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Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s)

As we approach the end of a busy and successful term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support.

There have been many exciting activities and educational visits this term, including the Geography fieldtrip to Iceland, the History visit to Big Pit, French workshops in Cardiff City Stadium and several opportunities for our students to visit universities both in England and Wales. We are particularly proud of three of our Year 13 students who sat entrance exams for Oxford and Cambridge Universities and as a result have been invited for interview. Many of our Year 13 students have submitted applications to various universities and are awaiting offers.

A number of pupils have been part of the Brilliant Club for our more able learners. Additionally, many students took part in a wonderful school Carol concert this week and our Drama students produced an outstanding performance in the Aberdare Coliseum for the Shakespeare Schools Festival.

There have been some excellent transition events this term including a Health and Wellbeing Day, curriculum visits by MACS staff to our partner primaries, very successful Halloween and Christmas discos and regular visits to the school.

Pupils have had many opportunities to develop their sporting skills in teams and as individuals with some notable successes for our rugby and football teams.

The school has worked extremely hard to promote Positive Healthy Relationships, hosting a launch event early in the term attended by Sally Holland, the Children's Commissioner and representatives from schools across South Wales. We are incredibly proud, of Georgia Parfitt (Year 11) who represented Wales as an ambassador at a European Youth Summit in Helsinki and was also elected a representative for RCT in the Youth Parliament for Wales.

I am delighted to report that through your generosity and support, more than £5000 has been raised this term for various charities and PTA activities and





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pupils have enjoyed participating in events such as Christmas Jumper Day, Children in Need, European Day of Languages and Shwmae Day. At our Remembrance Service in November staff, pupils and governors came together to pay their respects in a very moving service.

I am very pleased to report that attendance continues to improve and I wish to thank you for your support in this regard. We have had some very well attended Parents Evenings where teachers have been able to discuss the excellent progress being made by pupils. It has been a pleasure to attend assemblies this term where so many pupils have been recognised for their outstanding effort in lessons and for continued good attendance.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and prosperous New Year.
Nadolig Llawen i chi gyd.

Yours sincerely

S J Evans
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