



5th of September 2024

Dear Parents / Carers

It is wonderful to note that everyone has settled back well this week and the pupils who are new to the nursery and year 7 seem to be very happy in school! Year 7 pupils in particular look very smart in their new red sweatshirts. It promises to be another successful year at Ysgol Llanhari. It has been a pleasure to welcome all the pupils to school this week following two successful INSET days. The pupils have responded enthusiastically in the lessons since Wednesday and I would like to encourage them to take advantage of the opportunities available to them in the numerous extra-curricular clubs which will start shortly. For more information on the school's classroom and extra-curricular activities follow us on our school twitter X account [@YsgolLlanhari](https://twitter.com/YsgolLlanhari) and our Instagram [ysgol_llanhari](https://www.instagram.com/ysgol_llanhari). General information is available on the school's website www.llanhari.cymru

National Eisteddfod

Thank you again for your support for the Eisteddfod held in Ynys Angharad park during the month of August. It was lovely to see so many families enjoying the activities there.

At the start of the term, I would like to draw your attention to some important details:

Staff

It was a pleasure to welcome the following new teachers and support staff this week:

New teachers: Ms Rhiannon Rees-Williams (Art), Miss Danielle Gunn (English) and Miss Sophie Powell (Science and Chemistry)

Support Staff: Miss Lili Griffith, Miss Gwenno Roberts, Miss Phoebe Clarke (teaching assistants) Ms Amy Ryland-Jenkins (cover supervisor and LSA in the Hwb) and Mr Leon Welsby (Dosbarth Tylluan teacher on Mondays and cover)

Miss Lauren Davies is now the Progress Leader for Years 10 and 11 and Mr Rhys Rickman is the Progress Leader for Year 9.

If you would like to contact any member of staff (primary and secondary) then please email post@llanhari.cymru. I would like to remind the secondary department parents to contact reception rather than calling / texting your child during the day. We expect the pupils to keep their phones switched off at the bottom of the bag and only use them under the guidance of a teacher.

Congratulations!

We were yet again able to celebrate an excellent set of A Level results this Summer as 97% of the pupils passed A Levels in two or more subjects, improving again on last year's results in many aspects. 24% of the grades achieved by the cohort were A* and A grades and we are delighted that 74% of all grades achieved were A*- C grades. Highest achievers this year with a clean sweep of three or more A*-A grades are Anton Thomas, Arianwen Thomas and Oxford University bound to study Geography, Megan Jenkins. We are very pleased that all pupils have achieved their potential and that the vast majority gained their first choice university place. Congratulations to all pupils and staff and we wish the pupils every success in the future.

This year's GCSE results were also excellent and built on the firm foundations set by previous cohorts. Most notably, 100% of the cohort achieved A*-G grades in at least five or more subjects and of those, 82% of the pupils achieved an A*-C grade in five or more subjects with 21% of the cohort achieving 5 or more A*-A grades. The school is very proud of all year 11 pupils as this set of excellent examination results saw pupils across the ability range achieving their goals, reflecting their dedication to their studies. We are so proud of our pupils and are delighted that almost half the cohort have returned to Llanhari this week to the sixth form to continue with their studies.

Thank you very much to you as parents for your constant support for your children and for your willingness to work with the teachers.

High standards

At the beginning of the term all the pupils were reminded of our values and expectations in terms of positive behaviour (including our mobile phone policy), Welshness, respect, attendance, effort and perseverance when completing work. We kindly ask for your support with these matters and specifically in ensuring a high standard in terms of the school uniform. The expectations are clearly stated for the secondary pupils in the school prospectus and have been communicated to you as parents on numerous occasions.

Calendar

We will distribute the year's calendar to you next week but please see below the main events for the next two weeks:

- 11-13 September Year 7 Residential Course in Manor Adventure
- 11 September Meet the teacher meetings in the Primary Department
- 11 September Parents Evening for the Normandy Trip
- 12 September Induction Evening Years 12 and 8
- 17 September Induction Evening Years 10 and 9
- 18 September Induction Evening Years 11 and 13
- 18 September Nursery Class Open Afternoon for September 2025 pupils

Best wishes to all members of Teulu Llanhari at the beginning of this new academic year,



Meinir Thomas
Headteacher