



Tuesday 1st September 2026

Dear families,

We look forward to welcoming all of our pupils back on Thursday 3rd September. I would like to take this opportunity to say well done to those year 11 pupils who received GCSE results and wish them every success in the future.

Please see reminders of information for the start of term.

THE START OF TERM

Tuesday 1 st September 2026	Inset Day – school closed to all pupils
Wednesday 2 nd September 2026	Inset Day – school closed to all pupils
Thursday 3 rd September 2026	Year 7 – 8.40am Year 11 – 9.30am Year 10 – 10.00am Year 9 – 10.30am Year 8 – 11.30am

On **Thursday 3rd September**, all pupils will attend a year group assembly and have an extended tutor time. We will be sharing and reinforcing the routines and expectations for the coming year and providing other key information. On **Friday 4th September** all pupils will start school at 8.40am.

THE RHYL HIGH WAY

The school motto is “being the best we can be”. To enable all of our pupils to have the very best education and have a safe and happy time in school, please can I remind you of our basic expectations,

- Be on time to school and lessons
- Be ready to learn – No distractions (mobile phones) and try your best
- Wear the correct uniform / Bring the right equipment
- Allow teachers to teach and pupils to learn

For us to ensure that every pupil is being the best they can be and develop into good, brave, happy and healthy young people it is important that we continue to focus on the following. These expectations are important part of raising standards for both achievement and behaviour

UNIFORM

Can I remind you of our expectations over school uniform.

Compulsory Uniform

- Grey and Purple school tie
- Purple and grey box pleat skirt available from our uniform supplier
- Plain dark grey/black trousers or tailored shorts. **Leggings, sports leggings, jeans or tracksuit bottoms are not acceptable**



- All Black footwear. These can be trainers or shoes, but they must be all black. **Crocs, other colour trainers and converse/converse hi tops are not permitted in school.**
- White shirt
- Dark grey knee socks
- Dark grey or black tights
- Either a grey and purple school blazer or a purple and grey jumper available from our uniform supplier

Not allowed

Baseball caps, Crocs, Other colour trainers, converse/converse hi tops, leggings, jeans, sports leggings, tracksuits/tracksuit bottoms.

Please note that pupils will be asked to remove their outdoor coats and jackets in all classrooms. These may be worn again during break and lunches.

Every pupil should be correctly dressed when they are in school. Any pupils not in the correct uniform will be provided with uniform to wear. Failure to accept this uniform or collect the correct uniform will result in appropriate sanctions. It is important that all pupils are treated fairly. Please could I ask for your support in checking your child's uniform as they leave the house each morning.

Can I remind you that when pupils have PE the kit is

- Black/purple/white contrast T shirt with logo – available from our uniform supplier
- Plain black shorts – available from all suppliers including supermarkets
- Black/white/purple socks – available from our uniform supplier

Optional items

- $\frac{3}{4}$ training top – available from our uniform suppliers
- Plain black trackpants or leggings – available from all suppliers including supermarkets

Our uniform suppliers

- Jean Emporium Units 3-5 Piazza Shopping Centre, Sussex Street, Rhyl LL18 1SE
- First class uniforms and work wear 12 High Street, Prestatyn LL19 8BB

We are aware that some families may require support in purchasing uniform items or essential school equipment. If this is the case, please don't hesitate to contact the school. Can I remind you that we will be holding a uniform recycle event on Monday 20th July at Rhyl Youth Centre from 10am – 12pm.

Can I ask parents/carers to make sure that all uniform items are ready for the beginning of the new term and that pupils arrive at school wearing the correct uniform every day.

EQUIPMENT



Throughout last year several pupils have become over reliant on staff providing them with the basic equipment for lessons. It is important that pupils are prepared for school and they will require

- A school bag
- A pencil case that contains the basic equipment of a pen, pencil, ruler etc

Pupils may also wish to bring a water bottle. Water fountains are available in each homebase and the canteen at certain times of the day.

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

A reminder that our lessons start at **8.40am**. The school doors open from **8.30am**. Please ensure your child is on time for school. Good attendance and punctuality result in better achievement in school and more life chances when leaving school.

If a child is late to school this will result in a break time detention – If lateness is due to an appointment or a family emergency, please contact our office and no detention will be issued.

Some pupils are also late to lesson. Pupils should arrive within 5 minutes of the end of the previous lesson or following the end of break and lunchtime. Lateness to lessons affects the learning of all pupils due to constant disruptions. Pupils who are continually late will receive a break or lunchtime detention. Please remember that “Every lesson counts”

After school detention may also be issued with 24 hours’ notice. These may be issued for a more serious breach of our behaviour policy or failure to attend break or lunchtime detentions.

As you may be aware the school bell was reinstated at the beginning of this academic year. This clearly provides clarity on the end of each lesson, the end of break, the end of lunch and the end of the school day. 5 mins after these bells a second bell will sound and the expectation is that all pupils will be in their lesson by then. This will help with some pupil’s poor punctuality to lessons.

MOBILE PHONES AND EARPHONES

Over the last 2 years the school adopted a policy of allowing mobile phones to school and for them to be used only at break and lunch. In the short term we will be remaining with this policy. A reminder that classrooms are a “No Phone zone”. In classrooms phones / earphones may be handed in at the beginning of the lesson and returned at the end. If a phone/earphone that has not been handed in is seen or heard, it will be confiscated. Over the course of the coming weeks, the new Welsh Government will be issuing guidance to restricting the use of mobile phones in schools. On our return in September, we will be working alongside Christ the Word as we consider the future use of mobile phones in the secondary schools in Rhyl. I will write again in the new academic year to provide you with more details.

TOILETS

A reminder that the main toilets will be open at:

- The start and end of the school day
- During lunch and break time
- Within the first 5 minutes of lesson changeovers.

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Pupils with a medical toilet pass can access toilets outside of these times. All staff members will be issued with a Toilet Pass card which a pupil may use in the event of an emergency.

INTERNAL TRUANCY

It is important that we can safeguard every single child whilst they are with us each day. Part of this safeguarding duty is to be able to make sure we know where each pupil is during the day. When a child truants from a lesson and wanders the school site, there is a risk that they cannot be located in the event of a fire alarm or a medical emergency. Along with this, pupils truanting from lessons are missing vital learning and making it more difficult for them to make progress in lessons. As mentioned earlier bells will be installed across the school to help pupils arrive at lessons on time and staff will be around the site to direct pupils to the right room. There will obviously be adjustments for those pupils with specific educational needs and physical challenges.

Thank you for your support in these matters. I hope you have a safe and enjoyable summer break. Please can I stress the importance of taking particular care around the coast, rivers, lakes and reservoirs and other areas of open water particularly during these periods of hot weather.

We look forward to welcoming our pupils back to school on **Thursday 3rd September 2026**. (see timings above)

Have a good summer break.

Yours sincerely,

Mr P Collins

Headteacher