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Dear Parents

Welcome back to the new academic year, I hope you all had a relaxing break and enjoyed spending time with your children.

It gives me great pleasure to introduce myself as the new Head Teacher of Ysgol Owen Jones. I feel very privileged to have been appointed by the governors and I am looking forward to working closely with all stakeholders of the school over the coming years.

Many of you will have read the letter sent out by the Chair of Governors, Mr. Mark Albiston, with the news of my appointment. But, for those who didn't - I have been teaching for over 13 years with my most recent position being Deputy Head Teacher at Wat's Dyke CP School in Wrexham. Prior to this I taught at Mountain Lane CP School in Buckley where I was Team Leader for both the Lower and Upper Junior Departments and a member of the Senior Management Team.

Since my appointment, I have had the opportunity to visit the school on several occasions and to meet with my predecessor Mr Tennant, pupils, staff and governors and would like to thank them for making me feel so welcome during these visits.

Over the coming weeks I will be spending time in each of the classes in order for me to get to know the pupils and staff, whilst also giving them the opportunity to become familiar with their new Head Teacher.

I also know that in order for children to find school a positive and rewarding experience it is vital for staff to establish good working partnerships with parents. I strongly believe achievement and enjoyment go hand in hand to ensure each child's excellent progress. I therefore hope you will support our high expectations in all areas, especially in behaviour and achievement.

I will attempt to be at the school gate before and after school each day- please do take this opportunity to come up and introduce yourselves. I will also be holding a 'Meet the New Headteacher' meeting in on Tuesday 13th September at 9am and 5pm in order for you to learn a little more about my vision and aims for the school. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any queries, concerns or anything I can do to help and support you with regards to your child's learning and school life.

I would also like you to take this opportunity to inform you of a temporary staff change in Year 4 (Class 4). Unfortunately, Mrs Wynn has been unwell over the summer break and is still not well

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enough to return to school. She is unlikely to be returning in the short term and I am sure along with all the staff and governors you wish her a speedy recovery.

I would like to welcome Miss Emily Hobday, a highly recommended supply teacher who will be covering the year 4 class in the interim.

I look forward a successful and enjoyable year and would like to thank you personally for your continued commitment and support towards the staff and pupils of this school.

Yours sincerely

Mr Gareth Caughter
Headteacher

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