

July 2018



**YSGOL RHOSNESNI**  
HIGH SCHOOL

Dear Parent/Carer

I hope that you are enjoying the glorious summer weather. North Wales is beautiful all year round, but the recent hot spell has given many of our students the opportunity to leave the classroom and enjoy more of the fresh air. Gardening projects, sports events and rewards trips are all planned for the coming weeks. We know that examination results are so important, but experiential learning and extra-curricular activities must never be neglected.

### **Values**

I have enjoyed listening to the views of the Student Council, addressing all students in assemblies and meeting with our new parents at Year 6 Induction Evening. In each forum, I spoke at length about my determination to make Rhosnesni the most successful comprehensive in North Wales. As the new Headteacher, I am pleased to have inherited three school values; **Respect, Honesty and Success**. They genuinely resonate with me and I am passionate about embedding these values with the help of our Prefects, Peer Mentors and the Student Council.

### **Standards**

We have already begun to raise expectations in the school and I am grateful for the positive feedback I have received. Many students and parents have thanked me for insisting on high standards and presenting an ambitious vision for the school. In September I will need your support as we continue to address some of our development priorities. Uniform expectations, for example, will be rigorously enforced in the new academic year. For parents who will be replacing uniform in the coming weeks I have attached an additional information sheet. Please note that any student not in full and correct uniform will be sent home to change. Trainers, inappropriate skirts and the absence of blazers will no longer be tolerated at Rhosnesni.

### **Rewards, Praise and Success**

Our 'Good News Home' approach will continue next year, with the launch of Headteacher's Awards. It is so important that our students receive the recognition that they deserve. Success breeds success, which is why we must find every opportunity to showcase excellent work, reward genuine commitment and celebrate academic progress.

### **Y11 Leavers' Assembly and Prom**

Year 11 examinations have now concluded and our recent Year 11 prom was the best I have ever attended. It was meticulously organised by Rhosnesni staff and the conduct of our students was exemplary. The evening was tasteful, sophisticated and memorable for all of the right reasons. Whilst I have had little time to work with our Year 11 leavers since my appointment, I was still incredibly proud. We wish all students the very best and eagerly await results day on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> August.

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## **GDPR Regulations – Action required**

In May 2018 we notified you of the new GDPR 2018 Regulations and due to these changes the school requires all parents/carers to complete and sign a new parent/student consent form (yellow form). Please complete and return this form to the school office by Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2018 to ensure that we are able to continue to provide access to essential school systems for your child in September. **The form requires a signature from parent/carer and the student.** Please ensure that all sections are completed in accordance with the guidelines.

## **Key Dates**

Please find the following important dates for your diary:

**Trips Day** – Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July

**Sports Day** – Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July. All students competing are requested to come to school in their PE kit; with a drink (suncream may also be necessary)

**Non-uniform/End of Term** – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July. We politely ask that students give a donation on non-uniform day towards one of the school's chosen charities. Suggested donation of £1 per student

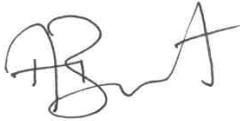
**GCSE Results Day** – Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> August

**Start of Autumn Term** – Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September

In conclusion, it is a huge privilege to serve as the Headteacher of Team Rhosnesni. All of the ingredients are here and I am excited about the direction in which we are heading.

Thank you again for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



Mr A Brant  
Headteacher/Pennaeth

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## **SCHOOL UNIFORM**

Please refer to the school website for the full school uniform policy.

It is an expectation that all students adhere to the school uniform policy. The Welsh Government wishes to support Headteachers and other school staff in maintaining high standards. Guidance clearly states that the school has a statutory power to make reasonable rules as a condition of admission. If the student fails to comply, and the school does not let the student in, it is unauthorised absence. The school has not excluded the student. The student's duty is to comply with the rules and to attend regularly.

### **Requirements:**

#### **Blazer with school crest.**

**Jumper** A plain black 'V' neck jumper may be worn underneath the blazer in Winter (optional).

**Skirt** Black school skirt, 'A' line, knee length.

**Trousers** Black for boys and girls. Plain black trousers which should **not** be: Combat style (Side Pockets), Jean/chino style, Lycra or leggings or jeggings style, tracksuit/jogger bottoms. No studded or fashion belts are permitted. A plain black belt can be worn and should be threaded through trouser belt 'loops'.

**Tie** Approved school tie – blue with yellow stripes. Ties are expected to be worn properly with the knot at the collar which should not be too small or too large. Year 11 Prefects may wear a Prefect tie – Black with yellow stripes with a knot at the collar.

**Shirts/Blouses** White shirt or blouse to be worn tucked into the student's trousers or skirt with all buttons fastened.

**Socks** Plain white, grey or black.

**Tights** Girls may wear natural or black opaque tights. No patterned tights are to be worn. 'Pop' socks are not acceptable with a skirt but may be worn with trousers.

**Shoes** Plain black footwear. (No coloured 'flashes' or 'Ugg' style boots) **Training shoes and designer trainers are not a substitute for school shoes.** High heels, sandals, open toed, flip flops or backless shoes are not allowed for health and safety reasons

**Jewellery** The school allows students to wear a limited amount of jewellery. We do not allow excessive jewellery as it increases the likelihood of loss or theft. Many items of jewellery present a health and safety hazard and our uniform and dress code are designed to encourage an atmosphere conducive to learning. Students are allowed to wear a pair of plain ear studs; to be worn in the earlobes.

**Hair** should be clean and tidy at all times. Short hair should be a minimum of a grade 2. Students are not allowed to have 'shaved patterns'. Long hair should be tied back for health and safety reasons, especially in PE, Science, Art, and Design & Technology. Only natural hair dye colours are permitted. Styles deemed to be 'extreme' are not permitted.

**Makeup** Very discreet make up is allowed but if it is thought to be excessive students will be asked to remove it.

**Outdoor Coats** should be suitable for school, warm, waterproof and should be removed once inside the building.

**Equipment and Bags** Students should ensure that they are ready to learn by ensuring that they have all the necessary equipment required for their lessons – pen, pencil, ruler etc. In addition, they should also have a suitable school bag in which they can carry books. PE kit etc.

The school has entered into Partnership with RAM Leisure as a supplier of our Logo items of school uniform. The company is uniquely placed to be able to offer the purchase of good value, quality uniform and other school essentials. Please visit their website: [www.ourschoolwear.co.uk](http://www.ourschoolwear.co.uk) for further information.

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