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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we settle into another exciting academic year at Bryntirion, I wanted to take the opportunity to celebrate some of the many positives across our school community and to thank you for your continued support.

We were delighted to celebrate an excellent set of GCSE, AS and A Level results this summer. These outcomes reflect the hard work, resilience and determination of our pupils, supported by the expertise and commitment of our staff and the encouragement of parents and carers. Our Year 11 and Sixth Form students achieved strong outcomes across a broad range of subjects and we are incredibly proud of all that they have accomplished.

We are also delighted to share that Bryntirion has been invited to become the inaugural *First Give Wales Ambassador School for 2026-27*. This recognition reflects our long-standing commitment to youth social action, community involvement and the development of compassionate, responsible young people. It is wonderful to see the efforts of our pupils and staff recognised in this way, and we are excited about the opportunities this partnership will create for our school and the wider community.

We have also marked the official opening of our new 3G pitch. This outstanding facility represents a significant investment in both our school and the wider community and will provide high-quality sporting opportunities throughout the year. We look forward to seeing our pupils continue to develop confidence, teamwork, leadership and resilience through participation in sport and physical activity.

The start of term has also been extremely positive. Our new Year 7 pupils have settled remarkably quickly into school life and have embraced the values, ethos and expectations of Tîm Bryntirion. Their positive attitude, excellent behaviour and enthusiasm for learning have made a wonderful impression on staff. We are exceptionally proud of how they have approached this important transition. As a reward for their efforts, pupils recently enjoyed a live orchestra performance delivered by members of the Bridgend Music Service, which was greatly appreciated and thoroughly enjoyed.

We are also pleased with the successful implementation of our new mobile device policy. The positive way in which pupils, staff and parents/carers have worked together has helped create an even more positive, safe and focused learning environment. This is another excellent example of what can be achieved when we work in partnership for the benefit of our young people.

I would also like to update you on our new '*Toilet Access and Use Procedure*', developed following extensive consultation with pupils, staff, parents/carers and governors. Like many schools across Wales and the UK, we have experienced challenges relating to the misuse of



toilet facilities. However, feedback from our school community made it clear that pupils want facilities that are safe, clean, respectful and comfortable to use.

The new procedure has therefore been designed with pupil wellbeing at its heart, ensuring that pupils can access toilet facilities when genuinely needed while helping us maintain a positive environment for everyone. During assemblies next week, pupils will be introduced to the procedure, including the toilet pass lanyard system, the role of staff in supporting access to facilities, and the shared responsibility we all have in respecting our school environment. Pupils will also be asked to sign a simple agreement outlining expectations for appropriate toilet use. A copy of the '*Toilet Access and Use Procedure*' will be sent to all parents and carers and posted on the school's website early next week.

Alongside these changes, we are launching an exciting '*Toilet Twinning Challenge*' for Year 7 and 8 form groups. Working with the Toilet Twinning charity, pupils will have the opportunity to raise funds to provide safe sanitation, clean water and hygiene education for communities across the world. This initiative links our focus on wellbeing and respect with the values of global citizenship and social responsibility that are so important to Tîm Bryntirion.

Finally, I would like to ask for your support at the end of the school day. We have recently received a number of complaints from local residents regarding vehicles being parked across driveways and obstructing access to and from properties near the school. We are fortunate to enjoy positive relationships with our neighbours and would be grateful if all parents and carers could park considerately when dropping off or collecting pupils. Your cooperation in helping us maintain these relationships is greatly appreciated.

Thank you once again for your continued support. The many successes we have celebrated already this term, from examination results and our new 3G pitch to recognition as the inaugural First Give Wales Ambassador School, are a testament to the strength of the partnership between home and school. We look forward to building on this momentum and working together to ensure that every pupil thrives at Bryntirion throughout the year ahead.

Yours sincerely,



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