



Ysgol y Grango
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INSPIRING YOUR FUTURE

Headteacher's Message

Welcome to the school of choice

Welcome to Ysgol y Grango

Ysgol y Grango is a vibrant, happy, inclusive school, serving a strong, close-knit local community. We aim to promote a love of lifelong learning, where individuals matter. We are large enough to deliver a broad and balanced curriculum, while being small enough to provide the bespoke care and attention our students require to enable them to be a success. All learners are encouraged to take ownership and ACT to make the most of the opportunities afforded to them through a knowledge rich and innovative curriculum.

We are a family and have a sense of belonging: CYNEFIN.

We are a welcoming, safe, nurturing and ambitious learning environment.

We are aware of our responsibilities to society.

We care that all learners feel known, listened to and valued.

We care about the happiness and wellbeing of all members of our community.

We care about our community and embrace our rich Welsh cultural heritage.

We share the values of kindness, respect, honesty, integrity, resilience, high aspirations, and self-belief.

We share collective commitment to set high expectations, promote diversity and equity.

We share the belief in the power of education to change the life chances of our young people.

Together we can make a difference.

Ms V Brown,

Headteacher.



INSPIRING ASPIRATIONS

Ysgol Y Grango has been educating young people for over 100 years. We have a long and proud tradition of unlocking potential for generations.

“The teachers are very good at helping when you need extra support and they make the lessons enjoyable.”

Ella - School Council

“There are a lot of opportunities to do new things outside of lessons that I wouldn't have the chance to do otherwise.”

Ryan- Year 10

“I know that I can talk to the teachers here. They have always supported me.”

Ruth - School Council





INSPIRING TRANSITION

At Ysgol y Grango we recognise that moving from primary to secondary school is the start of an important and exciting journey for your child. Our school community actively seeks to ensure that students are fully prepared and confident about moving to Ysgol y Grango.

Ysgol y Grango benefits from a specialist transition team, led by a highly experienced Transition Co-ordinator, who liaise with students and parents to fully support the secondary school transition experience.

Our dedicated team ensure a smooth transfer by working closely in partnership with our primary cluster schools, including Ysgol Maes y Mynydd in Rhosllanerchrugog, Penycae Community Primary School and Ysgol Yr Hafod in Johnstown. We also work with further local schools from where other children may choose to join Ysgol y Grango.

During the transition phase your child will benefit from various activities and events, including:

- Visits by members of our highly experienced transition team to primary schools to meet the students
- Sharing of information between teachers of both your child's primary and secondary school to discuss their individual needs
- Year 6 students visiting Ysgol y Grango for a series of events, including familiarisation visits

We pride ourselves on high expectations of uniform, conduct, attendance and punctuality. Students will be supported during their time here to equip and enable them to achieve the highest possible outcomes for them as individual learners and we look forward to working in partnership with parents to help your child to achieve their goals.

In order to support parents, we maintain open lines of communication, regularly update parents on academic progress and conduct Parents' Evenings during the school year. Each student will be allocated a form tutor and a Head of Year, each of whom will be your initial point of contact should you have any concerns or information to share or celebrate with the school.





INSPIRING KNOWLEDGE

From September 2023, students in the Lower School (Years 7, 8 and 9) will experience the new Curriculum for Wales. The new curriculum is at the forefront of education in Wales. At Ysgol y Grango, following extensive engagement from all stakeholders, we have formulated our CFW vision “Inspiring ACTions – Fulfilling Lives” to represent a collective commitment in the power of education to transform young people’s life chances. We have visually presented our new curriculum using the icon landmark of The Stiwt Theatre. We aim to build a community of learners with the highest aspirations, underpinned by the four core purposes which will empower them to become:

- 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.

The Curriculum for Wales has six Areas of Learning and Experience:

Expressive Arts; Humanities; Mathematics and Numeracy; Health and Wellbeing; Languages, Literacy and Communication; Science and Technology.

The curriculum will also include:

- Human rights
- Diversity and respecting differences
- Experience and skills for careers and the workplace
- Learning about local, national and international contexts
- Developmentally appropriate relationships and sex education.





INSPIRING KNOWLEDGE

The new Curriculum for Wales does not apply to students in years 9, 10 and 11, who will continue to study the national curriculum they began at the time they entered secondary education.

During Year 9, students will experience the Options process, whereby they will select the subjects they would like to study in the Upper School, and to be assessed for their GCSE examination or equivalent courses. Support and advice will be made available by our experienced staff, and an Options Evening will take place to offer guidance for students and parents to make informed decisions as to their next phase of study.

Curriculum for the Upper School

All students in Years 10 and 11 follow courses in the compulsory core subjects of: English, Mathematics, Science, Welsh, PE, RE, Welsh Baccalaureate, Personal Social Education and Careers Education.

Students can choose further subjects to study including: Art and Design, Digital Photography, French, Geography, Drama, Product Design, 3D Design, Business Studies, Food and Nutrition, History, Physical Education and Religious Studies

Some students participate in vocational qualifications and courses in collaboration with other providers across the Wrexham area.

Welsh Curriculum

All students follow The National Curriculum Programmes of Study. We actively embrace our Welsh culture and heritage in our day to day interactions and across all lessons. Students participate in a range of activities, including educational and residential visits.





INSPIRING WELLBEING

At Ysgol y Grango we recognise that our students flourish in an inclusive, caring and safe environment. We have an excellent pastoral care system where all individuals are known, valued and respected.

The pastoral system has its own educative purpose and prepares students to be capable, confident, ambitious and responsible citizens. Students develop the skills, knowledge and experiences they need to equip them for the challenges of the 21st century. Pastoral activities seek to compliment the PSE programme and enable students to develop, personally, socially and emotionally, including personalised wellbeing support.

Each year group has a Head of Year who oversees the students in their year group. Students are organised into tutor groups and the Form Tutor plays a pivotal role in supporting students. The tutor will see your child every day and will be their support during their time at Ysgol y Grango and your contact for any pastoral concerns. If you have any questions regarding an academic matter then these should be directed to your child's teacher for the particular subject of concern.

The school liaises with a range of external partners to support students with their mental health and wellbeing, including: School Nurse, Student Wellbeing Coordinator, School Counsellor, Youth Worker, Education Social Worker, Police Liaison Officer. We also meet regularly with counsellors, who organise one to one counselling sessions for vulnerable students.

Additional Learning Needs (ALN)

We provide Resource Provision for students with Moderate Learning Difficulties. Our Additional Needs Department is a happy place, with an emphasis on integration with the mainstream school. Extensive transition takes place before students arrive. The department adopts a flexible approach to meeting the needs of all students with ALN, issuing and updating student's Individual Development Plans and providing advice and support to all staff. If you wish to find out further information, please contact the school's Additional Learning Needs Co-ordinator, who will be able to offer support and guidance.





INSPIRING OPPORTUNITIES

At Ysgol y Grango we offer a wide range of sports, all delivered in our outstanding facilities. This is further enhanced by lunchtime 5x60 sessions which are provided by Wrexham Sports Development. Our aim is to develop our students to understand the importance of exercise and encourage them to access sport both in school and beyond the school day, including:

- Netball
- Basketball
- Badminton
- Volleyball
- Trampolining
- Football
- Sports Leaders

In addition, there are a variety of other clubs which cater for those who wish to develop their education or social time. These include:

- ICT
- Art, including Digital Photography
- Cooking
- Film
- Lego League
- Computer Programming
- History
- Student Council
- Peer Mentors
- Music tuition

School trips offered include: Skiing, Berlin, Normandy, Deep Learning Days, Harry Potter Tour and many more.



Ysgol Y Grango



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