



YSGOL RHOSNESNI
HIGH SCHOOL
A Pathways to Success School

May 2017

Dear Parent/Guardian

It has been a very busy half term and as the first part of the summer term draws to a close I would like to inform you of some school developments.

Over the last few weeks, students in Years 7, 8 and 9 have been sitting their National Literacy and Numeracy tests. These tests are sat by all students across Wales and are a requirement by the Welsh Government. Thank you for your support in ensuring that your son/daughter was prepared, as good preparation will impact on the overall literacy and numeracy score achieved. A report will be provided with the results at the end of term.

Year 10 and 11 students have started sitting their GCSE examinations. For students, and in particular Year 11, these examinations are the culmination of so much preparation and hard work. It is so important that your son/daughter is fully prepared for each exam and that every opportunity is taken to ensure the grades are achieved. There have been sessions taking place before school, during school and after school and experience tells us that every session attended really does count. **At half term there will be a half term revision school for students on Tuesday 30th May. Details will be issued separately to students.**

I am pleased to inform you that further refurbishments have taken place at Ysgol Rhosnesni with a focus on a specific Transition Base for Year 7 and students who work with us from across our primary schools along with a dedicated teaching and learning centre which will be ready for September.

It has been such a pleasure to meet students from across the school every week as part of my Hot Chocolate Friday. This has been an opportunity to reward students who are making a positive contribution to school life and building upon good news home initiative that has been introduced this term.

I would like to draw your attention to a number of important areas of school that require your support:

Punctuality

May I respectfully remind parents/guardians that students are required to be in school for 8.40am in readiness for the 8.45am start of school. Lateness to school impacts on your son/daughters attendance as well as disrupting learning.

Registration is a legal requirement and attendance at registration is an expectation. Thank you for working with us to ensure that 100% of students arrive on time to school.

RESPECT HONESTY SUCCESS

'Working together with you to achieve success'

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Mobile Phones

May I remind parents/guardians that the use of mobile phones to contact students during the school day is not acceptable. If you need to contact your son/daughter please contact the school office where a member of staff will make contact with your son/daughter. Contacting students in lessons is a distraction to learning and is not acceptable in the school. If we need to be aware of any specific issues or emergencies please let us know.

Uniform

Our school uniform is an important feature of our school identity. As a student wearing the school uniform is an expectation. We are currently seeing some challenges to our code of uniform. This includes items of uniform which are not acceptable and will not be accepted as items of uniform. Tracksuit pants, training shoes, jeans of any description and non school uniform items of clothing will not be accepted. Please see the school uniform expectations on the school website. **Students who continue to challenge the uniform expectations may be sent home following contact with parents to correct their uniform.** Your son/daughter is representing the school whenever they are in their uniform even when they are not on school grounds and I would request that their behaviour reflects this as ambassadors of our school.

Fidget Toys

I have written to you on the subject of fidget toys/spinners and the disruptions that these items cause. Please see the school website for my letter if you have not received a copy. These toys were banned in school as of 18th May and will be confiscated if your son/daughter brings them to school.

Entitlement Courses (at Coleg Cambria and St Christopher's School)

As we prepare for the new year ahead, I would like to draw your attention and advance notice of the start date for collaborative courses in September 2017

The new Year 10 (September 2017) cohort will start their Entitlement courses on Tuesday 5th September. This is the first day of term so please can you ensure that if your child is accessing one of these courses at Coleg Cambria you will need to make arrangements with your son/daughter to travel home from the town centre at 4:15 pm.

Year 10 students on the 'Twilight' Spanish course will start on Monday 11th September from 4:30 to 6:30 pm. Parents will be required to provide transport to and from Coleg Cambria for your son/daughter.

Year 11 (September 2017) students will return to their Entitlement courses on Wednesday 6th September. Again, parents will need to make arrangements with their son/daughter to travel home from the town centre at 4:15 pm.

The Enrichment Programme

Students who have been informed that they will be accessing the Enrichment Programme will commence their course on Monday 11th September.

We are pleased to announce that a new initiative for July 2017 is the Year 10 Entitlement Vocational Taster at Glyndwr University.

As you will be aware, the final date for Entitlement courses for current Year 10 students this term is Wednesday 28th June 2017 due to the closure of Coleg Cambria for their summer holidays. This would usually mean that Year 10 students on the entitlement programme being in school for the last 3 Wednesdays of the summer term. In order to address this, arrangements have been made for current Year 10 students on the Entitlement courses for the final two Wednesday afternoons on 5th and 12th July from 1:00 to 3:30 pm

The programme is being sponsored by the North Wales Reaching Wider Partnership. The programme will take place at Glyndwr University and will be open to all current Year 10 Entitlement students who attend Coleg Cambria . Transport will be provided to Glyndwr but students will need to make arrangements to get home from Glyndwr University at the end of the day. The programme will include a range of vocational activities linked to the vocational area of the collaborative course that Year 10 students are following. For further information, please contact Mrs S Williams, Assistant Headteacher.

All Year 9 students who have made their option choices for next year will be receiving letters confirming their option choices after the half term holiday. If there are any further queries please contact the school.

Finally, I would like to thank the school community for your support this term. In order to further improve communication between school and home, could you please take a few minutes to complete the slip below and return this to the school to assist us in updating our contacts. I would ask that if you have not already provided the school with an email address to contact you that you please do this to support a more direct form of communication.

The school will close for half term at 3pm on Friday 26th May and re open for students on Monday 5th June.

I wish you a safe enjoyable half term holiday.

Yours sincerely



ND Harrison
Headteacher



DATA COLLECTION FORM

Please UPDATE and return to school

Surname: _____ Year Group: _____

*First Name: _____ *Middles Name (s): _____

*Date of Birth: _____

*New Home Address including Postcode: _____

New Home Tel no: _____

New Mobile Number: _____ Work Number: _____

*Email address for parent/carers: _____

* Emergency Contact Name & Phone Number/Relationship to child: _____

*Please note: Information requested above marked * is mandatory information required by the school – we will only use your email address to share school related information with you, this will not be shared with any other party.*

Preferred Method of contact for letters and communications:

Mobile/Text Y/N

Email Y/N

Letter Y/N

Please return to the school office so that your details can be updated.