



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.

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

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Contacting the school for information or matters of concern

If you have any concerns, or would like to inform us about any issues or circumstances that you feel we should know about, then please feel free to contact the school. For most situations the first point of contact should be the Form Tutor, or the subject specific queries you should request the attention of the particular teacher. As teachers are usually with their classes during the day, you are unlikely to get to see the person you wish to speak to if you go into school without prior arrangements. The best way to make contact is by ringing the school office. The office staff will check to see if the person concerned is available, or will take a message for them to get back to you as soon as possible. If an appointment is necessary then that can be arranged at a time convenient to both parties.

We will endeavour to do our best to help to resolve any problems or difficulties which may arise from time to time. If we work together, student, parents and the school, then we are more likely to be successful in doing so.

Year 9 Parents' Evening

We will be hosting a virtual parents' evening for Year 9 on Thursday 3rd February 2022 between the hours of 4pm and 7pm. Further information regarding this event will be sent to you nearer the time.

I hope that your child enjoys their time at Rhosnesni High School and that they are very happy here.

Yours sincerely,

T Clarke

Mr T Clarke
Head of Year 9