



September 2021

Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you and your children had an enjoyable summer and I look forward to working with you and your children in this very important year of their education here at Rhosnesni High School. In this letter I will share with you some important information regarding expectations and standards.

### **Uniform**

As you are aware we have been working hard to maintain consistency amongst our students in relation to the uniform policy. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support in ensuring these standards are maintained. There are many advantages to wearing the correct school uniform, it is practical, smart and designed with Health and Safety in mind. Please see the school website for the full school uniform policy.

### **Attendance**

At Rhosnesni High School we strive to achieve the highest standards of attendance, working in partnership with parents, carers, students and Educational Social Welfare Services. Attendance is monitored carefully throughout Years 7 to 11. Missing school can mean that your child is less likely to achieve good grades, which can have a negative impact on their future career.

Research shows that 79% of students who have full attendance (100%) in Year 10 and 11 achieve 5 or more grades at A\*-C at GCSE including Maths and English however, only 69% of students with attendance between 95% - 99% will achieve this level of qualification.

We expect that all students will:

- **Attend school regularly and be punctual.**
- **Attend school appropriately prepared for the school day.**
- **Strive to achieve and exceed their attendance target (97%)**

We expect that all parents/carers will:

- **Encourage excellent attendance and be aware of their legal responsibilities**
- **Inform school of absences, by calling school on 01978 340947**
- **Arrange (where possible) medical appointments outside of school hours.**

In relation to the current Covid 19 situation, please also note that:

- **Students who do not have symptoms for Covid 19 are expected to attend school (Welsh Government).**
- **Parents/carers are expected to contact the school to inform of any absences and clarify to the school the reason for the student not attending school.**
- **Any students, parents or carers with anxieties about returning to school should contact the student's Head of Year to discuss the situation.**
- **Any students with Covid 19 symptoms should not attend school. In such cases, individuals should endeavour to access Covid 19 testing to confirm their status.**

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**If negative then the student should return to school as before, providing evidence to the school to confirm the test result.**

### **Contacting the school for information or matters of concern**

As is always the case, if you have any concerns at any time, please do contact the relevant person at school so that we may work together to help improve the situation. If the issue is regarding pastoral care then please contact your child's form tutor in the first instance, who will request my additional support if necessary, or that of my assistant, Mrs Taylor. If you have a concern over a subject specific matter then please request to speak to either your child's teacher or the Head of Department for the relevant subject. It is intended that staff will attempt to respond to any contact from home within a few days, should they be unavailable at the time when you call reception.

### **Year 11 Parents' Evening**

We will be hosting a virtual parents' evening for Year 11 on Thursday 25th November 2021 between the hours of 4pm and 7pm. Further information regarding this event will be sent to you nearer the time.

I look forward to working with you and your child in trying to have a very happy and successful year at Rhosnesni.

Yours sincerely

*C Drummond*

Mrs C Drummond  
Head of Year 11