



October 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

I am delighted to introduce the Newsletter which gives an insight into what has been a very busy and successful half term.

Together we have rebooted Team Rhosnesni. Students now look smart and take pride in their uniform. Punctuality and attendance are improving. Behaviour in lessons and around school is superb. Well done to every student who has been praised and applauded in Celebration Assemblies and phone calls home this week. We are so proud of you. Keep up the good work.

Please remember, that our expectations for all students are extremely high because we believe it is the right thing to do and not the easy thing to do.



## Year 10 and 11 Celebration Assembly

Finally, I hope you all have a relaxing and enjoyable half term break and I look forward to welcoming our students back to school on Monday 5th November.

**Mr Brant**  
Headteacher

# ***Respect Honesty Success***

# NEWYDDION

## **Missing School is..... Missing Learning..... Missing Opportunities..... Missing Out.....**

At Rhosnesni High School we are committed to improving attendance and punctuality rates. Therefore we would like to take this opportunity to remind you that we expect children's attendance to be at 97% or above.

Currently, as a school we remain below this figure and we need your continuing support to ensure we reach this important threshold.

Research demonstrates that there is a correlation between attendance and achievement and therefore it is very important that your child attends school every day unless there are **exceptional** circumstances. We believe it is important to establish these habits early on in your child's life as it will make a positive difference to their future.

Many thanks to those families who have been working hard to ensure their children's punctuality and attendance meet the required benchmark.

Do you think **95% ATTENDANCE IS GOOD? THINK AGAIN! YOU WILL HAVE MISSED 54 LESSONS** of school per year.

### **Punctuality Matters**

All students are expected to arrive at pastoral line up by 8.40 am for registration. Students arriving after this time must immediately report to the main office to sign in so that they comply with health and safety requirements.

Lateness can severely affect achievement and therefore we closely monitor punctuality and have strategies in place to address lateness. Awareness of the impact of lateness is raised with students regularly in assembly and tutor time. Once again we need your support to ensure your child arrives to school on time every day.

Did you know **ARRIVING AT SCHOOL 5 MINUTES LATE EVERY DAY EQUATES TO MISSING OVER 3 DAYS OF SCHOOL PER YEAR**

If you are concerned about your child's attendance, please contact school on 01978 340840 to speak to the Attendance officer, Mrs Evans, to look at support available to you and your family.

### **Attendance Rewards**

Tyler Parry 9R1 was drawn out as the winner of the September 100% attendance award, winning a sweet hamper. Prizes for the rest of term are:

#### **Monthly Individual 100% attendance (names drawn from list of eligible students)**

October - pair of Odeon Tickets

November - Starbucks Gift Card

December - Chocolate Hamper

#### **Termly Awards (names drawn from list of eligible students)**

Lindt advent calendar - 100% attendance for September to 30th November

Pizza and film afternoon - 100% termly attendance

#### **Tutor Group Award**

Chocolate Feast - Tutor group with highest attendance for Autumn Term.

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## English Department

Hayley Long delighted budding writers in Year 8 and 9 by visiting us on Tuesday 9th October. Pupils who had entered the short story competitions last year were invited to meet Hayley as she talked about the books that inspired her growing up, and about her top tips for telling powerful stories. Hayley's most recent novel, *The Nearest Faraway Place*, has won three awards and (as Mrs Jones, Miss Pamphlett and Mrs Roberts and several pupils can testify) is extremely moving as they wept buckets! Intrigued? There are copies available to borrow from the library.

**Miss J Pamphlett**  
English



## Library

Years 7 and 8 are taking part in Readathon 2018 to raise money for new books and story tellers for all of the UK's hospitals where this will encourage the children to read and aid their recovery.

**Mrs S Jones**

**Readathon**  
Reading to help children in hospital

I am doing Readathon because I want to raise money for the charity and to get better at reading.

**Noah Brown 8H2**

I want to enter the Readathon because I want to raise money so more children can enjoy reading some great books.

**Emily Simon 8Y1**

I want to do the Readathon because there are a lot of ill children and I want them to be able to read lovely books like we do in school.

**Millie Fleet 7Y1**

I am taking part in the Readathon because I want to help the children in hospital who would like to have some fun and enjoy what we enjoy.

**Seren Barlow 7Y1**

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## Geography Department

The GCSE Geographers conducted their Fieldwork in Wrexham Town centre and Nant Mill. Whilst they were in Wrexham they looked at 'how the character of the area had changed and the impact of any change'. The second part of their Fieldwork took them to Nant Mill for a River Study. The pupils looked at how the river changes downstream. Pupils were investigating the velocity, depth, width and cross-sectional area of the river at three different points of its flow.

### Mr A Roberts



## Numeracy Challenge

This year we have introduced a numeracy challenge every fortnight for Key stage 3 and Key stage 4 pupils. The pupils who have entered so far have been very enthusiastic and have gone to great lengths to show worked solutions.

Congratulations to our most recent winners who are Wioletta Chmielewska 10Y1, Nia Jones 8R1, Oliver Evans 8Y1, and Kayleigh Hamill 8H1. All pupils are encouraged to enter. If you would like further information please see Miss Wood, Maths Department.

**Miss G Wood**  
Numeracy Co-ordinator



## Year 8 & 9 Construction Workshop at Coleg Cambria

On Friday 12th October it was a pleasure to accompanying 25 Year 8 students to Coleg Cambria to take part in a construction workshop. The aim of the day was to give students a better understanding of the careers available in the construction industry, ranging from the design process and finance, to the actual building of structures. Students took part in a number of activities ranging from flying drones used in surveying land to taking part in a bridge building challenge. The feedback from students was excellent and they all displayed a fantastic attitude to learning throughout the day. Well done!

**Mr C Whitney-Lang**

**Progress Manager Year 8 and 9**





### Important notice

#### **Re: the safety of your children and courtesy for local residents:**

The safety of our students, staff, visitors and local residents is paramount and we respectfully request that you drive safely around the school site and adhere to the speed limits whilst inside the school grounds and on the roads around the school. We have been contacted recently by some local residents regarding the speed of some of the cars outside the school and have been advised that at times cars are parking across their driveways blocking access. This is especially a problem in Rhosnesni Lane.

We will continue to monitor the situation and a formal complaint has been made by a resident to one of our local Councillors who has asked the Police to monitor the situation. Please support us by respecting the speed and parking restrictions around the school.

Thank you.  
Mr Brant, Headteacher

### KS4 information update.

It has been a very busy start to the academic year for pupils in KS4, they have settled well into the daily routines and option subjects and it is pleasing to see the high levels of focus, determination and motivation.

Year 11 Mock exams will commence on Friday 9th November and continue through until the end of November. Pupils are expected to attend all the examinations relevant to them and be fully equipped to complete the exam.

We wish them all the very best of luck.

### Careers Wales information.

Many of the Year 11 students have now met with Mandy Williams our Careers Wales Adviser as part of the preparations for planning the next steps for their post 16 provision. If any parent/carer wishes to contact Mandy for further information regarding next steps for their son/daughter then please contact Angela Taylor at the school on 01978 340840 to arrange a convenient time or email Mandy using the email address below.

[mandy.williams@careerswales.com](mailto:mandy.williams@careerswales.com)

There will also be support for Year 11 students with their applications for College or Sixth Form following the Open Evenings which takes place on the following dates:

Llysfasi Campus - Saturday 10th November 10am-1pm

Deeside and Deeside Sixth Form - Wednesday 14th November 5pm-8pm

Yale and Bersham Road Campus - Wednesday 21st November 5pm-8pm

Northop Campus - Saturday 17th November 10am-1pm

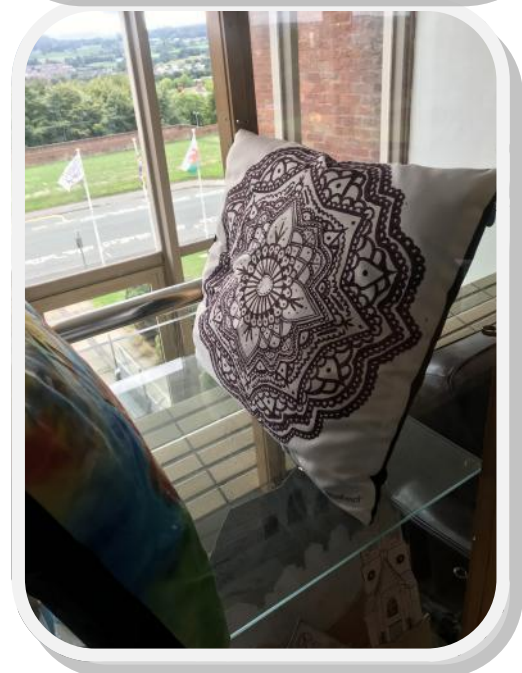
The Maelor Penley Sixth Form - Thursday 25th October 6.30pm-8.30pm

We will update you with any further Open Evening dates as we become aware of them.

## Art Department

The Art department at Ysgol Rhosnesni is extremely proud of our GCSE pupils. They have been involved in a large and exciting exhibition of their work which is currently on display at Theatre Clwyd, Mold. This exciting exhibition showcases all the fantastic talent from all schools in the Wrexham and Flintshire area. Well done to all pupils involved! We wish you the very best for the future! The work is available for public view in the Education Gallery until October half term.

**Miss K Simister, Art**





## Peer Mentors

### Congratulations & welcome to our new Head and Deputy Head Peer Mentors 2018-2019!

We are delighted and very proud to announce the new Head and Deputy Head Peer Mentors for 2018/2019. After writing their letters of application for the posts available in our Leadership Team, the students have finally been selected. Letters of applications were from a very strong field of applicants. We are very lucky to have such an excellent team of students leading the peer mentor team this year and we know they will do an excellent job.



#### Front Row Head Peer Mentors

Sophie Hibbert and Jacob Brown

#### Back Row L-R Deputy Head Peer Mentors

Brooke Williams, Connie Bridges, Corey Bate and Milly Stokes

Mrs D Payne

## PSE - Year 7 & 8

Year 7 & 8 pupils enjoying a Mental Health and Anti-bullying awareness session recently with the Hara Band, Manchester.



Year 7 & 11 PSE pupils have completed a carousel of activities in September including smoking and drug prevention, contraception and domestic abuse awareness. The 'Stand Down' days are part of the new PSE programme being delivered at Rhosnesni High School.

Mrs L Hasford



## PE Department



### **Sporting Success!**

Congratulations to Ffion Hunter and Josie Williams in Year 10, for making the selection for the U16 Wrexham Netball County Team. They will now go on to represent Wrexham at the North East Wales Tournament against Denbighshire and Flintshire at Deeside on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November. Well done Ladies!

Good Luck to Carys Davies in Year 8, who has been invited back to a second trial to represent U14's Wrexham Netball Team. We wish you all the best!



On Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October, thirteen of our Young Sports Leaders organised the planning and umpired/refereed a Cluster Primary School Netball and Football Tournament. where year 5/6 children were invited to RHS to play. All Leaders were amazing with the younger children. Well done!

It's been a busy half term in the PE department, with a wide range of activities for everyone. The 5x60 programme is all free! See the timetable down in PE or in your form for further information. Year 7&8 Netball Team played away at Darland High School on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October. Both teams played exceptionally well and were a credit to our School! Da iawn!



**Mrs C Hughes  
PE Department**



### Girls' Football

Rhosnesni Girls' Football have been handed their new kit this week kindly sponsored by Excel Supply. They have a tournament this Thursday at Cefn Druids. Pob Lwc/Good Luck! The team train every Thursday after school, please see Mr Roberts in PE if interested in joining.

**Mr D Roberts  
PE Department**

## Art Department

### Halloween Special

There have been some spook-tacular stuff going on down in the Art Department this week.

A variety of students from year 9 wanted to showcase their skills in Art through Pumpkin carving. Don't they look fabulous?

Thank you and well done to all students who took part. We think they all look fright-tastic!





## Parent Governor Nominations - October 2018

Further to the letter sent home with all students this week, please see personal statements from each of the candidates below:

### Mr Gregory Monks

Parent of: Ella Monks, Year 7

I am committed by a desire to help Rhosnesni High School to achieve its vision to become the best school in north Wales. I would like to use my experience to support the staff and pupils of Rhosnesni High School to be respected in an honest environment where everyone is supported in their quest for success.

My role as a community banker for a large UK bank involves working with schools and other agencies. This has helped me to develop skills and build on the knowledge that I have gained as a retail area manager to focus on priorities and encourage teamwork.

### Mr Jonathan R. Owen

Parent of: Rhys Owen, Year 8

I would like the opportunity to be Parent Governor to contribute and improve the education of our children and make Ysgol Rhosnesni the outstanding school of choice for children and teachers.

I reside locally and work for a large Wrexham based multi-national as a Global Product Operations Manager. I have a son in Year 8 and therefore will be involved in the school for the next four years.

I relish the opportunity of working towards making a positive difference to the education of local children and will dedicate my time to the role and undergo the necessary Governor training.

### Mr Christopher Tait

Parent of Ashton Tait, Year 8

I would like to nominate myself for the role of parent governor. I have always had an interest in becoming one and I believe my knowledge and skills working in an EBD/ASD school as an exams officer would lend itself well to the role.

I enjoy taking an active role in my child's education and believe in the new direction the head is taking with the school.

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Please see term dates below.

## Term Dates

Term Closes Friday 26th October 2018 at 3pm

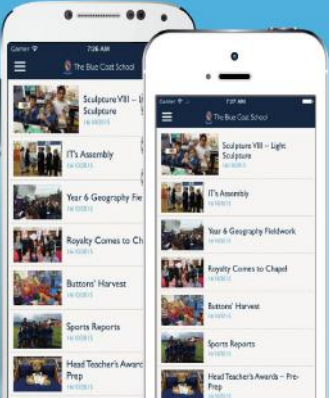
Term Begins Monday 5th November 2018

Term Closes Friday 21st December 2018 at 3pm

## Dates for Diary

Training day (School closed to pupils) - Friday 23rd November 2018

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## Ysgol Rhosnesni Governing Body

We are pleased to welcome two new Governors to the school. Councillor Paul Desmond Jones and Councillor Malcolm King, OBE who have joined us as Local Authority Governors.

We have a vacancy for a Community Governor and have had one expression of interest for this position.

Mrs A Taylor, non teaching staff governor has successfully renewed her position on the Governing Body and we have had two nominations for the Teacher Governor vacancy which staff are currently voting for.

We have received three nominations for the two Parent Governor vacancies and you should have received a letter this week asking you to vote for which of the parents you would like to represent you. The letter is available on the school website and in school reception for anyone who hasn't received a copy. Please see over the page giving personal statements for the Parent Governor nominations this will also be published on the school Website.

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