Milford Haven School
Ysgol Gyfun Aberdaugleddau

Acting Headteacher / Prifathro Dros Dro: Mr D John

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Friday 23rd October 2026 / Dydd Gwener 23 Hydref 2026

Dear Parent/Carer / Annwyl Riant/Gofalwr,

As we reach the end of another successful half term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our pupils, staff, parents and wider community for their continued support. It has been a busy and productive few weeks, with many achievements both inside and outside the classroom that reflect our school values of **Pride, Ambition** and **Respect**.
This half term, our pupils have benefited from a wide range of enrichment opportunities that have broadened their horizons and enhanced their learning.
Students have represented the school on visits to the Houses of Parliament in London, gaining a fascinating insight into democracy and the workings of government. Pupils with an interest in the performing arts enjoyed a visit to the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama in Cardiff, where they explored future opportunities in music and drama. Our learners have also attended the Cymru v Albania international football match, experienced the Youth Poverty Summit Conference and participated in the Young Composer of Dyfed Workshop, working creatively alongside other talented young people.
These experiences help to bring learning to life and develop the confidence, skills and aspirations of our pupils. We are incredibly proud of how they represented the school at each event. I would like to express my personal thanks to all of the staff involved.

It has been an outstanding half term for school sport. Congratulations to our:

- Under 16 Girls' Hockey Team, who were crowned Pembrokeshire Champions
- Under 14 Girls' Hockey Team, who also became Pembrokeshire Champions
- Under 12 Boys' Rugby Team, who secured the title of Pembrokeshire Champions
- Under 12 Girls' Football team, who also became Pembrokeshire Champions

These achievements are testament to the commitment, teamwork and determination of our pupils, as well as the dedication of our staff and coaches who support them. Well done to everyone involved.

We are pleased to report that whole-school attendance remains above 90%, which is an improvement on last year. Thank you to pupils and families for continuing to prioritise attendance. Every day in school matters. The more time pupils spend in lessons, the more they learn, the greater progress they make and the more opportunities they have to succeed. Let's keep this positive momentum going during the next half term.

We have also seen encouraging improvements in pupil behaviour and engagement. There have been significantly more positive points recorded on ClassCharts this half term compared with the same period last year. Over 200,000 positive classchart points! I am so impressed. This reflects the growing commitment of our pupils to demonstrating our values of Pride, Ambition and Respect on a daily basis.
Teachers have been working incredibly hard to embed positive learning routines across the school. These routines ensure that all pupils are actively participating in lessons and contributing to classroom discussion. We are particularly pleased to see pupils developing their confidence when answering questions, providing fuller and more thoughtful spoken responses. A huge thank you must go to our staff for their relentless efforts to raise standards and equally to our pupils for rising to the challenge and embracing these expectations.

We are now in our second term since being placed in Special Measures and I wanted to provide a brief update on some of the progress that has been made. Additional toilet facilities have now been installed, improving provision for

pupils across the school. We have experienced some drainage issues with the refurbished Humanities toilets. These will be addressed during the half-term break to ensure the facilities are operating as intended.
Alongside improvements to the school environment, we continue to focus on teaching, learning and raising standards. It is pleasing to see the positive impact of the work taking place across classrooms every day. I am also delighted to report that, following extensive work and careful financial management, we are currently projecting a surplus budget position in April, providing a stronger foundation for the future development of our school.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to members of our local community who volunteered their time to support the school. At the end of the summer holidays, volunteers helped repaint the reception area and the two main corridors leading to Maths and First Aid. Your generosity, hard work and community spirit are greatly appreciated and are helping us create an environment of which we can all be proud.

As the weather becomes cooler, please remind your child that hoodies are not part of our school uniform and will be confiscated if worn in school. The half-term break is also an excellent opportunity to check that your child has all the equipment they need to be successful in their learning, including pens, pencils, rulers and any other essential items.

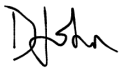
We would like to wish all of our Year 11 pupils the very best as they begin their examinations after half term. Revise well, stay focused and believe in yourselves. Remember that every lesson, every piece of work and every effort you have made has prepared you for this moment. We are proud of you and wish you every success.

I would like to remind you of some key dates for the rest of autumn term. Below you can find the details of these events.
02/11/26 - 11/11/26 External GCSE Exams
02/11/26 Remembrance Services in assemblies
04/11/26 - 22/11/26 Art Exhibition in the Torch Theatre
27/11/26 INSET DAY 2
30/11/26 Parent Surgery with the Acting Headteacher
03/12/26 - Christmas Fair at MHS
10/12/26 - Carol Service at St Katherine's and St Peter's Church
Christmas Holidays - Monday 21st December - Friday 1st January 2027

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 0300 123 5519 for out of hours. Alternatively, please call the police on 101.
If your concern is not urgent you would also be able to report it by emailing Milford Haven School via the following email - pupilsafeguarding@milfordhavenschool.co.uk The email address is checked each day.

This has been a highly successful half term, and I am proud of everything our pupils and staff have achieved together. Throughout the school, we continue to see our values of **Pride, Ambition** and **Respect** being lived out every day. Thank you for your continued support. I wish all pupils, families and staff a safe, restful and enjoyable half-term break.

Yours faithfully / Gyda diolch,



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