

YSGOL BRYN ALYN

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Transition 2021 Update

Dear Year 6 Pupil and Parent/Carer,

I am delighted to welcome you to our Ysgol Bryn Alyn community from September 2021. Now that our new intake has been confirmed by Wrexham Local Authority, I wanted to contact you and say how excited we are that you have chosen to become a YBA pupil.

We are looking forward to working closely with you and your family over the next 5 years. We understand that leaving Primary School, although exciting, can lead some young people to be worried about routines, friendships, work and fitting in with a new school. Every year we have an extensive programme of transition to help ease these concerns and the purpose of this letter is to reassure you that we have been and will continue to do what we can to ensure that your transition is as smooth as possible. It has been lovely to see so many of you engaged with our Pastoral Transition Google Classroom.

We are very excited to be able to run two transition days specifically for you so that you can get to know your form, form tutors, some teachers and most importantly, your way around school. We will look forward to seeing you ready for an **8.40am start on Thursday 2nd September and Friday 3rd September in your smart new YBA uniform!** Please enter the school site via the Mold Road entrance.

You will need to bring with you:

- A 3-layered mask to be worn throughout the day (unless the guidance changes in the meantime)
- Your school bag and equipment (please see the uniform leaflet which gave details of the equipment needed for school)
- A snack and a drink for breaktime (no sugary or energy drinks please)

You can bring in a packed lunch or order a meal from the canteen. In order to pay for food, you will need to have a ParentPay account. Unlike in primary school however you are not able to order food via ParentPay. There will be a Google Form on our website each day which will become live the day before until the next morning; this is how the food is ordered.

We have been working closely with your primary schools to find out more about you. We have spoken to your class teachers about your attainment, attendance, additional learning needs and friendship groups. These discussions have helped us to get to know you a little more and will help us to support you in the best way possible.

As you will know, your form tutors will play an important role in your secondary education. It is our intention that you and your parent/carers will have an opportunity to meet with your form tutor in the autumn term, subject to Government guidance and advice. In the meantime, we can use Google Classrooms to promote communication, continue to build relationships and allay any fears you may have.

Finally, these are extremely challenging times for us all. Please rest assured that your health and wellbeing is always our first priority. At Ysgol Bryn Alyn, we pride ourselves on looking after each other and making people feel welcome. We look forward to welcoming you in September.

Stay safe and have a lovely summer holiday.

Mrs Slinn
Headteacher

