



**YSGOL RHIWABON**  
SINCE 1575

## YSGOL RHIWABON EASTER 2019



Headteacher  
Mrs. M. Ferron-Evans

### Neges y Pennaeth Headteacher's Message Pasg 2019 Easter 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian

The Spring Term is always a very busy but rewarding time. When I wrote in the last Newsletter we were celebrating Christmas and involved in lots of activities to support charities in our local community and further afield. Our celebrations were many and they were highly successful, marked in particular by our Christmas Concert in the Church which we were all really proud of. Our children were a credit to the school and their families.

Since then we have been preparing our students of all ages for National tests and external GCSE and A level qualifications. At Key Stage 4 our Year 10 and 11 students are involved in lots of revision activities in class and numerous support sessions after school. It is a testament to the dedication of Ysgol Rhiwabon staff that there is a full revision timetable for the Easter holiday to provide extra supported guidance. Here teachers are giving up their free time willingly and I know we all appreciate this commitment to our young peoples' success.

This term has also seen major refurbishment to two major areas of the school. Wrexham County Council has funded two new learning hubs which will be equipped with the latest technology to support teaching and learning in the school. We are looking forward to showing these rooms to you during our Summer Open Evening.

We have linked the school to lots of exciting new initiatives as we prepare for major curriculum change over the next few years. In particular we are pleased to be linked to a Welsh Government Football project where we have been chosen as one of the lead schools in Wrexham.

On Wednesday 10 April we will be welcoming our new families to the school to present our Year 6/7 Transition Programme. Our numbers for the new academic year have risen significantly. We have attracted students from across Wrexham, as well as our feeder primary schools, and have the largest intake for a number of years. This growing popularity of the school is something we should all celebrate in our local community.

Spring celebrates new beginnings and we hope warmer weather! It is a fitting time to recognise how much Ysgol Rhiwabon is changing to meet the demands of a new curriculum model and an increase in student population, with so much to look forward to in the future.

Thank you so much for your continued support of Ysgol Rhiwabon. Enjoy the Easter holidays. We look forward to welcoming our students back for the Summer Term on Tuesday 30 April.

Diolch/Thank You

**M Ferron Evans**  
Headteacher



**School closes for Easter on  
Friday 12 April 2019  
and  
re-opens on  
Tuesday 30 April 2019**

**Follow the school on Twitter  
@ysgolrhiwabon and download our  
school App @  
[www.ysgolrhiwabon.co.uk](http://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.

### **2019 SUMMER TERM DATES**

School re-opens:  
**Tuesday 30 April 2019**  
Bank Holiday:  
**Monday 6 May**  
School closes:  
**Friday 24 May 2019**  
School re-opens:  
**Monday 3 June 2019**  
School closes:  
**Friday 19 July 2019**

## Investment in Learning



Major investment in new 'flexible learning' style classrooms at Ysgol Rhiwabon, by Wrexham County Council, will start to come into use during the coming weeks.

The concept of flexible learning spaces will be underpinned by more mobile technology for students who will be able to interact with larger screens, each other and the teacher to generate true interactive learning in an environment that can also be arranged to meet different learning needs.

**Mrs Ferron-Evans, Headteacher said,**

*I'm delighted at the transformation of the first room in the school which supports flexible learning. The investment by Wrexham County Council in the school is a testament to the significant improvements that have taken place here over the last few years, and this will serve to continue that progress'.*



## Investment in Learning Update on Zone 2



We are pleased to say the contractors have now handed over Flexible Learning Zone 2, which also includes two new offices. The next stage, soon to be finished, will be to install the furniture and IT equipment.

## Trampolining!



Mr J Tonks and Mrs A Jones of the PE Department recently completed their level 2 qualification in trampolining. Great news for our students !

See them in action by visiting our website:  
[ysgolrhiwabon.co.uk](http://ysgolrhiwabon.co.uk)

## The Dog Ate My Homework



Lily Jones (9MJR)  
appeared on BBC TV on 24 March!  
Lily took part in series 6 of the  
CBBC children's panel show  
'The Dog Ate My Homework'.

## Creative Writing Workshop

Four Year 9 MAT (More Able & Talented) students took part in a Creative Writing Workshop at Glyndwr University, Wrexham on Tuesday 26 March. During the day students were taught different techniques on how to improve their writing skills with the workshop ending in an essay writing task.

## Next time you think of booking a holiday... Please think Minibus Appeal!



Did you know you could raise over £50 for Ysgol Rhiwabon when you book your family holiday this year? Use @easyuk to book flights, hotels and travel extras with 250+ travel operators & you'll raise BIG donations for us at no additional cost to you.

You can find more information on our  
school website:  
[ysgolrhiwabon.co.uk](http://ysgolrhiwabon.co.uk)



## Visit to the theatre ..... 'Annie'



On Wednesday 28 March a group of students and staff went to watch the production of 'Annie' in the Storyhouse Theatre, Chester. Everyone agreed that they had an amazing time!

**Major theatre trips have already  
been booked for later in 2019....**

Please see Mrs P Williams  
English Department  
for further details

## Time Out for Parents: Children with Special Needs

During February and March, school based Youth Worker, Mrs Julie Davies, successfully ran a seven-session course for parents, at Ruabon Centre of Excellence.

The course aimed to help support children's needs, focussing on children aged between 3 to 11 years with a disability or special needs, particularly those who have learning, developmental and behavioural issues.

## Phoenix Project



14 students from across Years 9 and 10 were selected to attend the Phoenix Project in collaboration with North Wales Fire Service during the last week of this term.

Students participated in team building activities, team building self-awareness and self-esteem building activities all based around firefighting skills. Some of the activities included hose drills, looking after firefighting kit and dealing with real life fire scenarios.

All those students who successfully complete the course will graduate during a formal Passing Out Parade and presentation ceremony at Chirk Fire Station. Photographs of the next generation of fire fighters will be published in the Summer Newsletter.

## Imperial War Museum Visit by Year 9

Mrs Wright-Davies, Curriculum Lead of History will be taking a group of Year 9 students to visit the Imperial War Museum, Manchester on Friday 3 May. The visit will complement students' study of 20<sup>th</sup> Century history.



## Cambria Druids Football Scholarship



Coleg Cambria, and Cefn Druids AFC are running a football scholarship programme commencing in September.

Participants will be able to study any course at either the Yale or Bersham Road site, with some scholarship programmes just offering Sport courses. The football timetable will be built around the College day, with gym sessions taking place on a variety of mornings before College and training on a variety of evenings at the Club 4.00 pm - 6.00 pm. Students will represent "Cambria Druids" on a Wednesday afternoon in the AoC North West League, and represent Cefn Druids at the weekend. There will be equal focus on education and football.

It is a fantastic opportunity for any young and talented footballer, who aims to make it to the Welsh Premier, or higher in the senior game, as well as ensuring a first class education in their chosen field.

Trial dates are below. It is suggested that players attend at least 2 of these sessions.

**Dates: 15, 16, 17, 23, 24, 25 April 2019**  
**Times: 5.00 pm - 6.30 pm**  
**Venue: The Rock**

For more information, contact Sally Jones.  
 Email: [sally.jones1@cambria.ac.uk](mailto:sally.jones1@cambria.ac.uk)

## Free School Meal Eligibility Criteria

Please see our website  
 ([www.ysgolrhiwabon.co.uk](http://www.ysgolrhiwabon.co.uk))  
 for details of the latest changes to  
 free school meal eligibility

## Conduct Rewards



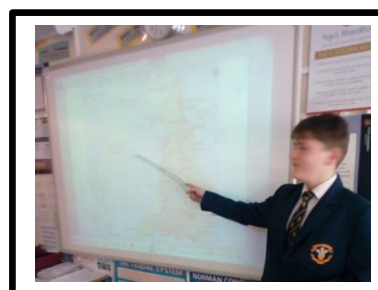
After the launch of Ysgol Rhiwabon's new reward system linked to conduct points increasing numbers of students are being awarded **bronze, silver, gold and platinum** certificates at the end of each month.

Alongside these certificates students are being rewarded with a variety of rewards including non-uniform days and extended lunch times. The Tutor Group competitions will allow one Tutor Group in KS3 and one from KS4 with the highest combined points across the term being rewarded with a ten pin bowling trip towards the end of term.

## Year 8 Geographers Present the Weather!

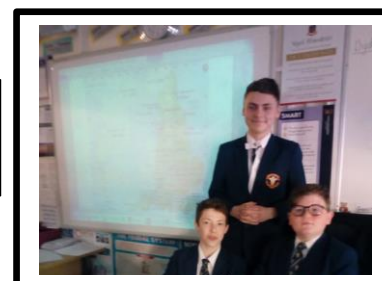
Our Year 8 Geographers have been busy planning, writing and presenting their weather forecasts in class.

They showed skill, confidence and ability in their performances. Clearly, they have a bright future ahead!

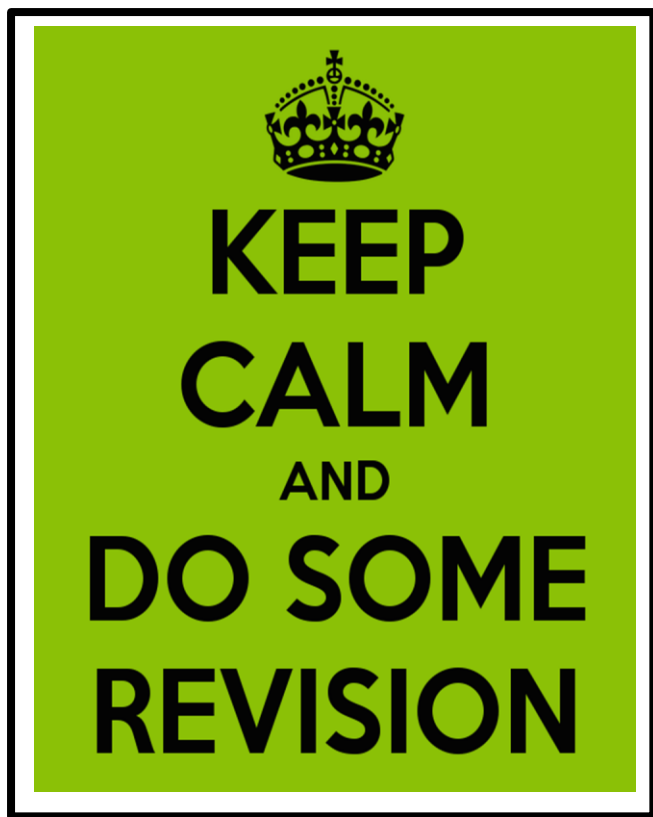


Cade Bradley

Nathan Hughes  
 Harvey Hughes  
 Jack Butterson



## Year 10 & Year 11 Easter Revision Workshops



We will be running revision workshops for **Year 10 and Year 11** students, over the Easter break. Our staff are offering several opportunities to complete some intensive revision across a number of subject areas.

You can download the Easter revision timetables and letter to parents giving more details, by visiting the school's website:

[www.ysgolrhiwabon.co.uk](http://www.ysgolrhiwabon.co.uk)

You can download the  
**Summer 2019  
External Examinations  
Timetables**  
via our  
School website.

## Ysgol Rhiwabon Sports Leaders



Ysgol Rhiwabon's Sports Leaders supported this year's Primary 5s football event at Cefn Druids.

Congratulations to Maes Y Mynydd and Garth CP School Girls who will now go on to represent Wrexham in the national finals!



## Just a Reminder for Year 7 Parents



You are warmly invited to attend the  
Year 7 Parents' Evening  
on **Thursday 2 May 2019**

Mrs Wright-Davies (Year 7 Lead Learner)  
and staff look forward  
to meeting you  
on the evening

## Friends of Ruabon Spring Fayre



## YSGOL RHIWABON Are proud to host the following event.....



**Friday 24 May 2019**  
**Ruabon WI**  
**Annual Quiz**  
 Ysgol Rhiwabon School Hall  
 Doors open at 6.30 pm for a 7.00 pm start  
 Teams of 4 are invited. £3 per team  
 member, which includes refreshments.

RSVP by 17 May to  
 Ennys Hughes on 01978 820592  
 or by email to: [ennyshj@icloud.com](mailto:ennyshj@icloud.com)

## PE Department News

### Indoor Athletics Champions....

We are currently Indoor Athletics Champions for Wrexham County at both under 14 and under 16 level. The students will now represent Wrexham in the North East Wales Championships.

### Football Tournaments...

Both boys and girls have been playing at tournaments held in Cefn Druid's recently. We have been working with coaches from Cefn Druids to develop football for boys and girls within school.

### Silver Ambassadors ...

Congratulations to our newly appointed Silver Ambassadors:

- Lily Jones
- Nathan Wright
- Molly Poole
- Tegan Evans
- Alice Williams

They had to go through a rigorous application and interview process to be successful in securing their positions.

### Football Tour ...

We are proud to announce our football tour to Liverpool in March 2020!!! We are excited to be working with 'LLS' and 'Your Tour' to put on this 2 night trip.

### Netball Tournaments ...

Students have played in the Wrexham area netball tournaments recently.



**Year 9 & Year 10 Netball Team**

## ~Useful Information~

Follow Ysgol Rhiwabon Events  
at



twitter: [@ysgolrhiwabon](https://twitter.com/ysgolrhiwabon)  
website: [www.ysgolrhiwabon.co.uk](http://www.ysgolrhiwabon.co.uk)

### 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.

### **Our School Values**

At Ysgol Rhiwabon everyone has:

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

### **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 absence persists
- 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

### **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, there will be a charge of £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](http://www.ourschoolwear.co.uk)

### **Uniform may be purchased from RAM Leisure in the following ways:**

1. **On Line Ordering**  
[www.ourschoolwear.co.uk](http://www.ourschoolwear.co.uk)
2. **Telephone/Fax Order**  
Telephone: 01978 360360  
Fax: 01978 313240
3. **Personal visit to RAM Leisure Shop**  
RAM Leisure & Workwear Ltd  
Trinity House, Unit 31, Whitegate  
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