



Ysgol y Grango

Transition Newsletter

May 2020

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I am Mr Garthwaite, Headteacher of Ysgol y Grango. I am really looking forward to you joining us in September.

I know that you will be excited about moving up to high school, but perhaps a little anxious too, especially as you haven't been able to visit us this term as you normally would. That is why we have created this newsletter and the Google Classroom; so that you can get to know a little bit more about us.

I hope that the information is useful and that you find the activities interesting and enjoyable. Take care and stay safe!



Welcome to Ysgol y Grango!

I am Mrs Povey, Progress Leader for Year 7. I am looking forward to seeing you all in September!

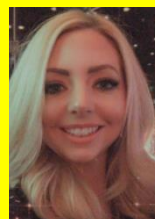
I know that moving from Primary school to Secondary school can be a worrying time and in the current circumstances it can be even more difficult for you. As a school, we are trying to make the whole process as easy as possible for you. Why not join our 'Google Classroom' and have a go at some activities to begin to see what your work may be like at Ysgol y Grango?

Hi! I'm Mrs Sharpe. Teaching is an absolute passion of mine! My role in Ysgol Y Grango is Additional Learning Needs Co-ordinator and Nurture Class Teacher. I am looking forward to meeting you all. I'm so excited about working with you and your child if needed. It's going to be a year of fun, learning and lots of new adventures and I can't wait to see what the year has in store for us! It is important to keep communication open between us and I would love to talk to you whenever you feel the need. I look forward to a great year together!



Welcome Year 7!

I am Mrs Sloan. This year I have the privilege of being your Assistant Progress Leader. I cannot wait to see all your happy, enthusiastic faces in September. I know this has been a very difficult and unsure time for you all, these past months have not been easy. But rest assured, when you start with us in September, we are on hand to ensure your transition will be a happy, successful and enjoyable one. We will take care of you! In the meantime, keep excelling at being those super Stay at Home Heroes.



Hello Year 7! I am Miss Roberts the Assistant Progress Leader for Year 7. I am also one of the Year 7 Tutors next year as well as being one of the Maths teachers at Ysgol y Grango, so some of you will be seeing a lot of me!



School Uniform



Blazer, tie and white shirt



Black trousers or skirt



Navy V-neck jumper (optional)



Black school shoes or plain black trainers

Our blazer and tie can be purchased from RAM Leisure

www.ourschoolwear.co.uk/collections/ysgol-y-grango

You may be eligible for a Pupil Development Grant- please see Wrexham Council website for more details and how to apply

Equipment

A school bag

A pencil case with the following items:

- Pen
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Eraser
- Sharpener

Coloured pencils

Scientific calculator- Our Maths faculty recommend a Casio fx-85GTX

PE Kit



Our PE polo top can also be purchased from RAM Leisure

<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>
Ysgol Y Grango navy blue and sky blue polo top	Ysgol Y Grango navy blue and sky blue polo top
Navy blue/black shorts	Navy blue/black shorts
Sports socks	Sports socks
Football boots	Trainers
Trainers	Shin pads (when covering Football and Hockey)
Shin pads/Football socks	



Youth Workers



Wrexham Youth Service
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Hello to all year 6's who are moving up to Secondary School in September
We are Deb Kennedy and Linda Macintyre and we are the Youth Workers who work in Ysgol Y Grango.

We work with young people in school who may feel they need some support or just to have someone to talk to if they are worried about something.

We know this is a big step for young people moving up to secondary school and it can be quite scary as well as exciting. We are here to help and support you in getting used to this change.

We do lots of different activities in school and out in the community where we hope to meet with you and your family. We will also support you settling in and by getting to know how school works and by just being there if you need us.

We are easy to find in school as our office is just by the canteen.

We really are looking forward to meeting with you all soon

Deb & Linda

If you would like to contact us, please email us-

Debbie.Kennedy@wrexham.gov.uk or Linda1.Mcintyre@wrexham.gov.uk



5X60 offer a range of sporting activities before school, at lunchtime and after school

A School Day

8.50-9.10- Registration
9.10-10.00- Period 1
10.00-10.50- Period 2
10.50-11.10- Break
11.10-12.00- Period 3
12.00-12.50- Period 4
12.50- 1.30- Lunch
1.30-2.20- Period 5
2.20-3.10- Period 6

Homework



In September, every parent and pupil will have a MILK account where you can see homework set, attendance and behaviour and achievement points

Social Media



Y Y Grango
[@ysgolygrango](https://www.instagram.com/ysgolygrango)
[grangolibrary](https://www.instagram.com/grangolibrary)

Questions and Answers.....



We asked some of our Year 7's what kind of questions they might have asked when they were in Year 6 and they have answered them after being in Grango for a few months

Will I see my friends if they are not in my class?

Yes, you can meet up with them at break and lunch. I get to walk home with my friends too. I have made new friends in my classes from different primary schools.

Will I get lost?

Probably for the first few days! Grango is quite big but in a couple of weeks it gets easy to remember where your classes are.

What if I don't understand the work?

If you don't understand the work don't be afraid to ask teachers for help because you are there to learn and the teachers want to help you.

Will I need to bring money for my lunch?

If you are getting your dinner at school then you can bring money and you will get your fingerprint taken and you can put money into a machine. You will need roughly £3.00 per day. You can bring sandwiches too.

How will I know what lessons I need to go to?

When you go to your tutor on your first day you will be given a timetable that tells you what lessons you need to go to.

What do I do if I lose my timetable?

You go to the front office and they will print you out a new one or you can look on your MILK app.

One of our Year 7's has some excellent advice for you 'Please don't worry. Grango is Fun'

If you have any questions or concerns, please email me- MorrisZ9@hwbmail.net

Year 6 Google Classroom

Why not join our 'Year 6 Google Classroom' and have a go at some tasks set by our teachers?

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We have created a 'Menu' of different work set by our teachers. Have a look at the menu and pick some tasks to do! We would really love to see your work!

Why not try to complete a task from each section of the menu? The chilli rating indicates the level of challenge for each task ranging from 'mild' to 'spicy' to 'hot'.

STARTERS



Look at the work of artist and photographer EMILY BLINCOE. Create a 'Rainbow' artwork with different objects to support the NHS. Use a phone to take a photograph of your artwork! (Art)



Write a fact file about yourself in Welsh and add as much detail as you can (Welsh)



Research a planet from our solar system and produce a poster to present your findings. (Science)

MAINS



1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8,

Write down the next five numbers in this sequence (Maths)



Make a boat which floats successfully in a tank of water and can carry a cargo of at least one penny (DT)



Write a story with the title 'I couldn't wait'. (English)

AFTERS



Complete a (safe) random act of kindness (e.g. washing the dishes or complimenting someone). (R.E)



Design a poster highlighting ways people can reduce their plastic consumption (Geography)



Watch the video link in the 'Instructions'

How about creating your own super moves with someone in your family, using the French greetings that you have learnt from the video, and upload your own French greetings video on google classroom. (French)

SIDES (optional)

See how many 'Keepy Ups' you can do with an item in your house but not a ball (PE)

SHARES (optional)

Read a novel by your favourite author (Literacy)

