

RHYL HIGH SCHOOL

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GOVERNORS' REPORT TO PARENTS 2014 – 2015



Our last academic year has further consolidated our significant improvement in the past 5 years where we have outperformed against all expectations. Our GCSE results in 2015 were exceptional. For students achieving 5 or more A* to C grade GCSE's the school achieved an excellent 90% which was slightly down on the phenomenal 96% in 2014 and this follows the steady progression from 52% in 2011 to 77% in 2012 and 91% in 2013. The Governing Body would once again like to congratulate the Class of 2015 for all their hard work and thank all the teachers and staff at Rhyll High School for their significant effort and dedication in order to make all of this possible.

Another key milestone in the past year has been the introduction of our brand new school uniform which has received wonderful feedback from pupils, parents and members of the community and I'm sure you will agree is a key part of transforming the image of Rhyll High School. In addition the construction of the new school building has been an on-going feature of the year and after many years of planning, negotiating, lobbying and dare I say pleading to get the job underway its hard to believe its nearly finished and we are now only a few months away from actually moving into the new building with all its fantastic facilities. I would like to thank all those involved in the detailed planning which has been taking place over the past 12 months and I have no doubts that the huge attention to the little details will make all the difference when we start to use the building in April.

As a new era for the school begins it will be a sad day when the bulldozers move in to finally demolish the old school building which for myself and many other generations of families who have attended the school over the years holds lots of fond memories.

I would just like to make a special mention for Mr. Jez Roberts (Deputy Head) who has been a teacher at the school for over 30 years and will be retiring at the end of the school year. Mr. Roberts's contribution during this time has been immeasurable and we would like to thank him for his fantastic service to the school and wish him a long, happy and well deserved retirement. He will be missed.

The progression of the school academically, the new school uniform, a brand new state of the art facility and a step change in the teaching environment will undoubtedly provide the best possible opportunity for our pupils to gain academic qualifications and also prepare them for success in their future lives. The school remains highly ambitious and prides itself on being a positive and happy place for our pupils to grow and develop themselves. We also have very high hopes for the Class of 2016 to continue with the high level of achievement and reach their full potential in the forthcoming exams and we wish them well.

Thank you once again to all parents and carers for your on-going support of the school.

Mark Pearson
Chair of Governors



The Aims of Rhyl High School—Equal Opportunities:

- ◆ Ensure that an inclusive ethos is established and maintained
- ◆ Ensure that the school is a place where everyone, irrespective of their age, disability race, religion, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, family background and/or language feels welcomed and valued
- ◆ Ensure that all pupils and staff are encouraged to reach their full potential
- ◆ Protect the human rights of all pupils and staff, parents, governors and visitors to the School
- ◆ Prepare pupils for the challenges, choices and responsibilities of their living in a diverse society

Rhyl Results Comparison 2014

Key Stage 4	2014 Rhyl High	LEA	Wales	2014 Quartile Position	2015 Rhyl High	LEA	Wales	2015 Quartile Position
% Level 1	99%	95%	94%	1	97%	95%	94%	2
% Level 2	95%	89%	82%	1	89%	86%	85%	2
% Level 2 inc. English & Maths	45%	56%	55%	1	56%	56%	58%	3
% Core Subject Indicator	44%	54%	53%	1	52%	52%	55%	2

Key Stage 3	2014 Rhyl High	LEA	Wales	2014 Quartile Position	2015 Rhyl High	LEA	Wales	2015 Quartile Position
Core Subject Indicator % Level 5+	79%	83%	81%	1	82%	84%	84%	1
English % Level 5+	87%	88%	86%	1	89%	88%	88%	1
Maths % Level 5+	84%	89%	86%	1	86%	90%	89%	1
Science % Level 5+	91%	94%	90%	1	88%	93%	92%	2

Attainment: Examination & Teacher Assessment Performance

Key Stage 4

	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
Level 2 (5A* → C)	89%	95%	91%	77%	52.5 %
Level 1 (5A* → G)	97%	99%	97%	91.3%	79.0 %
CSI	38%	44%	50%	44.1%	33.5 %
Level 2 inc. English and Maths	39%	45%	51%	44.7%	36.9 %

Key Stage 3

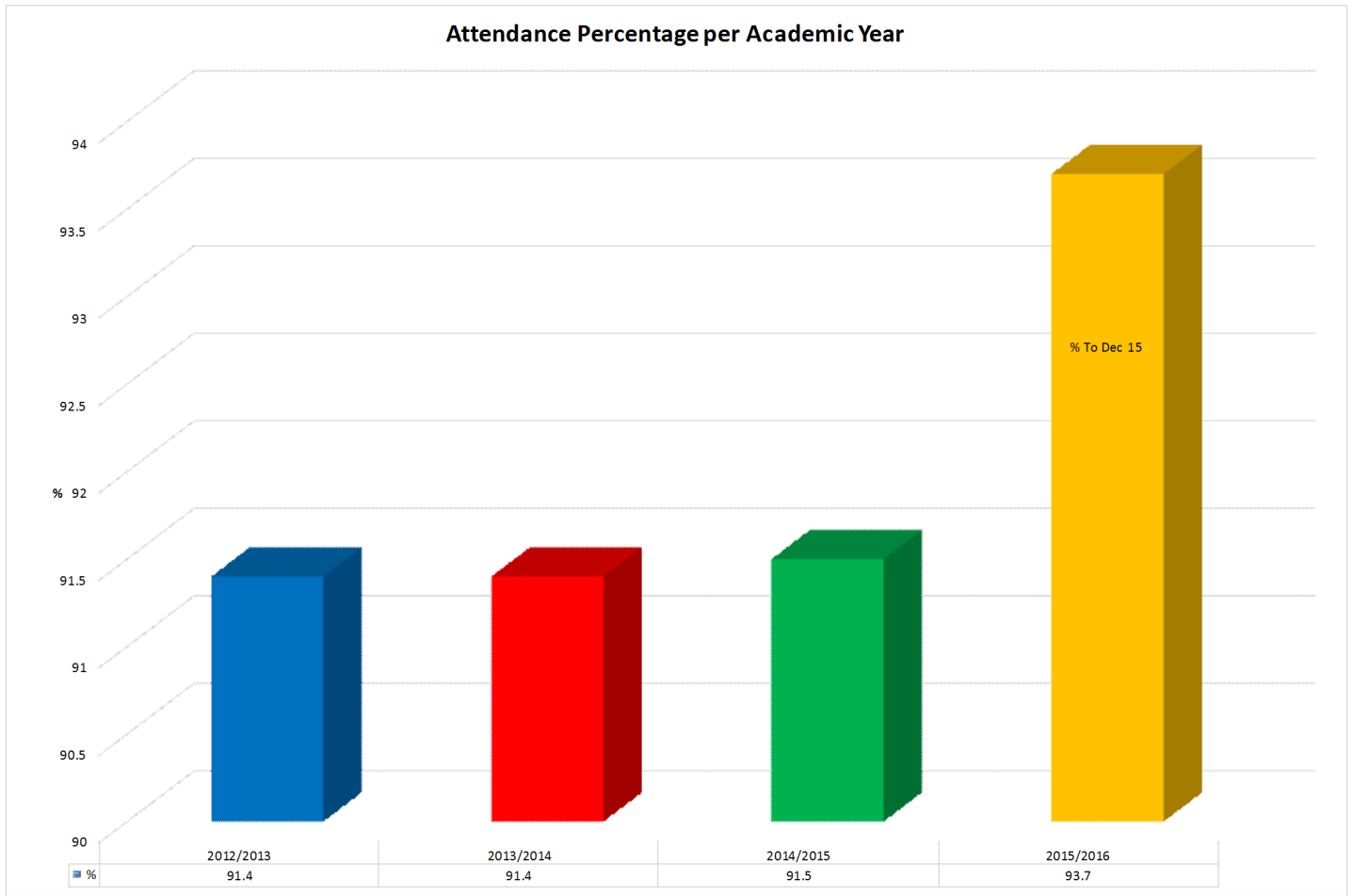
Achieving Level 5 or above	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
English	89%	86.7%	83.2%	62.6 %	61.0 %
Mathematics	86%	84.0%	77.0%	71.8 %	66.0 %
Science	88%	91.3%	84.5%	74.8%	72.3 %
CSI	82%	79.3%	68.3%	54.6%	50.9 %

Key Stage 4 results show what pupils have achieved at the end of Year 11. We are extremely proud of the fantastic achievements of all our pupils. We hope to build on again in 2015-2016.

Key Stage 3 is made up of Years 7, 8 and 9. They are assessed throughout Key Stage 3 to monitor their progress. The continued improvement in this area is something we are very proud of.

Attendance:

2009 -10	2010-11	2011- 12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-2015
87.7%	92.4 %	92.3%	91.4 %	91.4%	91.5%



Attendance Data:

Possible attendance for 2014/2015 = 100%

Whole School = 91.5%

Authorised Absence = 5.3%

Unauthorised Absence including absence in term time for holidays = 3.2%

Destination of School Leavers 2015 data provided by LEA :

Pupils leaving schools in Denbighshire County Council:-

- ◆ Continuing in full time education in School = 40
- ◆ Continuing in full time education in College = 100
- ◆ Continuing in part time education (less than 16hrs per week) = 0
- ◆ Work Based Training - non employed status = 0
- ◆ Employed - other = 1
- ◆ Not known to be education, training or employment = 13
- ◆ Known to have left the area = 1
- ◆ No response to survey = 0
- ◆ Total number in cohort for Year 11 Denbighshire secondary schools = 154

Rhyl High School New Build — How it will look on completion.



The front of the school



Home Base Area.



Our Entrance

Our Performing Arts Space

The Canteen



Friends of Rhyl High School
Have organised a leaving Rhyl High School Party on Saturday 12th March 2016 at 7.00pm. All are invited, tickets £5.00 from Mike and Sarah Harris.



Rhyl High School 5x60

Activities planned:

5x60 TIMETABLE – January 2016

September	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
BREAK-TIME 11:00-11:15am	<u>YEAR 7</u> Futsal Sports Hall	<u>YEAR 8</u> Futsal Sports Hall	<u>YEAR 9</u> Futsal Sports Hall	<u>YEAR 10+11</u> Futsal Sports Hall	<u>ALL YEARS</u> Futsal Sports Hall
LUNCH 1:15 - 1:55	<u>GIRLS NETBALL</u> ALL YEARS Sports Hall	<u>GIRLS FOOTBALL</u> ALL YEARS Sports Hall	<u>BADMINTON</u> ALL YEARS Sports Hall	<u>HOCKEY</u> Boys and Girls ALL YEARS Sports Hall	<u>FOOTBALL</u> ALL YEARS Sports Hall
	<u>DODGEBALL</u> Year 9, 10, 11 only Teams of 6! Gym Hall	<u>DODGEBALL</u> Year 7, 8 only Teams of 6! Gym Hall	<u>BOXING</u> Boys and Girls ALL YEARS Gym Hall	<u>CHEERLEADING</u> ALL YEARS Gym Hall	<u>DODGEBALL (GIRLS ONLY)</u> TEAMS OF 6 Gym Hall
AFTER SCHOOL 3:00 - 4:00	<u>FOOTBALL</u> School team selection Rhyl FC coaches ALL YEARS Astro Turf (Sports Hall if raining)	<u>SPORTS CLUB</u> Dodgeball, Football Tennis, Table Tennis..... Your choice of sports! Turn up and play! ALL YEARS Sports hall & Gym	<u>RUGBY</u> with Rhyl RFC Boys and Girls ALL YEARS Change & meet at field (behind astro turf)	<u>INDOOR FOOTBALL</u> with RHYL FC All Years Play to latest music! Sports Hall	<u>TRAINING ZONE</u> (Gym work) STARTING NOVEMBER! Year 8-11 only <u>NEED TO COLLECT AND FILL consent form from school reception.</u>
			<u>TENNIS</u> with Rhyl Tennis Club Turn up and play! ALL YEARS Sports Hall	<u>FUN SWIM</u> Boys and Girls ALL YEARS Swimming Pool 3:00pm – 3:45pm Register upstairs	<u>BMX CLUB</u> Starting March 3 rd <u>Need to collect and fill consent form from school reception.</u>
					<u>7 A SIDE FOOTBALL LEAGUE</u>

School Term Dates and School Session Times 2015-2016:

Term	Begin	Half-term	Begin	Half-term	Training Days
Autumn 2015	3rd September - 23rd October	26th - 30th October	3rd November - 18th December	21st December - 5th January	1st and 2nd September, 2nd November
Spring 2016	5th January - 12th February	15th to 19th February	22nd February - 23rd March	24th March - 12th April	4th Jan 11th April
Summer 2016	13th April – 27th May	27th May - 3rd June	6th June - 20th July	21st July - 31st August	

School Session times:-

School starts at 8.40am with Registration; classes start at 9.00am.

Morning break 11-11.15am

Lunch 12.15 - 1.55pm

Attendance Procedures and Fines.

As you are aware from September 2015, All Denbighshire schools are operating the Fixed Penalty Notice Scheme which basically means that after 10 sessions of unauthorized absence (5 days). Parents are receiving a warning letter and when a pupil has missed 20 sessions (10 days) of unauthorized absence a £60.00 fine will be issued. Hopefully this will clarify any misunderstanding.

J. A. Roberts

Our Governing Body

CELIA JONES	COMMUNITY	JUNE 2016
PAUL HIGGINSON	COMMUNITY	MARCH 2017
PHILIP GALLAGHER	COMMUNITY	MARCH 2017
VACANCY		
MARK BUDD	COMMUNITY	MARCH 2017
WINIFRED MULLEN-JAMES	LEA	MARCH 2017
IAN HOWE	LEA	MARCH 2017
ANN OWENS	LEA	MARCH 2017
VACANCY	LEA	
MARK PEARSON	LEA	OCT 2018
HAZEL EVANS	PARENT GOVERNOR	NOV 2018
MIKE HARRIS	PARENT GOVERNOR	MARCH 2016
CATHERINE PATTERSON	PARENT GOVERNOR	MARCH 2016
STEPHEN DALY	PARENT GOVERNOR	OCT 2016
SUSAN HOOSON	PARENT GOVERNOR	OCT 2017
CHRISTOPHER WINN	PARENT GOVERNOR	JAN 2018
MICHELLE TAYLOR	STAFF	MARCH 2016
CHARLOTTE PILBEAM	TEACHER	MARCH 2017
CLAIRE ARMITSTEAD	HEAD TEACHER	ROLLING MEMBERSHIP
Marie Morris	Clerk to Governors	Current

In March 2016, there will be vacancies on our Board of Governors. You are most welcome to contact our Clerk at the school address, email or telephone number shown on the front page if you are interested in becoming a Parent Governor.

A meeting with Governors can be arranged by parents/carers if requested following guidelines set out by Governors Wales.

Review of school policies:

The Governing body is continually reviewing school policies on a rolling programme and over the last year a large number of policies were drawn up and approved. As they are agreed by the Governing Body, they are held at the school for anyone to access and are in the process of being added to our school website.

SEN:

A graduated response to pupils with special educational needs is followed in accordance with the Code of Practice which recognises that a response is made at the appropriate time and in the appropriate matter with no assumption that a pupil will be issued with a statement of special educational needs. Identification / School Action / School Action Plus /Statutory Assessment/ Making a Statement.

Changes to the School Prospectus:

The prospectus has been updated in the light of new guidance, including members of staff, new Governors, updates on our admissions procedures and absence requests during term time.

Resolutions:

There are no actions to be taken as a result of any resolutions passed at the last Governors' meeting.