

Together we can do great things

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Headteacher/Prifathro Mrs S Parry



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Dear Parents, Guardians and Students/Annwyl Rieni, Gwarchodwyr a Mytyrwyr

We have made positive strides in improving behaviour and learning over the last three years. We now want to build on these foundations to give every student in our school community the greatest possible opportunity to have a successful future. In these times of Covid-19 we feel it is more important than ever that every lesson gives students the best possible learning experience in a safe and calm environment.

First, let me re-emphasise the expectations and rules that are already in place, followed by the new procedures for September 2020 onwards.

We have three simple rules for pupils to follow –

- 1) **Be Ready**
- 2) **Be Respectful**
- 3) **Be Safe**

If students follow these three rules whilst at Llanishen High School, a lot of what I am going to outline will not affect them. We want our students to arrive at school on time and ready to learn, to be respectful to all staff, their fellow students and themselves, and be safe both within the classroom and in the corridors around the school.

We have recently appointed Pupil Achievement Leaders (PALS) for every year group, who will be there to support the students, parents and Year Team Leader for their respective year groups. Llanishen High School behaviour team structure for 2020 to 21 –

Year Group	YTL and PAL	Direct telephone number	Direct email addresses
Year 7	Mr M Card – YTL Mrs D Hagelstein - PAL	02920 680244	michael.card@llanishen.cardiff.sch.uk danielle.hagelstein@llanishen.cardiff.sch.uk
Year 8	Mr R Bloor – YTL Miss A Hansen – PAL	02920 680243	rob.bloor@llanishen.cardiff.sch.uk a.hansen@llanishen.cardiff.sch.uk
Year 9	Mr J Crosse – YTL Mrs S Evans – PAL	02920 680242	jack.crosse@llanishen.cardiff.sch.uk sam.evans@llanishen.cardiff.sch.uk
Year 10	Miss R Evans – YTL Mr D James – PAL	02920 680206	Rachel.Evans@llanishen.cardiff.sch.uk darrel.james@llanishen.cardiff.sch.uk
Year 11	Mrs S Tyler – YTL Mrs C Giddy – YTL	02920 680255	styler@llanishen.cardiff.sch.uk Catherine.Evans3@llanishen.cardiff.sch.uk
Sixth Form	Mrs E Lloyd & Mrs A Hornblow Mrs J Jones - 6 th form administrator	02920 680240	elloyd@llanishen.cardiff.sch.uk Amy.Hornblow@llanishen.cardiff.sch.uk jjones@llanishen.cardiff.sch.uk

In addition to the year teams, the following staff members will be supporting your child:

- Mr Richard Shore: Behaviour Manager – Providing behaviour support and interventions
- Mr Dan White – Deputy Headteacher – Responsible for developing whole school positive behaviour
- Mr Oban Elliot – Internal Exclusion Room (IER) Manager
- TBA – Off Site Co-ordinator
- Mr Russ Munton – Youth Mentor

We have high expectations of the students and aim to establish not only behaviour for learning, but also behaviour for character. In order for students to achieve what they are capable of, teachers establish positive relationships with the students and combine assertiveness with warmth. We want students to feel a sense of duty to our school and wider community before themselves, to be willing to take personal responsibility and not make excuses. Finally, we want them to be grateful and humble rather than entitled. If our students lower their standards they will never catch up.

To make further improvements to the foundations of good learning - equipment, uniform, lateness to lessons and corridor behaviour - we will be running daily detentions.

So that students are ready to learn, we will be expecting every student to arrive at school in full correct uniform and have a clear pencil case with a pen, pencil, ruler, rubber and calculator. On their first day back they will also be given a whiteboard pen and a mini whiteboard which they will be responsible for.

A uniform and equipment check will be carried out at registration by the form tutor and any student missing an item of uniform or equipment will have a breaktime detention. Students will be able to borrow equipment before school if they have forgotten something. However, from 8:30am onwards if they need to borrow anything it is an instant detention. All equipment and uniform needs to be returned at 3.05pm before they leave the school.

To minimise disruption to learning, a student who is late for a lesson at any point during the day and is thus not ready to learn or being respectful, will have a 30-minute lunchtime detention.

It is very important, particularly in the current climate, that all students are safe, so it is vital we have calm corridors and that all students are following the one-way systems. A failure to adhere to this will result in a 1 hour after school detention on the same day. Similarly, if a student disrupts a lesson and emergency rota needs to be called to remove them, or they truant a lesson, they will have a 1 hour after school detention on the same day.

We have found that the banning of mobile phones two years ago, has made a positive impact on the quality of learning within the classroom and reduced incidences of bullying within the school day. Therefore, mobile phones will remain banned within the school site and will be confiscated for the day if seen.

We do appreciate your support on the changes we are making to behaviour. Whilst these changes may seem somewhat draconian, we believe that having high expectations of the students and putting clear consequences in place for when they fail to reach them, we are moulding young people who will be successful contributors to society in the future. We are also prioritising learning and safety of the students above all else.

I would like to finish this letter by emphasising the positives. I am very proud to work at Llanishen High School and to work with the students in the community. We will continue to give out ACE points, reward notes, certificates and run reward trips for the vast majority of students who demonstrate that they are ready, respectful and safe every day of their school lives. We look forward to having the students back in September and working together to do great things.

Yours Sincerely,



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