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Dear parent

First of all, may I take this opportunity to wish you and your family a very happy new Year.

You may already be aware that the school is developing half-termly meetings between the Headteacher and relatives of pupils in our school to strengthen the relationship between school and the community. These meetings are known as F.A.M.S ('Families Around Maesteg School') because we passionately believe it is through regular and in-depth conversation that we can further ensure your child receives an excellent experience in all aspects of their school life. Although there is an agenda for discussion (created by parents who have attended the previous meeting), the atmosphere is informal and allows for questions to be asked and suggestions to be made. The school has been grateful to those parents who have already attended preliminary meetings and we now hope to develop F.A.M.S so that even more parents are able to influence the life of the school.

Our next meeting is due to take place on **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January at 6.00pm** in the **School Hall** and the attached flyer – which you may have seen as posters within the Community – gives an overview of items for discussion. One of our major pieces of work with parents over the next year or so will be to develop the school in line with the qualities of a 'parent-friendly' school. We have already worked with an organisation called 'Parentkind' to develop this and you may wish to look at their website to see what this work involves: <https://www.parentkind.org.uk/>. Mr Chris Brooks, who has a particular responsibility for supporting the 'Aspirations' of our young people, will also be giving a presentation on the school's development of an Alumni, something for which we absolutely need your help. As always, the meeting will end with the opportunity for some open questions directed to the head and the development of an agenda for our next meeting.

I cannot stress enough the importance of the school and parents working closely together to strengthen our bond and determination to demonstrate to all our pupils our commitment to raising their life opportunities.

I very much look forward to greeting you in person on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January. **Please be aware that this meeting takes place directly after the Sixth Form Consultation meeting at 5pm and for which you have received details in a separate letter.**

Yours sincerely

Dr Dale Duddridge

Deputy Headteacher

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