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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you and your families had a restful and enjoyable half term break. It has been wonderful to welcome our pupils back to school and see them settle quickly into their learning as we begin what promises to be another busy and productive half term.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents and carers that Friday 13 November is a staff INSET day. School will therefore be closed to all pupils on this date as colleagues undertake a programme of professional learning and development. Thank you for your support and understanding.

I am also delighted to share some excellent news with our school community. We have recently been awarded the Siarter Iaith Silver Award, recognising the significant progress we have made in promoting and celebrating Welsh language and culture across all aspects of school life. This achievement reflects the commitment of our pupils, staff and wider community to embracing our Welsh heritage and increasing opportunities for learners to use and enjoy the Welsh language, both inside and outside the classroom. We are extremely proud of this recognition and will continue our efforts as we work towards future Siarter Iaith goals.

Furthermore, this week has seen the culmination of our collective community effort to support the 'Link to Hope' Shoe Box appeal. Thanks to your support and generosity, as a school we have been able to send over 300 boxes to the charity 'Link to hope' which supports families in Ukraine. It has been fantastic to see everyone support such a worthy cause and it is great knowing that our collective efforts will make such a difference to so many lives in difficult circumstances.

Looking ahead, there are a number of important events taking place over the remainder of the term. I would encourage all parents and carers to make a note of the following dates:

- **Thursday 12 November** - Year 11 Parents' Evening (3:45pm to 6:30pm)
- **Friday 13 November** - Staff INSET Day (school closed to pupils)
- **Thursday 19 November** - School Autumn Concert (5:00pm start)
- **Friday 27 November** - Year 8 and Year 9 Interim Reports issued to parents and carers
- **Thursday 3 December** - Year 12 Parents' Evening (3:45pm to 6:30pm)
- **Thursday 10 December** - Year 10 Parents' Evening (3:45pm to 6:30pm)

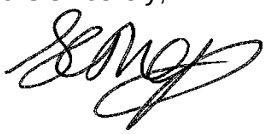
- **Wednesday 16 December** - *Carols by Candlelight Christmas Concert* at St Martin's Church (6:00pm)

Our annual *Carols by Candlelight* service is always a highlight of the festive season and provides a wonderful opportunity for our school community to come together to celebrate Christmas through music and reflection. We hope many families will be able to join us for this special occasion.

Finally, as the new front gate is now fully operational, and following a review of our site security and safeguarding processes, the side gate which provides access along Celyn Avenue will no longer be available.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support of Cardiff High School. We look forward to working with you throughout the remainder of the term and to welcoming many of you to the events listed above.

Yours sincerely,



Mr S Thompson
Acting Headteacher