



Alun School

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Dear Parents / Carers,



INVESTOR IN PEOPLE
Leadership and Management



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The PTA is holding a Murder Mystery Evening on Friday 20th November in the Daniel Owen Hall at 7.30pm. Tickets for this family event are now available from the Main Office priced at £6, with £4 for concessions. Over the past few weeks, two dozen members of staff have been rehearsing hard in order to be able to present 'Carry on Murdering at St. Alunians', a follow-up to last year's extremely successful show. The price of the tickets includes a hot meal, with vegetarian option, there is a fully licensed bar, and all profits go towards our Charity of the Year. Tickets can be purchased from the Main Office, by cash or cheques payable to Alun School. This event sold out in advance of the evening last year so I would encourage you to purchase tickets soon.

At this time of year I would like to remind you of arrangements that apply in the case of possible adverse weather conditions over the winter months. Firstly, we always post information on our website as to whether the school is open or not, as well as communicating this to the local media. If the school is closed prior to the start of the school day then students should not attend and buses will not run. As our telephone lines always become busy in those circumstances, communication of such information between families is always welcome. If the weather deteriorates during a school day then bus companies may decide to collect students earlier than normal and therefore for these students it is important that they be able to gain access at home once they have returned. In these circumstances other students would also be sent home early and so we would expect those brought in by car to be collected or arrangements made to go home with a friend who lives within walking distance of school.

I would also like to take this opportunity to tell you about a new service for students, the Young People's Counselling Service, which Flintshire have recently launched with funding from the Welsh Assembly Government. Along with all other secondary schools, we have been asked to make students aware of the service and to provide a venue in school where sessions that have been arranged can take place. However, as this is not organised by the school, students make appointments directly with the counselling service, and further information can be found on their website www.flintshire.gov.uk/help4yp

In the week commencing 15th March 2010 the school will be inspected as part of the regular six-year cycle. In advance of the inspection week a standard parent questionnaire will be distributed, and there will be an opportunity to talk with the Registered Inspector at an evening meeting. I hope that a high proportion of parents will demonstrate their interest in the school by participating in both activities. Further details will be provided nearer the time.

Finally, may I remind you of other forthcoming events: High School Musical on November 11/12th, Year 10 Parents' Evening on Wednesday 2nd December, Performing Arts Christmas Showcase on December 3/4th and the Christmas Concert in St. Mary's Parish Church on Tuesday 8th December. I look forward to seeing you at the Murder Mystery Evening, as well as on these other occasions.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. A. Jones – Headteacher

