



Parent/Carer E-Bulletin

W/C Monday 15th September 2025

MCAS (My child at school) APP – Information Sharing

If you have not yet downloaded the MCAS app, please can you do so as a matter of priority. Moving forward this app will become the main source of communication between school and home. This will include communication regarding attendance, behaviour, exams, trips and school reports. Failure to download and sign up to the app, will result in you missing key information regarding your child/children's education. If you have any queries regarding this, please contact Mrs Kate Roberts, attendance officer either by emailing attendance@rhosnesni-high.wrexham.sch.uk or phoning 01978 340947

School Start Time

Can we please ask all families to support us with getting their children to arrive in school on time, the school gates open at 8.20am and are shut at 8.40am. Students arriving after this time will need to sign in late. Lesson 1 starts at 8.45am and arriving late to lessons disrupts the whole class. Lesson times are on the school website. Students who persistently arrive late will be placed on detention and parents/carers will be informed as a matter of courtesy via a text message.

Attendance

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 and contact Mrs K Roberts either via Email: attendance@rhosnesni-high.wrexham.sch.uk phone on 01978 340947 or using the MCAS app, 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.**

Uniform Standards

A polite reminder 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/2025/07/Uniform-Guide-and-Information-Guide-2025-V5-1.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/2025/07/Uniform-and-Equipment-Policy-September-2025.pdf>

Rhosnesni High School Open Evening

We look forward to welcoming families of Years 5/6 pupils to join us on Thursday 18th September 2025 at our annual open evening between 5.00 and 7.00pm. 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 2026 online via school admissions.

Year 7 Cognitive Abilities Tests (CATs)

Year 7 students will be completing their Cognitive Abilities Tests (CATs) this week.

What is CAT4 and how do we use it?

The Cognitive Abilities Test (CAT4) is a diagnostic assessment that is designed to help students and their teachers understand how they learn and what their academic potential might be. It assesses how students think in areas that are known to make a difference to learning. While many other tests focus on a child's attainment in core subjects, CAT4 is designed to give schools a much broader, more rounded view of each child, their potential and how they learn. Results help teachers decide about the pace of learning that is right for a student and whether additional support or challenge is needed.

It is also important to emphasise that no preparation is necessary; year 7 must not become anxious about these tests as no pre-learning or knowledge is needed to complete them.

Maths Afterschool Revision Sessions

The actual Mathematics Numeracy GCSE examination for Year 11 will take place the first week back after half term on the following dates:

Unit 1 (non-calculator) – Tuesday 4th November 8:45am

Unit 2 (calculator) – Thursday 6th November 8:45am

Our Maths department are inviting all Year 11 students to 'Boost Their Grade' by attending Maths revisions sessions. Please see the attached poster for more details. These sessions are available on MCAS for you to enrol your child up to. This will in turn populate the register and once marked you will be able to see they have attended

Music Peripatetic Lessons

We provide extra-curricular peripatetic instrumental lessons in the Expressive Arts department. If your child is interested and would like to continue with or start lessons, please come to the music department for a letter. All applications for Year 7 free schools meal pupils must be made by Monday 6th October. Otherwise, please see information below regarding payment.

Individual Lessons (15 minutes) - £90.00 per pupil per ten lessons. Payment to be made prior to lessons starting on ParentPay.

If your child is eligible for Free School Meals in Year 7 2025-26, please make note of this on the letter. All Year 8-11 applications were made last year. Please note that funding for FSM pupils is limited and therefore an application does not unfortunately always guarantee a place. The Wrexham and Denbighshire Music Co-operative will check FSM eligibility for all applications.

Linguascope – Modern Foreign Languages

We would like to bring to your attention that our school has a subscription to the award-winning platform Linguascope (<https://www.linguascope.com>). Linguascope is a website offering interactive resources in French, Spanish, German, Italian, Portuguese, Mandarin Chinese, Arabic, Russian, Polish, Welsh, Scottish Gaelic, Maori, and English to match curriculum requirements.

As part of our licence, all our students can access the Linguascope website from home. The website can be used independently by students to consolidate what they have learned in class, revise for upcoming tests, get a head start learning new vocabulary, or even introduce themselves to a new language. Please see the attached letter explaining how to log in.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Please see the attached list of Extra-Curricular Clubs available to your child. The afterschool clubs are now available on MCAS for you to enrol your child up to. This will in turn populate the register and once marked you will be able to see they have attended.

X – formally 'Twitter'

Please take the opportunity view the fantastic photographs posted on Rhosnesni High School's X account, showcasing our students learning experiences, during various events being held in school, educational workshops, trips, and students generally enjoying their learning experiences at RHS. Pictures are posted at various times throughout the term. Look how smart and focused Year 11 were during their 'mock' numeracy exams last week. Da iawn Year 11.

Parking

Please can we remind parents/careers to park with consideration when collecting students at the end of the school day. The car parks of the local businesses are for customers only.

Contacting School- General enquiries

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

Diolch yn fawr,

Team Rhosnesni.