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Dear Parent / Guardian,

This year is an important year for us at Bryn Tawe, as we celebrate the school's 20th anniversary from when we welcomed the first pupils through the school gates in September 2003. The school has experienced a range of outstanding achievements over this period – academically, socially, on the stage and on various playing fields. Such activities have contributed to the excellent success of the school over this period. Without doubt, we must thank the thousands of pupils and parents who have contributed to, and supported the school from the early days through to the present day! It is therefore timely that we note this important milestone over the next year with a series of celebratory events.

As part of these celebrations, we will be performing the 'High School Musical' before Christmas, on the 5th, 6th and 7th of December. The rehearsals have gone very well so far, and it will be great to welcome as many parents and friends of the school as possible to join us as we celebrate the talents of the current cohort of learners. We will be sharing information on how to purchase tickets after half-term – all are welcome.

It has been a busy first half-term with our learners experiencing a number of varied sporting successes, academic projects, extra-curricular visits and performances. It has been great to welcome year 6 pupils and parents from our partner primary schools this week to visit the school as they prepare to arrive at Bryn Tawe next September.

As a school, we have grieved over the past month as we had to say our final farewells to one of our most beloved pupils. Although she bravely battled illness, it is with great sadness we lost Emily Williams, a pupil in our 6th Form, in mid-September this year. The loss of Emily has left a big hole in our lives at Bryn Tawe, but we take inspiration daily through the strength and compassion of Emily's family and friends through such dark times. I would like to take the opportunity to thank the school staff for their compassionate support to the pupils, and especially to Emily's closest friends. Emily has a special place in the heart of the Bryn Tawe family.

Can I also take this opportunity to thank you as parents for your support during the first half term this year. We will provide all pupils with the best chance of success through the close and constant collaboration between the school and the home. We look forward to continuing to develop this vital relationship over the coming months and years.

Yours sincerely,

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