



Dear Parents & Carers,

A very warm welcome to those families who have joined us this academic year, and of course, to those already part of our Ysgol Eirias community. As we come to the end of a busy and productive first half term, I'd like to take a moment to congratulate our students on the positive and enthusiastic start they've made. Their energy, curiosity and commitment to learning have been truly commendable. I'd also like to extend a heartfelt thanks to our dedicated staff, who work tirelessly to deliver a rich and engaging curriculum. Their efforts support the development of the whole child – nurturing the head, the heart and the hand.

Below, you'll find just a few highlights from this half term, along with a preview of what's coming up next – linked to our Eirias Values. We're excited for what lies ahead and look forward to succeeding together!

Mrs Evans,
 Headteacher

Keep up to date with our latest news by following us on social media and visiting our website:
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Attendance

Attendance	Days Absent	Lessons missed
95%	10 days	60 lessons
90%	19 days	114 lessons
85%	29 days	174 lessons

Why is it important?

89% & Below	
94%-90%	
100%-95%	

Drastic effect on academic achievement

Cause for concern

Excellent

Every Minute Matters!
 Following on from last years' successful Attendance Matters campaign, we continue to focus on the importance of attendance. Even small amounts of time add up quickly. Good attendance helps your child stay on track, build positive routines, feel a sense of belonging and achieve their best – both in learning and in life.

Some of our wider learner experiences so far this term:

- Year 7 loved their afternoon of music and dancing! [North Wales Music Co-operative tour | Ysgol Eirias](#)
- Year 8 worked with our local police, learning how to stay safe online, make better choices and how to get help, if it's needed: [Year 8 police workshops | Ysgol Eirias](#)
- Year 9 engaged with 'Restart a Heart Live' and learned the life-saving basics of CPR: [Year 9 Learner Effectiveness- Restart a heart | Ysgol Eirias](#)
- Year 10 Computer Science learners have been putting their learning to the test by building a computer from scratch!



Involvement & Aspiration

Artificial Intelligence (AI)

ESTYN visited us in the summer term to look at how we are using AI in school. They were impressed with what they saw and came back with a camera crew! Click the links below to see the video footage:

[Using for Differentiation Professional Learning and AI](#)
[Using AI for Reducing Workload](#)
[How AI is Supporting Teaching and Learning Strategic Approach to AI](#)

Top 25% of Schools!

We are delighted to have received the 'Alps A Level Gold Award' for 2025! Our A Level successes have placed us in the top 25% of schools and colleges in the whole of the UK for A Level progress!



Summer Exam Success

Results days are always a special day for us – we take great pleasure in celebrating our learners' successes with them.

GCSE Results 2024-25:

A*-A: 21.1% (Wales average 19.5%)
 A*-C: 71.4% (Wales average 62.5%)
 A*-G: 95.2% (Wales average 96.9%)

A Level Results 2024-25:

A*-A: 40.9% (Wales average 29.5%)
 A*-B: 62.9% (Wales average 54.5%)
 A*-E: 98.3% (Wales average 97.5%)



Aspiration & Succeeding Together

Coming up next half term:

- School Opens after half term: 03/11/25
- Yr 12 Parents' Evening (Online – Talaxy): 18/11/25
- Yr 11 Mock Exams start: 24/11/25
- Yr 10 Parents' Evening (Online – Talaxy): 02/12/25
- All year groups, Progress Report 1 issued (via Email/Talaxy): 08/12/25
- Christmas Carol Service: 10/12/25
- Yr 13 Mock Exams start: 15/12/25
- School Closes for Christmas: 19/12/25

Staff Training – school closed to learners: 05/01/25
 School Opens after Christmas break: 06/01/26

Mobile Phone Reminder:

To help keep learners safe and support their well-being, we kindly remind parents that mobile phones are not permitted during lessons, break, or lunch times. Thank you for your continued support.

Respect & Effort



Coffee & Cake Drop In Sessions

Tom Verburg, our Family Engagement Officer, is offering fortnightly Coffee and Cake Drop-In sessions for parents/carers. These start Tuesday 4th November and take place between 1:30pm and 2:30pm in school. For more details click [here](#).

Inclusivity

Non-School Uniform Days

Our 3 non-school uniform days this year are being themed in line with our school values. They aim to raise awareness, support charitable causes and empower our Student Voice team, who help shape these events.

The first event is linked to our value of 'Involvement' and will take place during the week beginning 8th December, as part of Christmas Jumper Day. We look forward to seeing learners get involved in a fun and meaningful way.

Involvement & Respect

Extra-Curricular Clubs

We encourage everyone to keep joining in and exploring new interests! For more information see the weekly parent bulletin or click [here](#).

Please note: Year group specific information links are currently being updated and will be included in the next edition.