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

End of school year 2022/23

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.

There have been many highlights from this academic year, the Year 11 football team made it to the final of the Welsh Cup, the Drama Club put on yet another unforgettable performance of 'High School Musical', we took part in a video case study for Welsh Government on our fantastic achievements in delivering literacy and oracy, we became a UNICEF Silver Rights Respecting School, achieved the Gold Calon Y Gymuned, Heart of the Community award and were crowned Exceptional Community Champions. 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. Alex Wood, Sam Celtel, Jo Edwards, Debbie Griffiths, Kath Dootson, Kelly-May Robst, Sukina Taylor, Robynne Williams, Ak Shazad, Tracy Chandra, Ceri Eynon and Jenny Turner. Some have been with us a short time while others have clocked up over 22 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 see useful links to our website below:

MHS school uniform - <https://milfordhavenschool.co.uk/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.*

MHS school prospectus - <https://milfordhavenschool.co.uk/prospectus/>

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 to help you prepare for September, including a virtual school tour and some letters written by current pupils sharing helpful tips for secondary school - <https://milfordhavenschool.co.uk/transition/>

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:

<https://hwb.gov.wales/news/articles/d8967f10-e399-45d0-a201-86a5362dc1ae>

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.

I look forward to seeing our Years 10 and 11 during the summer holidays as they collect their examination results. For those pupils receiving results in August, we hope that you get the grades you deserve. Year 11 AS/A Level results day is Thursday 17th 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 August 25th**. 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.

We always value your feedback at the end of an academic year and would really appreciate you completing the attached Google Form so that we can continue to make improvements as we move into September 2023 -

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScs0UynffdCn1wgMy2W05AtOG9MhFn-8zAR2FnTaS8d4V5wyw/viewform?usp=pp_url

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 SIMs ParentApp, which we will keep up to date regularly.

- Tuesday 5th September - **Pupils return to school**
- Monday 18th September - Art Exhibition at the Torch Theatre opens to the public
- Friday 22nd September - School photos for Years 7-11
- Monday 25th September - The first Family Forum of the academic year
- Tuesday 26th September - Bay Year 7 parent welcome evening
- Wednesday 27th September - Year 7 Keeping in Touch Evening 4-5pm
- Thursday 28th September - Year 11 Parental Engagement Evening for Maths, English and Science 5.30-6.30pm

Advance notice of our six inset days 2023-2024

- Friday 1st September 2023 - DESIGNATED STAFF TRAINING CLOSURE DAYS BY PCC
- Monday 4th September 2023
- Monday 27th November 2023
- Monday 8th January 2024
- Monday 8th April 2024 - DESIGNATED STAFF TRAINING CLOSURE DAYS BY PCC
- Friday 21st June 2024

One of our key priorities for the academic year for 2023/24 is to inspire 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, 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**



Ms C A Morris, Headteacher