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Dear Parents and Carers / Annwyl Rieni a gofalwyr,

I write to thank you for your wonderful support this term. Thank you to the whole community for your positivity and kindness as we have developed our brand-new King Henry VIII 3-19 School. Your support has been so beneficial and valuable.

Our pupils have achieved phenomenally this term. Effort is a key competent in realising our school belief in the limitless capacity for everyone to achieve great things. The effort that our pupils display is astounding. I know this from the amazing number of merits that pupils have achieved this term.

Learning doesn't happen when things are easy. It happens when we respond to difficulty with determination and positivity. It requires embracing challenge, revelling in making mistakes, and having the courage to keep going. Our pupils do this consistently, and they fully deserve the high number of Bronze, Silver, and Gold Awards presented in our Celebration Assemblies this week.

Our school is built on a set of positive shared values. This term our pupils have embraced these and held them deep in their hearts. I am proud of their ambition, their curiosity, and their kindness. These values were fully on show during all our wonderful Nativities, performances, festive celebrations, and concerts, that have taken place over the last few weeks. These events have all been wonderful, and it has been lovely for our pupils to share these with our community.

I thank my entire staff team for their dedication in providing wonderful opportunities for our pupils on a daily basis, for all pupils from ages 3 to 19. A quick scan through our twitter feed and newsletters highlights the amazing experiences they have provided.

Personally, I am pleased with how we have built on previous successes to drive our school further forward. We have further improved teaching and learning, the quality of the curriculum, and the culture of reading. The rewards system is really developing so our pupils feel esteemed. There is more to do, and our whole school community is excited about the next steps. Next term please particularly look out for the impact of our work to further improve Questions for Learning, Guided Practice, Phonics, and opportunities for high levels of thinking in lessons.

Next calendar year, in November, we move into our brand-new buildings and facilities. This will provide a great environment for our pupils to learn and grow. We have exciting times ahead.

I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and look forward to welcoming you back in the New Year on Tuesday 9th January 2024.

Many thanks for your positivity and support.

Yours sincerely / Yn gywir,

Jonathan Watson
Headteacher
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