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Dear Parent/Carer / Annwyl Riant/Gofalwr

End of school year 2023/24

I do hope this letter finds you well and that you are looking forward to the summer break with your families. It has been another successful and rewarding year for everyone associated with Milford Haven School and what a year it has been. 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 together.

There have been many highlights from this academic year, the Lego League team were crowned Pembrokeshire champions at the Lego League Challenge regional competition and went on to compete in the national tournament, multiple MHS pupils were nominated for awards in the Pembrokeshire Spotlight Awards, a group of Year 8 and 9 pupils took part in and achieved the Seren Critical Thinking Award, the MHS Drama Club put on another fantastic show with a their very own adaptation of Cinderella. We became the first school in Pembrokeshire to achieve the Mind Mental Health Matters School Award and were recognised for our fantastic work with young carers and Investors in Carers, awarded us the Silver Award. We opened our doors to parents/carers and the community multiple times for many amazing events such as our annual Open Evening, Aspire Evening and Community and Pupil Celebration. It really has been a wonderful year full of celebrations with our young people and community.

As we reach the end of this academic year we are saying goodbye to some of our valued members of the Milford Haven School staff. Rob Berry, Rachel Allan, Hayley Hume, Jessica Morris, Sophie Truswell, Amy Griffiths, Louise Daye, Tors Planner, Nicola Grant, Simon Williams, Jessica Davies. Some have been with us a short time while others have clocked up over 15 years as part of the MHS family. I would like to wish you all the very best in your futures, you will be missed.

With Summer stretching out ahead of us September may seem a lifetime away, and yet we know that many of you will already be starting to get organised and thinking about school uniforms and supplies ready for when we return for a new academic year. Please note that our uniform policy has been updated so please be sure to read through using the link below. Please see useful links to our website below:

MHS school uniform - Milford Haven School Uniform

* Please be reminded that hoodies, jeans, tracksuit bottoms, trainers and facial piercings are not permitted as part of our school uniform. School footwear should be all black. The summer uniform will not be in place upon our return in September.

MHS School Uniform Policy - Milford Haven School's Uniform Policy

*Please note any items that are not part of the school uniform and are confiscated will no longer be returned at the end of the school day. Instead, these items will be available for collection only after 1:15pm on Fridays from Steynton Hall. This change is intended to streamline the process and minimise disruptions during the school week.

MHS School Prospectus - Milford Haven School's Prospectus 24/25

If you are a Year 6 pupil getting ready to join us there is a transition page created just for you. It offers a host of information you might need - Welcome Year 6

Mobile Phone Policy - Mobile Phone Policy Link

*Please note that we have made some changes to our mobile phone policy (link above). The most notable being that mobile phones are no longer permitted on school grounds. Pupils must keep mobile phones switched off and kept in their bags. If they are seen they will be confiscated and can only be returned to a parent/carer between 3.15pm and 4.30pm from Reception. Please click this link to access a video made my our Prefect Team Mobile Phone Video

Reminder on safeguarding:

Should you have any concerns regarding safeguarding of pupils during the summer 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.

Please use the link below to access a useful guide on staying safe online this summer: Keeping safe online this summer - Hwb

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

I look forward to seeing our Years 10 and 11 during the summer holidays as they collect their examination results. Pob lwc to those pupils receiving results in August, we hope that you get the grades you deserve. Year 11 AS/A Level results day is **Thursday 15th August**. Pupils will be able to collect results from 08.30 onwards to 10.30am from our main reception. For **GCSE/Vocational results**, pupils will be able to collect results from 08.30 onwards to 12.00pm **on Thursday 22nd August from the <u>Steynton Hall</u>**. Please be aware, as is always the case, that you cannot collect results on behalf of any pupil without pre-arranged and written consent. Any uncollected results will be posted out to pupils at the end of the school day.

I would like to again thank our 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 and courteous to staff and peers and continuing with a positive learning attitude and behaviour. In addition our focus for next year is to improve pupil attendance. Every day that your child is absent from school will lower their chances of achieving 5 or more good GCSEs, including English and Maths. Being persistently late will also have an impact on their learning. I look forward to your support in helping to teach our young people the importance of turning up daily and being punctual.

As we think of the new academic year, I would like to remind you of some dates for your diary. These are listed in your parent calendar, but please continue to check our website, social media, and the school Class Charts App, which we will keep up to date regularly.

- Tuesday 3rd September Pupils return to school
- Friday 20th September School Photos (Years 7 -11)
- Monday 23rd September 5.30pm 6.30pm
- Thursday 26th September Yr 11 Parental Engagement Evening (Maths, Eng & Sci) 5.30pm 6.30pm
- Tuesday 1st October Bay Year 7 Parent Welcome Evening

Advance notice of our six inset days 2024-2025

- Monday 2nd September Inset Day 1
- Friday 11th October Inset Day 2
- Monday 25th November Inset Day 3
- Monday 6th January Inset Day 4
- Friday 4th April Inset Day 5
- Monday 21st July Inset Day 6

One of our key priorities continues to be inspiring a love of reading for pleasure and so I would like to encourage you all to spend some time this summer getting lost in the pages of a good book, as Dr Suess said "reading will take you places you have never been before".

Finally, I would like to wish you all a very safe and happy Summer break, and I look forward to welcoming our pupils back in September, in full uniform, no mobile, refreshed and ready for learning. Thank you once more for your incredible support this year.

Diolch yn fawr a gwyliau hapus bawb. Yours faithfully / **Gyda diolch**

