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YSGOL RHOSNESNI
HIGH SCHOOL
A Pathways to Success School

Dear Parent/Guardian,

As we come to the end of a very busy and productive spring term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support in helping us to continue to raise standards across the school.

Students and staff have been working hard to ensure that children are achieving their potential in their subjects and I am very pleased to see our students working hard in so many areas of the school. From before school lessons to extra curricular activities and clubs, sporting activities and workshops, trips and visiting speakers, the enjoyment in learning and the high standard of experiences for students has been well received.

It is always a pleasure to reward our students for their achievements and this term has seen many students achieving commendations in recognition of their hard work. We recently introduced the **'good news home'** programme and I hope that many parents/guardians have received one of our good news cards to acknowledge something special in a lesson or learning event. I have also been meeting every week with groups of students for my **Hot Chocolate Friday**, a reward for positive achievements in school.

On **Monday 10th and Tuesday 11th April**, students have been provided with an opportunity to come to our Easter School. Each session is aimed at supporting children in Years 10 and 11 in making sure that they are fully prepared for the important examinations that commence after Easter. There are so many opportunities to attend extra sessions, workshops, help sessions, homework and coursework clubs as well as the personal programme of revision.

Please continue to work together with us in the lead in to these important examinations. Positive discussions with your son/daughter and short term goal setting, is a positive way to bring about success. Together we want to maximise the time that we have to ensure that all our students achieve the best outcomes in their subjects. We want every student to achieve their potential and we never underestimate the importance of good preparations.

This is a particularly stressful time for students across the school who are sitting examinations and assessments and I would like to ask for your support in ensuring that your son/daughter is as fully prepared as they can be ahead of the exams/tests. If you are unsure of anything, please do contact us for any clarity.

From **April 27th to May 3rd**, Year 7,8 and 9 will be sitting their National Literacy and Numeracy Tests. A timetable has been produced and is on the school website. Each student will be required to sit 3 tests on separate days. There will be numerical reasoning and numerical procedures tests and reading tests. Students are preparing for these tests in classes. As in previous years, students will receive a standardised age score for both numeracy and reading before the end of the school year.

These are important tests for our children and I ask that children do not miss these tests as there are limited opportunities to sit the tests during the week. Please do not take your son/daughter out of school during this week.

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Last week we held a very successful Eisteddfod for Years 7 and 8. It was a great pleasure to watch such a varied and entertaining range of performances and to judge the wonderful work produced by our students from subjects across our curriculum. My congratulations go out to every student who contributed to the Eisteddfod.

On Wednesday, a group of staff and students have embarked upon a once in a lifetime experience to Iceland in search of the amazing and unique landmarks that so many of us can only dream about. We look forward to their return and hearing about their adventures.

In my last letter to parents, I wrote to you about the importance of attendance to school and the importance of attending every day and on time. The majority of students attend in line with our expectations. However, recently, there have been fixed penalty notices issued for low attendance and recently there have been high profile prosecutions for the offence of children not attending school which have taken place by Wrexham Council in response to some low levels of school attendance.

Please support your son/daughter in ensuring that he/she attends school in line with our expectations as a school. Every lesson of every day counts. It has been a pleasure to reward so many students this week with Easter treats as a result of achieving 100% attendance this term. There will be a whole school attendance draw next term with students being in with a chance of winning a range of prizes.



I wish to continue to clarify for all parents/guardians that school uniform is a compulsory expectation and standard of our school. I am pleased to report that the vast majority of students wear the complete school uniform with pride. Thank you for your support this term. However, **it is noticeable that a number of students are attending school with incomplete or inappropriate items of uniform and these will not be accepted as uniform.** The picture shown is an example of the accepted standard of uniform. Skirts should be knee length and loose fitting and trousers should be loose fitting, not combat style, lycra or leggings/jeggings or jean/chino style.

I am pleased to inform you that our Year 7 Transition Base is near completion which will support teaching and learning and support the transition experience for students.

The school will close on Friday 7th April at 3.00pm and will re-open for students on Tuesday 25th April. Monday 24th April will be a staff training day.

I wish you a very safe and enjoyable Easter holiday.

Yours sincerely,

ND Harrison
Headteacher/Pennaeth