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Dear Parent/Guardian

### Ysgol Rhiwabon taken out of Special Measures in rapid time.

It is with great pleasure that I am able to write to you with excellent news about Ysgol Rhiwabon.

The recent monitoring visit by the Estyn Inspection team commented on the significant improvements that have been made at the school since the time of the original inspection. The school has secured a judgement of "Strong progress" in almost all of the recommendations. This means that the school has been removed from the category in record time following excellent record breaking results for students in the summer. The school is judged to have made such good progress that further Estyn inspection visits are not required.

The report published today comments on the improvements and the robust way staff in the school work collaboratively to share good practice and focus on the students and their learning. This has had a positive impact on standards in Ysgol Rhiwabon which have improved significantly during the last eighteen months.

I have always been proud of Ysgol Rhiwabon and its local community and never more so than this week as the Estyn Report recognises the hard work of so many people.

Throughout the frequent monitoring visits I have reminded students and staff how special they are and we have ensured that we have taken measures to secure sustainable success. Our school has made rapid progress since the time of the core inspection and we will use this as a platform to grow even stronger in the future. I would like to congratulate the students, staff and governors of the school. They have worked tirelessly over the last five terms and thoroughly deserve this success. I would also like to thank you, our families and the local community for showing your loyalty and belief in the school.

The Head of Education, Mr Ian Roberts, has written a personal note of thanks and congratulations to our students and I have included this for you to read.

It is with great pride that I look forward to working with such a dedicated and professional staff in the future to continue driving improvements in Ysgol Rhiwabon.

I wish you all a very peaceful family Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Yours sincerely

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