Welcome from the Headteacher,

As we reach the end of the school year, I once again thank you for your continued support for the school and your children. At Morriston we fervently believe that our children the equal of any pupil from anywhere in Wales. We are proud of their academic success, sporting achievement, musical talent, how they commit and get involved in a wide range of activities and work so hard to support charities and community causes; culminating in raising over £4500 for Cancer research through the Race for Life.

I hope this newsletter gives you a brief flavour of what goes on in our school, a true comprehensive that providing opportunities and experiences for all our children. We have had a fantastic school production, a highly successful sports day that involved all our KS3 pupils, and this week we have two activity days that provides a great range of activities and events both in school and outside.

This year Wales Online once again published their guide to every secondary school in Wales. We are very pleased to be placed in the top 25%, an outcome that compares very favourably with similar schools to ours locally and nationally and reflects the hard work put in by all our staff and demonstrates significant progress since 2015. This year all staff have undertaken training for us to become a Pivotal school, with the focus is building on positive relationships with pupils and recognising and celebrating excellent effort and behaviour. I hope many of you will have received good news postcards, positive phone calls or your child getting recognition as pupil of the week. More information is included in this newsletter and we will be further developing our Pivotal approach next year.

In September we will be advertising for two parent governors to join our governing body. If you would like to help shape the future of our School I would strongly encourage you to apply; more details will be sent out in the new term.

I wish you all a happy holiday and I look forward to welcoming our children back on Wednesday September 4th.

M. Franklin

Mega Maths success for Morriston

On Friday 14th June, when thirty year 7 pupils took part in the annual Reaching Wider Mega Maths competition at Swansea University.

Grouped into teams of three with names ranging from Pie-thag-are-us to the Morriston Maths Monkeys they competed in quick fire buzzer rounds, financial literacy, observation and problem solving rounds.

All ten teams were a credit to the school with MCS teams ‘Area 51m^2’, ‘The Algebest’, ‘2 infinity and beyond’ and ‘Matharama’ placing 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 5th respectively. Well done to all the teams.
Well done to all the pupils and staff that took part in the Race for Life on Sunday 9th June in Llanelli. We have raised an AMAZING £4,528!!!!!!!

We took 77 pupils and 8 staff to run the race for life and all the pupils and staff did amazing!!!! They were a pleasure to take and all worked really hard. It was a great atmosphere, great event and a fantastic effort by everyone. It was also so nice to see so much parental support there.

A special Well Done to Caitlin Warren Yr12 who was our fastest pupil.

Lots of girls raised totals in the £100’s, but a special mention to Alexis Williams and Georgia Price who raised £215 and £230 and Caitlyn Alford and Isabella May who raised £315 and £350.

The geography department have been busy with a number of field trips taking place during the past term.

Year 10 geography pupils visited Tenby on Fri 21st June to research Tenby’s sphere of influence and how tourism impacts on the town. The pupils visited numerous sites throughout Tenby where they conducted pedestrian counts, environment surveys and questionnaires to gauge whether tourism has an overly positive or negative impact on Tenby. Pupils also enjoyed ice cream and a walk on the beach before leaving. In class they will be presenting the data before analysing and interpreting their results in order to draw conclusions. Their next fieldtrip, in September, takes them to Rhossili Bay and Worm’s Head where they will be investigating footpath erosion.

Year 12 geography pupils have visited Porthcawl twice in recent weeks for their Independent Investigations. The first visit on Fri 14th June involved a museum visit and guided tour, which familiarised students with the area and helped them to select a theme to investigate.

Back in class they decided on which sites to visit and designed surveys before visiting again on Tues 2nd July to collect their data. Pupils have chosen a range of interesting themes to investigate such as the decline of Porthcawl’s high street, the success of Porthcawl’s waterfront regeneration and the environmental impacts of tourism on the Porthcawl. They will be writing this up during September.

A fantastic trip to Iceland for GCSE and A-level geographers also took place over Easter 2019. A full write up and photographs of the visit can be found on the school website.
The Year 11 Prom was held a couple of weeks ago at the Manor Park Hotel. The pupils looked amazing and it was fantastic to see so many proud parents, family and other pupils coming along to support and celebrate this special evening. Thank you to all staff who supported the evening, and especially Mrs Terry who organised the evening.

All the pupils behaved impeccably and were a credit to our school. Formal photos will be available to pick up on results day on the 22nd August.

The Seren – Inspiring Futures initiative was one of the highlights of the year for 40 pupils who attended the event in the Liberty Stadium. The aim of the visit was to learn more about applying for top UK universities as part of their post 16 transition next year. The pupils were accompanied by Mrs Page and Mrs Isaac.

Athletics in Morriston has had a busy summer with our annual trail of fixtures.

Unfortunately the Year 7 Trophy match in conjunction with Swansea Harriers was cancelled 3 times due to the bad weather...it wasn't meant to be.

The County Schools Championships in early May provided us with more Individual and team success.

The Senior boys narrowly fell short of retaining their Team tile just falling a few points behind Gower College. This is still a remarkable achievement considering the number of pupils we have to pick from. MCS Winners on the day included Christian White U20 2K Steeplechase & Noah Osborne U17 Pole Vault.

Early June saw us make our yearly trip to Ammanford Leisure for the school races for years 7/8. This fun event allows pupils of all abilities the chance to represent the school and enjoy the benefits that athletics can bring. All participants received a medal on finishing.

The County CUP AND PLATE FINALS held in Mid June also produced fantastic team performances showing that we are consistently placed as a top 8 school.

The season concluded with the Welsh Schools championships in Cardiff on Sat 6th July...We were proud to have 3 representatives in the County team competing against the best school athletes in Wales.

In the U17 Boys there were solid performances from Noah Osborne Pole Vault & Carwyn Harry Hammer, this was backed up by Steffan Harry U 15 Boys Hammer.

Many thanks to all the pupils and staff who have helped the club run this season and we looking forward to our new challenges in September.

Mr Maynard
YEAR 7 have had excellent first year. Many in the year group have been successful in rugby, football, cricket, athletics and netball; both the girls' and boys' football team have one the league this year. We have also had non sporting success in the 'Bath Bomb' competition, Lego competition and Mathematics Competition and discovered new stars who took part in the show. They have enjoyed and competed in the Eisteddfod and Sports Day. Many of the pupils loved their time in Llangrannog, 20 pupils completed the challenge of a Criminology and Psychology A Level lesson and the Eco Club will be completing a beach clean during the last week of term. Pupils have also supported the work Mrs Williams is doing with Kariba school in Zambia and have helped to raise a total of £125. We ended the year with a brilliant presentation assembly, Freya Carroll, Ashton Coombes, Aaron Skyrme, Lian Cruz and Harrison Brown all sang during the assembly and stole the show.

YEAR 8 It has been a fantastic year for year 8 as they have gone from strength to strength. Since taking on the role as Progress Leader it has been the most rewarding challenge of my teaching career. It has been wonderful to see them progress academically as well as maturing into well-rounded young people that are a credit to the school community. Next year will be a really important year for them as they begin to make choices that begin to shape their future. I look forward to seeing Year 8 fulfil their potential next year and beyond.

YEAR 9 It has been an eventful year for all in year 9. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the tutor teams for their hard work and commitment in form time; it has proved to be an ideal start to the School day for the vast majority of students. Pupils have been involved in a number of sporting activities including representing Swansea Schools, West Glamorgan and in some cases gaining international honours. Pupils have represented the School in extra-curricular activities such as the children’s commissioner of wales conference, ‘the big conversation’ and various children’s rights respecting activities. Our pupils are actively involved in the wider School community; we have pupils on the pupil leadership team, the purpose of which is to give students a voice in decision making for the School. They offer support not only in School but also in the local community with visits to various community run centres. Pupils have taken a lead in School productions and individual students have performed at School events throughout the year. It has been a hugely successful year for all and we want to build upon the year's successes as you move into year 10 and face all the challenges of your chosen options and GCSE. Have a great summer, be safe and see you all in September ready to go.

YEAR 10 have enjoyed a very successful year and have completed a number of important external exams. We are looking forward to seeing how well they have done on results day! We recently celebrated their achievements at our Presentation Assembly. A number of prizes were awarded including most improved attendance that went to , whilst the following achieved 100% attendance; Abigail Beckett, Anna-Louise Chavez, Joshua Ellens, Sian Evans, Mackenzie Hopkins, Charlotte Howells, Sam Lamprey, Mia Parsons, Cameron Simons, Ellis Stallwood, Bethany-Louise Stephens and Jac Thomas. The Pupil of the Year award went to Jac Thomas who has excelled himself across a wide range of subjects this year.

YEAR 11 A fantastic final year for a great group of pupils. Having welcomed them into Year 7 five years ago, I have watched them move through school as they have matured overcoming numerous obstacles, and it has been a pleasure to once again support them in their final year. I could mention too many notable achievements they have had over their time at MCS; from sporting, performance and musical success, along with some superb academic attainment. It was also fantastic to see them all dressed up to the nines at Prom. Final congratulations to Year 11 on finishing their GCSE’s, enjoy the long summer and we all look forward to seeing what I’m sure will be happy faces on results day in August. Well done everyone,

Miss A. Jones.
This year Morriston has become a Pivotal school. Staff have adopted a new approach to behaviour management. The focus is on building on positive relationships with pupils and recognising and celebrating excellent effort and behaviour.

Pivotal is based on five pillars that we follow consistently and relentlessly:

1. Consistent, calm adult behaviour
2. First attention to best conduct
3. Relentless routines
4. Scripting difficult interventions
5. Restorative follow up

Mrs Altman, Mrs Brewer and Mr Meredith have been trained as instructors by Pivotal Education Behaviour Specialists and have delivered extensive training to equip staff to create calm, positive learning environments in all classrooms and around the school. Some whole school routines which help create this culture change include:

- Staff meet and greet pupils at the school gate and at the door to every classroom.
- Staff use recognition boards in every classroom to celebrate positive learning behaviours.
- A Pupil of the week is nominated in every subject and positive phone calls home are made.
- Postcards are sent home to celebrate excellent effort or achievement.
- School rules have been simplified to 3 words: READY RESPECTFUL SAFE
- If there are behavioural issues, then a restorative conversation takes place to discuss what went wrong and what needs to improve.
- Every day is a new day

We will be continuing to train and develop our Pivotal approach next year. If you wish to find out more about the pivotal approach to behaviour management you can visit www.pivotaleducation.com
**Morriston Sixth form continues to go from strength to strength**

The summer term has been another busy time for the Sixth Form at Morriston. Forty- four of our students have gained offers to study at undergraduate level in universities as far afield as St. Andrews in Edinburgh and Durham. Engineering and Nursing are the two most popular choices this year but we also have students hoping to study Cardiac Physiology, Medical Biochemistry, Journalism and Textiles for Interiors. All of our students have now completed their examinations and they celebrated with their Sixth Form Prom, which was held at Sherwood's in Morriston. We also have a number of students leaving this year to enter the world of work or to continue their studies in college. We wish them all well for their futures and hope they can all achieve their ambitions.

Our Heads Team, which was superbly managed by Catrin Rees (Head Girl) and Tom Diamond (Head Boy) handed over to Year 12 at Easter. Our new Heads Team led by Natasha Marustik (Head Girl) and Rhys Cardiff (Head Boy) have already been involved in charity events and are planning for the numerous events put on by the school for the local community throughout the year. At Easter we took over fifty Easter Eggs to the Children’s Wards at Morriston Hospital after raising money by bake sales.

We took over forty students to the Bay Campus at Swansea University in June where they had a number of sample lectures. These included subjects like Medicine, Business, History, Engineering, Nursing and also included talks about Student Finance and Life in University. Over fifty students have now started the university admissions process and will have the summer break to decide upon their future career paths.

On a more personal note we would like to pay tribute to our colleague Mrs. Latinac- Kovacevic who is leaving Morriston Comprehensive after 21 years service. She has been an inspiration for many Sixth Form students and a first class teacher and form tutor. We would like to wish her well for her future.

Mr Evans
Director of Sixth form

**More sporting success** with several of our pupils achieving fantastic success in a wide range of sports. Some notable achievements include Maisie Miller, who received her Wales under 16 football cap and Liam Edwards being selected for the Ospreys West Under 16s squad for the forthcoming season.

**New Sixth Form leadership team**
Following a very professional application and interview process this year’s Head boy and Head girl are Rhys Cardiff and Natasha Marustik

**Important dates for your diary**
- A Level results day: **Thurs 15th Aug**
- GCSE Results day: **Thurs 22nd Aug** (Y12 enrolment)
- Sixth form Enrolment (Y12 and 13)
  - 2.30pm-3.30pm Mon 2nd Sept
- Back to school for all pupils
  - Wednesday 4th September

**Staff Leaving us this summer.**
The following staff are leaving us this term. We would like to thank them very much for their hard work and dedication to our school, and wish them the very best for the future.

- Mrs. Latinac- Kovacevic
- Mrs Williams-Ford
- Mr McNeill
- Mr George (Science Technician)
- Mr Lunt
- Miss R Watkins
- Mrs Robinson (covering maternity cover)