



Cardiff High School Ysgol Uwchradd Caerdydd

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that this letter finds you and your family well.

As part of our standard self-evaluation processes, Cardiff High School is currently undertaking a whole-school review of learning and teaching. This provides an important opportunity to reflect on our strengths and identify areas for further development. Having visited classrooms across the school, I have seen first-hand the high quality of provision that our staff deliver and the impressive levels of engagement, thinking and participation demonstrated by our learners. It is always a privilege to see the enthusiasm, curiosity and resilience that pupils bring to their learning each day.

We are also incredibly proud of the many achievements and successes of our pupils beyond the classroom. Last week, our Middle School SWEET class organised a coffee morning in support of Macmillan Cancer Support, raising over £500 for this very worthwhile charity. I would like to extend my sincere thanks and congratulations to all those involved for their hard work, commitment and excellent organisation. In addition, pupils from all year groups recently took part in our annual Cross Country Fun Run and Interform Competition organised by our PE department. It was wonderful to see such high levels of participation, energy and school spirit on display. The event was another great success and also contributed valuable funds towards our chosen charities. Thank you to all the pupils and staff who helped make the event such a positive experience. Finally, our Art department has submitted a number of pieces of work from Y12/13 pupils for an Open Exhibition running from October 21st at the G39 gallery in Roath. This is such a fantastic opportunity to showcase their creative and artistic talents to the local community - well done to everyone involved!

Last week saw the first round of our Senedd Cynefin meetings, providing an important opportunity for pupils to voice their opinions and views, facilitated by our sixth form prefect team, which will in turn be fed back to our wider school leadership team. I am also pleased to announce that, in collaboration with pupils, we will be developing a 'learner engagement and pupil voice charter' which will formalise and extend our commitment to ensuring learners are at the heart of our school and its improvement journey.

It has also been a pleasure to welcome so many parents and carers to school over recent weeks for our Welcome to Lower School, Welcome to Middle School and Welcome to Upper School information evenings. These events provided an overview of key information and expectations at important stages of your child's educational journey. We greatly value these opportunities to strengthen communication and partnership with families, as working collaboratively with our community is vital in ensuring the very best outcomes for our young people.

With this in mind, and as mentioned in my previous letter, I would like to remind parents and carers about the opportunity to join our Parent Stakeholder Forum. We are seeking representatives from each year group who would meet with members of the Senior Leadership Team on a termly basis. The forum will provide an opportunity to share feedback, discuss school improvement priorities, contribute ideas and maintain an open and constructive dialogue between home and school. Details of how to nominate yourself can be found via the link below, and I would encourage anyone interested in supporting the continued development of the school to consider becoming involved.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HT2SWRB>

Finally, I would like to remind families that our Sixth Form Open Evening will take place on Thursday 22 October. This event is open to pupils, parents and carers who are considering sixth form provision at Cardiff High School and will provide an excellent opportunity to learn more about the courses, facilities and opportunities available to our students.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support of Cardiff High School. The strength of our school community comes from the positive partnership that exists between pupils, staff, parents and carers. Together, we can continue to provide the very best educational experiences and opportunities for all of our young people.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Thompson', written in a cursive style.

Mr S Thompson
Acting Headteacher