



5<sup>th</sup> February 2019

Dear Parent/Carer,

### **Estyn Inspection**

Having visited in November 2018, Estyn recently published a report about our school. Governors and I were extremely pleased that inspectors applauded many of the bold changes we have made this academic year. We agreed with their assessment that, despite many positives, over the past three years some students with poor attendance and low motivation have underachieved. This is why we are working so hard to improve the outcomes of all children. We know that our most able youngsters succeed at Rhosnesni; they work hard and show resilience. However, we are striving to ensure that many more children gain the best grades at GCSE. My colleagues and I have incredibly high expectations for all Rhosnesni students and it was pleasing that inspectors reflected this in their report.

For your convenience, I have included extracts from the Estyn Report summary statement;

*'After a period of significant turbulence, the school has made recent rapid improvements in some important aspects of its work under the leadership of the new Headteacher. The changes that he has instigated have greatly improved staff morale, pupil attitudes and community engagement. In particular, new strategies adopted by the school have led to substantial improvements in classroom behaviour. There remain, however, some important areas for improvement, for example in the standards that pupils achieve and their rates of attendance.'*

*'Recently, the Headteacher has established a clear vision and ethos for the school, based on raised expectations and aspirations. Most pupils now behave well in lessons and the majority show positive attitudes to learning. However, pupils do not make enough progress in their knowledge, understanding and skills.'*

*'Since last year, the school has refined leadership roles and responsibilities and strengthened how collaboratively and effectively staff at all levels carry out their roles. Leaders now have a much clearer understanding of the school's strengths and areas for improvement. This is beginning to have a clear impact on many aspects of the school's work.'*

Rest assured that colleagues and I will continue to raise standards at Rhosnesni. Every day, we challenge our students to be the best they possibly can. We know that if they consistently get the basics right, results will look after themselves. Attendance, punctuality, attitude to learning and behaviour are always the cornerstones of every successful school. The more that you can support us with these standards and values, the better we will become.

Thank you for your continued support,

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher