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Dear Parent/Carer

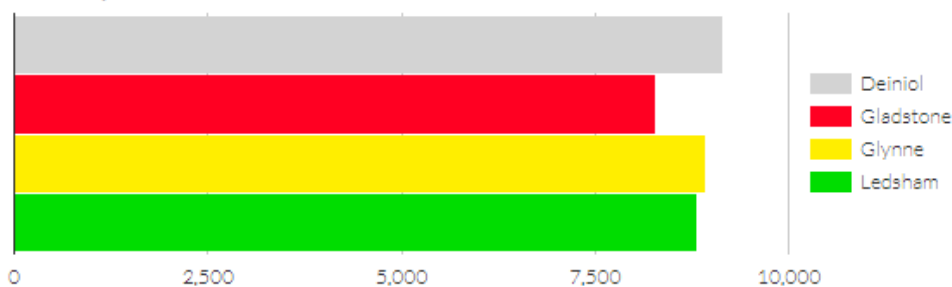
The purpose of this letter is to keep you up to date with developments at the school.

House Points and achievements

I mentioned in a previous letter that the school had revisited its practices for rewards. Working with the school council we have developed a more streamlined system which concentrates on the award of House Points. These House Points will accumulate on an individual and a House basis, with milestone certificates being awarded to students and an overall trophy being presented to the winning House at the end of the year. Over 35,000 House Points have been awarded since September – that's a lot of excellent behaviour/classwork/homework that has been recognised. Well done to all.

You may have seen the current house totals in the latest school newsletter. Currently, Ty Deiniol are narrowly in the lead with the most House Points, although the lead has changed on a few occasions. This graph will shortly be available to view in real time on the school website and reference will be made to the student leaderboard in school.

Current points



Special congratulations should also be extended to those students in receipt of a bronze or silver milestone certificate. These are students that have achieved 35 or 100 house points respectively. I have signed over 500 of these certificates already! A gold certificate is available for students that reach 200 house points and then additional rewards for those in receipt of the ruby, sapphire and platinum milestones.

Your child will shortly receive a print out from their form tutor which details the House Points, milestones and achievements received so far. I have attached a mock-up of this so that you can see what you're looking for. Do ask to see this as it provides another good indication of how your child is progressing in school.

Vehicle traffic around school

Further to my last letter, the additional buses now present on site at the beginning and end of the day do present additional congestion. Many thanks to you for your support in ensuring that the rear bus bay is kept clear for this use. However, I am still concerned regarding the movement of traffic on and around the school site, particularly at the end of the school day. Can I ask that you are mindful of the children entering and exiting the premises. We will once again be talking to students regarding their respect for the road and traffic – I would appreciate you echoing this message at home.

Non-uniform day and Flintshire Foodbank

Many thanks for your support with the recent 'Show Racism the Red Card' non-uniform day which helped us raise almost £900. The School Council are keen for us to support the 'Christmas Jumper Day' on **Friday, 14th December** which will be another non-uniform event with donations going towards 'Save the children'.

Similarly, we really appreciate the volume of donations received this autumn for Flintshire Foodbank. There are four trolleys in the foyer, each one of which is now overflowing with food items. Many thanks to all those who have supported.

Christmas concert

As we draw closer to the festive period, I would like to invite parents, pupils and friends of the school to join us on the occasion of our Christmas Concert, which will be held at St Deiniol's Church, Hawarden, on **Wednesday, 19th December**, commencing at 6.00 p.m. We are most grateful to the Reverend Andrea Jones for agreeing to host this important occasion in our school calendar. Seating is limited and tickets are now available, free of charge, from the School Office.

School closures


At this time of the year it is prudent to remind parents/carers about the procedures that we follow in the event of poor weather conditions which might result in the school closing. In this event I will communicate the situation to parents as early as I possibly can. Please assume therefore, that unless you hear positive information to the contrary, the school will be open.

The main medium of communication for a school closure is the Flintshire website (<http://www.flintshire.gov.uk/schoolclosures>). We will also endeavour to put this information on the school website and send a text message or tweet this information. You may also find it helpful to sign up for email alerts on the Flintshire website.

In the event of deteriorating conditions during the course of the school day pupils may be instructed to return home. However, students' safety is of paramount importance and, **should such a situation arise, students will not be granted permission to leave the school site before the end of the school day unless you have notified the school that you, or another responsible person, are available to receive him / her.** I ask that, in the event that snow is forecast, you should also remind your son / daughter of your instructions as to where s/he should go in the event that the school closes during the course of the school day.

Please contact the school should you require further clarification of the school's response to such circumstances, or in the event that these arrangements present potential difficulties for you.

Yours sincerely



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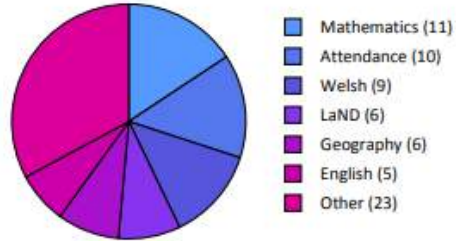
Example House Points / Achievement Report

Student Name 7GD1

Points awarded (108)



Points by subject



Milestones reached (2)



Bronze Certificate
35 points
24th October



Silver Certificate
100 points
17th November

Achievements completed (6)



Centurion - Top 100
15th October



Ambassador - Top of Form
7th November



Champion - Top of school
7th November



Shooting star - Top of Year
7th November



Top of House
7th November



Clean Standards Card HT1
7th November