

Ysgol Eirias

Transition Prospectus
Year 6 into 7



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Welcome to our Prospectus

Llwyddo gyda'n gilydd Succeeding together

Croeso!

Here at Ysgol Eirias, we are passionate about working together to ignite a spark of inspiration in our children and to support them to become the best versions of themselves, whatever their interests or ambitions. We believe that our children deserve a first-class education of the **head** (academic learning), the **heart** (social and emotional learning) and of the **hand** (learning practical skills, creativity and problem solving) and we strive to keep our children at the centre of our thoughts and actions.

We work very closely with our Primary Schools to ensure that the children experience smooth transition into Year 7. Activities for learners can be seen in our Transition Timeline and this is complemented by the strong links that the staff have across the schools. We have shared training events, curriculum meetings as well as leadership meetings on a regular basis.

Learning is an adventure, and we have a dedicated team of talented teachers and support staff who continue to research the very best teaching and learning strategies and genuinely care about making a difference in the lives of our children. They are passionate about their subjects and will guide your child every step of the way, inspiring them to think critically, to ask questions and to be curious. Our classrooms are dynamic spaces where curiosity is celebrated, and every question is an opportunity to explore and discover.

We are very proud of the ALN and Inclusion support in our school. The support provision was recognised by Estyn as a strength of the school and highlighted the extensive support that is available as well as the positive relationships that are fostered. There are dedicated staff supporting with additional needs, nurture, inclusion and wellbeing – you are most welcome to come and see for yourself!

But education at Ysgol Eirias isn't just about what happens inside the classroom, we have a whole range of exciting activities on offer. From sports teams to art clubs, music ensembles to science experiments, DofE trips to Ski trips and much, much more – there is something for everyone. These activities will help your child uncover their hidden talents, build confidence and develop new skills that will stay with them for life.

The school is extremely well resourced, and we are particularly proud of our sporting facilities. From the international standard hockey pitch and all-Wales Rugby training barn to the highly sought-after Athletics arena, we guarantee a high-class sporting provision for your child.

Ysgol Eirias is a place where friendships blossom and memories are made. We are a community that cares about your child's happiness, well-being and success. We succeed together!

A tour of the school is the best way to experience our caring, positive and energetic atmosphere first hand. Please contact us at any time of the year for a tour by clicking the booking form link on our website or by ringing us on 01492 532025.

Headteacher

Mrs Z Evans

Pennaeth

Cwricwlwm yr Ysgol The School Curriculum

"Curriculum for Wales focuses well on engaging pupils whilst simultaneously developing subject knowledge and skills"
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We are a truly comprehensive school and strive to make the curriculum appropriate to the needs of all students, whatever their talents and abilities. It is designed to stretch the most able and to provide support for those needing additional help

Years 7 and 8

In Years 7 and 8 pupils follow the new Curriculum for Wales where these Areas of Learning and Experience are covered: Humanities, Expressive Arts, Science & Technology, Languages, Literacy & Communication, Health & Wellbeing, Mathematics & Numeracy

Please see our online Curriculum Summary for more details
Year 9

In Year 9 students are organised into bands and then within each band students are placed into sets according to ability where appropriate.

Students study English, Maths, Science, Welsh, French or German, Geography, History, RS, Technology, PE, Expressive Arts, ICT Skills Challenge and PSE.

Year 10 and 11

At this level of study we are trying to further broaden the options for students. Most will study GCSEs, some will take vocational courses, others may attend college for 1 day as part of the Alternative Learning Programme (ALP).

English, Maths, Science, Welsh, RS, PE, PSE, and the Skills Challenge are compulsory, but students do have some options to continue subjects from Year 9 or start completely new courses for example: GCSE PE, and Business Studies, Philosophy & Ethics and Engineering.

The resources for all faculties are complemented by a well stocked Library, which also houses computers and a space for independent reading and researching.



Years 12 and 13

Ysgol Eirias has a large VI form. Students need to apply for a place during Year 11. External applications are also invited.

An excellent range of courses are offered, over 30 subjects including traditional A/AS level courses and vocational courses. Most of our VI form students go on to university. Welsh is compulsory to 16 and popular as a post 16 option.

Report Writing

Students receive feedback from teaching staff on a regular basis, but parents will receive formal reports in two forms during the academic year.

The 'Termly Update' is designed to provide a snapshot of progress and contains an indication of progress towards agreed targets whilst the 'Annual Report' will in addition contain detailed written comments from each teacher alongside target areas for improvement.

All reports are electronically produced, draw on a wealth of assessment data and are specifically designed to involve parents in the education process. We use Talaxy as a platform for communication with parents.

**Specific details about subjects
can be found in the Online Prospectus.**

"Pupils have positive attitudes to learning"

"Teachers at Ysgol Eirias foster caring and positive relationships"

"...a calm learning environment"

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Pastoral Organisation

In order to support children moving from their primary school, we have appointed a Transition

Co-ordinator whose role is to ensure that the transition is as smooth as possible.

To help Year 7 settle into school, they are mainly taught in a dedicated homebase room. These rooms are situated near each other so that they have a Year 7 community feel.

The school is arranged by year groups from Year 7 to Year 13. There are dedicated form tutors within year groups for each form. Each year group is led by a Head of Learning who is supported by an Assistant Head of Learning.

Whilst the Head of Learning for Years 12 and 13 remains static to facilitate links with universities, it is usual for the Head of Learning to remain with the year group and to move up the school together from Year 7-11.

KIVA is an acronym for 'Kiusaamista Vasteen', Finnish for Anti-Bullying.

The programme is based on robust research that shows how the responses of bystanders either maintain and decrease bullying behaviour

The programme runs through primary and secondary school and aims to support social relationships in the classroom and school community as a whole.

The programme is taught in Year 7 and has universal actions, at both class and school level, and indicated actions that address confirmed cases of bullying.



There is a dedicated team of staff implementing KiVa.



Transition Timeline



Ysgol Eirias Cluster
Year 6 Transition
Timeline 2023/24
#Succeedingtogether

general@eirias.conwy.sch.uk

OCTOBER 2023

'TEA AND TOAST WITH THE TRANSITION TEAM'

Want to know a bit more about life at Ysgol Eirias? Please go to our website and book to come and have an informal chat, over tea and toast, with our Transition Team and our learners. This session will give you and your child a chance to ask any specific questions that you have, to learn more about the curriculum we offer, to see some of the work our learners have produced and to take part in some lessons. The booking form will go live on our school website 28/09/23.

In October, we also start our 'Moving Up' experience. This programme has been designed to specifically support children and families who need extra help transitioning to high school. Please get in touch if you would like to be involved in this.

APRIL 2024 - YEAR 6 VISIT

Your child and their class will visit Ysgol Eirias, with their teacher, for half a day to meet our core Year 7 staff and to take part in two lessons.

The idea of this visits is to simulate a year 7 experience for your child, to build relationships with our staff and to provide them with the opportunity to ask any questions that they may have.



27/09/23
4:30PM - 7:30PM
OPEN EVENING

We would like to welcome you and your child to attend our open evening. Meet our staff and learners, explore our classrooms and nurture areas and learn about the curriculum we offer both inside and outside of the classroom. Meet Mrs. Evans, the Headteacher, to hear about the vision and values of the school.



SEPTEMBER 2023
- JULY 2024
SUCCEEDING TOGETHER

Throughout the year, we will work with your child and their Year 6 teacher to support a continued curriculum and a smooth transition into high school with well-being at its heart. Your child will have many opportunities to visit Ysgol Eirias and explore our specialist areas including our cooking rooms, science labs and technology rooms. More details to follow.



01/07/24 - 04/07/24
INDUCTION DAYS

Our final phase of transition is to invite your child into Ysgol Eirias for 4 days. During this time, they will experience life at Ysgol Eirias - ranging from arriving at school, to having lunch, to finding the toilets, to learning and meeting teachers. Time has also been built in for your child to bond with the other children who will be in their form class in September and their form tutor. This 4-day experience will help your child to feel supported and ready to start Ysgol Eirias in September.



Additional Learning Needs and Inclusion

Additional Learning Needs

Ysgol Eirias aims for all our students to reach their full potential. The whole school recognises the importance of the teacher's responsibility to provide high quality teaching for all using Universal Provisions and strategies in the mainstream classroom. We strive to ensure that there is inclusion for all. When a learner is not making adequate progress despite Universal approaches, then interventions to support learning may be put in place. All staff work positively to identify and support the individual learning needs of each student, with early identification being an important stage in this process. The interventions take place within our ALN and Inclusion resource areas and may take a short or longer-term approach. The resource area is made up of the following areas.

Hafod

This is a Local Authority resourced base for learners identified as having a Moderate Learning Disability. The placement in the base is written into a learner's Individual Development Plan however the ALNCo may also offer a temporary period of support when evidence shows that small group teaching is needed to benefit academic progress for an individual. Teaching supports the acquisition of basic skills needed in the classroom, development of self-esteem and confidence, social skills and provision of the essential skills required in daily life. During Years 10 and 11 the emphasis also includes the attainment of relevant qualifications and experiences to provide a smooth transition to post 16 education.



Inclusion

Eirias Pupil Inclusion Centre (EPIC)

EPIC is an area that support students who require emotional regulation, social or attendance support. Students will normally be placed in EPIC on a temporary basis where a bespoke package is designed for each individual student based on their needs. The focus is to support and mentor the learner to acquire the skills needed to help them access the mainstream environment. Many learners have hybrid support and for some this combination of learning environments is offered throughout their school journey. In EPIC, learners can spend time on 'catch up work', revision and will take part in interventions offered individually or as part of a small group. In Years 10 and 11 there is the added opportunity to complete Level 2 qualifications which are more accessible. Students are encouraged to return to mainstream lessons as soon as they are able with ongoing support from EPIC and oversight by the Inclusion Manager.



Nurture

The Nurture base provides a haven for learners who may, for many different reasons, require a space to be able to express their emotions and be supported in a calm, private and understanding environment with a trusted adult. There are individual or small group interventions to support emotional and social development and to help learners process difficult or traumatic periods of their lives. All staff are trained in the interventions they run, and these are overseen by the ALNCo and appropriate external agencies.

Specialist Learning Support

A team of specialist teachers offer small group or one to one withdrawal support when Universal or short-term targeted interventions have not made the desired impact. The interventions are longer term and could include multi-sensory phonics, reading fluency, comprehension, writing skills, English support for learners with English as an Additional Language, handwriting, and numeracy support. Most learners receiving this high level of support will often have a diagnosed condition such as dyslexia, dyscalculia or neurodivergence however support is also given to learners who do not have an official diagnosis.

The ALN and Inclusion Team are fully committed to the success of its learners, and this was recognised in the most recent **Estyn Inspection report (November 2022)**.

“Provision for pupils with additional learning needs (ALN) is a particular strength of the school. There is a staged approach to support, which is underpinned by positive relationships and strong values of inclusion. A well-organised and extensive support team enables the provision to be co-ordinated and tailored to meet the needs of pupils well. ‘Hafod’, the nurture room, allows pupils who require extra support to access individual or group sessions with a variety of specialist staff. This enables these pupils to engage positively with their education and develop self-confidence. The Eirias Pupil Inclusion Centre (EPIC) provides a safe and calm environment for pupils with emotional difficulties.”



Ysgol Eirias Student Voice

Student Voice works closely with the whole school, community, leadership team, governors and parents to help make Eirias a great environment to learn and develop life skills.

Student Voice meets every half term and is made up of students from all year groups. This includes 2 year group representatives as well as leaders from the Diversity, Environment, Learning, Publicity and Wellbeing teams. Any student can apply to become a member. We also have 2 members as part of the school's Governing body and the Conwy Youth council.

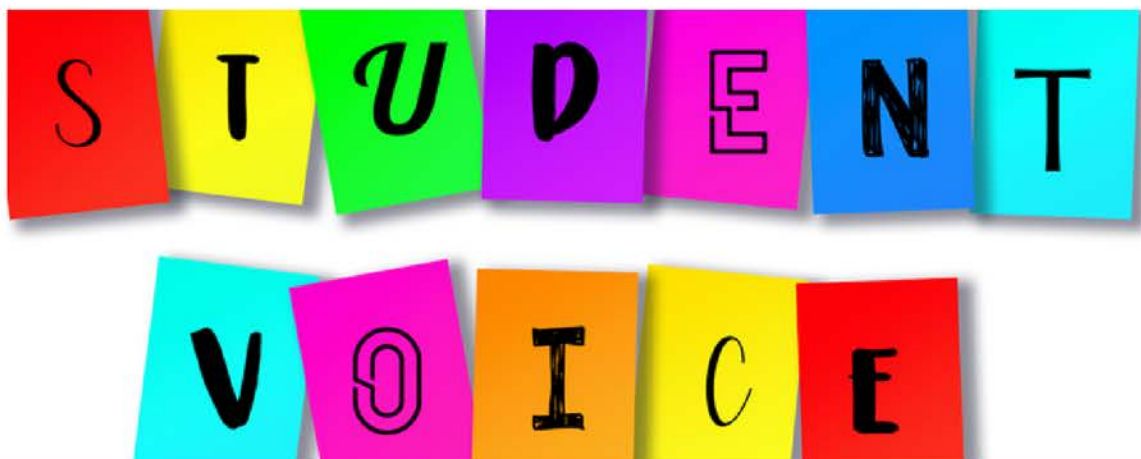
The role of Student Voice is to actively engage our learners as participants in their education and in making a positive contribution to their school and local community. This can range from improving mental health to deciding new staff appointments. Student Voice also helps students to develop their leadership skills, such as collaboration and communication and to encourage them to take responsibility for their decisions.

Students are also involved in a variety of other activities. This includes raising money for local and national charities, deciding canteen menus, to working with departmental leaders to shape and review our curriculum. Students also work as part of the Publicity team to produce the 'Eirias Chronicle'. This provides news every term on what's going on within school.

Student Voice gives learners the opportunity to ask questions and help shape our school and help it work in the community. They invite a range of visitors to meetings and meet regularly with the Leadership Team to discuss their concerns and ways to solve issues raised by the student body.

Student Voice is involved in a variety of activities with the local food bank, children's hospices through to new initiatives at school to help shape the learning experience here at Eirias.

The Wellbeing Ambassadors are a group of students, from various year groups, who have attended training on various areas to help support others. This ranges from mental health to healthy relationships. The students create resources for staff to share with form classes on various topics that promote wellbeing.



"The School Council has influenced teaching and learning through the 'Learning Provision Plan' by sharing their expectations of good learning experiences and how teachers provide support to meet their needs".

"Pupils carry out their roles with enthusiasm and maturity and develop their personal and social skills successfully."

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Canllawiau Gyrfa Career Guidance

Career guidance and support is an important feature of students' experience from Year 7 – Year 13.

Building on self awareness and appreciation of skills, careers is an integral part of the Pastoral Programme with many additional opportunities as outlined below.

At Ysgol Eirias, we strive to enable students to develop careers awareness through their pastoral topics but also as related to their subjects.

The programme is designed to equip young people with the skills they will need in order to manage their working life, whether they leave education at 16, 18 or 21 so that they have the most up-to-date knowledge and understanding of working practices to make effective career choices

Our range of services includes:

- A pastoral programme of careers education, which provides opportunities to develop and apply the knowledge, understanding and skills necessary to make realistic career decisions.
- Identification of careers links in all Faculty (subject based) schemes of work and a developing interest in work related education.
- A dedicated Careers Wales advisor based in school 3 days per week.
- Individual guidance from independent Careers Wales staff.
- Access to Careers Wales online comprehensive personalised website for careers information, career planning and options selection.
- A school assigned business engagement advisor for enrichment activity.

"The school works closely with a range of external partners to provide helpful support for pupils."

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Life-changing experiences

Ysgol Eirias works with renowned expedition organisations to provide students with a once in a lifetime experience.

Previous trips have included:

- Trekking in the Andes on the border between Argentina and Chile
- Project work at Ysgol yr Hendre and Esperanza Animal Sanctuary
- Visiting the Welsh communities in Patagonia
- Nordic Skiing and Horse riding in stunning Bariloche
- A hop over the border to Brazil to see one of the natural wonders of the world – Iguazu Falls
- A marathon journey around China; taking in sections of The Great Wall, the Terracotta Warriors and Beijing.
- A Malawian trip, working in rural villages on much needed projects
- A month long expedition in Peru taking in the spectacular sights of Machu Picchu and white water rafting on the Rio Chili.
- Visiting the Borneo rainforests to work with sun bears and witness orang-utans in their natural habitat.

All our expeditions involved some form of project work, a trek along a challenging mountain route which involves camping, and some time to become immersed in the local sights and sounds.

These amazing cultural experiences allow pupils to develop their interpersonal skills, claim their independence, as well as putting themselves through a range of different life skills that stay with them throughout their lives. All whilst seeing truly stunning parts of the world.



Extra-Curricular and Experiential Learning at Ysgol Eirias

Ysgol Eirias offers an extensive range of forever increasing extra-curricular activities for our pupils to get involved in. Sports clubs and fixtures take place across the academic year with a choice of activities to attend each night of the week. Our pupils are able to enjoy the use of our incredible facilities including: Hockey AstroTurf, indoor and outdoor Tennis Courts, 2 x full size 4G pitches, indoor 3G Barn, Athletics Track, Performance Gym and more.

In addition, we offer a range of alternative activities after school including Cooking Club, Tech Club, Photography Club, Orchestra, Choir, Drama Club, Homework Club and more. Pupils are encouraged to attend as many extracurricular activities as possible to enhance their physical, social and mental wellbeing. All extracurricular provisions are free of charge.



One of many competitive sporting fixtures played on our full size 4G pitch.



An introductory cricket session for our Year 7 learners delivered by Cricket Wales in the indoor Barn facility.

Here at Ysgol Eirias we believe that learning is derived from experiences both in and outside of the classroom. We work closely with Careers Wales to provide opportunities for our learners to engage with local and national employers. Local, national and international trips take place every year to enhance learning experiences for our pupils. We are proud of our Duke of Edinburgh provision which offers pupils the chance to gain skills and qualifications in the Bronze, Silver and Gold awards.



We are proud of the continuing growth and pupil involvement in our Duke of Edinburgh award programme.



A beach clean up pupils took part in at Colwyn Bay beach. Ysgol Eirias recently adopted a stretch of the beach to help maintain part of our local community.

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Our Year 9 pupils were lucky enough to experience a full week working with and learning the skills necessary to become firefighters



Our annual Ski Trip which provides our pupils with a fantastic opportunity from beginners GB standard learners.



Learners experiencing the Sports Science facilities at Bangor University prior to making their University applications.



Our annual languages trip to Berlin – Allowing learners to experience a taste of the German culture whilst using their language skills learnt in lessons.



To see more of what we have been up to recently head over to our Social Media channels:

Instagram: @ysgoleirias @experienceeirias

Facebook: eiriashighschool

Twitter: @eirias

Examples of some of our clubs:

- Badminton club
- Basketball club
- Hockey club
- Football club
- Netball club
- Rugby club
- Gymnastics club
- Fitness club
- Gospel / Choir club
- Orchestra
- Drama club
- Dance club
- Film club
- Cookery club
- Clwb Siarad Cymraeg (Welsh Speaking Club)
- Homework club
- Engineering club
- Our Environment club
- Young Enterprize club
- Clwb Enfys
- Mandarin Club

Cynllun Ysgolion Iach Healthy Schools Scheme

Ysgol Eirias is a Phase 5 Healthy School and uses the national quality award guidelines as a tool kit for providing our students with the best possible foundation to lead a healthy lifestyle and enjoy their learning environment.

In accordance with the Appetite for Life measure, our restaurant offers students a variety of choices each day that are nutritionally analysed. Healthy eating is encouraged and promoted through meal deals and offers. Students who do choose to bring their own lunch are also asked to follow the government guidelines.

Our Student Voice is a proactive group that works closely with our catering team to ensure the food is tasty and meets the guidelines.

The menu has been adapted based on student feedback and taste test to develop the seasonal menus.



Restaurant Facilities

The school runs a cashless system, whereby parents can use the Parent Pay app or website to credit their child's account. Free school meal allowances are topped up automatically every lunch time. The restaurant offers students a range of different choices daily which is freshly prepared:

- A traditional counter offering a two course meal. Examples being a roast dinner and apple crumble. Vegetarian options are also available.
- A pasta bar
- A curry bar
- A grab and go counter for more convenience
- A sandwich deli, students can choose their own type of bread and sandwich filling and have it made up for them.

Special diets can be accommodated, please contact the head chef for details.

The average cost of a two course lunch is £3.10. Students who bring in a packed lunch eat in the school hall and may also purchase drinks, fruit and confectionary.

The restaurant is also open at break time to serve their breakfast/snack menu and allow students to top up their dinner cards if they are paying with cash.



Mandarin

Ysgol Eirias is one of Wales' Confucius Classrooms, which supports the delivery of Mandarin language lessons and teaches understanding of the Chinese culture. With a dedicated tutor to deliver Chinese within the school, our students have the opportunity to experience a range of activities and language learning journeys through lessons, after school clubs and trips. In 2016, Eirias students visited Xiamen University as part of their studies. Many of our students go on to gain valuable qualifications in the Chinese language and benefit from the opportunities this brings.



Bilingualism

At Ysgol Eirias, we are proud of our Welsh heritage, culture and language. It's an integral part of our national identity. This is reflected in the Welsh we speak and hear around school and this will enrich everyone's experience of living in a bilingual country. We strive to give every student the opportunity to develop their Welsh language skills as we firmly support the Welsh Government's vision of 1 million Welsh speakers by 2050.

"...a caring and inclusive community"

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Gwisg ac Ymddangosiad Uniform and Appearance

At Ysgol Eirias we are very proud of our school uniform, and insist that it is worn as described below. We ask that parents take the responsibility for ensuring that their son/daughter is in the correct uniform each day.

Students who do arrive in unsuitable clothing may be sent home to change or loaned items from school stock. The final decision in any decision relating to uniform lies with the headteacher.

Items of uniform are available from many high street stores. The tie and jumper are available from Boppers Boutique, Woodlands Road West, Colwyn Bay and School Talk, Mostyn Street, Llandudno. Please contact the school if you have any questions regarding uniform. Any items purchased which do not meet the criteria set out below will need to be changed.



Pupils in Years 7-11
(All items must be labelled/named)

You must NOT wear:

- Hoodies or sweatshirts or polo shirts.
- Trainers (except on timetabled PE days).
- Jeans, leggings, canvas type footwear, backless or open toed shoes, footwear that comes above ankle height.
- Excessive make up including false nails and false eyelashes or nail varnish.
- Nose studs, tongue studs, lobe stretcher.

School uniform is compulsory for all learners. The final decision in any matter relating to uniform lies with the Headteacher.

Please note: The school will not be responsible for valuable items brought into school.

The school operates a gender neutral uniform policy:

- Plain white school shirt worn with a school tie in house colours.
- Maroon jumper with school badge.
- Black full length plain trousers (not jeans, jeans style, skin-tight or leggings style) OR a plain black skirt of appropriate length.
- Plain black tights must be worn with skirts (as a guide tights should be 80 Denier or over). Ripped or sheer style tights are not permitted. Socks (of any length) are not permitted to be worn with skirts.
- Plain, flat, black leather type footwear. Footwear must be ankle height or lower and not canvas. Click [here](#) for examples of appropriate footwear.
- Plain appropriate topcoat.
- Hair should be neat and tidy and an even natural colour. No extreme hairstyles are permitted e.g., very short or tramlines.
- Religious headwear, if worn, should be plain black.
- For health and safety purposes jewellery worn should be kept to a minimum.
- Make up, if worn, should be natural looking.
- A strong school bag to carry equipment including pens, pencils, ruler, calculator etc.

During periods of extreme warm weather, learners may be permitted to wear PE kit. The decision will be at the discretion of the Headteacher and communicated clearly to parents/carers via Talaxy.

Pecyn Addysg Gorfforol PE Kit



Red sports T-Shirt with school crest

Red and black reversible long sleeved multi-sports top

Black shorts

Plain black sports leggings or black tracksuit bottoms

Black or white sports socks

Trainers



Red sports T-Shirt with school crest

¾ zip long sleeved black training top with school crest

Black shorts/cycling shorts (not 'hot pants' style) or plain black sports leggings or plain black tracksuit bottoms.

Black or white sports socks

Trainers



Ymddygiad ar gyfer dysgu Behaviour for Learning

We expect high standards of behaviour to be maintained so that all our students can work to their full potential. Our Expectations Code is clearly displayed in all teaching areas.

We celebrate achievement and success in many ways as we know that praising students is the best way of encouraging them to do well. Everyone enjoys being praised. We therefore have a wide system of rewards which include:

- frequent oral and written praise
- positive marking
- referral to senior staff for recognition
- displaying students' work
- celebrating achievement through our email newsletter, website, social media and newspaper articles
- recognition of success in assemblies
- commendations and certificates
- termly prizes
- social events
- rewards trips and extra-curricular activities

EIRIAS Values:

Effort : Learners are supported to engage in tasks and aim to achieve the standards and targets set for them

Inclusion: Learners are supported to have good attendance and contribute to wider life of school

Respect: Learners are taught to respect staff, other learners, and themselves: they show this through positive attitudes and appropriate behaviour

Involvement : Learners are expected to come to school ready to be involved, both physically through well organised and bringing the correct equipment and mentally, through positive attitude

Aspiration: Learners should be ambitious and have high expectations of what they can achieve

Succeeding Together: Working with staff, fellow learners, parents and visitors to succeed together and achieve the overall mantra of the school



Unfortunately, sometimes students do not respond to such a positive approach and as a result sanctions are necessary. Consequences of inappropriate behaviour may include detentions, being placed on a monitoring report, and withdrawal from privileges or from class. We strive to involve parents as early as possible and may invite you to school to discuss problems that develop.

Further details around sanctions can be found in our online Prospectus.

General Information

As part of our EIRIAS values, we expect students to come to school with the relevant equipment.

General Equipment

Pens, pencils, coloured pencils, ruler, rubber, pencil sharpener, pencil case, geometry set, calculator. A strong school bag will be needed to carry books and equipment.

All items should be clearly labelled with student's name and form.

Prohibited items

The school will accept no responsibility for prohibited items brought to school such as mobile phones, cameras and other expensive items.

Child Protection

Ysgol Eirias fully recognises its responsibilities for child protection within the All Wales Child Protection Procedures.

Occasionally, a young person may disclose that something has happened to them which suggests they are at risk of harm. When this happens school is required BY LAW to inform the local Social Services Department who will, if necessary, investigate the matter. Naturally, school will inform parents of the concern UNLESS in doing so the pupil would be placed at increased risk of further harm.

Security, Health and Safety of Students and Staff

The security gates and accompanying Maglock door releases, combined with internal and external CCTV, ensures the onsite safety of our school premises.

All visitors report to the main reception where they sign in and out, and are issued with a visitor badge for easy identification around the school.

Outside of lesson time students are supervised by staff at the start of school, at break, lunchtime, and as they leave school at the end of the day.

There are approximately twenty teaching and administrative staff qualified as first aiders.

The school makes every effort to ensure that the school environment is a safe one for everyone and has a comprehensive Health and Safety policy that is available on request

Looked After Children

Ysgol Eirias is a fully inclusive school and as such the Head, Governors and staff are committed to ensuring all students are provided with a quality education matched to their individual needs. This includes Looked After Children (LAC).

We are aware of the educational disadvantages faced by Looked After Children and understand the need for positive systems of support to overcome them. At Ysgol Eirias we constantly monitor the attendance, progress and achievement of our Looked After Children. Mr A Metcalfe, Assistant Head, has responsibility for the oversight of Looked After Children.



The School and Governing Body

The school is proud of the effective working partnership between its senior staff and the Governing Body. The Chair of Governors is Mr. Kerry Jones. If you wish to contact him, please do so using the school address.

Student Manager

Our Student Manager is Mrs. Rowlands whose role includes supporting Heads of Learning and Deputy Heads with student pastoral aspects such as uniform, punctuality and attendance.

Mrs. Rowlands supervises the school referral area dealing with student behavioural, social and medical issues and relaying this information to parents where appropriate. If you wish to make an appointment with Mrs. Rowlands regarding any issues, these can be made through Reception.

Electronic Registration

Registration of students at Ysgol Eirias is conducted electronically over the school's wireless network during every lesson and at the start of the morning session.

This allows for prompt information exchange between teaching staff and the pastoral teams within the school so that issues relating to attendance and punctuality can be identified quickly and addressed effectively.

Support is given to students with attendance below 90% through the involvement of various agencies at the discretion of their Head of Learning.

Library and Homework Club

The Ysgol Eirias Library has a wide range of materials and offers a Homework club for Years 7 and 8 after school in the Library. BOOST is available for Years 9-11.

- Open until 4.15pm Monday to Thursday
- Open until 4.00pm Friday
- Pupils must bring work with them



Holidays in Term Time

At Ysgol Eirias we do not approve of holidays taken in term time. We feel very strongly that the benefits of a holiday taken in term time are far inferior to the benefit of the education that we provide.

The staff at Eirias work hard to ensure the effective delivery of all aspects of the students' education, and it is not possible to catch up on this once missed, despite any efforts made to copy up.

We are not obliged to authorise holidays and will certainly not authorise holidays under the following circumstances:

- Where attendance of the student is less than 96%
- Where the student is not accompanied by the parent or guardian
- Where holidays are close to or include examination periods
- Where the time exceeds 10 school days

Admissions Policy: Application for entry to Year 7 at Ysgol Eirias

Application for Year 7 entry to Ysgol Eirias should be made by completing the application form provided. The number of intended admissions for Year 7 is 239. For information on admissions you can contact our Admissions Officer through Reception.

Where applications exceed the number of places available, certain criteria contained in the Admissions Policy Document will be applied to determine admission. A copy is available on request. Where admission has not been possible, parents or guardians may appeal through the Independent Appeals Committee.

Sixth Form

For students wishing to access courses at Ysgol Eirias Sixth Form the criteria are published in the Sixth Form prospectus which is available on request. In all cases a good attendance record during KS4 education is expected.

Contacting Ysgol Eirias

Ysgol Eirias, Eirias Road, Colwyn Bay North Wales LL29 7SP

Tel: 01492 532 025

E-mail: general@eirias.conwy.sch.uk

Social Media

Instagram: @ysgoleirias @experienceeirias

Facebook: eiriashighschool

Twitter: @eirias

Reception

Mon - Thurs 08.00 - 15.45

Friday 08.00 - 15.15

Parents who wish to send an urgent message to their child may do so by telephoning reception and the message will be passed on.

Absences

In the event of a student's absence please inform the School Attendance Officer on the day of absence. This should be followed by a note when the student returns to school.

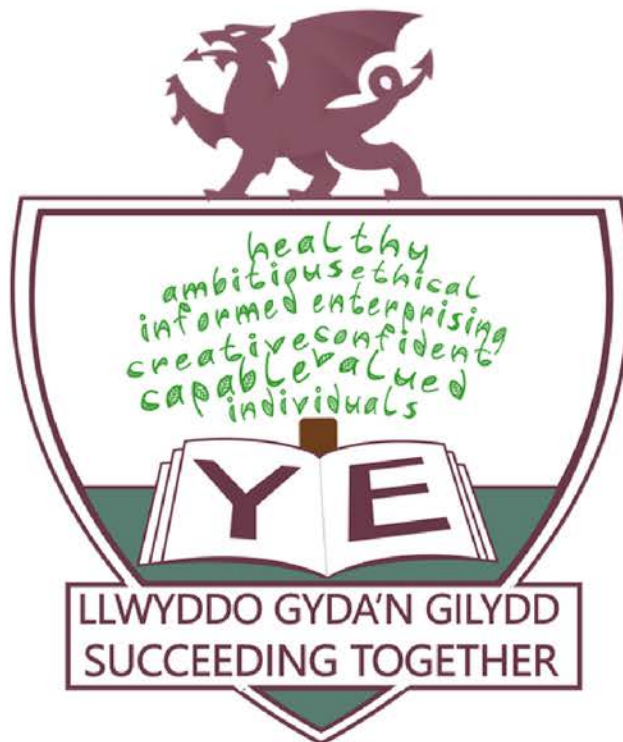
We also require a note if parents wish their child to leave the premises during normal school hours.



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