

Ysgol Dewi Sant

GOVERNORS' ANNUAL REPORT ADRODDIAD BLYNYDDOL Y LLYWODRAETHWYR 2007/2008

GENERAL INFORMATION/GWYBODAETH GYFFREDINOL

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The full list of Governors is as follows:

| NAME | STATUS | TERM OF OFFICE EXPIRES |
|------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| Mrs F Allen. | Parent | April 2011 |
| Mr R Bevan | Head Teacher | |
| Mrs P Codd | Teacher | February 2010 |
| Mrs P Croll | Parent | November 2009 |
| Very Rev J Evans | Community | May 2010 |
| Cllr J George | L.E.A. | June 2012 |
| Mrs G James | Community | September 2012 |
| Mrs S Jowett | Community | May 2010 |
| Miss H. Lewis | Associate Pupil | August 2008 |
| Dr N Mann | Parent | December 2008 |
| Mr P Marks | L.E.A. | October 2010 |
| Rev D Menday | L.E.A. | February 2010 |
| Mrs M Morgan | Parent | May 2011 |
| Mr. J. Parker | Teacher | February 2012 |
| Mr. G. Phillips | Associate Pupil | August 2008 |
| Mr D Philpin | Staff | February 2010 |
| Cllr D Rees | L.E.A. | February 2010 |
| Mr R Thornton | Community | May 2011 |
| Mr P Williams | Parent | May 2011 |

Chair 2007/08: Rev D Menday

Vice-Chair 2007/08: Mrs S Jowett

Chair 2008/09: Rev D Menday

Vice-Chair 2008/09: Mrs S Jowett

Parent Governors are appointed for a four year period. We are currently awaiting a ballot for one Governor vacancy. When vacancies arise these are advertised by circular letter through students.

THE WORK OF THE GOVERNING BODY/GWAITH Y CORFF LLYWODRAETHOL

The full governing body meets at least once every term. In addition, much work is carried out in committees which meet on a regular basis. Currently these are:

- Finance, Curriculum & Staffing
- Community, Premises, Health & Safety
- Pay Review/Performance Management
- Pupil Discipline and Exclusions
- Staff Discipline and Dismissals
- Appeals
- Appointments
- Complaints

STUDENTS/MYFYRWYR

Number of students on roll for September 2008

| SEPTEMBER/MEDI 2008 | | | | | |
|----------------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| Year | Boys | Girls | Total | Outside Catchment | Blwyddyn |
| Y7 | 48 | 42 | 90 | 9 | B7 |
| Y8 | 42 | 42 | 84 | 11 | B8 |
| Y9 | 35 | 34 | 69 | 4 | B9 |
| Y10 | 39 | 48 | 87 | 18 | B10 |
| Y11 | 44 | 27 | 71 | 8 | B11 |
| Y12 | 21 | 33 | 54 | 6 | B12 |
| Y13 | 11 | 21 | 32 | 2 | B13 |
| Total | 240 | 247 | 487 | 58 | Cyfanswm |
| | Bechgyn | Merched | Cyfanswm | Tu allan I ddalgylch | |

Current number of teaching staff (full time equivalent) = 27.77 consisting of 23 full time and 9 part time.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT (Appendix 1) DATGANIAD CYLLIDOL

The financial statement has been provided for the Governing Body by the Local Education Authority and is for the financial year 01.04.07 – 31.03.08.

In addition to this statement a total of around £4,000 was provided by the Parent Teacher Association and used to benefit our students.

EXAMINATION RESULTS (Appendix 2) CANLYNIADAU ARHOLIADAU

Enclosed are some comparative examination data as Appendix 2. I would like to draw Parents' attention to the following statistics and achievements:

- (i) The Western Mail reported in August 2008 that Ysgol Dewi Sant was one of only a few centres in the whole of Wales to achieve a 100% pass rate at A Level. In addition, 93% of last year's Year 13 cohort achieved two or more passes at Grades A-C. These results are 'outstanding'.
- (ii) At GCSE, 67% of the cohort of 90 students, achieved 5 or more passes at Grades A*-C. These results are also 'outstanding'.
- (iii) At KS3, teacher assessed levels of attainment are significantly above local and national comparisons and the Core Subject Indicator was 67%, compared with 61% for Pembrokeshire and 60% for Wales.
- (iv) 37 of the 39 students in last year's Year 12 achieved passes in four Key Skills – Communication (Level 3), Application of Number (Level 2), IT (Level 2) and Working with Others (Level 3). These additional qualifications amount to 60 UCAS points and will greatly assist students when applying for university places or jobs in the future.

The destination of all students in Years 11, 12 and 13 at the end of academic year 2007/08 are detailed below:

| | Y11 | Y12 | Y13 | |
|----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------------------------------|
| Full-time Education (School) | 54 | 32 | 0 | Addysg Amser-llawn (Ysgol) |
| Full-time Education (College) | 29 | 6 | 1 | Addysg Amser-llawn (Coleg) |
| Full-time Education (University) | 0 | 0 | 27 | Addysg Amser-llawn (Prifysgol) |
| Employed | 6 | 4 | 4 | Cyflogedig |
| Moved from Area | 1 | 0 | 0 | Wedi Symud o'r Ardal |
| No Information | 0 | 0 | 0 | Dim Gwybodaeth |
| Total | 90 | 42 | 32 | Cyfanswm |
| | B11 | B12 | B13 | |

ATTENDANCE INFORMATION GWYBODAETH PRESENOLDEB

Information on student attendance shows that for the period September 2007 to June 2008, students in Years 7-11 achieved a 93% attendance rate, with 0% unauthorised absence. These figures are truly outstanding and are well above comparative figures for the LEA and Wales.

DISABLED STUDENTS/MYFYRWYR ANABL

The geography and lay-out of Ysgol Dewi Sant creates an ideal environment for students with special physical needs. Currently, a small number of disabled youngsters are on the roll of the school. Access arrangements have improved. However, anyone needing vehicle access because of emergency or disability should telephone the school on 01437 725000 to arrange for the main gates to be opened. All visitors must ensure that they exercise special care when crossing the playground to the buildings. A disabled person's parking space is located close to the main school entrance/reception area.

SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS/ANGHENION ADDYSGOL ARBENNIG

Our Special Educational Needs Policy is available for inspection at the school.

| CODE OF PRACTICE STAGES | | | |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| YEAR | SCHOOL ACTION | SCHOOL ACTION+ | STATEMENTED |
| 7 | 10 | 17 | 2 |
| 8 | 12 | 17 | 2 |
| 9 | 5 | 9 | 3 |
| 10 | 18 | 11 | 4 |
| 11 | 8 | 4 | 1 |
| 12 & 13 | 7 | 2 | 2 |
| TOTALS | 60 | 60 | 14 |

We endeavour to support all students with additional learning needs. Equality of opportunity is central to our school ethos.

SCHOOL TERMS/TYMHORAU'R YSGOL

| Term | Begin | Half-term | | End |
|--------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| | | Begin | End | |
| Autumn 2008 | Tuesday 2 Sept 2008 | Monday 27 Oct 2008 | Friday 31 Oct 2008 | Friday 19 Dec 2008 |
| Spring 2009 | Monday 5 Jan 2009 | Monday 16 Feb 2009 | Friday 20 Feb 2009 | Friday 3 Apr 2009 |
| Summer 2009 | Monday 20 April 09 | Monday 25 May 2009 | Friday 29 May 2009 | Friday 17 July 2009 |

School Closure Days : 01.09.08, 03.11.08, 07.01.09, 12.02.09, 13.02.09, 03.04.09, 20.07.09

School Session Times are unchanged for 2008/09.

SCHOOL BEGINS FOR STUDENTS 9.00 a.m.
LUNCH BREAK 12.55 – 1.45 p.m.
SCHOOL ENDS 3.30 p.m.

SCHOOL TARGETS (*Appendix 3*) **TARGEDAU'R YSGOL**

Almost all the school targets for 2008 were achieved or exceeded. The process of setting targets for 2009 is currently underway and they will be considered by the Governors shortly.

TEACHING STAFF APPOINTMENTS/PENODIADAU STAFF ADDYSGOL

Three new teaching colleagues have joined us this term. They are Mr. A. Simpson (MFL), Ms. E. Lewis (IT/Maths) and Miss I. Pullin (English/ Welsh).

I am also pleased to inform you that Mr. A. Reed has been appointed as Deputy Headteacher and that Mrs. C. Owens has been appointed as Head of Upper School.

BUILDINGS/RESOURCES/ADEILADAU/ADNODDAU

Thanks to the support of Pembrokeshire County Council, significant improvements have been made to the school premises. These include:

- (i) The installation of CCTV cameras and high security doors.
- (ii) The refurbishment and relocation of the Music Room and School Library.
- (iii) The replacement of all the old metal framed windows (single glazed) with double glazed units.
- (iv) The refurbishment of every classroom with new furniture, tables and chairs.
- (v) The installation of interactive white boards in almost every classroom.
- (vi) The total refurbishment of the Resistant Materials/Engineering workshop and machine room area.
- (vii) The repair and refurbishment of the tennis/netball courts.
- (viii) The refurbishment of the School Hall with a new ceiling, new lighting and new curtains.
- (ix) The installation of new fascia boards, guttering and drainpipes to the exterior of the building.
- (x) The refurbishment of the school administration/office areas.
- (xi) The installation of bicycle racks for students' use.

I am particularly grateful for the energy and support of Mr. D. Philpin (Premises Manager) and Mr. B. Owen (Caretaker) for arranging and supervising all this work.

However, with regard to the facilities at Ysgol Dewi Sant, there still remains a desperate need for an Indoor Sports Hall. Without such a facility, in wet weather or during external examinations, our students are still being deprived of an opportunity to access the full range of sporting activities that they are entitled to experience under the National Curriculum.

With the Director of Education's support, the Governors hope to report further improvements to the school buildings in the near future.

CURRICULUM/CWRICWLWM

A number of curriculum changes have been implemented this term:

- (a) A vocational Engineering Course has been introduced in Year 10 with 17 students currently studying the subject.
- (b) A vocational Catering Course has also been introduced in Year 10 with 24 students currently studying the subject.

Planning is also taking place in readiness for September 2009 and the implementation of WAG's 14-19 Learning Pathways Strategy. A much broader curriculum entitlement will be made available to every learner in Wales.

Such a significant change to the 14-19 curriculum, will necessitate further collaboration with Ysgol Bro Gwaun and the Federation in Haverfordwest. For example, in addition to the 17 subjects currently being offered to Year 10 students at Ysgol Dewi Sant, an additional 13 subjects will also be offered through a North Pembrokeshire Federation.

In the Sixth Form (Year 12 & 13) any duplication of small classes will also end and further collaboration with Ysgol Bro Gwaun and the Haverfordwest Federation will be necessary.

There is no doubt that these curriculum changes will pose significant challenges for both staff and students at Ysgol Dewi Sant.

PASTORAL CARE/GOFAL BUGEILIOL

- Mrs. P. Codd is Head of Lower School and should be the first point of contact for parents of Years 7 and 8.
- Mrs. D. John is Head of Middle School and should be the first point of contact for parents of Years 9, 10 and 11.
- Mrs. C. Owens is Head of Upper School and should be the first point of contact for parents of Years 12 and 13.

SPORT AT YSGOL DEWI SANT/CHWARAEON YN YSGOL DEWI SANT

We seek to educate all students of the benefit and pleasures of physical exercise and its importance as part of a healthy life style. Consequently, the school encourages participation in a wide variety of team and individual sports. These are curricular and extra-curricular in nature. Currently, students can be involved in Rugby, Cricket, Soccer, Netball, Hockey, Tennis, Rounders, Cross-Country, Athletics, Swimming, Basketball, Climbing, Surfing, Dance and Golf. A range of additional activities is available through links with Outdoor Activity Centres and as part of the successful Duke of Edinburgh Award Schemes.

The school competes against all other Pembrokeshire Schools as well as against teams from further afield in national competitions. A large number of our students have distinguished themselves by being selected to represent Pembrokeshire and Wales in a wide range of sporting activities.

The school is also working closely with the LEA in order to improve its sports facilities – particularly with regard to the longstanding need for an indoor Sports Hall and Fitness Suite at the school site.

SCHOOL SECURITY/DIOGELWCH YR YSGOL

The Governors have implemented a number of measures to enhance security at school. The reception area is staffed and while the school atmosphere is relaxed, steps have been taken to improve security. All visitors must sign in at Reception. In addition, CCTV cameras are fitted to all corridors and the IT Suites. The main school gates are also locked during school hours i.e. 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m.

**Ysgol Dewi Sant
Summary Report of Achievements of Pupils aged 15;
2007/08**

LEA/School No. 668/4034

GCSE, ELQ(1) and Equivalent Achievements**Number of pupils aged 15 who were on roll in January 2008: 89****Percentage of pupils aged 15 who :**

| | achieved GCSE and vocational qualifications equivalent to five or more GCSE grades : | |
|------------------|--|---------|
| | A* to C | A* to G |
| School 2007/08 | 67 | 91 |
| LEA Area 2007/08 | 58 | 87 |
| Wales 2007/08 | 56 | 86 |
| School 06/07/08 | 67 | 90 |
| School 05/06/07 | 68 | 91 |

GCSE results in selected subjects**Percentage of pupils aged 15 who :**

| | achieved a GCSE grade A* to C in | | achieved a GCSE grade A* to G in | |
|------------------|----------------------------------|----|----------------------------------|----|
| | English (2) | | Welsh (2) | |
| School 2007/08 | 70 | 91 | 73 | 92 |
| LEA Area 2007/08 | 63 | 92 | 49 | 74 |
| Wales 2007/08 | 61 | 90 | 41 | 66 |
| School 06/07/08 | 68 | 90 | 72 | 92 |
| School 05/06/07 | 67 | 91 | 68 | 91 |
| | achieved a GCSE grade A* to C in | | achieved a GCSE grade A* to G in | |
| | Mathematics (2) | | Science (2) | |
| School 2007/08 | 60 | 93 | 73 | 96 |
| LEA Area 2007/08 | 54 | 91 | 65 | 91 |
| Wales 2007/08 | 51 | 89 | 59 | 89 |
| School 06/07/08 | 57 | 91 | 63 | 92 |
| School 05/06/07 | 56 | 90 | 59 | 91 |

Figures include pupils on Youth Access courses and similar schemes

(1) Entry Level Qualification

(2) For information about which syllabuses are included in each subject area see Notes for Guidance.

(3) Average wider points score includes all external qualifications approved for pre-16 use in Wales.

GCE A level/AVCE or AS level/ASVCE equivalent achievements (1)(2)**Number of pupils who were entered for 2 or more GCE A level examinations/AVCE or AS/ASVCE equivalent : 31**

Percentage of pupils aged 17 entered for 2 or more A level examinations/AVCE or AS/ASVCE equivalent who achieved 2 or more A level examinations or equivalent at grades :

A - C

| | |
|------------------|----|
| School 2007/08 | 94 |
| LEA Area 2007/08 | 68 |
| Wales 2007/08 | 69 |
| School 06/07/08 | 84 |

(1) Advanced Vocational Certificate of Education (AVCE) and Advanced Subsidiary Vocational Certificate of Education (ASVCE)

(2) Figures do not include BTEC National Certificates and Diplomas

APPENDIX 3

2008 TARGET SETTING EVALUATION

KEY STAGE 4

| Percentage of 15 year olds: | TARGET | ACTUAL |
|---|---------------|---------------|
| (a) achieving at least 5 GCSEs A*-C | 70 | 67 |
| (b) achieving at least 5 GCSEs A*-G | 90 | 91 |
| (c) entered for at least 1 GCSE | 92 | 99 |
| (d) achieving the Core Subject Indicator | 46 | 51 |
| (e) Performance of boys compared to girls in the Core Subject Indicator | 0 | +4 |
| (f) Years 7-11 unauthorised absence rate | 0 | 0 |
| (g) Years 7-11 attendance rate | 92 | 93 |

KEY STAGE 3

| Percentage of pupils attaining at least level 5 in National Curriculum Teacher Assessments: | TARGET | ACTUAL |
|---|---------------|---------------|
| (a) English | 75 | 80 |
| (b) Mathematics | 79 | 80 |
| (c) Science | 75 | 79 |
| (d) Welsh First Language | N/A | 100 |
| (e) achieving the Core Subject Indicator | 68 | 65 |
| (f) Performance of boys compared to girls in the Core Subject Indicator | 0 | -13 |

