



13<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

### **Diolch Yn Fawr**

I am writing to welcome our new parents/carers and to thank you for your support and assistance at the beginning of term.

Students have now been in school for over a week and we have made an extremely impressive start. Our youngsters have been smart and respectful, attitudes to learning have been superb and our Year 11 learners appear determined to equal this summer's record breaking GCSE results.

### **High Standards**

School uniform has been superb and the vast majority of our students have arrived punctually each day. During my regular learning walks, I have witnessed youngsters participating in stimulating, challenging and enjoyable lessons. We have a fantastic team of specialist subject teachers and I encourage you ask your child what new knowledge, skills or understanding they have acquired each day. I am often amazed when I see the difficulty and complexity of the tasks that many of our students are tackling with confidence and enthusiasm.

### **GCSE Results 2022**

You may have seen in the local press that we achieved outstanding GCSE results in a number of key indicators. For example, nearly a quarter of the students who sat GCSE mathematics at Rhosnesni achieved an A\* or A grade. 45% of the students who sat English Language achieved an A\*, A or B grade. These statistics in the core subjects are quite remarkable and a testament to our culture and ethos. A record number - 28 students - achieved 5 or more A\*/A grades, demonstrating that success permeated every subject discipline. As you can imagine, we are immensely proud of our former Year 11 students. They have embodied our values and aspirations. Unfortunately, their outcomes are not included in our most recent Estyn monitoring report, which can be found on the school's website. We look forward to discussing the indisputable success of our students when inspectors return later this year.

### **Parking**

When the school day ends, students are free to leave from the Rhosnesni Lane, Holt Road and Borrass Road gates. However, we ask that parents do not drop-off or collect their children near these gates. Parents and carers who park in close proximity to the school inadvertently endanger those attempting to cross roads. Illegal and/or inconsiderate parking also causes distress to our local residents. I thank you in anticipation of your understanding.

### **State Funeral of HM Queen Elizabeth II**

As you will be aware, on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September, Buckingham Palace sadly announced the death of Her Majesty The Queen. The UK Government later announced that Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September, the date of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's State Funeral, will be a bank holiday across the United Kingdom and that schools will not be asked to remain open on this day.

Our school will be closed on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September to mark Her Majesty's passing and commemorate her reign. We will open as normal from Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September.

Again, I would like to thank you for your continued support and encouragement as we begin the new school year.

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Mr A Brant  
Headteacher

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