



8th of September 2025

Dear Parents / Carers

It is wonderful to note that everyone has settled back well to school life and the pupils who are new to the nursery and year 7 seem to be very happy in school! It is fantastic that so many pupils from year 11 have returned to the Sixth form and 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** and our Instagram **ysgol_llanhari**. General information is available on the school's website www.llanhari.cymru

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

New teachers: Mr Siôn-Rhys Evans (Science and Chemistry), Miss Rianna Sutton (Technology,) Mr Cao Pryce (Welsh), and Miss Lucy Clarke (PPA in the primary department during Miss Evans' maternity leave) **Support Staff:** A warm welcome back to Miss Chloe Gregory who will be working as a teaching assistant in the primary department.

Miss Danielle Gunn is now the Subject Leader for English and Mrs Cerys Davies-Harries will be the Subject Leader for Welsh when she returns from her maternity leave in January 2026. Miss Beca Creamer and Mr Llion Jones are co-leading the Welsh Department this term. Miss Sophie Wluka is the Progress Leader for year 8.

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. The pupils are fully aware of these rules.

Teulu Llanhari

You will all receive an updated copy of our home-school contract, Teulu Llanhari this week. We will be sending an important questionnaire with it and we kindly ask you to complete the questionnaire by the 19th of September

Congratulations!

There were smiles all around in August, as staff and parents were once more able to celebrate an excellent set of A Level results. 100% of the pupils achieved the Level 3 Threshold and we are delighted that 71% of the cohort achieved grades A*-C in three or more subjects with 90% of the pupils attaining 3 A*-E grades. We are very pleased that all pupils have achieved their potential and their hard graft has indeed been rewarded. Congratulations to all pupils and staff and we wish the pupils every success in the future as they embark on careers or further their education at universities and colleges across the country. All pupils were successful in securing places at their first choice universities and this is excellent news! We were also delighted with year 11's excellent GCSE results and once again, year 11 pupils have in no uncertain terms, reaped the benefits of hard graft

achieving 5 or more A*-A grades. The school is very proud of all year 11 pupils as this set of examination results saw pupils across the ability range achieving their goals, reflecting their dedication to their studies. Staff and parents are delighted that the pupils have fulfilled their potential. 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.

Bromcom

This is the new system for managing the school's data. Unfortunately, all schools in RCT have had problems since the start of the term and we apologise for this. Thank you for your patience! There is an app for all parents called *My Child at School*. If you have a problem with your app then please email bromcom@llanhari.cymru

Recording your child's Absence

Ysgol Llanhari pupils' attendance is very good and we thank you for your continued support. We will share an attendance newsletter with you soon but for now, if you need to record your child's absence, email absenoldeb@llanhari.cymru

Transport

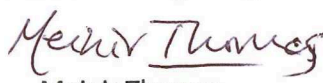
As you are aware, new regulations since the beginning of September have meant that all pupils do not get free transport to school. I would like to inform you though that the Stagecoach bus company provides transport in the morning from Bethel Chapel Pontyclun to Llanhari for £1 per journey and First Cymru and Stagecoach return to Pontyclun from the park area in Llanhari at 3.25pm at the end of the day. Many thanks to the parents who have been contacting Stagecoach and we trust that we can discuss some adjustments to the service with the company over the coming weeks.

Calendar

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

- 10 September Meet the teacher meetings in the Primary Department
- 10 September Induction Evening years 12 and 13
- 15-17 September Year 7 Residential Course in Cardiff Bay
- 17 September Induction Evening Year 10
- 17 September Nursery Class Open Afternoon for September 2026 pupils
- 22 September Parents' meeting for the Sicily Trip October 2025

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


Meinir Thomas
Headteacher