



Parent/Carer E-Bulletin

W/C Monday 9th September 2024

School Times

Please ensure your child leaves for school in the morning early enough to be able to arrive on time to start the school day. **All students are expected to be on the school site at 8.40am in readiness for Lesson 1 which begins at 8.45am.**

Attendance Matters

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%)**

Naturally, there are times when students cannot be in school due to illness and circumstances. We politely request you inform school each and every day of the period of absence. If your child does not arrive in school and we have not been informed of why this is the case, you will receive a text message asking you to reply to the school to explain the absence. Please can you ensure that you respond to this free text message service, otherwise we will continue to have concerns about your child's whereabouts. **If we are unable to account for your child then this creates a serious Safeguarding issue.**

If you have concerns regarding this information please contact Mrs K Roberts (Attendance Officer) on 01978 340947, or your child's Head of Year.

Girls After School Football – Will be starting Tuesday 10th September 2024 - Please see attached poster

Uniform Standards

Please can you ensure that your child is wearing the full, correct Rhosnesni uniform. Skinny trousers, knee high/over the knee socks and trainer style socks are **not permitted**. Skirts must **knee length**. Synthetic nails, gels and false lashes are **not appropriate** for school, and pose a health and safety risk. The following items are **not permitted**: facial piercings, necklaces, rings, bracelets or heavy makeup or nail varnish.

Please click into the link below to access the Uniform and information guide for parents/carers. This leaflet provides detailed information about what we constitute to be appropriate.

<https://rhosnesni-high.wrexham.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/Uniform-Guide-and-Information-Guide-2022-2.pdf>

This can be read in conjunction with the school uniform policy which can be found on the following link

<https://rhosnesni-high.wrexham.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/Uniform-and-Equipment-Policy-June2022-2.pdf>

Uniform Recycling

We welcome donations of second-hand clean uniform in good condition. Please bring items to the main reception area.

Year 11 Maths Numeracy Mock and Final GCSE Exam.

As you will probably be aware, pupils study two GCSE's in Maths – GCSE Numeracy and GCSE Mathematics. Each paper consists of two units and therefore, this means 4 maths exams in the summer of Year 11. In an attempt to relieve some of the pressures of the busy summer exam period, the Maths department have been planning for pupils to sit their numeracy GCSE in November. This will allow them to prioritise this GCSE at a time where they are not juggling preparation for exams for all of their other subjects too.

Preparations have been underway for some time and pupils have finished studying all of the required content for the exam and will now begin a 7 week revision regime in maths lessons where their teachers will also be sharing ideas on how they can best prepare at home.

Pupils will sit a mock Numeracy GCSE in order for teachers to check where they are at and address any gaps in learning. These mock exams will take place on Wednesday 11th September (Unit 1) and Thursday 12th September (Unit 2). If your child has Access Arrangements these will be applied in the usual way. Please be aware that following these exams, **if it is deemed that pupils are not ready to achieve their best grade in the exam then they will not be entered and you will be informed.**

The actual Mathematics Numeracy GCSE examination will take place the first week back after half term on the following dates:

Unit 1 (non-calculator) – Tuesday 5th November 8:45am

Unit 2 (calculator) – Thursday 7th November 8:45am

This is a great opportunity for your son/daughter to achieve one of their mathematics GCSE's early in preparation for college applications, and to relieve some of the pressure during the busy summer exam period.

Mathematics staff are working incredibly hard with pupils this half term in order to prepare them for the final exam. If you would like any further information regarding how to best support your child, please speak to Mrs E Topliss or their class teacher.

This opportunity is not simply an extra chance to sit the actual GCSE exam. The exam is being moved from the summer 2025 to November 2024. A resit of this exam will not be possible and any pupil requiring a resit would need to be discussed on an individual basis with a possible entry fee incurred.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Year 10 and Year 11 College Courses.

This is to remind you that the college courses will begin this week. If your child is in Year 11 they will attend on a Tuesday afternoon (as normal) and Year 10 students will attend on a Wednesday.

Your son/daughter will be taken to college by bus for 1pm. All courses will finish by 4.15pm and your child will need to make their own arrangements to get home. The link for students who are taking engineering and construction courses who require PPE uniform for this week has also been resent.

If your son/daughter is taking Spanish (Year 10 students only), they will need to go to main reception at Coleg Cambria (Grove Park site) for 4.30pm on Monday 9th September. This is a 'twilight' course that will finish at 6.30pm. Your child will need to make their own arrangements to get home.

Morocco Visit.

The Morocco visit will be taking place for a group of 25 students and staff from Monday 4th November 2024 until Friday 8th November 2024. All instalments for the trip now need to be up to date as the travel company require payment.

A Parent/Carers evening has been arranged for **Thursday 10th October** from 3.45pm in the school Hall. Staff from 'Character First' will be available to share a short presentation and to answer any questions that parents/carers might have.

Rhosnesni High School Open Evening

We look forward to welcoming families of Years 5/6 pupils to join us on Thursday 19th September 2024 at our annual open evening between 5.30 and 7.30pm. There is no need to book, please just turn up on the evening, where there will be an opportunity to meet our team, tour the school and join in with some fun activities. Please find attached details on how to apply for a Year 7 place for September 2025 on line via school admissions.

Contacting School

If you wish to contact the school please use the following methods:

Telephone: 01978 340840 **Email:** Mailbox@rhosnesni-high.wrexham.sch.uk

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Team Rhosnesni.