



# Alun School

16<sup>th</sup> October 2009

Dear Parents / Carers,

This letter is to continue to update you on the life of the school, and also to inform you about some forthcoming events.

In a previous letter I referred to our desire to broaden business links. If a business would be interested in exploring the potential for mutually beneficial activities over the next few months then Mr. Rees (Head of Chemistry), who is leading this work for us, would be delighted to hear from you. He can be contacted via the Main Office.

I would also like to clarify the new arrangements for free school meals. All students in school now pay for their meals electronically, and those entitled to free school meals automatically have their allowance credited to their account. In this way all students pay for meals in exactly the same manner and no-one is aware of who has free meals. If you think your daughter/son may be entitled to claim free school meals this year, please contact the school office in person, by phone or by letter, and they will confidentially provide you with the application form and can also assist in its completion and return.

When a student is off school with an illness, we request that a letter explaining the absence is brought in on their return. You can also telephone the school to notify us of an illness and we will enter the information onto our records. If students become unwell during the day then we need to be able to make contact with home, therefore if you have recently changed contact details, or are unsure that we have the correct ones on file, please send the appropriate information to school and we will ensure that records are updated accordingly. Please note that the current advice regarding flu-like symptoms remains that students should be kept off school until the symptoms have passed and they are well enough to return.

Our longer opening hours for supervised study in the library (8.00am until 5.00pm) are proving popular. All students may use the facilities any day on an occasional basis, although those wishing to stay regularly after school will need to take and return a signed permission form acknowledging that our responsibility for supervision ends promptly at 5.00pm.

On the website we recently published booklets giving details of forthcoming performance and arts events. Next half-term Performing Arts students will present High School Musical on November 11/12<sup>th</sup> and their Christmas Showcase on December 3/4<sup>th</sup>. Then, on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December our musicians will perform at the Christmas Concert in St. Mary's Parish Church.

Next week, on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October, we hold our annual Open Evening. Many of our students will be helping departments to host children from primary schools and their parents, and you are also welcome to join us any time between 6.30 and 8.30pm. As highlighted in a letter from the Chair of Governors, a number of governors will also be in attendance to present their Annual Report to Parents at 8.00pm and then answer any questions.

I look forward to seeing you at one of the events.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. A. Jones – Headteacher

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