

# YSGOL SYR HUGH OWEN Caernarfon



## **Newsletter from the Head, EASTER 2018**

*Dear Parent/Guardian,*

*Here we are at the end of another busy and successful term at Ysgol Syr Hugh Owen. In the midst of the hurly burly of the day to day running of the school, as well as having to contend with the challenges of the ever changing weather, it is sometimes easy to forget that we are celebrating a very successful term once again:*

- *a huge success at the Eisteddfod and a number of daily exercises to prepare for the County Eisteddfod continue,*
- *many successful sporting competitions with several individuals / teams going on to represent the school in the next rounds as well as some pupils representing Wales in different sports,*
- *organised numerous trips to enhance the experiences of our pupils: football trips to Everton, netball trip to Shrewsbury, and rugby trips to R.G.C. Colwyn Bay;*
- *collecting money for several good causes including Kaiden Pritchard's Alder Hey charity our partner school in Zambia, and Hope House;*
- *a Skills Day consisting of many valuable experiences for everyone;*
- *Yr.11 Mentoring started, which will mean that every target pupil in Yr.11 will receive additional individual attention from a member of the Pastoral Team on a weekly basis,*
- *a sponsored walk for years 7-9 pupils to raise money to our partner school in Sambia,*
- *made it easier for you to contact the school and obtain relevant information by establishing Twitter, Facebook and School Comms accounts;*
- *added 'Star of the Week' to the Friday announcements so that we openly celebrate our pupils' successes on a weekly basis;*
- *an increasing number of staff having been sharing best practice/offering advice at GwE(Educational Advisory Service)'s request and have been highly praised for their valuable contributions.*

*As can be seen above, the activities and successes are numerous – Robust evidence that Ysgol Syr Hugh Owen is an inclusive and community-based school where self-improvement becomes increasingly more evident on a daily basis. Everyone truly improving together!*

### **School Uniform**

*I would like to thank all the parents who have shown their continued support for the school by ensuring that the pupils attend school daily dressed in their full school uniform. I must stress that we expect the highest standards of uniform from all pupils following the Easter Holidays and we will endeavour to ensure that this rule is adhered to in a fair and consistent manner. Please contact us should you need any assistance in buying school uniform. I thank you in advance for your support.*

### ***Important dates for the diary***

- **March 23<sup>rd</sup>** – End of term
- **April 9<sup>th</sup>** - School re-opens for staff and pupils
- **April 30<sup>th</sup> – May 3<sup>rd</sup>** – National Literacy and Numeracy Tests
- **April 17<sup>th</sup>** –Year 8 Parents Evening
- **May 1<sup>st</sup>** –Year 7 Parents Evening
- **28/05/18 - 01/06/18** - Half Term Break

### ***Key message for Year 11 & 13 pupils and parents***

*Attendance is critical to reaching potential at the end of year 11, to share some key dates regarding assessment and examinations next term.*

- Extra Mathematics Review Lessons during Easter - Additional GCSE Mathematics lessons will be held for Ms Delyth Buse Yr.11 target groups during the Easter holidays on **4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> April from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**
- GCSE Geography pupils' revision classes will be held on **Tuesday, March 27<sup>th</sup> from 9.00 to 1.00pm.**
  
- **April 17<sup>th</sup>** - Year 11 Welsh Literature
- **April 18<sup>th</sup>** - Year 11 Welsh Literature Exam Higher Tier
- **April 24<sup>th</sup>** - Physics Bl. 13 Practical Examination
- **April 27<sup>th</sup>** - Physics Bl. 13 Interpretation Examination
- **May 1<sup>st</sup>** – Biology Practical Exam, Yr.13
- **May 4<sup>th</sup>** – Biology Practical Exam, Yr13

*Other key dates will be shared with you soon.*

*Thank you for your continued support. Please follow us on Twitter/Facebook for all the latest news and visit our website for a link to the latest Seren Syr Hugh.*

**Wishing you all a Happy Easter!**

**Mrs Parry Jones**  
(Acting Head)