | Padlet] – a roedd yr alldeithiau i Fargam a Chynffig wedi rhoi cyfleoedd gwych i'r disgyblion ddod i adnabod yr ardal yn well.

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Bu blwyddyn 9 yn brysur iawn yn rhoi cychwyn ar eu gwaith Bagloriaeth Cymru – a gwnaethpwyd gwaith gwych gan y disgyblion a fydd yn rhoi sbardun iddynt wrth ymgymryd â'r pwnc ym Mlwyddyn 10.

Mae holl ddisgyblion yr ysgol wedi cwblhau teithiau cerdded er mwyn codi arian, a gyda'ch cefnogaeth chi a ffrindiau'r ysgol rydym wedi cyrraedd y swm anhygoel o £2,624. Roedd y daith gerdded yn gyfle i'r disgyblion ymweld â'n hysgolion cynradd lleol ar droed – ac roeddem yn ddiolchgar iawn i'r disgyblion am eu dycnwch a'u dyfalnabarhad unwaith eto. Bydd yr arian a godwyd yn cael ei rannu rhwng Eisteddfod Dur a Môr Margam a'r Fro a chronfa'r Ysgol. Diolch i bawb am eu haelioni.

Mae'r maes chwarae unwaith eto wedi bod yn gyfle i ddisgyblion serennu a hoffwn llongyfarch pob un sydd wedi cynrhychioli'r ysgol mewn amrywiaeth eang o gampau fel aelodau o dîm neu fel unigolion.

Yng nghyd destun yr holl weithgareddau hyn, hoffwn gydnabod ymroddiad ein staff. Mae eu hymrwymiad i ddarparu addysg o safon uchel a meithrin amgylchedd cefnogol a gofalgar wedi bod yn amhrisiadwy. Maent wedi mynd y tu hwnt i sicrhau bod gan bob myfyriwr y cyfle i ffynnu, ac am hynny, rydym yn hynod ddiolchgar.

Edrych ymlaen at fis Medi
Bydd ein blwyddyn academaidd 2newydd yn dechrau ar 2ail Medi.

Dydd Llun Medi 2il	**HMS (dim ysgol ar gyfer disgyblion)**
Dydd Mawrth Medi 3ydd	Blwyddyn 7 a 12 **YN UNIG**
Dydd Mercher Medi 4ydd	Pob disgybl yn dychwelyd i'r ysgol

Gwisg ysgol:
Byddwn yn dychwelyd I **wisg gaeaf lawn**. Bydd pob disgybl yn gwisgo crys a thei, siwmper ysgol, trowsus du / sgert ac esgidiau du a bydd gofyn i bob disgybl newid ar gyfer gwersi Addysg Gorfforol. **Ni chaniateir i unrhyw ddisgybl wisgo legins, esgidiau gwyn, sanau gwyn nac unrhyw hwdi.** Gofynnwn yn garedig am eich cefnogaeth wrth I ni ail-osod safonau ac anelu at gyflawni ein disgwyliadau uchel.

Presenoldeb:
Rydym yn parhau gyda'n ffocws ar gynyddu presenoldeb ein disgyblion yn yr Ysgol. Eleni gwelwyd cynnydd o 1.3% gan godi o 89.6% I 90.9%. Mae ein targed ar gyfer 2024-25 wrth gwrs yn cynyddu ac erbyn Haf 2025 rydym yn gobeithio cyrraedd 92%. Dim ond trwy eich cydweithrediad chi y gallwn ni gyrraedd y darged yma. **Byddwn yn monitor presenoldeb pob disgybl yn ofalus ac yn disgwyl I bob un anelu am 95% neu fwy.**

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Gallwch sicrhau bod gan eich plentyn arian ar ei gyfrif a'ch bod yn trosglwyddo'n rheolaidd gan fod diffyg arian yn gallu achosi problemau i ddisgyblion a'r system ddi-arian.

Canlyniadau TGAU / Galwedigaethol
Atgof y bydd canlyniadau cymhwysterau yr Haf yn cael eu cyhoeddi ar y dyddiadau isod. Os gwelwch yn dda, cadwch at yr amseroedd er mwyn sicrhau rhediad llyfn y diwrnodau.

Dyddiad	Blwyddyn	Amser
22.8.24	Blwyddyn 11	8.00 – 9.30
22.8.24	Blwyddyn 10	9.30 – 10.30

Hwyl fawr a phob lwc!

Mae bob amser yn drist ffarwelio ag aelodau o'n tîm yr adeg hon o'r flwyddyn. Bydd nifer yn ein gadael i archwilio porfeydd newydd, tra bydd eraill yn gadael y proffesiwn yn dilyn gyrfa hir a chyfoethog. Ar ran cymuned yr ysgol, ddoe a heddiw, hoffwn ddiolch iddynt am eu hamser yn Ysgol Gymraeg Ystalyfera Bro Dur a dymuno'n dda iddynt ar gyfer y dyfodol.

Yn ein gadael o safle Bro Dur, mae Mr Alistair O'Mahoney sydd wedi cael swydd fel Pennaeth Cerdd yn Abertawe, Miss Eleri Siôn a fydd yn cychwyn yn ysgol Tregwyr, Miss Georgia Rossi sydd yn symud i Fryntawe, Mr Gareth James sydd yn symud i ddysgu ar safle Ystalyfera a Miss Alisha Denner, sydd yn parhau â'i haddysg trwy symud ymlaen i gwrs addysg bellach. Rydym yn ddiolchgar iawn i bob un ohonynt am eu cefnogaeth diflino i ddisgyblion, am eu cwmniaeth ac am eu gweledigaeth addysgiadol. Yn olaf rydym yn dymuno pob llwyddiant i Mr Aled Lewis am ei waith yn arwain yr adran Iechyd a Lles, hoffwn ddiolch iddo am ei weledigaeth, ei broffesiynoldeb a'i gefnogaeth i holl gymuned yr ysgol a dymuno bob llwyddiant iddo fel Arweinydd Addysg Gorfforol ym Mro Edern.

Yn olaf, diolch i chi - ein rhieni a'n gwarcheidwaid, diolch i chi am eich ymrwymiad a'ch cefnogaeth ddiflino trwy gydol y flwyddyn. Mae eich rhan mewn addysg eich plant wedi bod yn allweddol i'w llwyddiant. O fynychu cyfarfodydd rhieni i gefnogi gwaith cartref a gweithgareddau allgyrsiol, mae eich cyfraniadau wedi bod yn amhrisiadwy. Rydym yn ddiolchgar iawn am eich partneriaeth a'ch ymddiriedaeth.

Dymunaf wyliau haf hyfryd a hamddenol i chi i gyd, ac edrychaf ymlaen at flwyddyn academaidd newydd ym mis Medi.

Yn gywir,
Laurel Davies

Laurel S Davies.

Pennaeth

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As the school year comes to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on the wonderful journey we have all taken together and to express my most sincere thanks for your steadfast and tireless support. This final term has been a busy one, full of activities of all kinds and a term where we have seen our pupils shine on all fronts.

First of all, I would like to extend my warm congratulations to our Year 13 students. Their hard work, dedication and resilience have truly been inspiring. As they embark on the next chapter in their lives, be it further studies, the world of work, or exploring new opportunities, I wish them every success and happiness. They have truly realised our motto Dysgu Gorau Dysgu Byw and have laid solid foundations for the next stage of their journey.

It was lovely to celebrate the end of an era with our Year 11 at the Towers hotel on July 4th – unfortunately – because of the rain on the night we failed to photograph everyone together but it was a privilege to be there with them to celebrate their time in Bro Dur.

We are very proud of the pupils who represented us at the Urdd Eisteddfod in Meifod with Maisy and Milli competing individually and older and younger folk dancing groups enjoying on the national stage. On now to the Dur a Môr Eisteddfod in 2025.

During our Enrichment Curriculum week, pupils have challenged themselves and shown particular endurance by carrying out rich tasks. Congratulations to year 10 for climbing Pen y Fan and at the same time making new friends from the Ystalyfera site.

Year 7 and 8 were busy completing our annual 'Summer Challenge' and this year's theme was 'Caru Cynefin' – the great work they achieved in meeting the challenge can be found here - HerHaf2024 profile | Padlet – and the expeditions to Margam and Kenfig gave pupils great opportunities to get to know the area better.

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All pupils at the school have completed walks to raise funds, and with your support and those of the school friends we have reached the incredible sum of £2624. The walk was an opportunity for pupils to visit our local primary schools on foot – and we were very grateful to the pupils for their tenacity and perseverance once again. The money raised will be split between the Margam Dur a Môr Eisteddfod and the School fund. Thank you to everyone for their generosity.

The sports field has once again been an opportunity for pupils to impress and I would like to congratulate all those who have represented the school in a wide variety of sports as members of teams or as individuals. The Rugby Academy is looking forward to another successful term in September and are excited to have the new members from Bro Dur in the squad.

In the context of all these activities, I would like to acknowledge the dedication of my staff. Their commitment to providing a high-quality education and fostering a supportive and caring environment has been invaluable. They have gone above and beyond to ensure that every student has the opportunity to thrive, and for that, I am incredibly grateful.

Looking forward to September

Our new academic year will start on 2nd September.

Monday September 2nd	**INSET 1 (no school for pupils)**
Tuesday September 3rd	Year 7 and 12 **ONLY**
Wednesday September 4th	All pupils return to school

School uniform:

We will return to **full winter uniform**. All pupils will wear a shirt and tie, school sweater, black trousers / skirt and black shoes and all pupils will be required to change for PE lessons. **No pupil is allowed to wear leggings, white shoes, white socks or any hoodie.** We kindly ask for your support as we re-set standards and aim to meet our high expectations.

Attendance:

We continue our focus on increasing our pupils' attendance at the school. This year saw an increase of 1.3% rising from 89.6% to 90.9%. Our target for 2024-25 is of course increasing and by Summer 2025 we hope to reach 92%. Only through your cooperation can we reach this target. **We will carefully monitor each pupil's attendance and expect each to aim for 95% or more.**

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Please can you ensure that your child has money on their account and that you transfer regularly as lack of funds can cause problems for pupils and the cashless system.

GCSE / Vocational Results

I would like to remind you that the results of the summer qualifications will be published on the dates below. Please keep to the times to ensure the smooth running of the days.

Date	Year	Time
22.8.24	Year 11	8.00 – 9.30
22.8.24	Year 10	9.30 – 10.30

Farewell and good luck!

It's always sad to say goodbye to members of our team at this time of year. Many will leave us to explore pastures new, while others will leave the profession following a long and rich career. On behalf of the school community, past and present, I would like to thank them for their time at Ysgol Gymraeg Ystalyfera Bro Dur and wish them well for the future.

Leaving us from Bro Dur are Mr Alistair O'Mahoney who has been accepted a position as Head of Music in Swansea, Miss Eleri Siôn who will start at Tregwyr school, Miss Georgia Rossi who is moving to Bryntawe, Mr Gareth James who is returning to teach at the Ystalyfera site and Miss Alisha Denner, who is continuing her education by progressing to a further education course. We are very grateful to all of them for their tireless support of pupils, for their companionship and for their educational vision. Finally, we wish Mr. Aled Lewis every success in his new position leading the Health and Wellbeing department, I would like to thank him for his vision, professionalism and support for the whole school community and wish him every success as a Physical Education Lead in Bro Edern.

Finally, thank you - our parents and guardians, thank you for your tireless commitment and support throughout the year. Your involvement in your children's education has been key to their success. From attending parent meetings to supporting homework and extracurricular activities, your contributions have been invaluable. We are very grateful for your partnership and trust.

I wish you all a lovely and relaxing summer holiday, and look forward to a new academic year in September.

Yours sincerely

Head