



# IN THE KNOW

## Dear Parents & Guardians,

As we reach the end of this half term, I extend my sincere thanks for your continued support and partnership. Working together makes a real difference to the experience and success of our young people.

As a reflective school, we regularly review how well we are meeting the needs of our learners and set clear priorities to help us keep improving. I encourage you to take note of our priorities for this academic year (outlined on the right) and take time to read more about our self-evaluation processes [here](#).

We hope our students enjoy a well-deserved break, and we look forward to welcoming them back to school on **Monday, 23rd February**.

Warm regards,

  
Mrs Evans, Headteacher

## Attendance Update

Our '12 Days of Christmas' attendance initiative continues to have a positive impact across the school. Whole-school attendance during the 12-day period this year reached 88.8%, a slight improvement on last year and a sign of continued progress. Even more encouragingly, this is over 5% higher than our figure two years ago!



Across the 12 days, many learners were rewarded with prizes, including daily treats and gift cards, with two special grand prize hampers awarded at the end of the initiative. It was fantastic to see so many pupils recognised and celebrating excellent attendance. This steady upward trend reflects the commitment of our pupils and families in supporting regular attendance — **thank you for helping us make every school day count**.

If your child is struggling with their attendance, we are here to help. Please contact your Head of Learning or ring school: 01492 532025.

## School Production Frozen – December 2026!



Encourage your child to get **involved** – sign up now, outside B24 (Drama Room).

## Morocco Expedition

Click [here](#) to find out more about our very exciting trip to Morocco. Deadline for applications is March 6th 2026.



Keep up to date with our latest news by following us on social media and visiting our website: <https://eirias.co.uk/news>

## Parent/Carer Drop In

Our **Family Engagement Officer**, is offering fortnightly Drop-In sessions for parents/carers. For more details click [here](#), call him on 07851507125 or email: [tom.verburg1@conwy.gov.uk](mailto:tom.verburg1@conwy.gov.uk)

## Community Learning – Free Courses for Adults

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## Involvement

For year group specific information, click on the links below:

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## Aspiration & Succeeding Together



### Ysgol Eirias Priorities 2025-26

*The challenge is to always improve.*

*'Succeeding together through connection and belonging'*



### WELL-BEING

We aim to foster a positive, inclusive school where every minute matters, every voice is heard, and every learner belongs. Areas of focus this year:

- Develop targeted strategies to prioritise mental health, sense of belonging and emotional safety.
- Continue to improve attendance and punctuality, focusing on reducing gaps between vulnerable learners and their peers.
- Build upon our inclusive culture by re-visiting our behaviour expectations and aligning with Eirias values.

### LEARNING

We are committed to creating opportunities that enable learners to extend and apply their skills, preparing them for success now and in the future. Areas of focus this year:

- Further refine our curriculum to ensure that learners build and apply cross-curricular skills.
- Develop consistent assessment practices that inform teaching, support learner progress and communicate next steps clearly.
- Re-design curriculum structures so that learners engage effectively with their feedback.

### TEACHING

We strive for continuous improvement in teaching that empowers staff and learners to grow, thrive and succeed together. Areas of focus this year:

- Further improve the quality of written feedback to support learner progression.
- Develop our use of research to ensure quality, evidence based, teaching for all learners.
- Expand our curriculum to further develop essential skills for lifelong success, such as resilience, critical thinking and independence.



## Involvement & Effort



## Parent Survey – Final Call!

Please help us to reflect and continually improve – click the link and share your feedback with us:

[Parent/Carer Feedback Form](#)

If you would like to be a part of our **Parent Voice Group**, please contact Mrs Hayley Blackwell:

[BlackwellH5@Hwbcymru.net](mailto:BlackwellH5@Hwbcymru.net)

## Succeeding Together

### Respect & Effort

### 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 lunchtimes**. Thank you for your continued support.



## Coming up next half term ...

- **School opens:** Monday 23/02/26
- **Year 13 Annual Reports:** Fri 27/02/26
- **Staff Training Day** (School closed to learners): Fri 27/02/26
- **Year 9 Exams:** Week beginning 02/03/26  
*Please note: Not all subjects will hold exams.*
- **Year 11 Online Parents' Evening:** Tues 03/03/26 *Bookings to be made via via Galaxy.*
- **Year 11 Learning Performance Seminars:** Friday 06/03/26, all day
- **Progress Reports issued (all yrs):** Fri 13/03/26
- **Year 10 Exams:** Week beginning 16/03/26
- **Year 13 Online Parents' Evening:** Tues 17/03/26 *Bookings to be made via via Galaxy.*
- **Year 12 Annual Reports:** Fri 27/03/26
- **School closes for Easter break:** Fri 27/03/26

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## Half Term Activities

Click [here](#) for activites on offer to young people aged 11+ in Conwy over the February half term break.

## Involvement