



Thursday 21st December 2023 / **Dydd Iau 21 Rhagfyr 2023**

Dear Parent/Carer / **Annwyl Riant/Gofalwr**

End of Autumn Term 2023

As we approach the end of a fantastic term here at Milford Haven School, and we look forward to some well deserved time spent with our loved ones over Christmas and New Year, I would like to take this time to thank pupils, parents/carers and our whole school community for your continued support as we guide your children through their educational journey. Our Year 7 pupils who joined Dauntless House in September have settled in well and have become valued members of our school family. They have had a fantastic first term and I look forward to seeing what they do next term as they prepare to graduate out of Dauntless House and into one of the four houses that they will belong to for the rest of their journey through MHS.

Our pupils give us so many reasons to celebrate them and our school, but one thing I am most proud of this term is that MHS was awarded the Mental Health Matters School award from MIND. We became the first school in Pembrokeshire to be awarded it and it really is thanks to the dedication and hard work of the staff and pupils everyday who always strive to create opportunities to boost the mental health and wellbeing at Milford Haven School. Pupil voice is of paramount importance to us and this is why pupils lead the way in the support they receive when it comes to their own mental health and wellbeing and our pupil led teams consisting of The Senior Prefect Team, The Anti-Bullying Champions and The Safeguardians, do a fantastic job. Da iawn and diolch to everyone involved in helping us to be recognised as Pembrokeshire's first Mental Health Matters School.

I would again like to thank parents/carers for continuing to support and encourage our pupils to follow our high expectations and school rules of READY, RESPECT, SAFE. This includes arriving at school on time, wearing the correct [uniform](#), being respectful to staff and peers and continuing with positive [behaviour](#).

We have had so many festive events this term, it has been lovely to welcome our community to join in on events such as our annual Christmas Fayre and Carol Service. So that you don't miss out on future opportunities to attend school events we have listed some key dates below for next term. These are listed in your [parent calendar](#), but please continue to check our [website](#), [social media](#) which we will keep up to date regularly.

- Monday 8th January - **INSET DAY**
- Tuesday 9th January - Pupils return to school READY for learning following the Christmas break
- Monday 22nd January - Parent Surgery 5.30pm
- Tuesday 30th January - Numeracy Nights 4.30pm - 5.30pm
- Tuesday 6th - Thursday 8th February - Annual School Production, you will be in for a real treat!
- **HALF TERM** - Monday 12th February to Friday 16th February
- Friday 1st March - Monday 4th March - Year 8,10,11 French Trip to Le Chateau du Broutel
- Monday 4th March - Family Forum 5-6pm

- Tuesday 5th March - Numeracy Nights 4pm- 5pm
- Wednesday 6th March - Cyngerdd y Clwstwr 6pm - 8pm

Update on Curriculum for Wales and Qualifications Wales for year 8 pupils and parents/carers

Qualifications Wales who oversee the Curriculum the GCSE/Vocational courses we offer have shared with us an update about their future plans. New GCSE/Vocational courses will be taught from September 2025 with the current courses discontinued in 2026. Due to these changes to future qualifications, it means that year 8 options will be delayed until pupils are in year 9 . As a result, we are currently reviewing the year 8 exam and reporting dates.

Reminder on Safeguarding

Should you have any concerns regarding safeguarding of pupils during the holidays and wish to report this, please contact the Childcare Assessment Team (CCAT) on 01437 776444 or 03003 332222 for out of hours. Alternatively, please call the police on 101.

You would also be able to report your concern by emailing Milford Haven School via the following email - Safeguarding@milfordhavenschool.co.uk. The email address is checked each day.

Finally, I would like to wish you an enjoyable, restful and safe Christmas break full of festive cheer. We look forward to welcoming you back on Tuesday 9th January 2024.

Nadolig Llawen a Blwyddyn Newydd Dda.

Yours faithfully/**Gyda diolch**



Ms C A Morris, Headteacher

