

31st August 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian

Transition Letter for Year 7 Parents/Families

Year 7 September Start – Friday September 3rd

Following on from my first welcome letters last term, I am delighted to confirm the transition arrangements for our new and youngest members of Ysgol Rhiwabon in September. School starts back on **Friday 3rd of September** and we will be welcoming **Year 7 and Year 11 only** on the first day.

At the start of the day your child should arrive by 8.45am Mrs Wright Davies, Lead Learner and senior staff will be waiting outside, at the front of the school to guide Year 7 to the Hall for the initial introduction to school.

Friday 3rd September will be a transition day to replace the time and activities missed in June. This will allow Year 7 to get to know the school and staff before the remaining students return on Monday 6th.

Transition Day – 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.

The day will allow your child to meet key staff 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

Please note that we do not expect Year 7 students to wear school uniform on the transition day. They will need:

- **Casual sports clothes ready for some PE activities**
- **A water bottle**

SWAN – Transition Project **September 6th – September 17th**

On September 6th 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 17th. 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 20th.

School Uniform

Year 7 will be expected to wear their new school uniform with pride from **September 6th** onwards.

Data Forms

Thank you very much for returning the completed data forms to school by the deadline. The completion of these forms is 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 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.
- 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

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns we can address in the early weeks of secondary school 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 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