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Dear Parent/Guardian

Transition Letter for Year 6 Parents/Families

Year 7 September Start – Thursday September 3rd

Following on from my first welcome letters in May and June I am delighted to confirm the transition arrangements for our new and youngest members of Ysgol Rhiwabon in September. School starts back on **Thursday 3rd of September** and we will be welcoming **Year 7 only** on the first day.

Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th September will be transition days to replace the time and activities missed in June. As other year groups will be phased into school through the following week, Year 7 will have two days to get to know the school and staff before the older students return.

Transition Days – What will my child be doing?

We are aware that this year is different and that our Year 7 learners will have been away from school for a long time. With this in mind Staff in Ysgol Rhiwabon will be ensuring every child is put at ease through a range of exciting and engaging learning activities, designed to support and reassure.

These two days will allow your child to meet key staff again including the Form Tutor and to meet new friends. Some of the sessions will be designed to support settling into life in secondary school. There will also be a sample of short lessons including design work, problem solving, drama and music.

SWAN – Transition Project September 7th – September 18th

On September 7th our Year 7 students will begin our well established transition project which will last for two weeks. SWAN stands for Speaking, Writing and Numeracy. The project will build on essential skills developed in primary school and will end with formal presentations on September 18th. This work will help us to support catch up and will be taught in a fixed base so your child does not have to worry about navigating around the school site. By the end of the project we find our Year 7s are confident and keen to start a wider range of subjects and this will begin from September 21st.

School Uniform

Year 7 will be expected to wear their new school uniform with pride from September 7th onwards. Enclosed with this letter are a range of leaflets about the school uniform requirements and how to access RAM leisure to purchase the blazer and school tie. All other items of clothing can be found in local supermarkets and retail outlets. Please note the school rules on shoes, an important part of Ysgol Rhiwabon uniform.

Data Forms

Thank you very much for returning the completed data forms to school by the deadline. The completion of these forms is really important to ensure that we have all the up to date information, in particular emergency contacts and medical details, to ensure the wellbeing and safety of your child.

Any outstanding forms can be handed in to Mrs Wright Davies, Lead Learner, on September 3rd.

Transition information on the school website

As you know since I first contacted you we have been really busy preparing transition activities for you and your child to ensure that there is regular contact with us through formal and less formal channels. On our Ysgol Rhiwabon website (www.ysgolrhiwabon.co.uk) we have a tab at the top of the page for Transition where all the latest information and activities can be found. If you have not had chance to look yet you will find:

- Headteacher Welcome Letter.
- Headteacher and Lead Learner Formal Welcome Video supported by PowerPoint slides for you to view and print.
- Year 7 Top Tips for Year 6.
- An Ysgol Rhiwabon sample History Lesson with activities and an extension task for Year 6.
- Data Pack Letter and copy of data forms which can be down loaded and emailed back to school if the deadline has been missed, alternatively your child can hand them in on the first day.
- A Year 6 tour of important areas of the school - with a guest appearance from Maverick our Mascot Dog.
- A video to show vital equipment needed in Year 7.
- A Whole School Transition Booklet which will be on our website, with copies available in your child's primary school.
- A Year 6 Maths Transition Booklet available on the school website.
- Uniform Information leaflet.

We hope the remote activities that we have completed are helping to put your child and you at ease; encouraging a sense of excitement as we plan for the new school year.

We realise that we are managing the wellbeing and education of our youngest students through a very challenging time and we just want to reassure you that we will be taking extra special care of our new intake this year and our families as we adapt to this change in such unusual circumstances.

Contact with Ysgol Rhiwabon during the Summer Holiday

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns we can address during the Summer Holiday and we will contact you. A message can be left via email or the school answer machine using the details below.

Mailbox@rhiwabon-high.wrexham.sch.uk

School Office: 01978 822392

We will continue to stay in touch through the Transition section of our website during the Summer Holiday. Here we will provide more details and guidance for the transition days, particularly the first day in school.

We are really looking forward to welcoming your child on September 3rd and to working with you and your family.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely



Mrs M Ferron-Evans
Headteacher

YSGOL RHIWABON

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Uniform Guidance

Footwear (Boys)

The following styles of shoe are **acceptable** for boys as part of the uniform.



Please note – no sports marking of any kind on this style of shoe.

The following styles of shoe are **unacceptable** for boys as part of the new uniform.



This list is by no means exhaustive but the basic principle is evident.

Shoes should **not** have any mark of a sports brand on the item whatsoever, **regardless of if they are advertised as shoes.**

The acceptable shoes are what might be termed smart, plain business type shoes.

Footwear (Girls)

The following styles of shoe are **acceptable** for girls as part of the new uniform.



The following styles of shoe (combined with the unacceptable boys' styles above) are **unacceptable** for girls as part of the new uniform.



Girls' trousers

The following styles are **unacceptable** for girls as part of the new uniform.



In summary anything that is **not a** tailored fit, suit style trouser.

No tight fit, skinny fit, tightly tapered, combat style, cargo style "jeggings" or jeans.

The following styles are **acceptable**.



Please note they are **plain** and have a "**tailored**" appearance.

Girls' Skirts (optional)

The following styles are **acceptable**. Please note that the skirt should sit at the top of the knee and no shorter.



The following styles of skirt are **unacceptable**:



Again, to re-iterate the point above, these styles are representative of type of skirt that would be unacceptable and are not an exhaustive illustration.

Boys' Trousers

The following styles are **acceptable**:



They can be either plain fronted or pleated **suit style trousers**.

Again, no jeans, no cargo trousers, no combat style, tight fit, skinny fit or tightly tapered.

Blazer (As per picture)

School blazer with badge embroidered on breast pocket only.

Tie (As per picture)

School clip on tie only. (Available from RAM Leisure)

Shirts / Blouses

Plain white formal shirt (either long sleeve or short sleeve) or blouse with a standard collar.



(Please note – re: boys' illustration - this is for illustration purposes only and is not representative of our school tie, re: girls' illustration – this should be worn with our school tie)

Optional jumper.

Students have the option of wearing a plain black v neck jumper under their blazer (not in place of) during the winter months. The headteacher will inform students when they are permitted to do this.



Please note there are no markings or logos of any kind. Only a plain black v neck will be allowed.

General Appearance

Life in school is about preparing our young people for life in the working world. Students are to avoid extreme appearances and follow the basic principles outlined below:

Jewellery

One watch, one plain ring and one pair of plain gold or silver stud earrings, one in each ear.

No other visible piercings are allowed. Students will be asked to remove any piercing which does not conform to the above, regardless of if the piercing will close up or not.

Hairstyles

No extreme hairstyles, including grade zero, tram lines, unnatural colours, stripes, Mohican styles amongst others.

Make up

Make up should be discrete and subtle. Nail varnish should be neutral. Excessive amounts of make up or bright colours will be considered unsuitable and students required to remove it.

An additional plea!

By signing the home school agreement and sending your child here it is implicit that you are prepared to support the school in the implementation of its very clear standards in terms of uniform and general standards of behaviour, respect and courtesy.

We find that students achieve so much more when they are focused on their studies and not distracted by minor issues about wearing "school shoes." Therefore we make the plea to all parents to actively support the school by being equally strict on setting the right standards that you would expect to find in the very best of schools.

Parental support in this is hugely important in getting the very best for your son or daughter and we look forward to working together with you to make sure this happens.

Identified uniform items may be purchased from RAM Leisure in the following ways:

- 1) **Personal visit to RAM Leisure shop –**
 - RAM Leisure & Workwear Limited, Trinity House, Unit 31, Whitegate Industrial Complex, Wrexham, LL13 8UG
- 2) **Telephone / Fax – Tel: 01978 360360 Fax: 01978 313240**
- 3) **Online – www.ourschoolwear.co.uk**



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Firstly, we would like to thank you all for your support of our family business during this difficult time. We are here to support you and your families throughout this period and will do all that we can to make the purchasing of school uniform as easy, safe and stress free for you as possible. We are delighted that after a period of lockdown, our store is open again from **Wednesday 1st July.**

We have been busy behind the scenes preparing for our re-opening and we would like to share with you the measures we have implemented. Last summer a total of 15,000 customer passed through our store. This year we aim to minimise this footfall to create a safer shopping environment for our customers and staff by implementing a strict **appointment only** system. As appointments will be limited, we urge customers to think carefully if it necessary for them to visit our store or can they avoid it by ordering online?

Existing Pupils = ORDER ONLINE

We urge customers who have a good idea of uniform sizes to order online this year. Size guides are available for reference. Order via our website; www.ourschoolwear.co.uk

New starters = BOOK YOUR APPOINTMENT

A new school means new uniform sizes and we understand this can be challenging when trying to order online. Please book an appointment online if you wish to visit our shop. We advise you bring along with you a tape measure, notepad and pen to write sizes.

Alongside our new appointment system, we have made a few changes to our store and ask customer take note of the following guidelines.



**Order online if you are able.
(STAY SAFE, STAY HOME)**



Limit the number of people that come into store to two; the child who requires uniform and one adult.



Follow the 2-meter distance rule throughout the shop.



Samples will be for visual aid only. Fitting rooms are closed.



Use the hand sanitizer available before handling any samples.



Contactless payments to be used when possible.

RETURNS & EXCHANGE

RETURN – Please return any unwanted items to us within 14 days in the packaging and include the returns slip. Please return to the following address.

RAM Leisure and Workwear Limited, Trinity House, Unit 31, Whitegate Industrial Complex, Wrexham, LL13 8UG

To be eligible for a refund the items must be unworn and in the same condition as they were bought.

Return by mail: If using a delivery service please obtain a proof of postage as we will not be held responsible for lost goods

Return in store: Please drop off at the designated returns area. **Over the till exchanges will NOT be available at this time.**

RE-ORDER – If you require any alternative sizes, please re-order via the website; www.ourschoolwear.co.uk

REFUND - (Please note; Due to government guidelines returned items are currently placed in a 72-hour quarantine before we can inspect them)

If your return is approved, we will process a refund to your original payment method.

NEW OPENING HOURS:

MONDAY: 9AM – 5PM (APPOINTMENTS ONLY)
TUESDAY: 9AM – 5PM (APPOINTMENTS ONLY)
WEDNESDAY: 9AM – 5PM (APPOINTMENTS ONLY)
THURSDAY: 9AM – 5PM (APPOINTMENTS ONLY)
FRIDAY: 9AM – 5PM (APPOINTMENTS ONLY)
SATURDAY: CLOSED
SUNDAY: CLOSED

PARKING: Due to safety reasons we ask that all visitors park at the customer parking shown on the map below.



Did you know?

Grants are available to help families on low incomes buy school clothing and equipment.



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

Learners receiving free school meals can get a Welsh Government grant if they are:

- entering reception class in primary school
- at the start of any of the key stages, e.g. Key Stage 2, Key Stage 3 or Key Stage 4 (primary and secondary)
- aged 4, 7, 11 or 14 in special schools, special needs resource bases or pupil referral units.

Funding for looked after children is available in every school year.



Primary and secondary school children are entitled to **£125** for each application.

Children entering Year 7 can apply for **£200** to help with the additional costs of starting secondary school.

The fund will cover school uniform, other clothing worn at school such as sports kit, equipment for out-of-school-hours trips (including outdoor learning), and equipment for activities within the curriculum such as design and technology.

How to apply

Contact your local authority:
gov.wales/pupil-development-grant-access



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