



Dear Parent/Carer

Doing What Is Right, Not What Is Easy

As we come to the end of a fantastic half-term, I am writing to thank you for your continued support. You will have seen that Ysgol Rhosnesni is on a rapid improvement journey. Having made some significant changes, we are now being described as an ambitious and determined team. The school's success will be underpinned by high standards and strong values, which is why we make no apologies for our insistence on excellence. Our expectations for all students are extremely high and we will continue to do what is right and not what is easy.

The Rhosnesni Way

Now that we have settled in to the new academic year, I can report that progress has been exceptional. Students now take greater pride in their uniform, punctuality and attendance. Behaviour in lessons and at social times has dramatically improved. During assemblies and around school, we talk about 'The Rhosnesni Way'. Put simply, we now insist that students embody our three core values of respect, honesty and success. We are being absolutely clear about what students must do, how they should conduct themselves and what defines success. Importantly, whilst rules for adults may differ from those which apply to students, we also ask that staff and parents embrace our school values.

Team Rhosnesni

This term, I have clarified standards and expectations for all year groups. Our Student Council, Prefects and Peer Mentors have been incredibly supportive in helping to shape the school's ambitious vision. There is now a real sense of teamwork and collective pride. As you will see below, our expectations are simple and positively framed. In Team Rhosnesni we always:

- *wear full school uniform smartly and correctly*
- *take off outdoor coats before entering the building*
- *switch off and safely conceal mobile phones before entering school site*
- *follow the instructions of adults immediately*
- *treat each other with respect and consideration at all times*
- *arrive to school and all lessons on time*
- *aim for attendance of 97% or better*
- *do our best in all lessons and behave appropriately*
- *complete homework and revision tasks*

Health and Safety at School

Health and safety is incredibly important to us, which is why we ask that students remove synthetic nails and prohibited items of jewellery. This rigorous approach to such matters also prepares young people for the world of work, where failure to comply with company policy may lead to accident, injury or disciplinary action. Please note that, for similar reasons, chewing gum is also banned from school.

September Open Day

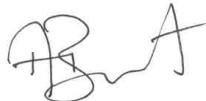
Our Open Evening event on the 25th September had a record attendance for recent years. It was great to hear so many prospective parents voicing their support for a new and improved Rhosnesni. I gave three presentations during the evening and personally toured a number of groups during the day. We expect a large Year 7 intake in September 2019 and we are grateful to our partner primary schools for their considerable support.

Celebration Assemblies

It has been fantastic to see so many students rewarded this week. A number of parents have asked me to thank my colleagues for making 'good news home' recommendations. Let me assure you that it is incredibly gratifying to see young people doing well and a pleasure to celebrate their success. Well done to every student who has been praised and applauded in assembly. Keep up the good work.

Finally, I wish you a pleasant and relaxing half-term break and thank you again for your invaluable support.

Yours sincerely



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