



Friday 14th December 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

As we reach the end of a very busy term, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a Merry Christmas and thank you for your continued support.

As you know, Estyn visited our school in November and a full report will be published at the end of January. I am confident that the inspectors' findings will validate many of the changes we have made since September. It is essential that we continue to raise standards and promote an ambitious vision for Rhosnesni. Whilst the Estyn Inspection has come far too early in my headship, I am pleased that I will have further impetus to drive forward our improvement plans.

It has been a pleasure to see so many students participating in a varied programme of activities and opportunities this term. Recently, I was privileged to watch our choir perform at St John's Church. They have also visited Hope House and the White House Care Home to sing for the residents. Their harmonies were fantastic and each student was a credit to our school. The choir will also feature in our Christmas concert, starting at **6pm on Tuesday 18th December**. Tickets are free and available from school reception. There will be refreshments available. Please bring your family and friends along to show your support.

The annual Christmas lunch for students will be served on **Tuesday 18th December** at a cost of £2.40. Students and staff can enjoy a turkey dinner and a festive biscuit.

Friday 21st December will be a non-uniform day, with a £1.00 donation to a charity chosen by our Student Council. We encourage staff and students to wear a Christmas Jumper if they have one. In the interests of health and safety, please ensure that your child dresses appropriately and respects our rules on jewellery.

School will close on **Friday 21st December at 3.00pm**. If you are collecting your son/daughter at the end of the school day, I ask for your support in ensuring that parking is safe and legal. Please do not park on our drive, unless you have a prior arrangement with the Additional Learning Needs Co-ordinator. School will re-open to students on **Monday 7th January 2019, WEEK 2** timetable.

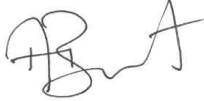
During this half term, Year 11 students have been working hard to prepare for their GCSE examinations. After Christmas, we will be making final preparations and supporting revision. For all students, not just our most senior, behaviour, attendance and punctuality are crucial to academic success. Please continue to work with us and reinforce our high expectations.

I am confident that all students will return to school fully prepared for the start of the new term. The uniform and dress code is an important element of our improvement journey at Ysgol Rhosnesni. I have written to all parents on a number of occasions this year, requesting support with uniform compliance. In particular, it is not appropriate for students to wear trainers, leggings and jean/chino style trousers to school. Trainers and fashion footwear are not an acceptable replacement for traditional school shoes. We will continue to rigorously monitor and improve the uniform standards of Team Rhosnesni.

I would like to remind all parents to check their eligibility for free school meals. This can save a family up to £800 per year and there may be other advantages available to you. If you are unsure whether you are eligible, please check the Wrexham Council Website: http://www.wrexham.gov.uk/english/education/school_meals/free_school_meals.htm or give them a call on 01978 297413. Alternatively, if you need any assistance with the forms please contact the school office for further information.

Again, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A Brant', written in a cursive style.

Mr A Brant
Headteacher