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22nd October 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian

Half Term Update

It is hard to believe that we have just completed our first half term of the academic year. After so much disruption last year, it has been wonderful to see our school and classrooms busy with our students learning once again, as we have welcomed everyone back.

There has been much to celebrate in Ysgol Rhiwabon since September. The students have returned to many refurbished classrooms, which ensure that the learning environment is modern and engaging. Our school numbers continue to rise and we have enjoyed getting to know our youngest students as Year 7 joined us. They have made a fantastic start and their achievements during our SWAN project are on the website for everyone to view.

Not to be outdone, our Year 11s shone in their recent Mock Interviews where local business leaders commented on how excellent our young people are: a credit to our families and the school. Year 11 students have completed their CVs and have prepared for their future studies and the world of work through this valuable Careers Wales event.

Please take a look at our recent school information on the website, which includes our newly launched Ysgol Rhiwabon TV channel.

School Uniform

In the information sent to all families in readiness for the September start, we detailed the need for all students to be wearing their **full school uniform (including the correct footwear)** and to be organised with a bag and basic equipment.

Pride in our school uniform, and organisation of vital equipment, is an important part of being ready to learn and a display of respect for high expectations and standards. This helps all our learners as they prepare for the world of work in the future.

We have all faced a difficult time since March 2020 and we are keen to maintain the school's high standard of uniform, which our families commit to, after so much disruption to daily routines.

Ready for the second half of the Autumn Term please could you continue to support us by checking that your child's uniform and equipment comply with the school policy. This includes:

- **A reusable face covering unless your child is exempt.**
- **Appropriate footwear as outlined in the supporting guidelines.**
- **A knee length skirt (where this cannot be followed we ask that students choose tailored school trousers instead).**
- **Full PE kit.**
- **A school bag and fully equipped pencil case.**
- **A warm school coat (sweatshirts and hoodies are not part of school uniform).**

As always, we are keen to support and if, for any reason, you are unable to meet the request outlined above please contact your child's Lead Learner to discuss the matter further.

Uniform funding grants are also available for those who qualify and the information for this can be found on our school website.

Half Term Holiday

We would like to wish all the students a happy and safe holiday. As we approach Halloween and Bonfire Night, we just want to remind all students to enjoy the activities linked to these events, in a safe way, which includes looking after everyone in our local community.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on November 1st.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "M. Ferron - Evans." The signature is written in a cursive style.

Mrs M Ferron-Evans
Headteacher