



Dear Parents & Guardians,

As we reach the end of a fantastic first term, I'd like to express my **thanks for your continued support** in working together in the best interests of our young people.

Alongside our school motto '**succeeding together**' we also have a focus on '**growing together**' this year. As a reflective school we continuously evaluate our provision and performance and set targets to help us continue to grow (see image to the right). I have been sharing these with your child during assembly and encourage you to discuss them together at home.

Wishing you all a lovely Christmas and best wishes for the new year. We look forward to welcoming your child **back to school on Tuesday, 7th January.**

Z Evans



Mrs Evans, Headteacher



**Ysgol Eirias
Targets 2024-25**

*The challenge is to always improve, always get better.
Succeeding together by growing together.*



WELL-BEING

We are growing our culture to develop a greater feeling of community and belonging. Some areas in which you may be starting to see changes:

- A common understanding of the behaviours we value as a school community
- Re-imagining our approach to praise and rewards
- Increasing our engagement with internal and external groups/agencies
- Raising awareness of the value of good attendance and punctuality.

LEARNING

In ensuring that our learners succeed and thrive in the future, it is important that we help them to grow academically, emotionally and practically. This year, we have a particular focus on helping our learners:

- Develop their own well-being through a sense of community and belonging
- Leave school with strong literacy, numeracy and digital skills
- Take ownership of their own learning, through personal reflection and acting upon feedback.

TEACHING

Throughout the year, teachers are completing Professional Learning Enquiries which are rooted in research and focus on areas that the school is collectively trying to improve:

- Supporting learners to act upon their feedback and make good progress
- Providing a provision in which learners develop strong literacy, numeracy and digital skills
- Helping our learners to feel a sense of belonging and understand their role in school.



Ysgol Eirias was the only state secondary school from North Wales to be named among the UK's best by The Sunday Times. (Image: Kerry Roberts)

Sunday Times Schools Guide - 6th in Wales!

We are absolutely delighted once again to achieve national recognition for the hard work and dedication that our learners and staff take to learning. Congratulations to all! [Colwyn Bay school makes Times list of Wales' top schools | North Wales Pioneer](#)

Parent Survey – Growing Together

<https://forms.office.com/e/wTf0WZ3bFe> We would be grateful to hear your **views** - please take time to complete this survey to help inform our next steps.

Eirias Chronicle: Please [click here](#) to read our latest Eirias Chronicle, written by our very talented learners!



It was great to see our Sixth Form getting creative and raising money for **Children in Need**. They raised **£312!**



Attendance Campaign – 12 Days of Christmas!

We continue to promote the importance of attendance in school and have teamed up with [Truck Parts North Wales](#), [Colwyn Bay RFC](#) and [Gwyn Evans CVR](#) to celebrate pupil attendance in the run up to Christmas. Congratulations to all learners who have won a prize but more importantly those who have achieved 100% attendance or who are improving their attendance. As a school, our attendance rate is a fantastic 3% higher than this time last year!



As a result of our **Non-uniform Day** on December 13th, we donated an astonishing **1459** tins to our local charity '[Food Share](#)' - the largest donation they've received so far from one place!! Super proud to be supporting our community.

Christmas Concert

Our annual Christmas Concert was again an amazing display of talent and commitment. Thanks to all the talented musicians, singers and the Music Department, confidently led by Miss Hammerton.

Coming up after Christmas ...

- **Year 9 Moving Forward Evening:** Tuesday 14th January
- **Sixth Form Opportunities Evening:** Tuesday 28th January
- **Year 9 Parents' Evening:** Tuesday 11th February
- **Moana Jnr:** 19th & 20th February

Following the recent reminder regarding the use of mobile phones in school, we'd like to thank learners and their families on their efforts and support. There has been a marked positive change to comply with & respect school policy, helping keep the safety and well-being of all a priority.

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