



19<sup>th</sup> July 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

As we approach the end of a busy and productive term, I am writing to wish you an enjoyable and relaxing summer. Staff and students have worked incredibly hard throughout the year and I am sure you will join me in applauding their efforts.

### **Achievement Awards Evening**

Last week's Achievement Awards Evening at the William Aston Hall was a spectacular event. Many parents and special guests attended the celebration and were hugely impressed by the talent of Rhosnesni students. It was a privilege to stand on stage and shake hands with every recipient. I spoke briefly about the importance of working as a team and the need to recognise and reward success whenever possible. Our Chair, Mr Hughes, reiterated the message I have given about the intention to raise standards considerably in September. I am extremely grateful to have the full support of governors and parents as we strive for improvement. If we genuinely aspire to be the best comprehensive school in North Wales, we must continue to focus on the basics of punctuality, attendance, uniform and behaviour.

### **Mobile Phones and E-safety**

Having sought advice from experts in safeguarding and following discussions with the Student Council, we have taken the decision to prohibit the use of mobile phones on school site. Whilst we are able to monitor and filter internet access through the school's servers, we have no effective means of preventing the misuse of 4G connected devices. In short, we take our statutory responsibilities incredibly seriously and we must be proactive in preventing cyber-bullying, on-line abuse or exposure to inappropriate materials. As a parent, I know that a mobile phone may provide peace of mind when our child is commuting to and from school. For this reason, students will be allowed to keep a mobile phone (switched off) in bags or pockets. However, I must stress that any mobile phone seen in school will be confiscated and placed in the safe until the end of the day.

### **Uniform and Standards**

I recently sent you a school uniform expectations sheet. Many parents have contacted me to express their support for a more rigorous and consistent approach to standards at Rhosnesni. Rest assured that colleagues and I will be respectful, yet uncompromising, when enforcing our dress code in the new school year. I know that you want clarity, simplicity and equity in relation to uniform. Let me make it absolutely clear that rules will be upheld in September. Smart black shoes are now essential. Trainers and fashion footwear will no longer be tolerated. Similarly, skirts must be knee length and not tight-fitting or body-con in design. Trousers must be smart school trousers; not denim, leggings or skinny cut. All students must wear a blazer and a tie. Remaining in coats, hats or jackets inside the building will no longer be permitted. Breaches of the uniform policy will result in students being sent home to change and/or confiscation of prohibited items. Please see the school's website for further information.

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## **College Courses**

Year 11 courses at Coleg Cambria will begin on Tuesday 4th September 2018. As this is an INSET day for staff, students who require transport to college should meet outside the school for 1pm. The bus will take all Year 11 students to their usual venue.

Year 10 Coleg Cambria courses will begin on Wednesday 5th September 2018. Students will be expected to meet at the front of the school before 1pm where a bus will transport all Year 10 students to their college venue. The college courses will finish between 4 and 4.15pm and all Year 10 students will be expected to find their own way home.

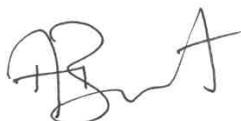
Enrichment courses for Years 10 and 11 will start the week beginning Monday 10th September 2018.

## **Student Leadership and Peer Mentoring**

Finally, we have recently conducted interviews for our vacant Head Boy and Head Girl positions. The field was immensely strong and each applicant behaved in an exemplary manner. All candidates talked about the importance of mentoring and supporting younger students in the school. This willingness to help and nurture others shone through the entire process. We will inform all students of the final decision before the end of term, but I want everybody to know how incredibly proud and fortunate we are to have such amazing students.

I thank you for your continued support and wish you a wonderful summer holiday.

Yours sincerely



Mr A Brant  
Headteacher

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