



Ysgol Rhosnesni High School Prospectus



Welcome to Ysgol Rhosnesni High School

We hope that this prospectus will give you a flavour of our school and we encourage you to arrange a personal tour before making important decisions about secondary education.

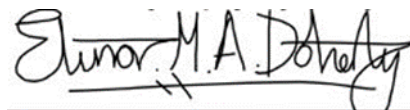
Ysgol Rhosnesni is a thriving community school built upon the values of Respect, Honesty and Success. We are passionate about inclusivity and high expectations. Uniform, attendance, punctuality and good manners are incredibly important to us. We are proud of our reputation for high standards, discipline and teamwork. This is the Rhosnesni Way.

We believe that all children deserve a rigorous academic education, combined with sports, arts and character development. Staff and students embrace the language and heritage of our country, whilst celebrating the diversity and culture of 21st Century Wales.

Most importantly, Ysgol Rhosnesni is a place of optimism and ambition. We see the huge potential in every child and we know that education can increase opportunities and transform lives.



Mr A Brant
Headteacher / Pennaeth



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Chair of Governors



Transition

At Ysgol Rhosnesni we recognise the transition from primary school to high school is a very important milestone in your child's educational journey.

In partnership with our primary cluster schools, we operate an extensive transition programme throughout Years 4, 5 and 6. We endeavour to ensure that all students begin Year 7 feeling confident and secure in our school and ready to embrace the academic challenges and enrichment opportunities available to them.

Our transition programme includes:

- A dedicated Transition Manager and specialist Year 7 Team
- A designated transition area to support Year 7 students
- Excellent pastoral care and extra curriculum activities

We set high standards and all students are expected to wear full school uniform, work to the best of their ability and have an excellent attendance and punctuality record.

Every student is treated as an individual and parents are a vital part of our school community. We operate an open door policy and we actively encourage parents/carers to make regular contact with our school and work together with us to ensure individual success.

We aim to support our students and parents/carers including:

- Hosting Parents' Evenings
- Regularly monitoring, assessing and reporting students' progress
- Providing excellent teaching and learning opportunities



The Curriculum

The school offers a broad and balanced curriculum and we aim to meet the needs and aspirations of all our students. In Years 7, 8 and 9 all students will study:

English	Mathematics
Science	Welsh
Geography	Modern Foreign Language (French)
History	Information Communication Technology
Religious Studies	Design and Technology
Art	Physical Education
Music/Performing Arts	Personal and Social Education

In Year 10 and 11 students follow GCSE or equivalent courses including the Welsh Baccalaureate. This is a qualification for students in Wales that adds a valuable new dimension, combining personal developmental skills with vocational qualifications and is recognised by colleges and employers.

Students receive expert advice and guidance during the options process and we liaise closely with local and national businesses and Careers Wales.

The 14–19 Pathways Curriculum has placed our school at the forefront of educational provision within the Wrexham locality, enabling students to access a myriad of academic and vocational courses including: Public Services, Law, Animal Care, Engineering, Performing Arts, Psychology, Hair and Beauty, Car Maintenance and Construction. These courses are offered by a range of providers including Coleg Cambria, St Christopher's School and the North Wales Army.





Inclusion and Wellbeing

Ysgol Rhosnesni is an inclusive school; we are committed to providing all students with the opportunity to achieve their maximum potential. Our varied curriculum programme enables us to ensure that all students can aspire to achieve the highest academic standards possible.

The more able and talented students are provided with the opportunity to access enhanced study experiences which support their individual needs and ensure they can reach their highest potential. We support those students who require greater support socially, emotionally and physically, particularly as they settle into their new environment through our excellent pastoral care support systems.

An extensive range of enrichment opportunities complements the curriculum and prepares our students to become lifelong learners. If you have any particular concerns about how your child will cope with the demands of high school then please contact the school's Additional Learning Needs Co-ordinator, who will be able to offer advice and support.

We have a newly refurbished, modern Wellbeing Centre and a dedicated Nurture Facility. We also have a designated resource provision for Speech and Language and Hearing Impaired students.



“...teachers form positive working relationships with their classes...

...structure their lessons carefully in order to develop pupils’ knowledge and understanding...

They use a variety of approaches and a range of carefully prepared resources in order to engage pupils’ interest.”

Estyn, 2018.

Extra-Curricular Activities

We offer a variety of exciting extra-curricular activities to enhance all students' experiences at Rhosnesni High School.

Students are actively encouraged to participate in order to develop their confidence and leadership skills.

The opportunities available include:

- Local, regional and international travel; Spain, Germany, France and Iceland
- The Annual National Eisteddfod
- Residential visits – Glan Llyn and London
- A swimming pool, sports hall and tennis courts
- 5x60 Sports Wales Programme
- School Council and student leadership opportunities
- Peer Mentor Team
- Science activities
- Drama, Dance and Music
- Art galleries and theatre visits



The School Council comprises of students from every form group in each year who play an active role within the school and the local community.

Senior students form the Peer Mentor Team, who are specifically trained to support, guide and advise their fellow students. They play an integral role in the Year 7 Transition Programme and help the students to settle into their new school.



What Our Students Say

Ella, Year 8

As I moved to secondary school, I found the Transition Programme really helpful. The teachers and Peer Mentors were really welcoming and this made me less nervous about starting at Rhosnesni High School.

Over the past year, I have been given many opportunities in Year 7, for example, getting involved with the School Council, representing the school in the Year 7 Netball Team and being selected to become an ambassador for the prestigious Diana Award. I am very passionate about The Diana Award because it has helped me to develop many life skills and allowed me to understand how to support my peers.

I feel very valued as a pupil of Rhosnesni High School. The school has a fantastic reward system which has encouraged me to work hard throughout the year and gain in confidence.

I am proud to be part of the Rhosnesni Team.

As I move into Year 8, I am looking forward to being even more successful with the support of my teachers and going on more trips.

Alex, Year 8

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at Rhosnesni High School so far. I am in Year 8 and feel that I have already achieved so much thanks to the teachers and the opportunities that have been offered to me.

One of the many highlights of Year 7 was being elected to become a member of the School Council. This role allowed me to represent the opinions of pupils and contribute to decision making. I feel that the school is always willing to listen to how we feel, and this shows how supportive and caring it is.

The school thinks it is very important to recognise our hard work and achievements both in and out of the classroom. A highlight of the school year is the end of year Awards Ceremony which celebrates our successes.

I am sure that the rest of my time at Rhosnesni High School is going to be as good if not better.

Anya, Year 10

I am currently in my fourth year at Rhosnesni High School and I can sincerely say that I am very glad Rhosnesni was the school I chose to be part of.

During my time at Rhosnesni, I have been an active member of the School Council which has enabled me to meet with staff, Governors and outside agencies in order to voice my opinions as well as those of my peers. Being able to share how we want our school to develop and further improve makes me feel proud to be a part of the Rhosnesni school community.

The school constantly encourages us to strive to achieve academic success as well as supporting us so we can develop into valuable members of society. I have participated in STEM Projects with firms such as Airbus and visited battlefields in Europe to enhance my understanding of history so I can achieve my full potential.

Rhosnesni has always made me feel like a valued person. The teachers have always been there to offer me advice and guidance whenever it was needed. I am very happy at the school and I know I will achieve my best.



“The school has been successful in making recent rapid improvements to many aspects of pupil wellbeing and attitudes to learning, especially pupils’ engagement and behaviour in lessons.”

“They (pupils) understand the value of engaging well with their learning and contribute effectively to a positive learning environment.”

Estyn, 2018.



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