



YSGOL RHIWABON
SINCE 1575



Headteacher
Mrs. M. Ferron-Evans

Neges y Pennaeth Headteacher's Message Haf 2018 Summer 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian

Since the last newsletter the sun has been shining brightly at Ysgol Rhiwabon and we have enjoyed an excellent Summer Term. As always our newsletter and website shows the huge range of activities happening in and out of school in addition to academic studies.

This last term is always a mixture of goodbyes and new beginnings. Year 11 students have completed their GCSE and vocational examinations after an intensive revision period. I know you would want me to say thank to you all the staff who have taught our elder students after school and during the holidays in order to support them through this high pressured time. This level of commitment and dedication from teaching and support staff is appreciated by our students. Year 11 celebrated all their successes in a fantastic Prom where their behaviour was a credit to the school and their families.

As we said goodbye to Year 11 we welcomed Year 6 students to our three day Transition Programme in June. There were lots of exciting projects and activities and now we look forward to welcoming a growing number of students in September. The Summer newsletter is a welcome opportunity to thank our feeder primary schools for all their hard work and support.

This is the last newsletter for the academic year 2017-18 and it has been a very successful one. Improvement in the school in recent times has been rapid and staff and students have enjoyed showing off our work to other schools and the local community.

As a school we realise this success relies on our parents and wider families who support Ysgol Rhiwabon so well and we thank you for this.

All the staff and governors wish you a very happy summer holiday.

We look forward to welcoming your child back to Ysgol Rhiwabon on Wednesday 5th September.

Diolch yn Fawr.
With kind regards.

M Ferron-Evans
Headteacher



Ysgol Rhiwabon closes
Thursday 19th July 2018
and re-opens
for all Year Groups
Wednesday 5th September 2018

Follow the school on Twitter
@ysgolrhiwabon and download
our school App @
www.ysgolrhiwabon.co.uk

Our website and Twitter account cover a wide range of school events and includes a gallery of photographs for parents to view.

Please could parents direct any messages about student absences to the main office and not via the website.

2018 AUTUMN TERM DATES

Monday 3rd September:
Training Day
Tuesday 4th September:
Training Day
Tuesday 5th September:
School re-opens
Friday 26th October:
School closes
Monday 5th November:
School re-opens
Friday 21st December:
School closes

Ysgol Rhiwabon does Sport Relief

Following on from the article in our Easter Newsletter, students and staff raised **£129.64** for Sport Relief 2018. Well done to everyone who participated and helped us raise such a fantastic amount of money for this worthwhile cause!

Freedom Leisure Sports Centre Visit



Clr. Andrew Atkinson, WCBC Lead Member, Nicola Thompson, WCBC Contracts manager, and David Watkin, Manager Freedom Leisure

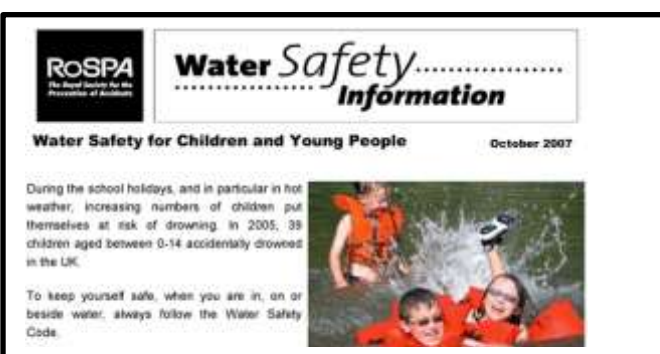
Wrexham County Borough Council's Councillor Atkinson visited Ysgol Rhiwabon Sports Centre on Tuesday 2nd May, to see and hear for himself the operation of the Freedom Leisure contract with WCBC. The Sports Centre's facilities have recently been upgraded by Freedom Leisure, as part of their contract, and were considered to be of the highest standard for use by Ysgol Rhiwabon students, and Freedom customers alike.

Councillor Atkinson also toured the school and sports fields, and couldn't resist the chance to play with the footballs during a sports lesson.



Councillor Andrew Atkinson

Water Safety information for Children and Young People




RoSPA
The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents

Water Safety..... Information

Water Safety for Children and Young People October 2007

During the school holidays, and in particular in hot weather, increasing numbers of children put themselves at risk of drowning. In 2005, 39 children aged between 0-14 accidentally drowned in the UK.

To keep yourself safe, when you are in, on or beside water, always follow the Water Safety Code.



Year 7 Visit to Conwy Castle



On Friday 11th May, the History department took 50 year 7 students to Conwy Castle, as part of their Medieval Britain topic.

We also took a little trip to the shops to buy some souvenirs, where the locals commented on how polite the students were, and that they were a credit to the school. All students said they loved their visit to the Castle!



Princes Teaching Institute School Leadership Mark

We are very proud to have confirmation of the award of the Princes Teaching Institute School Leadership Mark for 2017.



SG Estates Our New School Sponsor



We are pleased to announce **S G Estates** have recently become a sponsor of Ysgol Rhiwabon, supporting the school in the community to improve attendance.

The Enrichment Sponsored Walk

'The Enrichment Sponsored Walk - 10 mile challenge' took place on Tuesday 15th May.



The challenge was to walk from Trevor Basin, along the Panorama, then back from Llangollen along the canal. It was organised by Steve Stockdale, Enrichment Coordinator from St Christopher's school, Wrexham. Two students from all schools who participate in Enrichment courses were invited to take part in the walk. **Lewis Higgins (10AN)** and **Ewan Spires (10AN)** were the Ysgol Rhiwabon representatives and were accompanied by Mrs Laura Carter (LSA).

Spelling Bee



Two Year 7 students, **Holly Simmons** and **Leah-Rose Steward** recently took part in The Spelling Bee Competition at Swansea University. Both girls performed really well. Routes into Languages who organised the competition told the finalists that they had made it to the finals out of 5000 pupils in the country and they needed to feel very proud of themselves. Well done girls!

World War One Experience



On Friday May 18th, twenty Year 7 students were given the opportunity to take part in a local World War One event, held in the George Edward's Hall, Cefn Mawr.

The group experienced trench food made outdoors consisting of corn beef, potatoes and bread. They also held numerous weapons that were used in 1916, and heard about the conditions faced by soldiers on the front line between 1914 and 1918.

Mrs Vanessa Wright-Davies,
Curriculum Leader for History, said:

'It was a fantastic experience for some of our Year 7 students to see, and actually hold, many items from this period in history.'

Simon Jarman, MBE, who presented the talk, has written a letter to the schools. In the letter, he is very complimentary about the students' demeanour, attitude, and discipline. In fact he describes them as "just down right great children"

Year 11 Art GCSE Examination Exhibition

During the week of Monday 18 June we held a Year 11 Art GCSE Examination Exhibition in our Library. Below is one of the exhibits by Rebecca Lucy.



Friends of Ruabon Fete 2018



Ysgol Rhiwabon attended the Friends of Ruabon Fete 2018 held on the playing field in the centre of Ruabon on Saturday June 9th.

The village Fete was a great success with many stalls and plenty of local residents in attendance of a lovely warm day.

The Ruabon Air Cadets helped erect the school stall in readiness for the day.

Mrs Melanie Ferron-Evans, Headteacher said:

"The day was a great success for the Friends of Ruabon who organised the Fete. It was well attended during the day with many friends old and new calling for speak to about the school. I was delighted to speak to so many people who were so supportive of our school."



Go4SET STEM Launch Event



Eight of our Year 8 Girls competed in the Go4SET STEM event at Airbus, Broughton. On June 13th the girls presented their final ECO factory to the company.

We have had fantastic feedback from Airbus regarding our team and their preparation.

Wrexham Schools Athletics Competition

Our students were outstanding in Wrexham athletics competition! Not only in terms of athletic performance, but also in their behaviour, attitude, effort and sportsmanship. They represented our school so well and made Miss Jones and Mr Tonks very proud!

A few special mentions

Year 7: Poppy Bostock and Ben Sides won all of their events when competing against Year 8s! Abi Rush was such a superstar too!

Year 8: Alice Williams, Tegan Evans and Jordan Roberts showed unbelievable effort and were so helpful.

Year 9: Cameron Thomas, Kaitlyn Povah and Ruby Evans again outstanding effort and so helpful.

Year 10: Polat Ciftci, Scott Butler and Josh Hughes were so mature and set an excellent example to all the younger students.

A special mention to Seren Williams and Debora Marques Seren finished 3rd in the 1500m, despite being unable to see out of one eye due to hay fever and Debora was an outstanding Team Manager and motivator of the girls.

The Year 7 boys' team accumulated the highest number of points, therefore making them.....

COUNTY CHAMPIONS!

Ben Sides also won the Victor Ludorum for all Year 7 boys in the Wrexham area.

Personal Profile Evening and Year 11 Prom 2018

The Ysgol Rhiwabon Year 11 Personal Profile Ceremony was held on June 21st, with the Prom following the ceremony at the Llyndir Hall Hotel, Rossett. On a warm evening, the Year 11 students met at the school, with just over 300 parents and family members waiting to greet them. There was plenty of time for photographs on the immaculate school grounds.

There were some marvellous vehicles to be seen bringing students to the ceremony, including a World War 2 US truck, and a Russian army truck. There was also a motor cycle escort for one lucky student!



The Personal Profile ceremony was hosted by Mrs Steen, Lead Learner for Year 11. The Profiles were presented by Education Officer for Wrexham County Borough Council, Mr Dafydd Ifans and Headteacher, Mrs Ferron-Evans.



Mr Keith Benning, Chair of Governors, said:
'It is a privilege to see our Year 11 students, and to recognise the journey that they have been on since their time with Ysgol Rhiwabon began. The Governors and staff wish them well as they venture into the wider world and the school sends their best wishes to all of them for the future'.

**The students then travelled to
Llyndir Hall Hotel, Rossett for their Prom.**

A Selection of Year 11 Prom 2018 Photographs



Open Evening June 2018

Ysgol Rhiwabon was the place to be on June 28th, for the Summer Open Celebration Evening. The level of interested primary school parents was very high, but the highlight of the evening was the numerous parents and grandparents being shown around the school by the new Year 6 students, the latter eager to show what they had done and where they had been during their three day transition day programme.

The Headteacher gave a presentation during the evening with its emphasis on tradition, hard work and community links.

Mrs Ferron-Evans, Headteacher, said:

'I am really pleased with how our Celebration Evening went. The level of interest shown in our school has been fantastic and I now look forward to meeting our entire new intake again.'

'The website and app reflect the historic links we have to the area and I've used this to show our strong community focus, and how successful our students have been over time. I was delighted to be able to speak to so many parents and grandparents, face to face, during the evening; it really was a pleasure. I would like to thank everyone for their extremely positive comments on the school.'

As a school, we would also like to express our gratitude to all our community supporters who attended last night.

A big thank you to:

**SG Estates Ltd, Ram Leisure Ltd,
Manor Adventure Ltd, St Marys Church Ruabon,
The Friends of Ruabon,
The 1251 Air Cadets Squadron,
The Ruabon Newsletter,
Kate Tiltman (Vicar for Ruabon)**
and last, but definitely not least, all the new **Year 6 students** who came to show their parents around, after a successful 3 day transition.



Year 10 Fieldwork at Llandudno

At the end of June a group of our Year 10 Geography students went to Llandudno to undertake their compulsory fieldwork unit.

In the morning they collected data to determine how the character of the beach changes downshore and longshore.

In the afternoon they headed into town, and collected data to determine whether traffic and pedestrian flows within the retail district are a result of environmental quality.



Lifeskills Project

The Lifeskills group is a group of students from a mix of years. The aim of the Project is to develop general skills for life.

Future plans for the group involve further use of public transport (buses), planting flower pots, planning a meal, visiting the supermarket for the ingredients and using a washing machine.

The students have also asked if they can learn to iron!

If you were catching the 09:43 to Cardiff train recently, you might have seen a group from our Lifeskills Project on the platform of Ruabon station.





Friday 6th July marked the first sports day for Ysgol Rhiwabon in a number of years. Despite the heat it was a huge success with over 170 students competing. **BEDWEN** house claimed the top prize and the trophy was lifted by the house captains Karol Kawoski and Erin Davies.

Individual Year Group winners were:

YEAR 7	BEDWEN HOUSE
YEAR 8	ONEN HOUSE
YEAR 9	YWEN HOUSE
YEAR 10	DERWEN HOUSE

The winners of the **Victor** and **Victrix Ludorum** will be announced in our Celebration Assembly on the last day of the summer term.



France Trip 2018



Day 1 in France

Very early on Monday 9th July 40 students and 4 staff left Ysgol Rhiwabon to start their journey to France. After a long day of travelling they arrived safely at their hotel. The journey was broken up with a short trip to the beautiful town of Honfleur where some students took the opportunity to ride the big Ferris wheel located on the Marina. At the time of printing our students and staff are still having a fantastic time and we will update you further in our Christmas Newsletter.



Day 2 in France

To start we went to Caramel d'Isigny where we were able to watch the famous caramels being made as well as tasting some samples. Mr Tonks enjoyed this more than most! After a trip around the gift shop, we made our way to the American Cemetery in Colleville-sur-Mer. The students represented the school fantastically and behaved with dignity at all times. We then travelled on Arromanches, where after a short stop in the historic town, lunch and a trip onto the beach for some, we made our way to the 360 Cinema where we caught a glimpse of the big role that this small town played in the victory push during the Second World War. Our final stop for the day was the Bayeux Tapestry museum where we discovered even more about the history that connects France and our own home country.

~Useful Information~

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at



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website: www.ysgolrhiwabon.co.uk

School Ties loaned to students

Please note if your child borrows a tie from the school office, they will be expected to return it at the end of that school day. If the tie is not returned within two weeks, you will be charged £5.50 for a new one.

School ties are available from the school office at a cost of £5.50 each, or from:

RAM LEISURE
Simply log onto
www.ourschoolwear.co.uk

Our School Values

At Ysgol Rhiwabon everyone has:

The right to learn
The right to be respected
The right to be safe

Water Coolers.....

We have water coolers on site providing ice cold filtered water. Could you please provide your child with a clear plastic bottle? Thank you.



A reminder please: **If your child is ill you should:**

- Contact the school on 01978 822392 as soon possible on the first day of absence, preferably before 9.00 am
- Send a note in on the first day they return with an explanation of the absence if you haven't had contact with the school
- **If your child is absent we will:**
- Call you on the first day of absence if we have not heard from you
- Invite you in to discuss the situation with our Pastoral Support Worker or your child's Lead Learner if an absences persist
- Refer the matter to Hayley Roberts, our Educational Social Worker (ESW) if attendance falls below 85% or if you fail to engage with the support offered by the school

Message Service Change

The school will soon be changing its text message service from Parentmail to a company called 'The Contact Group'.

The new text and email service is branded 'Call Parents' and we have also invested in an additional service for attendance.

As Parent/Guardian you **do not have to do anything** as all information will automatically be updated.

As currently, if you have changed your mobile or landline telephone number please let school know.

The text message will show up as **RhiwabonSch** on your telephone so you know clearly who it is from.

For attendance the new service will be able to issue a text/email to you to indicate if your child is absent from school and it will allow you to respond directly with the reason for absence.

This will make reporting any absence much quicker and easier for you and is **free of charge** to you.