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4<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian

### **Estyn School Inspection Report – 4<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

Following the February Estyn Inspection the full report has been published today, 4<sup>th</sup> May. I am proud to share the findings with parents and our local community.

The inspection Team found Ysgol Rhiwabon to be, “A caring and inclusive community, which values the well-being and character of its pupils as highly as their learning. A caring and inclusive school, which strives to support its pupils to ‘succeed with soul’ and to develop both academically and personally. Staff are ambitious for all pupils to achieve their full potential and leave school prepared for the next steps in their lives.”

The report backs this up with reference to key strengths from across many aspects of the school’s work, including transition, our curriculum offer, additional learning support and careers work with Key Stage 4 students. I am delighted that the findings recognise the diligence of staff, ably supported by the Governing Body, and the strong sense of collaboration amongst us all in Ysgol Rhiwabon and our local community.

The education world is working through a time of great challenge and change. The report recognises this and comments on the commitment and sensitive, assured approach to leading the school forward. The recommendations provide further focus to our continual improvement.

During the Inspection week, all stakeholders played an important part in sharing the work of the school with an obvious focus on our students. Parent support was extremely positive and I would like to thank you for this continued commitment to our school. The students, staff, governors and senior leaders were proud to showcase our work and I would like to thank every one of them for making the Inspection so positive for this reason.

The report link can be found below. As you read through you will be able to see how far the school has progressed in recent years as well as areas for us to develop through our School Development Plan.

#### **Link to Report Summary for Parents and Carers;**

<https://www.estyn.gov.wales/system/files/2023-05/Parents%20and%20carers%20-%20Inspection%20report%20-%20Ysgol%20Rhiwabon%202023.pdf>

#### **Link to Full Report;**

[https://www.estyn.gov.wales/system/files/2023-04/Inspection%20report%20Ysgol%20Rhiwabon%202023\\_0.pdf](https://www.estyn.gov.wales/system/files/2023-04/Inspection%20report%20Ysgol%20Rhiwabon%202023_0.pdf)

The recent School of the Year Award, and the Inspection Report, provide us with a lot to celebrate moving forward.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

**Mrs M Ferron-Evans**  
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