



July 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian

As we approach the end of this extra-ordinary year, I write to offer you some final updates.

Our learners

Our learners, your children, have been an outstanding example of resilience and determination, I have been incredibly proud of the way they have responded this year. Over the course of the academic year the young people have engaged very well with their online learning whether that has been part of an extended period of time away from the school or simply completing homework tasks online. On top of that, they have returned to the school site with enthusiasm and commitment and made excellent progress in their lessons. Well done everyone.

Staffing update

I am sure that you will join me in thanking the staff here at Ysgol Eirias. It has been a year of significant change; their commitment to the children has been unwavering. Additional funding from the Welsh Government has allowed us to supplement our staffing in English, Health and Wellbeing and ALN.

This year also sees our long standing colleague, Mrs Elspeth Crombie, Deputy Head, leave us. Mrs Crombie has made an incredible contribution to the school and we will miss her greatly. Mrs Crombie is replaced by Mrs Zoe Evans.

Operations for September

Please note the start dates for the new academic year. As in the case of this academic year we have made changes in order to facilitate additional transition time for Year 7 and Year 12 in response to the impact of Covid on our usual arrangements.

Wednesday 1st September : Training Day
Thursday 2nd September : Training Day
Friday 3rd September : Year 7 and Year 12 in school only
Monday 6th September : Year 7 and Year 12 in school only
Tuesday 7th September : All learners return

Schools have now received the new Welsh Government Operational Guidance for September operations. I will write to you in the first week of September outlining the main points but you should expect changes regarding face coverings, self-isolation requirements





in the event of a positive case and our extra curricular and PE provision. Further details to follow.

Finally, thank you once again for your support this year. I wish you a happy and healthy summer break.

Yours faithfully

**Mrs S Sutton
HEADTEACHER**

