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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of a very busy and rewarding term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you sincerely for your continued support.

This term has been filled with a wide range of activities and opportunities for our students – from School Shows and sporting fixtures to trips, performances and primary transition events. It's certainly been a hectic few months, and your support in helping students prepare, participate and succeed has been invaluable.

A particular highlight has been our Estyn inspection. I'm pleased to share that it was a very successful week for the school. The inspection team were hugely positive in their initial feedback, and it was heartening to see the ethos and culture of Castell Alun shine through. The final report will be published at the end of May, and I look forward to sharing it with you in full.

I would also like to thank you for the exceptional response to our parent questionnaire – it was the highest Estyn have received, which speaks volumes about your engagement and support. Your feedback has been extremely helpful and is hugely appreciated by all of us.

One of the key messages from the inspection and student voice was just how much our students value the positive culture and ethos of the school. They spoke with real pride about their experiences here. However, some also expressed that they are frustrated when a very small minority of their peers don't meet expectations, particularly around punctuality and uniform. This is something we are committed to addressing next term, working to ensure that *all* students consistently live up to the high standards that define Castell Alun. We trust we will continue to have your full support as we work to strengthen this culture even further.



As we now approach the Easter break, I'd like to take a moment to recognise the hard work of all our students this term. Many will, of course, be using some of the holidays to prepare for upcoming exams, but I also want to emphasise the importance of rest, relaxation, and quality time with family and friends. Striking a healthy balance is key to sustained success and wellbeing.

I wish you all a happy, peaceful, and enjoyable Easter. Thank you once again for everything you do to support the school and your children.

Warm regards,

Mr. C. Ellis (Headteacher)

