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YSGOL RHOSNESNI
HIGH SCHOOL

A Message From The Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to be sending you the first of our half termly newsletters for 2018, full of news about the achievements and activities of our students. Although it has been a very short half term, I think you will agree that we've packed a great deal in.

The welcome I have received at Ysgol Rhosnesni, from both students, staff and parents has been astounding. As you can imagine, with two schools to run, my schedule is pretty hectic, but I have found a real appetite for change here at Rhosnesni and am really excited at the way our newly introduced behaviour systems are starting to have an impact. The new Resolve system has dramatically reduced the number of occasions that students have had to be removed from lessons and our fixed term exclusions have declined by over 50% from the period before Christmas.

As I stated in my initial letter to parents and carers, I want the school to focus on two priority areas for the next two terms: improving behaviour and the preparing Year 11 for their exams in the summer. I have been encouraged by the attitude of the vast majority of Year 11, who are taking their work very seriously indeed. The Maths and English departments deserve congratulations for the very encouraging exam results we received in January, meaning that over 40% of the cohort have already achieved the coveted C+ grade in these subjects, affording them valuable time on their timetable to focus on their other subjects. If you are a parent of a student in Year 11, please do all you can to encourage their participation in the wide range of after school revision sessions

Finally, the best news for the school this half term has been the news of the appointment of Mr Andrew Brant as headteacher, from the summer half term. I am planning a series of meetings with Mr Brant over the coming weeks to ensure that he is completely up to speed with developments at the school before he takes over from me as headteacher.

Yours sincerely

Peter Agnew
Interim Headteacher



Working together with you to achieve success / Gweithio gyda'n gilydd i gyflawni llwyddiant

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Coding Club Update

We are pleased to announce that our Coding Club is up and running and it is already attracting many of our talented students.

Every Friday, at lunch time, our enthusiastic students are spending their time programming our BBC Micro:Bits and experimenting with Raspberry Pi devices. Block-based programming languages, such as Scratch, make it simple to learn programming. With Python installed on all our computers, our students can learn to code and they can programme a range of fun games, quizzes and even control our latest arrival, the amazing Bit:Bot car! With Micro:Bits. You can create programmes from nothing in a matter of minutes, polish your code into a piece of art and explore your creativity!

If you need any more information about our Coding Club, please contact Mrs F Williams in ICT.

Mrs F Williams, Head of ICT

Year 11 Career Interviews

On the 26th January, 2018, 97 Year 11 pupils took part in a mock interview session. The interviewers were made up of men and women from local businesses and the local Rotary group.

The session is designed for pupils to get a real experience of what an interview situation might feel like and to give them the opportunity to prepare for the interview, not only in terms of writing up their CV and what they are going to say, but also how they cope with the feelings of nerves and anticipation prior to the interview.

All students received clear feedback at the end of their Mock interview and this is to help pupils identify their interview strengths and weaknesses and also to support them in improving their CV writing.

All pupils took part with plenty of enthusiasm, as well as some feeling of nervousness, with feedback from the interviewers being very positive.

The school greatly appreciates the support and time the local Rotary Club, Careers Wales and the various businesses within the area give to these sessions and we look forward to this continuing in the future.



Mrs A Taylor, Learning Coach



North East Wales Business Class Cluster Collaboration Event , CRE8 In partnership with Welsh Government Warm Homes Nest Project.

The preliminary sessions took place in each of the schools in Wrexham. During the school sessions, students had to work together in teams of 6, with one team going forward to represent their school at the Final Event.

During the preliminary sessions students had to take into consideration the full brief of Energy Efficiency and the 'need' for such a product, ultimately building a prototype. The teams were provided with equipment to build a prototype and they had a set amount of time to complete this in.

The teams were judged not only on their design and success of their prototype but also their team name, how they worked together as a team and the presentation of their final product.

Most importantly, all of the students who participated have the opportunity to develop many work related skills including, teamwork, communication, problem solving, resilience and creative thinking.

The winners of the Rhosnesni High School Preliminary stage were 'The Energiserz' and their product was the 'Heatseat'. The team included Sean Beckett, Dewi Bloor, Morgan Cavanagh, Daniel Powell, Lydia Stubbs and Harry J Williams all year 9 students. Students benefitted from working as part of a team, exploring new ideas regarding energy efficiency and developing their presentation skills. All students involved worked extremely hard and their conduct and politeness throughout the project has been commended by the Judges, Business Ambassadors and staff from Careers Wales

The final was held at the Catrin Finch Studio at Glyndwr University and teams had a final task relating to budgeting and marketing to undertake before their final presentations were delivered.

Lesley Griffiths Cabinet Secretary for Energy, Planning and Rural Affairs was in attendance and gave the welcoming address as well as spending time with each team.

Mrs A Taylor, Learning Coach



History

On Monday 5th February 2018 the History department took thirty Year 9, 10 and 11 students to a 'Hitler on Trial' workshop in Manchester. The conference not only offered a performance in which Hitler was placed on trial for his part in the Second World War, with the pupils playing the part of the jury, but a GCSE exam busting session with a leading Principle Examiner. The students thoroughly enjoyed their role as jurors and have taken advice on how to make the most of their knowledge and skills in the forthcoming summer exams.

Mr I Farquharson, Subject Leader History.

London Literacy Experience. Harry Potter

Our intention was to organise a London Literacy Experience for the pupils who have made the successful transition to Ysgol Rhosnesni High School. Pupils were given an opportunity to develop their literacy skills at Warner Bros. Studio Tour London - The Making of Harry Potter. The trip was cross – curricular, which meant students benefited from links with the History Department, as the trip also included a bus tour of London, and entrance to the Natural History Museum.

This is what our students had to say about the experience:

Sophie Hartshorne 7H1 "One of the best experiences I have ever experienced".

Rhys Owen 7Y1 "I liked the forbidden forest part in the Harry Potter Studios".

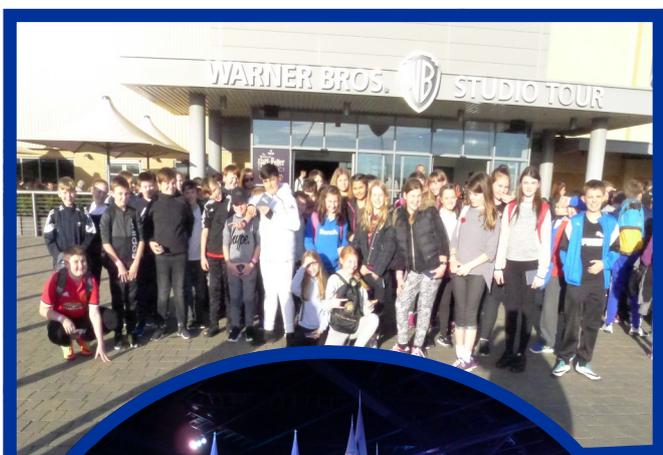
Lucy Arrowsmith 7Y1 "My favourite aspect was the Natural History Museum, because of the exhibits and gifts".

Oliver Evans 7Y1 "I liked both Harry Potter and the National History Museum, because they were both very interesting".

Owen Jones 7H1 "The Harry Potter Studios had more detail than what you saw in the movies".

Alesha Clayton 7Y1 "I enjoyed the Harry Potter Studios, especially the Hogwarts model".

Mrs C Hughes Head of Years 7 & 8



STOP PRESS BANK OF ENGLAND GOVERNOR WRITES TO RHOSNESNI!

Following circulation of the new ten pound note, a group of Year 9 pupils discussed its features, including the Jane Austen quotation "I declare after all there is no enjoyment like reading" and concluded that the new note perfectly embodies the importance and relevance of Numeracy and Literacy to everyday life, as well as to Rhosnesni. They wrote to Governor Mark Carney and received a lengthy letter together with signed copy of artwork relating to the new note!

Mrs G Roberts, Literacy Co-ordinator

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Glan-Llyn

Please find below 2 accounts from Ruby and Rhian detailing their fantastic experience on the Glan-Llyn residential trip

Gan Ruby Boden

Es i i Glan-Llyn gyda'r ysgol a fy ffrindiau o'r enw Rhian a Shannon. Roedd hi'n gyffrous a diddorol. Mwynheuais I fy hun yn fawr iawn a ces i gyfle siarad Cymraeg. Fy hoff weithgaredd oedd saethyddiaeth. Cawson ni llawer o hwyl. Roedd yr ystafelloedd yn neis. Roedd yr ystafelloedd yn en-suite. Roeddwn i'n rhannu efo fy ffrindiau.

Dydd Mercher

Ar ddydd un, aethon ni i'r Llyn i adeiladu raft – roedd hi'n gyffrous. Bwyton ni sbageti efo salad. Roedd y bwyd yn iawn. Ar ol cinio, aethon ni cyfeiriannu. Bwyton ni creision i swper. Ar ol swper, gwelon ni dyn adar – roedd o'n fywiog iawn. Roedd hi'n amser cysgu am ddeg o'r gloch.

Dydd Iau

Ar ddydd iau, bwyton ni tost ac wyau i frecwast. Ar ol brecwast, aethon ni ar y cwrs rhaffau, roedd hi'n oer iawn! Ar ol cinio, aethon ni am daith cerdded – roedd y tywydd yn bwrw glaw a gwyntog iawn ond mwynheuais i fy hun yn fawr! Ar ol swper, gwnaethon ni helpa drysor. Ar ol cinio, es i i ddisgo efo ffrindiau. Roedd hi'n amser cysgu am ddeg o'r gloch eto.

Dydd Gwener

I frecwast bwyton ni sosej efo salad. Ar ol brecwast aethon ni i bolwio deg. I ginio, bwyton ni pysgod a sglodion ac aethon ni adref am hanner awr wedi un ar ol cinio.

Dwi'n hoffi Glan-Llyn roedd hi'n brofiad da!

Gan Rhian Jones

Es i i Glan-Llyn gyda'r ysgol a fy ffrindiau o'r enw Ruby a Shannon. Roedd hi'n flinedig iawn ond llawn hwyl.

Aethon ni ar 17fed tan 19fed o Ionawr. Roeddwn i wrth fy modd yn Glan-Llyn a ces i gyfle i siarad Cymraeg. Roedd yr ystafelloedd yn neis iawn. Roeddwn i'n rhannu efo fy ffrind Ruby a roedd yr ystafelloedd yn en suite.

Dydd Mercher

Ar ddydd mercher, aethon ni adeiladu raft, roedd hi'n gyffrous iawn. Bwyton ni sbageti efo salad, roedd y bwyd yn flasus dros ben! Ar ol cinio, aethon ni cyfeiriannu - roedd hi'n ddiddorol. Bwyton ni creision i swper. Ar ol swper, gwelon ni y dyn adar – roedd o'n arbennig o dda! Aethon ni cysgu am ddeg o'r gloch.

Dydd Iau

Ar ddydd iau, bwyton ni tost efo wyau, eto roedd y bwyd yn flasus iawn. Ar ol brecwast, aethon ni ar y cwrs rhaffau – roedd hi'n ofnus. Hefyd, aethon ni canwio – roedd hi'n anturus ond blinedig hefyd. I ginio, cawson ni nuggests cyw iar efo salad eto – dwi'n hoffi nuggests cyw iar achos maen nhw'n yummy. I swper, bwyton ni cwci cynnes – ffantastig. Ar ol swper, gwnaethon ni helpa drysor - roedd hi'n fywiog iawn. Ar ol cinio gyda'r nos, aethon ni i'r disgo gyda ffrindiau – cawson ni llawer o hwyl yn y disgo. Am ddeg o'r gloch – roedd hi'n amser cysgu!

Dydd Gwener,

Ar ddydd gwener, fy hoff bryd oedd sosej a salad – roedd hi'n ardderchog. Ar ol brecwast ar ddydd gwener, gwnaethon ni saethyddiaeth, roedd hi'n gyffrous a roedd gen i wir ddawn. Hefyd, aethon ni bowllo deg, dwi'n hoffi bowllo deg – yn fy marn i mae'n gret. I orffen ar ddydd mercher cawson ni pysgod a sglodion i ginio. Ar y cyfan, roedd y bwyd yn dda iawn. Wedyn, aethon ni adref am hanner awr wedi un, teithiais i ar y bus.

Dwi'n hoffi Glan Llyn achos mae'n gyffrous a hwyl ond roedd hi'n wyntog ac oer.



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PE

Each term the PE department and the 5 x 60 officer work together to provide opportunities for students to take part in extra-curricular sport. Activities on offer include Table-Tennis, Hoola Hooping, Basketball, Netball, Water Polo and Swimming.

Also, throughout the year, Sports Leaders are identified to assist with the delivery of these sessions. Their role includes helping to set up each activity and taking registers. Rhosnesni currently have over 20 leaders working along-side the PE department – including Silver Ambassadors, Jacob Brown and Owen Duffy, who are shortly going to be attending a Rugby Leaders Qualification to develop their skills further.

Most recently Josie Williams and Ffion Hunter of Year 9 were given the opportunity to attend a Level 2 Sport Leaders Qualification. This has allowed them to gain an insight in the skills it takes to be a leader and also given them the opportunity to organise tournaments and work alongside sports coaches in the community.

If anyone has any questions regarding the 5 x 60 programme please get in touch with (Alexia.wright@wrexham.gov.uk) or speak to the many leaders around the school.

In the second half of the Spring term there will also be football and netball fixtures. The Summer term will see the introduction of athletics, rounders and tennis clubs.

Mr D Roberts, PE teacher

5x60 afterschool activities

DAY	ACTIVITIES	LOCATION
MONDAY	GYMNASTICS (ALL YEARS) BASKETBALL YR 10/11	GYMNASIUM SPORTS HALL
TUESDAY	NETBALL YR 7-9 WATER POLO(7&8 BOYS) *PLEASE SIGN UP AT PE*	SPORTS HALL/ COURTS POOL
WEDNESDAY	FUN SWIM TABLE TENNIS/BADMINTON	POOL SPORTS HALL
THURSDAY	GIRLS FOOTBALL	SPORTS HALL
FRIDAY		

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Year 11 Prom

Date: Thursday 21st June 2018
 Venue: Tower Barns , Trevor
 Time: 18.00 arrival at school
 18.45 depart for venue (transport by coach)
 23.30 arrive back at school – pupils to be collected.



The event of the year for Year 11 pupils is now in the planning stage and both staff at the school and Tower Barns are busy communicating about the event.

On our return to school after the February half term break we will be launching our 'Passport to the Prom' scheme. This entails each Year 11 student being given a paper passport, with different sections for subject teachers, form tutors, staff and you as a parent to complete and sign.

The passport is closely linked to Rhosnesni High Schools set of expectations, sanctions and rewards. For the large majority of students , this passport will be an opportunity for them to have their excellent behaviour, attendance and achievements formally recognised.

If students successfully complete 17 out of the 21 sections on their 'passport', they will be allowed to buy a ticket to the Year 11 prom from Wednesday 23rd May.

If they fail to complete the required number of sections, their Progress Manager will review the situation and ultimately make the final decision as to whether or not they will be allowed to the Prom.

We would appreciate you monitoring your child's progress by checking the 'passport' and discussing their situation on a regular basis. You will understand that there is no automatic right for any Year 11 student to attend the Prom.

If you have any queries regarding this initiative then please do not hesitate to contact the Year 11 Progress Manager, Mrs Fell or Year 11 Progress and Achievement Co-ordinator, Mrs Taylor at the school.

Year 11 Revision Timetable

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch time		Science SS	Physics re-sit SS		
3-4pm	Girls PE		History	History	RE
	English Language	English Language	English Language	RE	English Language
	Welsh Higher F/C EDH Welsh Foundation F/C LP	Graphic Products T1 Child Development T6	Welsh Short course		Science SS
	ICT		Geography		
			Hospitality	Maths all tiers (with usual class teacher)	Additional maths
	Skills Challenge Certificate		Sociology		

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Please see below the remainder of the term dates for this academic year.

Spring Term

Term Opens Monday 19th February 2018
Term Closes Friday 23rd March 2018

Summer Term

Term Opens Monday 9th April 2018
(School opens to Students Tuesday 10th April 2018)
Term Closes Friday 25th May 2018

Term Opens Monday 4th June 2018
Term Closes Friday 20th July 2018

Please note the following date is a Training Day for the school and the school will be closed to pupils: Monday 9th April 2018.

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