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7th June 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian

Welcome to Ysgol Rhiwabon

Following Wrexham Local Authority's formal notification of secondary places, we are delighted to welcome your child to Ysgol Rhiwabon. We are aware of just how important this decision is for all our families and we would like to thank you for choosing our school for the next exciting steps in your child's education.

We hope you have had the opportunity to learn all about our school community through the Ysgol Rhiwabon website and through our excellent partnership working with our feeder primary schools. The Ruabon cluster of schools is a strong, supportive network, committed to securing the best outcomes for every child at both primary and secondary level. This close working relationship between our schools allows us to get to know your child really well before the move to secondary school takes place.

Our school has an excellent reputation for our transition activities.

"Transition arrangements to support pupils' well-being are a strength of the school. Staff help pupils settle in well by being welcoming and getting to know them quickly" (Estyn, 2023).

Ysgol Rhiwabon Transition Days: Tuesday 27th June – Thursday 29th June 2023

We are really looking forward to welcoming our new Year 7s in September and the Transition Days in June are an important part of this welcome.

A few years ago we introduced three days of transition for the first time in our school and the feedback from the students and parents was fantastic.

"At first my son was very nervous about starting secondary school. After these three days he is so excited and he can't wait to start". (Parent)

"Everything about the three days was perfect!" (Year 6 student)

It is important to us that you feel as supported as your child at this time of change from primary to secondary school. It can be a worrying time for families and it is our aim to ensure that you feel reassured and ready to prepare your child for secondary school and life in Ysgol Rhiwabon.

What you can expect from the three-day transition period

- Your child will be transported to and from school by bus, supervised by a member of Ysgol Rhiwabon's Senior Team, as well as primary staff.
- A free school lunch will be provided in the canteen as well as a snack during the morning break.
- Taster lessons across a range of subjects will be on the timetable to allow your child to meet new teachers and to make new friends.

- There will be an opportunity for the Year 6 students to make things to bring home to show you or to display for the Open Evening on Thursday 29th June.
- There will be an Information Evening for you on Thursday 29th June at the end of the three days. Please see your invitation attached which includes the start time for you and your family.

Thursday 29th June 2023 – Parents' Information Evening

At the end of the transition days we will be holding an Information Evening where your child can show case the work completed and the skills developed during the transition days.

The Information Evening will be another opportunity to look round the whole school if you wish as it will be open to the public from 6.00 pm – 8.00 pm. This might be an ideal time for grandparents and the wider family to look round.

During this time Senior Staff will provide all the guidance you will need to ensure that, as a family, you are confident about the September start. We will cover issues such as uniform, the school day, transport, after school clubs, form tutor time and the plans we have in place to provide a happy secure transition. At the end of the formal presentation, there will be refreshments and an opportunity for you to ask us any remaining questions you may have. As already mentioned you can also tour the whole school again.

We look forward to meeting your child on Tuesday 27th June and you as a family on Thursday 29th June at the time outlined on your attached invite.

In the meantime, if you have any questions for us, please do not hesitate to contact myself or Mr Forman, Assistant Headteacher.

We are really looking forward to meeting our youngest members of Ysgol Rhiwabon and ensuring that they feel confident and happy about their move to secondary school.

Yours sincerely



M Ferron-Evans
Headteacher