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**Headteacher / Prifathro: Mr Ryan Davies MED**

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you have found the first half term to be successful. I know that, as the new head, I have enjoyed every minute and really do feel there is so much to look forward to.

A key focus has been to develop new methods of communication ensuring that you are fully aware of developments at Brynteg as well as having the opportunity to express your views. A key part of this strategy has been the use of Twitter (@BryntegSchool) and Facebook (Brynteg School) where key information as well as examples of the activities which are undertaken at Brynteg are shared. If possible, please visit these sites as they are updated on a regular basis.

There are a range of meetings which offer parents and carers the opportunity to find out more about our provision and to raise any issues which may be relevant. The recent Parent Partnership Evenings have been successful and have offered parents and carers a real insight in to how to support learning at home; information about further evenings will be made available at a later date. I have held 'open meetings' with parents and carers and will do so every term. If you feel you would like to attend one of these, please do so – the agenda for the evening is driven by the parents and carers who attend.

It was disappointing not to be able to hold our Sports Day which, as most of you are aware, had to be postponed at the end of last year. It was felt that holding it at this time of year would not offer our pupils the best experience. Plans are already underway for the event at the end of this academic year.

Thank you for your support with school uniform. Our pupils really do set an excellent example and there have been numerous communications to the school stating how positive an impression the new uniform is creating. For pupils in year 11 it is important to stress that the wearing of a Brynteg jumper is not optional and should be worn at all times.

Please could you stress to your son/daughter how important it is to be safe and to behave responsibly as we approach the Halloween and bonfire night period. Sadly, I have read far too many articles in newspapers about young people being injured by fireworks or being involved in anti-social behaviour. I am sure that the pupils of Brynteg are far more responsible but please help to ensure that this period is a safe one for all.

Brynteg is a fantastic school and it will develop further in the coming years. In my short time here I have quickly realised that the pupils really are incredibly talented and this, combined with the wonderful staff and support from you as parents and carers really does bode well for the future.

Best wishes