



YSGOL RHIWABON
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YSGOL RHIWABON SUMMER 2019



Headteacher
Mrs. M. Ferron-Evans

Neges y Pennaeth Headteacher's Message Haf 2019 Summer 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian

Welcome to our Summer Newsletter. This is the last newsletter for the academic year 2018-19 and it has been a very successful year for Ysgol Rhiwabon. 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. In addition there has been major investment from the Local Authority in the creation of two fantastic new rooms, with more work scheduled through the summer and onwards.

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 the transition week ended with the school Summer Open Celebration Evening. This event allowed our local families and members of the community to visit to celebrate our students' achievements. Now we look forward to welcoming our large Year 7 intake in September. We are proud of the fact that our numbers in the school are increasing rapidly as parents see all the excellent work in Ysgol Rhiwabon, working in close partnership with our feeder primary schools. The Summer Newsletter is a welcome opportunity to thank them for all their hard work and support.

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 4th September.

Diolch yn fawr.
With kind regards.

M Ferron-Evans
Headteacher



Ysgol Rhiwabon closes
Friday 19th July
and re-opens
for all Year Groups
Wednesday 4 September 2019

Follow the school on Twitter
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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.

2019 AUTUMN TERM DATES

Monday 2nd September:

Training Day

Tuesday 3rd September:

Training Day

Wednesday 4th September

School re-opens

Friday 25th October:

School closes

Monday 4th November:

School re-opens

Friday 20th December:

School closes

Year 11 Formal Shirt Signing Day 2019

This year's Year 11 leavers said farewell to the school, and their friends, via the traditional shirt-signing ceremony.



Homestart Wrexham



Ysgol Rhiwabon is pleased to be linking with **Homestart Wrexham**. **Homestart's** vision is to see a society in which every parent has the support they need to give their children the best possible start in life. **Homestart's** volunteers offer help and support to families who need them most.

Visit Homestart's website for all referral procedures and details of projects.

Theatre Events

'The Grinch'

Wednesday 11 December 2019

'We Will Rock You'

Tuesday 31 March 2020

Please contact the school office for further details.....

Personal Profile Ceremony and Year 11 Prom

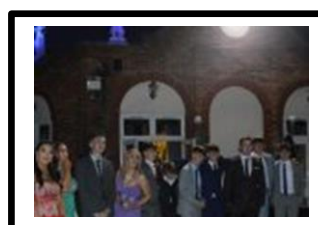
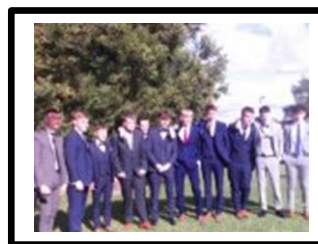
The 2019 Year 11 Personal Profile Ceremony was held, at school, on Thursday 20 June with the Prom following the ceremony, at Llyndir Hall Hotel.

On a dry and warm evening, our Year 11 students met at school, with just over 250 parents and family members waiting to greet them.

There were some marvellous vehicles on show, bringing students to the ceremony. They ranged from a variety of vintage cars, to large trucks, motorbikes and numerous supercars.

The Personal Profile ceremony was hosted by Mrs L Steen, Lead Learner for Year 11, with the Profiles being presented by the Chair of Governors, Mr K Benning and Headteacher, Mrs M Ferron-Evans.

*Mr Keith Benning, Chair of Governors, said:
'It is a privilege to see our Year 11 students, and 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'.*



France 2019



Day 1 in France

We departed school at midnight, ready for a lengthy journey, lots of excited students meant for a sleepless few hours until the tiredness kicked in! Thanks to the excellent efforts and negotiating skills of our coach driver Shaun, we were able to get on the Eurotunnel an hour and a half earlier than expected!

After another short drive in France we visited the beautiful town of Honfleur where some students took the opportunity to go on the Ferris Wheel whilst others walked through the beautiful surroundings and most treated themselves to an ice cream!

After a bit more travelling we arrived at our hotel where we rested before our evening meal and then a trip to a local park. Here we played a variety of games including football, frisbee and rounders. A special mention to Mrs Appleby who showcased her rounders skills despite wearing her summer dress!!



Day 2 in France

After a good night's sleep, we were all feeling fresher and ready for a busy day. Following a traditional continental breakfast, we jumped on the bus to the first attraction of the day. Arromanches is a beautiful place with stunning views that played a vital role in the war effort, particularly around D-Day.

Day 2 in France continued.....

Here we went to the 360 cinema and watched how the battles had played out on the beaches and saw the role that Arromanches had played. Fittingly after this we travelled to the American cemetery and walked around the memorials to those who gave their lives in the war. A very moving experience.

After a short stop for lunch, we moved on to D'Isigny where we visited the Caramel factory. Here we learnt how the caramel is made and had an opportunity to try out the tasty caramels! Much to Mr Tonks' delight. On route to our final destination we stopped at another War Cemetery, this time the British Cemetery of Bayeux. Our final destination for the day was Bayeux where we visited the Tapestry and learnt more about the story leading up to and around the Battle of Hastings followed a look around the beautiful town of Bayeux.

We made our way back to the hotel for our evening meal and once again headed to the park to play some sports, including a very competitive game of 'Kick Rounders'.



Day 3 in France

Our first stop of the day as to The Tour Montparnasse which offers a stunning view of all of Paris from its viewing platform! After this we went to the arguably the most famous Parisian landmark, the Eiffel Tower. Here we sat in the shadow of the tower to eat our packed lunch. We walked across the city taking in the sights to arrive at the river Seine and prepare for our river cruise. The boat took us up and down the Seine past the most famous landmarks, including Notre Dame, the Louvre and the Grand Palais.

After a quick meal at the Monte Carlo restaurant. We took a walk to L'arc de Triomphe and then onto the Champs - Elysees where there was an opportunity to buy a snack. We finally made our way back to the hotel and headed to bed to prepare for our final day of the holiday at Disneyland!

See our website for Day 4 in France news

France Trip July 2020 (5 – 8 July 2020)



Next summer's school France trip will be a "Tour to Normandy" including a day in Disneyland. Please see Mrs Appleby in the French Department for more details.....

Year 10 Geography Fieldwork Trip



Year 10 recently spent a rather windy day in Llandudno, collecting fieldwork data for their GCSE. In the morning they were beach profiling whilst, in the afternoon, they conducted environmental surveys in town, to determine Llandudno's sphere of influence.

Get Active

On Wednesday 3 July we were pleased to host the 'Get Active' event for cluster feeder schools in our Sports Hall. Thanks to our PE staff, Sports Leaders alongside our AYP Officers for delivering such an excellent event. The day was a great success!

Open Evening 19 September 2019



We would like to invite your family
to our

Open Evening

on

Thursday 19th September 2019

6.00 pm – 8.00 pm

- *Meet the staff and students
- *Tour the school & grounds
- *Experience exciting lessons
- *Hear from the Headteacher

Visit our website for more details

www.ysgolrhiwabon.co.uk

or

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Student Leadership Elections



We held our Student Leadership Elections on Wednesday 10 July. There was a 43% turn out across Year 7 - 10 voting for Head Boy, Head Girl, Deputy Head Boy and Girl.

**Results to be announced
before the end of term.....**

Ongoing Investment at Ysgol Rhiwabon



The wall and landscaping are now complete and are a vast improvement. Our thanks to Wrexham County Borough Council for undertaking Phase 1 investment in the school. Phase 2 starts in the summer with the refurbishment of the L Block.

Ken Bathers Memorial Cup



Four Ysgol Rhiwabon Sports Leaders -
Joe Matthews, Nathan Wright
Ethan Chard and Luis Hughes
recently acted as referees in the inaugural
'Ken Bathers Memorial Cup'.

The PE Department Need your Help.....

SPONSORS WANTED!

We're looking to buy some new football and netball kits! Is this something you could help us with? If so please contact the school and ask to speak to us!

The Phoenix Project



On Wednesday 26 June our students took part in this year's Phoenix Project.

The Phoenix Project is a fire and rescue initiative aimed at young people aged 13 - 17, and run by North Wales Fire and Rescue Service.



Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod

A group of Year 7 students visited the Llangollen International Music Eisteddfod on Thursday 4 July. Everyone had a wonderful day and sampled some culinary delights before enjoying all the musical events.



School Recycling Programme



The school is lucky to have the Dragon Textile Recycling Scheme now available to all students, staff and parents. The Dragon Bags scheme works only with schools across Wales. By getting involved, you will be able to help us raise funds for the school, help the environment by diverting items from landfill, and also help our amazing local fire fighters gain much needed support.

At Ysgol Rhiwabon, every day is a 'Daffi Recycle Day' so please send in your unwanted clothes, paired shoes, bags, and belts for recycling. All items must be in good reusable condition (so please nothing ripped or stained).

The school will receive £450 for every ton collected (45p/kg); and for every ton collected, an additional £50 will be donated to the Fire Fighters Charity.

National Spelling Bee 2019

The National Spelling Bee took place in Bangor University on Friday 28 June. **Lacey Evans** and **Chloe Jackson**, both in Year 7 took part in the French competition. Both girls did well in the finals, with Chloe coming second place, across the whole of Wales and securing herself a silver medal!



**Chloe Jackson, Lacey Evans &
Mrs Appleby
Curriculum Leader for French**

Careers Wales 'Welsh in the Workplace'



Ysgol Rhiwabon were proud to host a series of meet and greet sessions to give students a sense of the importance of the Welsh language not just in school but also in the wider world of work. The innovative sessions were organised through a partnership between **Wrexham County Borough Council's Education department, Careers Wales** and **17 Primary Schools** from the areas of Rhos, Ceiriog Valley, Dee Valley, Chirk and Ruabon with more than 330 Year 6 pupils taking part. Students had a great time discussing the benefits of bilingualism in the workplace. One of the sessions at Ysgol Rhiwabon was visited by Welsh Language Commissioner Aled Roberts, himself a former student of Ysgol Rhiwabon.

Mr Roberts said,

"Speaking Welsh is a skill that provides great opportunities for children.

There is a real need for doctors, nurses, policemen, county council workers who speak Welsh.

You are our future workforce."

Thank you to our Welsh in the Workplace Student Ambassadors for their help!



PE News.....

Year 7 and 8

Athletics Championships

It was a fantastic day at the Year 7 and 8 Athletics Championships with some absolutely outstanding individual performances from our students!

Final Positions

Year 7 Girls:	5 th
Year 7 Boys:	4 th
Year 8 Girls:	4 th
Year 8 Boys:	2 nd (by one point!)

Poppy Bostock (Year 8) and **Cameron Williams** (Year 7) both won the Victrix Ludorum for their respective age group.



Cameron Williams (Year 7) and
Poppy Bostock (Year 8)

Welsh Schools Athletics Association Track & Field Championships

We are incredibly proud of Poppy Bostock who came 3rd in the long jump competition, setting a personal best of 4.94m. What a great achievement!



Mr Tonks and Mrs Jones, Team Leaders for
NE Wales Team with Poppy Bostock (Year 8)

PE News.....

Active Wrexham Girls' Football

A great day at the **Active Wrexham Girls' Football tournament!** We took 24 girls and ended up with 3 teams! They played brilliantly and finished 4th, 5th and 6th respectively! A great effort!

Players of the tournament were:
Sarae Williams, Savannah Roberts, Brie Roberts



OAA/Orienteering

Our KS3 students have been reaping the rewards of Mrs Davies-Bottomley's hard work. These pictures show them taking part in a variety of our **OAA/Orienteering activities**. The tasks involve a variety of courses laid out around the school with tasks for students find and to complete.



Year 7 Rugby Team

A really impressive showing for a team of which 95% had never played a competitive rugby fixture! Very proud of the effort, and coming away with a 1 try loss was a fantastic achievement! **Kian Valentine** received POM with an excellent performance.

Well done Year 7!

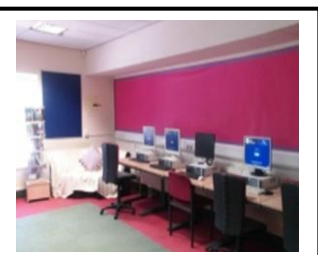


Summer Open Celebration Evening 2019

Our Summer Open Celebration Evening, on June 27th, was a great success. We were pleased to have so many interested primary school parents visit the school.

Parents, Grandparents and visitors were shown around the school by current Year 6 pupils, who eagerly related what they had done, and where they had been, during their recent three day transition day programme.

Mr Jamie Forman, Assistant Headteacher and Head of Transition, gave a presentation during the evening with an emphasis on the links to the local primary schools.



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OPENING TIMES	
Monday	CLOSED
Tuesday	09:00 - 17:00
Wednesday	09:00 - 17:00
Thursday	09:00 - 17:00
Friday	09:00 - 17:00
Saturday	10:00 - 14:00 *
Sunday	CLOSED

* Saturday opening times are subject to change.

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and equipment for activities
outside of school

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EDUCATION WALES



Parents/Guardians could be eligible to receive up to £200 to buy school uniform, equipment, sports kit, and kit for activities outside of school for their child.

The Minister for Education is encouraging parents/guardians to contact their local authority to see if they are eligible for the Pupil Development Grant (PDG).

Visit our website and follow the links ...