

11<sup>th</sup> July 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

**RE: END OF TERM LETTER – OUR FIRST YEAR REFLECTION 2024/2025**

As we reach the close of our very first academic year — an incredible 195 days since we opened our doors; it is with immense pride and gratitude that I write to you.

**This year has been nothing short of extraordinary.**

From our very first day, our vision was clear: to create a nurturing, ambitious, and vibrant school community where everyone feels known, supported, and inspired. We have upheld our belief that every pupil irrelevant of ability, background, and age - can succeed. Together, we have laid strong foundations, and the journey that we have started is already filled with remarkable achievements, unforgettable moments, and strong connections.

**Outstanding Achievements:**

- Our successful launch: We welcomed our founding pupils and families, establishing the values and culture that now define our school.
- Curriculum Excellence: Our pupils have engaged with a rich and dynamic curriculum, achieving progress across a range of subjects and setting strong academic standards.
- ESTYN Readiness: Internal reviews and external feedback have praised our systems, safeguarding, and quality of teaching which will lay the groundwork for future inspection success.
- Enrichment: We launched a variety of clubs and enrichment activities, from sports and drama to debate and eco-leadership. We are looking forward to developing the range of activities in the new academic year.
- Our First School Senedd: Pupils have voiced their ideas through a newly formed pupil leadership team, helping shape our school from within.
- We look forward to our first set of GCSE results in August.

**Memories We Have Made:**

- High School Musical, Dinomania, Circus surprises, Santa and the reindeers, Athletics, Football, educational workshops, Park and Stride initiatives to mention just a few...
- The Summer Showcase: Our community event where pupils performed, exhibited, and truly shone, whilst providing our parents with a taster of next year's school show.
- Trips & Theme Days: From Science and University visits to ACE days, themed weeks and work experience - every event has added joy and depth to our pupils' learning.
- Sports Day 2025: A very special highlight of the year—sunshine, laughter, and teamwork gave a real sense of school spirit, not to mention healthy competition that would rival the Olympics!





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### **A Message of Thanks:**

To our families: thank you. Your trust, encouragement, and collaboration have meant everything during this pivotal first year. Your support at events, your honest feedback, and your belief in our vision has helped to make our school a place where our children can thrive.

To our Staff and Governors: your passion, resilience, and unwavering commitment to excellence have been nothing short of inspirational. It's because of your hard work that our pupils feel safe, seen, and celebrated.

**And to our pupils:** you are the heart of our school. Your kindness, curiosity, and courage have shaped our culture. We could not be prouder of each and every one of you for your resilience and the enthusiasm that you have shown towards our school.

As we look ahead, we do so with excitement and determination. This year was just the beginning, and our future is full of possibility. We also encourage you all to complete this very brief parent / carer survey via the QR code below. Your views matter, and will be considered carefully, as we plan for the next academic year and beyond.



Please see below next year's '*Dates for your Diary*' and further information regarding our new Home / School Communication app.

I wish you all a restful and safe summer and I look forward to welcoming everyone back for another incredible year on **THURSDAY, September 4<sup>th</sup> 2025.**

Warmest Regards,

C Crockett



**DATES FOR THE DIARY 2025 - 2026**

**INSET DAYS**

Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2025
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2025
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2025
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2026
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> February 2026
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2026

YR 11 SUCCESS EVENING: We warmly invite 'The Class of 2025' back to school on Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> November to celebrate their achievements. Families welcome also.

**PROGRESS EVENINGS**

<b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2025</b>	N-Year 6 Meet the teacher
<b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> /Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2025</b>	N-Year 6 Progress Evening
<b>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2025</b>	Year 11 Progress Evening
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2026</b>	Year 9 Core Progress Evening
<b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2026</b>	Year 9 Options Evening
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2026</b>	Year 11 Targeted Progress Evening
<b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2026</b>	Year 8 Progress Evening
<b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> /Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2026</b>	N-Year 6 Progress Evening
<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2026</b>	Year 10 Progress Evening
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2026</b>	Year 7 Progress Evening

**Communication next academic year MY CHILD AT SCHOOL APP**

Please follow the instructions below to download the app and login. Any issues, please come into the school or telephone for support.

**How to Self Sign Up for parents**

Parents can access the **Parent Login** screen in two ways:

1. From within the web browser type [www.mychildatschool.com](http://www.mychildatschool.com), this will open the **Parent Login** screen.
2. From the **MyChildAtSchool** mobile phone app, this will open the **Parent Login** screen.

Once in the **Parent Login** screen parents should follow these steps:

- Click on the **Sign Up** link in the Parent Login screen.
- Enter the school's **Postcode** or **School ID**.
- Select the school from the list in the dropdown.
- Click **Continue**.
- Enter the registered email address.
- Click **Sign Up**.

Postcode CF37 5AL

Parents will see the message 'To complete your registration, we have sent an email to the email address you provided. Please access your email and follow the steps to create your password'.

