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Dear Parents

As we draw to the end of a very busy and successful year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support in helping us to continue to raise standards across the school this year. A copy of the newsletter which highlights the wide range of achievements and progress made by our school community during the summer term is available on the school website and I'm sure you will find it to be both interesting and informative.

I am delighted with the progress the students have made this year. Together with my congratulations to them, I also extend my thanks to you as parents/guardians for your support and to the staff for their hard work, which ensures our students continue to work to their full potential.

Our school has worked very hard to achieve the recognition of the commitment to making improvements over the last twelve months and our students have played a huge part in the ongoing transformation of our school environment.

We still have further work to do and my colleagues and I are committed to ensuring that the school continues to improve.

It is always a pleasure to reward our students for their achievements and it was wonderful to present so many awards at the Achievement Awards Evening at the William Aston Hall in recognition of the achievements of our students.

I would also like to take this opportunity to share a few thoughts and key dates with you prior to the start of the new school term in September.

End of Term

Term will end on **Friday 21st July 2017 at 3.00pm.**

Important Dates

Thursday 24th August 2017- GCSE Results Day
(Available from 10am)

Friday 1st/Monday 4th September 2017 - Staff In-Service Training Days.

Tuesday 5th September 2017 – Students return to school

All students in year Years 7-11 should attend for school at 8.40am. Year 7 only should go to the assembly hall and Years 8-11 should go to their form rooms upon arrival.

Students will be based with their Form Tutors who will be working together with them to prepare for the term ahead and to focus on a readiness to learn. Please support us by ensuring that your son/daughter has equipment and their resources to start their learning.

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'Working together with you to achieve success'

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We will be re-introducing a student planner this year following feedback from students and parents. This will be a positive tool to support home/school communications and to record homework and coursework. E-praise will continue to be used across the school

Please note that Years 7, 9 and 11 will be having their photographs taken on this their first day back in school.

Start Date for Y10/11 Entitlement Courses

(Coleg Cambria and St Christopher's School)

The new Year 10 cohort will start their Entitlement Courses on Tuesday 5th September. This is the first day of term and 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 4.15pm.

Year 10 students on the twilight Spanish course will start on Monday 11th September from 4.40-6.30pm. It is the responsibility of parents to transport their son/daughter to and from Coleg Cambria for this course.

Year 11 students will return to their Entitlement courses on Wednesday 6th September. Parents will need to make arrangements with their son/daughter to travel home from the courses at 4.15pm.

Year 11 students on the twilight Spanish course will start on Tuesday 12th September from 4.30-6pm.

The Enrichment Programme will commence on Monday 11th September for identified students in Years 10 and 11.

If you have any questions about any of these courses, please direct these to Mrs Sally Williams, Assistant Headteacher.

Attendance

As a school, we have an ongoing commitment to raising student's attendance and punctuality to school. Whilst the majority of our students arrive on time, there are a continuing number of children who regularly arrive late to school. Lateness to school disrupts teaching and learning and as from September 2017, we will exercise the option to issue Fixed Penalty Notices to address any persistent latecomers to school.

Behaviour

As part of our on-going review of the Positive Approach to Learning and Rewards Programme, we have simplified our school rules to make them more understandable and to support systems already in place in the majority of our feeder Primary Schools. The consistency of approach will aid the transition process. We expect all of our students to demonstrate at all times that they are:

READY	RESPECTFUL	SAFE
Am I seated? Am I calm? Am I equipped?	Am I listening attentively? Am I using please and thank you? Am I co-operating with staff?	Am I using equipment correctly? Am I helping everyone to stay safe? Am I following instructions?

Uniform and Dress Code

As you will be aware we have been reviewing the uniform and dress code and I have communicated our expectations to students, parents and guardians throughout the year. I appreciate your support in ensuring that your son/daughter attends school **in the correct and appropriate uniform**. For your information, an updated version of the school uniform and dress code is available on the school website. I should be grateful, if you would spend a few moments to read through the information with your son / daughter to ensure that they start the new school term in **full and correct uniform**. Blazers are compulsory for all year groups. The uniform and dress code is an important element of the school community in Ysgol Rhosnesni. There should be no confusion in our expectation of uniform. Where there are incidents of inappropriate uniform or footwear, we reserve the right to contact parents and request your support in addressing the issues. For clarity, trainers are not an acceptable replacement for school footwear.

Uniform is supplied through **RAM Leisure, Whitegates Industrial Complex, Wrexham, LL13 8UG, (01978) 360360. www.ramleisure.com**. The store is open throughout the summer holiday and orders can also be placed online if you so wish.

Staffing Changes

The following staff will sadly be leaving Ysgol Rhosnesni at the end of this academic year; Mr DM Jones, Assistant Headteacher/Learning Manager Maths, Mrs Steph Ward, PE Teacher, Mrs Louise Jones, Maths Teacher, Mrs R Griffiths, English Teacher, Mrs R Jenkins, Teacher of D&T and Mr Llifon Williams, Maths Intervention Teacher. I therefore would like to take this opportunity to thank them for the tremendous contribution they have made to the development of the school and our pupils and to wish them every future success.

I am pleased to inform you that the following new staff will be joining us in September 2017:

Mr A Kulke	ICT Teacher
Miss S Evans	D&T Teacher
Mr T Humphries	Music Teacher (Maternity cover)
Mr M Needham	English Teacher
Miss C Hughes	PE Teacher
Mr G Loughlin	Maths Teacher

The following internal appointments have also been made from September 2017:

Mr K Whitehead	Achievement & Progress Co-ordinator Y7/8
Mrs G Roberts	Literacy Co-ordinator
Mrs E Topliss	Acting Learning Manager Maths
Mrs C Dingle	Acting Assistant Headteacher
Mrs F Williams	Acting Learning Manager ICT

I would also like to welcome staff who have joined us during this term:

Mrs L Westaway	School Administration Assistant
Mrs T Prydderch	Data Manager
Mr R Jones	Network Manager
Mrs J Evans	Attendance and Family Support Officer

I am sure that you will join me in wishing them every future success in their work with the students and the school community.

As the end of term comes to a close could I request your support in ensuring that if you drop off or collect your son/daughter from school, could you please respect the local residents and not park across the neighbouring driveways. The issue continues to cause some additional congestion at the start and end of the school days. I would also like to remind parents that the school has limited capacity for parking and if you are collecting your son/daughter there are a limited number of visitor bays in the car park to the left of the entrance. This reduces congestion and ensures that health and safety is maintained. Please do not park on the drive or block exits.

Finally, please may I ask you to be aware of the health and safety implications of any student who accesses the school grounds out of school hours.

In conclusion, may I wish you and your family a restful summer break and I look forward to welcoming your son/daughter back to school for the start of the new academic year on 5th September 2017.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'NDH', followed by a long, sweeping horizontal line that extends to the right.

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Headteacher/Pennaeth