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Dear Parents, Carers and Members of our School Community,

As we reach the end of another academic year, I'd like to share my final correspondence of the term and extend a thank-you to all parents, carers and supporters of the school and wider community. Your continued support has been invaluable.

In our final assembly this morning, we reflected on what has been a successful year in many respects. We've made strong progress towards our targets, and our recent Estyn inspection provided excellent validation that the school is in a good place. It was a proud moment for us all and a testament to the hard work of staff and students alike.

This half term has been particularly busy, with a wide range of activities taking place. From international trips to local enrichment events, sporting fixtures and creative projects, our students have been fully engaged. The term culminated in a fantastic Sports Day on Friday, when students performed brilliantly despite the hot weather. With regular water breaks and use of shaded areas, everyone coped well, and it was a day full of energy, teamwork and school spirit. We'll be sharing some highlights and photos on our School Blog soon.

Looking ahead, we also used our assembly to begin setting our sights on the year to come. I reminded students that our high expectations and standards will remain firmly in place. In particular, I'd like to reinforce our expectations around uniform, especially footwear: plain black, polishable, unbranded (no visible logos). A reminder was also shared that make-up and jewellery must be minimal and appropriate for school. Nose studs must be removed before returning in September.

We appreciate your support in ensuring consistency, as we believe high standards in appearance help set the tone for high standards in learning.

From September, in line with Welsh Government guidance, mobile phones must not be seen or used anywhere on the school site. Phones should be switched off and kept out of sight – not in pockets or hands – throughout the school day. For health and safety reasons, students may carry phones in their bags (switched off) and use them only once they have left the premises. If urgent contact is needed during the school day, this must go through the school office. Phones will not be used for online learning in classrooms. We appreciate your support with this policy, which reflects growing concerns about the impact of excessive phone use on young people's wellbeing, focus and learning.



We've also included some photographs below of lost property collected over the term. There are numerous high-value items, including coats, full PE kits and branded trainers (Under Armour, Adidas, Reebok, etc.). There is even an Apple watch! If you recognise any of these items, please do come and collect them before the end of term – we'd love to see them returned to their rightful owners.

### **Key Dates for the Autumn Term**

**Last day of term:** Thursday 17th July

**Students return:** Wednesday 3rd September

**Open Evening:** Thursday 25th September

**Open Morning:** Friday 26th September

**Year 10 Information Evening:** Wednesday 9th October

**Year 11 Parents' Evening:** Wednesday 16th October

**Half-term break begins for students:** Thursday 23rd October

Thank you once again for your continued support. I wish you and your families a restful and enjoyable summer break, and we look forward to welcoming students back in September, ready for another successful year.

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