

Ref: PED/dd

14th May, 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian

Re: Year 10/11 GCSE English Language and Numeracy

I write to you to outline our intention to enter Year 11 pupils (currently Year 10) for English Language and Numeracy examinations in November 2018.

Our rationale for doing this is three-fold:

- Our continuous tracking of pupil progress indicates that the vast majority of our pupils will be in a strong position to take advantage of the opportunity that exists (based on National Policy) to take a 1st sitting in these subject areas in November.
- Current National Policy states that pupils who are entered for a 1st sitting in these subjects in November may, should they wish, re-sit these exams again in the Summer of Year 11, **with the best grade counting towards their final GCSE.**
- Pupils achieving grades which they are satisfied with following the November entry can choose **not** to sit these exams again in the Summer, thus, freeing up a significant amount of time to focus on other subjects.

We believe strongly that with the right preparation and approach, all pupils who we deem are ready to sit these exams will benefit from doing so.

As part of our preparation, we will be holding 'mock' examinations in English Language and Numeracy on the following dates:

English Language – Paper 1 – Wednesday 4th July, 2018

English Language – Paper 2 – Friday 6th July, 2018

Numeracy – Unit 1 – Monday 2nd July, 2018

Numeracy – Unit 2 – Thursday 5th July, 2018

The outcomes from the examinations will further inform us of the readiness of each pupil to sit either or both examinations in November, and of the correct tier of entry for Numeracy. It is important therefore that pupils take these examinations seriously and prepare as well as they can for them. We ask for your support in ensuring that this is the case.

We will inform you of the outcomes from the mock examinations, and our November entry regarding your son/daughter before the end of the Summer term.

Should you wish to discuss this further, please contact the relevant person below:

Mr E Hughes (Year 10 Progress Manager)

Mrs H Roberts (Head of Mathematics)

Mr M O'Connor (Head of English)

We look forward to your continued support.

Yours sincerely

P Edwards

Mr P Edwards
Head Teacher



Ysgol Bro Gwaun

Pennaeth / Head Teacher: Mr Paul Edwards



Cyf: PED/dd

14^{eg} o Fai, 2018

Annwyl Riant/Warcheidwad

Cyf: TGAU Saesneg (laith) a Rhifedd Blwyddyn 10/11

Ysgrifennaf atoch i amlinellu ein bwriad i gofrestru disgyblion Blwyddyn 11 (Blwyddyn 10 ar hyn o bryd) ar gyfer arholiad Saesneg (laith) a Rhifedd ym mis Tachwedd 2018.

Mae ein rhesymeg dros wneud hyn yn dri phlyg:

- Mae ein tracio parhaus o gynnydd disgyblion yn nodi y bydd mwyafrif helaeth mewn sefyllfa gref i fanteisio ar y cyfle sy'n bodoli (yn seiliedig ar Bolisi Cenedlaethol) i eistedd yr arholiadau yn y meysydd hyn ym mis Tachwedd.
- Mae'r Polisi Cenedlaethol cyfredol yn nodi y gall disgyblion a gofrestrir am y pynciau hyn ym mis Tachwedd, os dymunant, ailsefyll yr arholiadau hyn eto yn Haf Blwyddyn 11, **gyda'r cyfrif graddfa orau tuag at eu TGAU terfynol.**
- Gall disgyblion sy'n hapus gyda'u graddiau ym mis Tachwedd ddewis **beidio** eistedd yr arholiadau hyn eto yn yr Haf, gan ryddhau amser sylweddol i ganolbwyntio ar bynciau eraill.

Credwn yn gryf gyda'r paratoad a'r ymagwedd cywir, bydd y disgyblion sy'n barod i sefyll yr arholiadau hyn yn elwa o wneud hynny.

Fel rhan o'n paratoad, byddwn yn cynnal arholiadau ffug Rhifedd a Saesneg (laith) ar y dyddiadau canlynol:

Saesneg (laith) – Papur 1 – Dydd Mercher 4^{ydd} o Orffennaf, 2018

Saesneg (laith) – Papur 2 – Dydd Gwener 6^{ed} o Orffennaf, 2018

Rhifedd – Uned 1 – Dydd Llun 2^{ail} o Orffennaf, 2018

Rhifedd – Uned 2 – Dydd Iau, 5^{ed} o Orffennaf, 2018

Bydd canlyniadau'r arholiadau yn ein hysbysu ymhellach pa mor barod yw pob disgybl i sefyll naill ai un neu'r ddau arholiad ym mis Tachwedd, ac o'r haen gywir ar gyfer Rhifedd. Mae'n bwysig felly bod disgyblion yn cymryd yr arholiadau hyn o ddifrif, ac yn paratoi cystal ag y gallant ar eu cyfer. Gofynnwn am eich cefnogaeth gydag hyn.

Byddwn yn rhoi gwybod i chi am ganlyniadau'r arholiadau ffug, a mynediad Tachwedd ynglŷn â'ch mab/merch cyn ddiwedd tymor yr Haf.

Os hoffech drafod hyn ymhellach, cysylltwch â'r person perthnasol isod:

Mr E Hughes (Rheolwr Cynnydd Blwyddyn 10)
Mrs H Roberts (Pennaeth yr Adran Fathemateg)
Mr M O'Connor (Pennaeth yr Adran Saesneg)

Edrychwn ymlaen at eich cefnogaeth barhaus.

Yr eiddoch yn gywir

P Edwards

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Pennaeth

