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Dear Parent/Carer,

As we near the end of another academic year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support of both the school and your children. It has been another busy and successful term packed full of exams, activities and events. Our summer term newsletter is due to be published this week where you can learn of our pupils' successes and news of the events that have been held this term.

Despite the record temperatures we have suffered this term, pupils have continued to honour and respect our school uniform code and behaved impeccably. They have contributed with enthusiasm to our House Competitions' week which incorporated the annual Eisteddfod and Sports day. Cynwyd House, led by Mrs Carly Hughes won. It is fair to say that she is still enjoying her 'gloating rights' over the other Heads of House. Worthy of mention here are our three greatest competitors, who have earned the title of Victor/Vitrix Ludorum (winner of the games) for the following competitions:

- 1) Sports Day – Louisa Penny (Cadrawd)
- 2) Eisteddfod on stage – Harley Videan (Cynwyd)
- 3) Eisteddfod off stage – Dylan Griffiths (Llynfi)

Congratulations to all competitors – the staff and spectators thoroughly enjoyed all events.

As you know we break up for the end of term on Tuesday 24th July. We will finish school a little earlier than normal so that the final session will end at 2:05pm after lunch and a final registration session. Buses will collect children from school at 2:05pm. Please ensure to contact the school if you anticipate having difficulty collecting your child at this time.

Last term, the school community also underwent a consultation with regard to the change of the school day. Very few parents responded to the consultation, but those who did raised concerns about the possibility of lunchtime clubs being adversely affected. No negative comments were received in relation to the proposed earlier finish of 2:50pm as opposed to 3:00pm. Consequently, we will amend the school day to end at 2:50pm from 3rd September 2018. This will allow an extra 10 minutes for those 'walking' pupils who may be affected by the loss of free transport next year. We will not adopt the proposed staggered lunchtime arrangement this year, although this is still being considered for the future.

We have everything crossed for our year 10, 11, 12 and 13 pupils who sat exams this year. I look forward to celebrating with them on the following dates:

Thursday 16th August - 'A' level and 'AS' results day
Thursday 23rd August - GCSE results day

School will be open from 8:30 am onwards on both days.

The new school year starts for all pupils on **Tuesday 4th September** where I expect to see all pupils in full school uniform complete with jumpers and ties, ready and motivated for the new year ahead. In the meantime, may I wish you all a long, restful and warm break - although I, for one, would quite welcome the traditional British summer at the moment.

Kind regards,

Helen Jones (Headteacher)

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