



# Alun School

September 2009

Dear Parents / Carers,

I am pleased to be able to report a highly successful start to the school year. Our new Year 7 have settled very quickly and are already participating in a range of extra-curricular activities. If any parents feel that their youngster is not taking advantage of the opportunities, please contact the relevant department who will be happy to provide advice on how to join. In fact, the website already contains a list of days/times of many of the regular clubs, teams, training and rehearsals.

Enrolment into our Year 12 has been even more successful than ever this year. The Sixth Form now exceeds 550 students and we have put on extra classes in some subjects. Once again over three-quarters of Year 11 have opted to continue with us, a reflection of their excellent GCSE grades, and they have been joined by almost 150 from other schools and colleges. In many cases those students have seen the performance of last year's student in their A Levels and recognise the strength of our results across the full range of subjects. Details of results are on the website, and will also be referenced in the Governors' Report to Parents that will be issued shortly.

This year we are looking to extend our links with the local business community through new initiatives such as individual student coaching by business professionals. To this end Mr. Rees, our Head of Chemistry, is leading a project to look for additional links. If your business, or a business with which you have contact, would be interested in exploring the potential for mutually beneficial activities over the next few months then he would be delighted to hear from you. He can be contacted via the Main Office.

It has come to our notice that a small number of students in the main school are bringing new-style 'high energy' drinks into school. In many cases these bottles, that appear to be on unrestricted sale in supermarkets, contain warnings about limits on consumption and the particular dangers they pose to young people. Therefore if we see such drinks I have instructed Heads of House to contact home in order to check that you are aware of the potential dangers your child could face, and to request that for safety reasons the drinks are not brought into school.

Finally, one of our most successful social events, the annual PTA Quiz, is taking place next Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 7.30pm in our newly refurbished Hall. It is hosted in an expert and entertaining style by Mr. Ward, and there is a fully licensed bar. Parking is to the rear of the buildings, adjacent to the tennis courts, and accompanied students are welcome to join parents in a team. I look forward to seeing you at that event.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. A. Jones – Headteacher

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Leadership and Management



ICT Mark



International  
School Award



BASIC SKILLS  
QUALITY MARK

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