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A Welsh Medium
Secondary School for
Children aged 11-18

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WELCOME



Ysgol Morgan Llwyd first opened its doors in September 1963 to only a handful of pupils. Today, almost 900 students benefit from the advantages of Welsh medium education of the highest standard. This growth is testament not only to Ysgol Morgan Llwyd's academic and cultural success but to the success of the primary schools and Welsh medium education in Wrexham County. The serious commitment parents have made to Welsh medium education by entrusting children to our care, has contributed to this success.

Your child will become an integral part of a friendly, caring community where each individual is fully respected. Our committed team of staff strive to give all students a good academic grounding so that they can follow their own path and grow to be successful and responsible citizens.

We aim to offer the best teaching, learning and extra-curricular experiences that prepare our young people for a future in which they will achieve their true potential. In partnership with parents and carers we work to guide each pupil as they begin a new and exciting period in their lives. We provide every opportunity for them to develop new friendships, skills and talents on the playing fields, in the performing arts in addition to the classroom.

At Ysgol Morgan Llwyd we uphold the principles of our motto: It is only through hard work and effort, in all aspects of life, that success will be achieved.

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CONTINUING THE JOURNEY

Opting for a Welsh medium education for your child represents a significant decision, particularly for non-Welsh speakers. This choice entails a substantial commitment, impacting not only your child's educational journey but also contributing to the preservation and promotion of the Welsh language.

Enrolling your child in a Welsh medium school ensures their continued immersion in Welsh culture and provides unique extracurricular prospects that may not be available in an English medium educational setting.



CONTINUING THE JOURNEY

Your child's educational journey progresses in KS3, providing them with opportunities to further cultivate their abilities while receiving a top-tier education in the Welsh language.

Every student from our feeder schools is accommodated at our institution. We eagerly anticipate the arrival of your child and witnessing their development into conscientious individuals equipped with the necessary skills and linguistic capabilities to thrive in a contemporary, bilingual Wales.

At Ysgol Morgan Llwyd, we prioritise acquainting ourselves with students from our feeder primary schools before their enrollment in September. Our objective is to facilitate a seamless and comforting transition process for all students.



CONTINUING **THE JOURNEY**

We facilitate visits for Year 5 and 6 students to acquaint themselves with our school premises and community. This initiative aims to address any concerns they may have about transitioning.

In preparation for their enrollment in September, our staff members visit our feeder primary schools to establish connections with the students. Moreover, we offer a series of transition activities spanning three days in June. Additionally, we host an information evening for parents to meet our staff, current students, and tour our facilities.

Once students commence Year 7 at our school, they are placed under the guidance of their head of year and registration tutors to ensure a smooth transition process.



AIMS & VALUES

Ysgol Morgan Llwyd endeavors to cultivate a welcoming, compassionate, and ambitious community that prioritises virtues like honesty, tolerance, and diligence, while nurturing a culture of responsibility and commitment.

Our commitment is to provide every student with the chance to realise their academic, practical, and social capabilities, empowering them with the requisite knowledge, skills, and assurance to excel in a contemporary, competitive society.

Functioning as a Welsh medium school, we are dedicated to fostering a deep affection for the Welsh language, as well as a profound appreciation for our rich culture and heritage.



THE WELSH LANGUAGE

Ysgol Morgan Llwyd is a Welsh medium school where the Welsh language stands as the cornerstone of its essence and identity.

Lessons are exclusively taught in Welsh, underscoring the school's commitment to promoting and preserving the language.

Central to our mission is instilling in our students a sense of pride in their nation, language, culture, and heritage. This is achieved through commemorating Welsh national holidays, imparting Welsh history, and facilitating cultural exposure.

Our primary objective is to equip our pupils with the essential skills needed to actively participate in our bilingual society and local community, where the ability to speak Welsh is a distinct advantage.





ADMISSIONS POLICY

Places are reserved at the school for students who have completed their education at Welsh medium primary schools within the catchment area. Additionally, a limited number of positions are allocated for students transitioning from English medium primary schools within the Wrexham area to the 'Language Immersion Scheme.'

The school adheres to the guidelines set forth by the Local Authority, as detailed by the Education Department of Wrexham County Borough Council.

For additional details, please refer to the online resources provided at:

Admissions Policy

IMMERSION PROGRAMME

Ysgol Morgan Llwyd collaborates with the local authority to offer a highly successful 'Language Immersion Scheme' designed for Year 6 students attending English medium schools within the local area. This initiative presents a valuable opportunity for students to access Welsh medium education.

Commencing from the Summer term of the students' final year in Primary school, this program facilitates a smooth transition into Year 7. Our objective is to ensure that immersion students are fully integrated into our Welsh medium educational system by their third year.

For further details, kindly reach out to the school directly or visit:
www.agw.cymru // <https://www.youtube.com/@agwreccsam>





THE SCHOOL DAY

The school day starts at 8:50 and ends at 15:30.

Registration: 8:50 - 9:20

Lesson 1: 9:20 - 10:10

Lesson 2: 10:10 - 11:00

Break: 11:00 - 11:20

Lesson 3: 11:20 - 12:10

Lesson 4: 12:10 - 13:00

Lunch: 13:00 - 13:50

Lesson 5: 13:50 - 14:40

Lesson 6: 14:40 - 15:30



CURRICULUM

Pupils in years 7-9 are taught in line with The Curriculum for Wales guidance. There are four purposes at the heart of the Curriculum, namely to develop:

- Ambitious, capable learners, ready to learn throughout their lives.
- Enterprising, creative contributors, ready to play a full part in life and work.
- Ethical, informed citizens of Wales and the world.
- Healthy, confident individuals, ready to lead fulfilling lives as valued members of society.

This corresponds with the school's vision to create, **'A proud, welcoming community that is passionate about each individual's ability to achieve their potential and ambition, and to develop into a happy, confident, independent and responsible member of their society.'**

The school provides lessons for pupils within the Six Areas of Learning and Experience, namely: Performing Arts, Languages and Literacy, Health and Well-being, Science and Technology, Mathematics and Numeracy, and Humanities. Subjects such as Personal and Social Education, Religion and Ethics, and Relationships and Sexuality Education are taught within these areas as well as during registration sessions and during occasional events.



CURRICULUM

Key Stage 4

As our students move from KS3 to KS4, they will experience the schools options process. Parents information evenings are held so that information can be shared and a discussion between the student, parents and staff can take place.

The process starts in the Spring term of year 9. In addition to the option subjects, students will study our core subjects; Mathematics, Science, English, Welsh, Physical Education and Religious Education. They will also follow the Welsh Baccalaureate.

Our aim during this process is that each student chooses the correct pathway that **suits their ability, talents, interests and ambitions.**



THE SIXTH FORM

Ysgol Morgan Llwyd's Sixth Form offers a diverse array of subjects, providing students with valuable educational opportunities and a breadth of life experiences. Our sixth form upholds high standards concerning education, behavior, and dedication.

Consistently achieving commendable A Level results, the school has surpassed national averages in recent years. A significant proportion of our graduates proceed to pursue higher education, with our strong affiliations with universities, local businesses, and industry professionals contributing substantially to our achievements. Among the contributing factors to our sixth form's success is the unwavering support and guidance provided by our dedicated staff.

Our curriculum encompasses a wide range of courses, including AS/A Levels, BTEC vocational courses, and the Welsh Baccalaureate, ensuring a comprehensive academic offering for our students.





STUDENT SUPPORT/ **THE PASTORAL HUB**

The welfare of pupils at Ysgol Morgan Llwyd is **vital**.

In addition to normal pastoral arrangements, the school has a Pastoral Hub where the following members of staff are based:

Miss Hannah Mullock: Pupil/Parent/Safeguarding Officer

Mrs Rhian Jones: Pupil Support Officer

Miss Nicole Marubbi: Physical and Mental Health First Aid Support Officer

Miss Thea Huggett: Pupil Reception Admin Officer

Miss Heddu Wyn: Assistant Head Teacher (Pupil Welfare and Discipline)



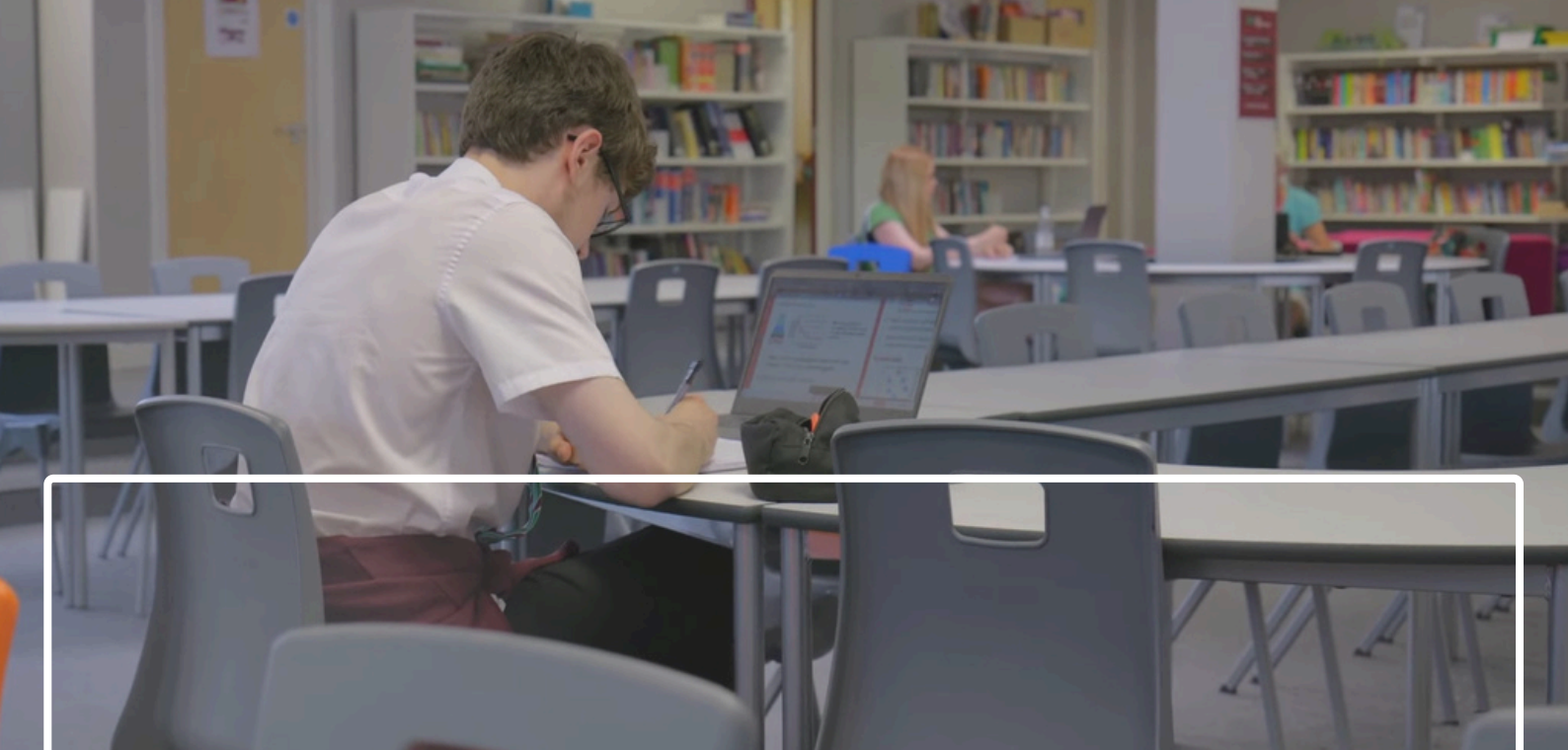
STUDENT SUPPORT/ **THE PASTORAL HUB**

Pupils have access to the Pastoral Hub if they:

- Feel unwell
- Have a uniform or equipment issue
- Need to make an appointment to talk to a member of staff about a problem
- Have one-to-one or group support sessions including ELSA.
- Need time out for 10 minutes.

Parents and pupils are able to request extra support from the pastoral hub through our website:

Pastoral Hub



THE LEARNING HUB

Everyone needs help with their school work every now and then. This is why we established the Learning Hub at Ysgol Morgan Llwyd. Our mission is to ensure that EVERY PUPIL can access extra help to acquire the skills needed to reach their full potential.

The Teaching and Learning Hub supports our pupils' existing learning experiences and provides our learners with opportunities to foster and consolidate the skills needed to make the most of their education. We can – and do – organise and implement bespoke academic support to help our pupils to fulfil their academic goals.

Parents and pupils are able to request extra support from the learning hub through our website:

[Teaching & Learning Hub](#)



THE LEARNING HUB

We offer:

- Mentoring sessions for pupils of all ages and ability to gain a better understanding of their work.
- "Catch up" sessions for pupils who have been absent from school.
- Workshops and resources to help pupils to develop new skills, including how to revise for external exams.
- Seren Network/MAT (More able and talented) activities.
- Opportunities for pupils to contribute to the Learning Hub's work by becoming a Learning Mentor.
- Resources to help pupils stay positive and resilient during periods when schoolwork is particularly difficult.
- Breaktime and lunchtime clubs, e.g. Chess Club, Languages Club, Acting Club, Reading Club, Rubik's Cube Club, Creative Writing Club, Crochet Club, and many more...
- A large, quiet, comfortable, modern space in which to work as well as seven glass "pods" that are ideal spaces for independent work, workshops and meetings.



A HEALTHY SCHOOL

The school canteen is open from 8:30-8:45 for simple breakfast options, break time and lunchtime. We provide a system where students can choose their meals from a daily menu for the cost of around £2.80. They have ample opportunity to opt for a variety of healthy food and drinks. Students are also welcome to bring a packed lunch.

A bio-metric thumb recognition system is implemented which allows the canteen to run smoothly.

For information regarding Free School Meals and for an application form contact the School or go to Wrexham Education Department's website:

<https://www.wrexham.gov.uk/service/school-meals/free-school-meals>

There are many opportunities for students to develop their fitness in school with extra-curricular activities within the Physical Education Department and with the 5x60 programme. A copy of the activities timetable is available at: **5x60 PE**





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CELEBRATING SUCCESS

‘It is only through hard work and effort, in all aspects of life, that success will be achieved’.

Success and high achievement come in various forms and it is important that these are recognised and celebrated.

Noticeboards, school assemblies, morning registrations and social media are used to celebrate students achievements. The school website and local press regularly showcase pupils academic success and their contribution to school life and the community.



CELEBRATING SUCCESS

We hold annual prize evenings to recognise academic excellence, high attendance and those who have contributed to the school and the wider community.

Past pupils who are successful in their chosen fields are regularly invited to these celebrations and other events so that current students can be inspired to aim high as well as seeing the advantages first hand of bilingualism.



BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Outside the classroom, Ysgol Morgan Llwyd offers students a wide choice of activities that appeal to all interests. We believe that this will enrich the pupils experiences, widen their horizons and develop skills different from those gained in the classroom.

Performing Arts:

The school provides excellent opportunities in the performing arts. In addition to the vocal and instrumental lessons provided by Wrexham Music Service, the Music and Drama departments provide students with memorable experiences e.g school shows and Eisteddfods.

The school has a variety of choirs for the younger and older students, as well as recitation and dramatic performance groups. Individual students also excel through the Urdd and National Eisteddfod stages.



BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Sports:

The Physical Education Department offers a wide variety of sporting activities that can appeal to every student; the department also upholds a high standard regarding its uniform especially when students are representing the school during sporting events.

Sports such as rugby, football, cricket, netball, athletics, badminton, fitness and orienteering are offered to all students. These take place within PE lessons and as well as extra-curricular activities.

Our students excel in many sports; a high percentage of students represent the school in sports teams and represent the County, Wales and the United Kingdom. For more information please visit:

PE Department





INDUSTRY LINKS

The school has excellent links with companies, charities and industries from over all of North East Wales and we take advantage of these links to provide students with valuable experiences of the world of industry and business.

Visits to business centers are provided throughout the year as well trips to local companies such as JCB, Grosvenor Pulford Hotel, the London Stock Market and to the Royal Institute of Chemistry.

Ysgol Morgan Llwyd also invites companies into school to provide a insight into different industries for example EESW, Airbus, Science Made Simple and The Army.



VISITS AND EXCURSIONS

A diverse selection of excursions is available to all of our students at Ysgol Morgan Llwyd, ranging from local destinations across Wales and the United Kingdom to overseas.

These trips encompass a wide array of enriching experiences, including cultural visits, skiing expeditions to France, historical tours to Berlin, Belgium, Washington, and New York, extending as far as Iceland and Africa.

The school strives to maintain the affordability of these excursions to ensure accessibility for all students.

CAREERS GUIDANCE

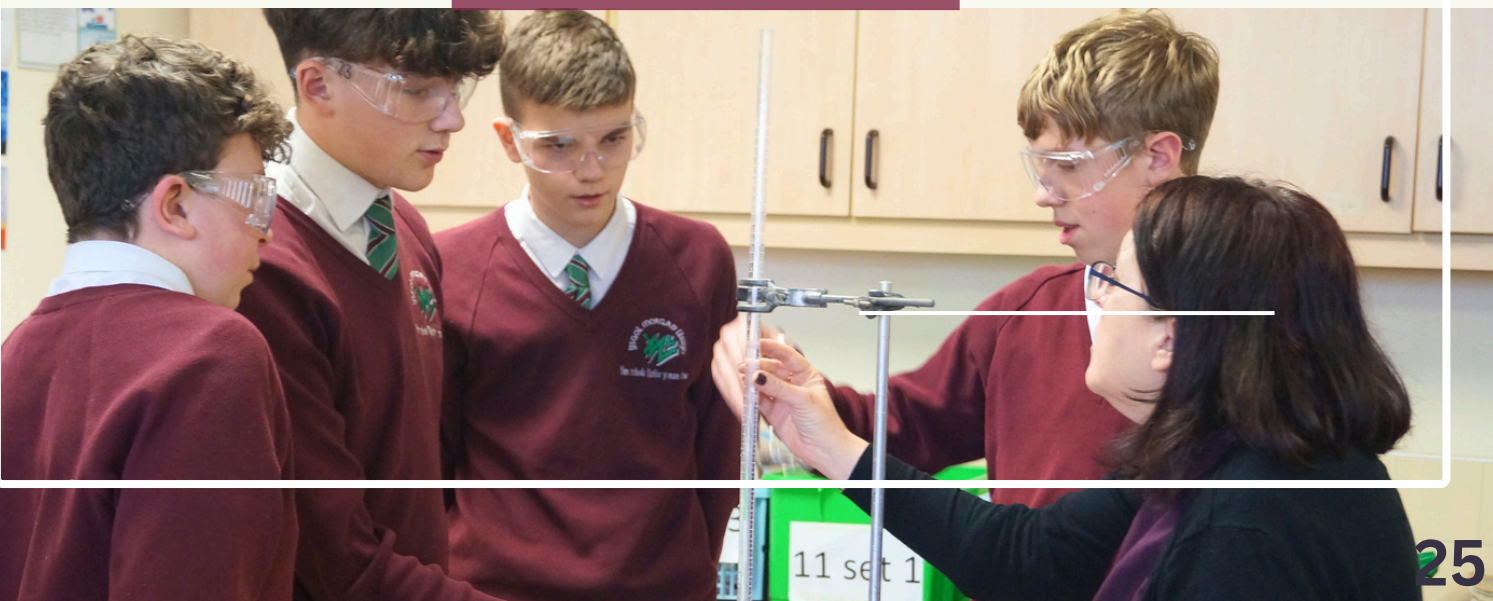
At Ysgol Morgan Llwyd, we firmly believe that Careers and World of Work Education (WOW) is an integral part of the development of a young person.

Choosing the correct pathway is important as students go through the options process in Year 9, 11 and Sixth Form as they decide on the next step after leaving school.

All students from year 9 upwards receive specific advisory sessions in regards to GCSE's, A-Level's, college and University applications.

In year 11 each student will receive a formal mock-interview by members of the professional and business communities.

For our Sixth Formers, as well as interviews provided by Careers Wales, students will be supported and mentored by an experienced member of staff as they tackle their UCAS university applications as well as researching opportunities for work and apprenticeships.





RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & ASSEMBLIES

All students are expected to attend weekly year group assemblies as well as whole school assemblies that are held twice a term.

The curriculum's Religious Education content is provided through Religious Education lessons and 'Pause for thought' sessions. Weekly year group assemblies are an opportunity to celebrate success and share key information as well as a time to reflect on current affairs and values.

Parents have the right to withdraw their child from these experiences for reasons of conscience by making a written request to the Headteacher.



IN PARTNERSHIP **WITH PARENTS**

As a school we prioritise collaborating with parents, guardians, and caregivers to ensure our students enjoy a fulfilling and successful academic journey.

Information updates regarding the school are shared through various channels such as letters, emails, and social media platforms.

The school website is also used to provide information and to promote the school's image to the wider community:

<https://www.ysgolmorganllwyd.cymru/en/>

Daily updates on student progress are shared through the 'Go4Schools' app, offering parents a real-time view of their child's development. Formal discussions on academic achievements occur during scheduled parents' evenings, while parents are encouraged to reach out to the school for any academic or other concerns.

RELATIONSHIPS & SEX EDUCATION

This is a mandatory element of the Curriculum for Wales.
There are 3 interlinked learning strands:

Relationships and identity
Sexual health and well-being
Empowerment, safety and respect

The above are delivered across the curriculum and to all school years.

For further information please visit:

[Relationships & Sex Education](#)



SCHOOL UNIFORM

Ysgol Morgan Llwyd holds the appearance of our students at a very high standard. We ask for your support to ensure that your child's smart appearance continues when they represent Ysgol Morgan Llwyd in extracurricular activities.

The uniform consists of black shoes and socks; black trousers or skirt; white shirt or blouse; tie and school jumper. There is also a specific uniform for Physical Education lessons. For more information please visit:

School Uniform





EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

Ysgol Morgan Llwyd is committed to equal opportunities for all.

Our aim as a school is to lay the foundations of a just and equitable society. For more information please visit:

[Equality Policy](#)



ALN / CAMAU

One of Ysgol Morgan Llwyd's priorities is improving the abilities, achievements and contributions of all pupils as well as helping them raise their aspirations. We strongly believe in making provisions for all learners, irrespective of their ability, gender and race. We aim to provide this in a happy and safe environment, which they can then develop to their fullest potential both academically and socially. We acknowledge that those pupils with additional learning needs (ALN) are entitled to a broad and balanced National Curriculum education. Ysgol Morgan Llwyd aims to integrate all pupils in every aspect of school life.

The Additional Learning Needs and New Education Tribunal (Wales) Act. The main purpose is to:

- Focus on the needs of learners from 0-25 years old.
- Ensure that all ALN pupils who require an Individual Development Plan have one.
- Contribute to a better collaboration between teachers, parents, pupils and agencies so that pupils' needs are identified early, and the right support is put in place.
- Provide better support for children and ensure they have the best opportunities in life.
- Place pupils at the centre of the whole process and ensure that their voices are heard, and their views taken into account.



ALN / CAMAU

Aims of the ALN Department (Camau)

- It is essential that we give every pupil the opportunity to reach their true potential.
- Teaching assistants offer a range of support to ensure all pupils succeed.
- Every pupil has the right to a broad and balanced curriculum with full access to the National Curriculum where appropriate.
- To value all children and promote self-worth.
- To foster close relationships with parents/carers who play a very important role in their child's education.

Parent/Guardian Participation

- It is important that Ysgol Morgan Llwyd works closely with parents/guardians of pupils with ALN and that their views are taken into account.
- Parents/guardians are encouraged to give their views at all stages of the ALN process and are encouraged to complete all documentation to ensure their views are taken into account.
- Parents/guardians are expected to meet with their named officer when needed.
- As a department, the input of parents and guardians is key to the success of our pupils. We have an open-door policy. Please do not hesitate to phone or visit the school to discuss any concerns or progress.

THE PERSONAL ORGANISER

Organising time and tasks efficiently is a fundamental skill for every one of our students. To enhance this ability, each pupil is equipped with a Personal Organiser.

It is imperative for students to regularly update their Personal Organiser, making use of its different sections like the homework diary, achievement log, and personal goals tracker. This tool also contains vital information for both parents and students, including the school timetable, required equipment, dress code, and academic expectations.

The Personal Organiser serves as a vital and effective communication channel between school and home, allowing room for parents, teachers, and tutors to leave messages.





SAFEGUARDING

Ysgol Morgan Llwyd is committed to creating a safe and happy environment for all the members of our community. We recognise the importance of the protection and safety of each individual pupil whilst they are in our care.

We aim to be diligent in our efforts to ensure the welfare of all children. The school has a Child Protection Policy which reflects the procedures outlined in the 'All Wales Child Protection Procedures'.

For further information please visit:
[Safeguarding Policy](#)

TRANSPORT

Transport is provided by the Local Authority for all pupils in the catchment area and who live more than three miles from the school.

A bus pass is needed for pupils to travel on provided transport by the Local Authority. For further information regarding transport and the appropriate form for a bus pass click here:

<https://www.wrexham.gov.uk/service/school-transport>

or contact the Transport Department on **01978 292056**.



COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE

Parents or carers who are unhappy about school related matters should contact us immediately.

The Headteacher is always willing to meet with concerned parents or carers in order to resolve difficult situations. If you remain dissatisfied they should contact the Chair of the Governing Body, Mr Huw Robertson through the school.

More serious complaints may be **addressed** to:

Lifelong Learning Department,
Crown Buildings,
31 Chester St,
Wrexham,
LL13 8BG

Telephone: 01978 298991

Email: education@wrexham.gov.uk





CHARGING POLICY

Providing the curriculum to students is free of charge; however, optional payments may be requested for extracurricular activities such as residential visits, sports events, and end-of-year trips.

Ysgol Morgan Llwyd has established a compulsory annual payment of £12 per student to cover expenses for ingredients, food, and materials for their Design and Technology lessons. This is to help alleviate financial and organisational stress on parents, guardians, and careers.

For further details, please refer to:

[Charging Policy](#)



STATISTICS/ EXAM RESULTS

External Exam Results Summary – Summer 2023

Sixth Form - A Level

Grade Total (78) Percentage

A*/A 18 23.1%

A*-B 34 43.6%

A*-C 51 65.4%

A*-D 67 85.9%

A*-E 76 97.4%

Key Stage 4 - GCSE

Pupils achieving Level 2 Threshold

Including Language & Mathematics 48.9%

Pupils achieving Level 2 Threshold 69.1%

Pupils achieving Level 1 Threshold 95%

Capped 9 Score 348.6

Key Stage 3

Core Subject Indicator 92.2%

Welsh 94.2%

English 97.5%

Mathematics 93.5%

Science 96.8%



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