

HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER



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Estyn praise

Ysgol Uwchradd Bodedern



In mid October we extended a warm welcome to ESTYN, His Majesty's Inspectors to Ysgol Uwchradd Bodedern.

Thank you to all who participated, including completing questionnaires and attending meetings with the Inspectors.

The report is published today, 12th December.

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Ysgol Uwchradd Bodedern is a caring community that promotes a positive culture of inclusion, respect and raising aspirations. Most pupils are proud to be a part of the 'Ysgol Boded family' and feel that they thrive in a happy and safe ethos. In many cases, teachers manage their classes effectively and have high expectations in terms of pupils' behaviour.

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The Report

Estyn reports through five main areas

1) Learning, 2) Well-being and Attitudes towards Learning, 3) Teaching and Learning Experiences, 4) Care, Support and Guidance and 5) Leadership and Management.

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Pupils' well-being is a clear strength at Ysgol Uwchradd Bodedern. Most pupils are exceptionally proud to belong to the 'Ysgol Boded family' and thrive in the happy, safe and caring ethos that has been established. There is a strong sense of friendship and co-operation between pupils. Many pupils feel that they are respected and treated fairly and, in turn, demonstrate a high level of trust and respect towards the school, their peers, staff and visitors.

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Most pupils feel safe at the school and free from physical and verbal abuse. They acknowledge that the school's adults take care of their well-being and know whom to approach if they have any concerns. As a result, these pupils are happy at the school and confident that any issues in relation to bullying will be dealt with quickly, effectively and sensitively.

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Nearly all pupils understand the school's expectations in terms of behaviour. Pupils are motivated by the school's reward systems to improve their attendance, punctuality, engagement and progress.



Ysgol Uwchradd Bodedern is a caring community in which pupils' emotional, health and social needs are a priority. As a result, pupils develop as respectful learners who are proud of their community.



Most sixth-form pupils show maturity, independence and ambition. They feel that they are supported well by the school and are ready for the future.

Most pupils behave well in lessons and around the school and have positive attitudes to learning. Many pupils apply themselves diligently in lessons and show resilience and perseverance. They work independently and take responsibility for their learning and progress.

Most teachers forge beneficial working relationships with pupils and establish a positive environment in lessons. They have useful practices that ensure that pupils settle quickly at the beginning of the lesson and are ready to learn.

The school provides a broad and balanced curriculum that meets the needs of nearly all pupils.



Leaders have a clear vision for the school's new curriculum, which is based on ensuring education of the highest quality, raising aspirations and preparing pupils for the world of work.

Arrangements to support pupils' behaviour are sound and staff address any unacceptable behaviour quickly. As a result, most pupils behave very well in their lessons and around the school. By listening to pupils, the school has identified well the social challenges that they face.

A strong feature is the valuable careers advice and guidance to help pupils make choices about their future. The school organises open evenings and taster sessions that meet pupils' interests well and provide useful information about a range of careers, including those with local employers.



ALUMNI PROJECT

An appeal to all former Boded pupils

This is a joint project between YUB, the Welsh Government and Careers Wales.

Did you or someone you know attend Ysgol Uwchradd Bodedern? We would value your help to inspire current students to become more confident, motivated, and inspired about their future careers.

There is extensive research highlighting the benefits to students of employer role model engagement in schools.

In their 2019 research, "Insights and Inspiration: Exploring the Impact of Guest Speaker in Schools" - the charity Education for Employers reported:

- * 91% of students surveyed reported increased levels of motivation, understanding of careers and self-belief after listening to employer guest speakers.
- * 88% of students said they were helped to understand that everyone needs to overcome setbacks in pursuit of their career goals.
- * Students who could not recall any encounters with employers were 5 times more likely to believe that their background held them back from achieving their ambitions.
- * Free school meal students typically benefited more than non FSM students.

Research also shows that engagement with employer role models who attended the same school, and experiences similar barriers to current students, is even more valuable.



By becoming part of the 'alumni community' at Ysgol Uwchradd Bodedern and depending on the amount of time you would like to commit, you can support the school and its pupils in a range of ways:

- * Give a talk to a small group of pupils about your career or your industry
- * Deliver a presentation to a large group of pupils or at open days or special events
 - * Host a visit for a group of pupils at your workplace
- * Join a lesson in a specific subject to talk about how the subject is relevant to your work
 - * Host a work experience placement for a pupil at your workplace
 - * Film a vlog about your experiences of school and your career to date
 - * Attend mock interviews or support a Careers Fayre

You can contact the project leader: Heidi Purnell ar 07890 274901 or heidi.purnell@careerswales.gov.wales

or you contact us at the school. It would be great if we could create another series of the popular videos

"If I can You can!"

INVESTING AND IMPROVING

Following the resounding success of the new food pod, and with the support of Anglesey County Council we have continued to improve break times and lunchtimes for our pupils.

The large canopy has now been installed and our next step will be to invest in more picnic tables.



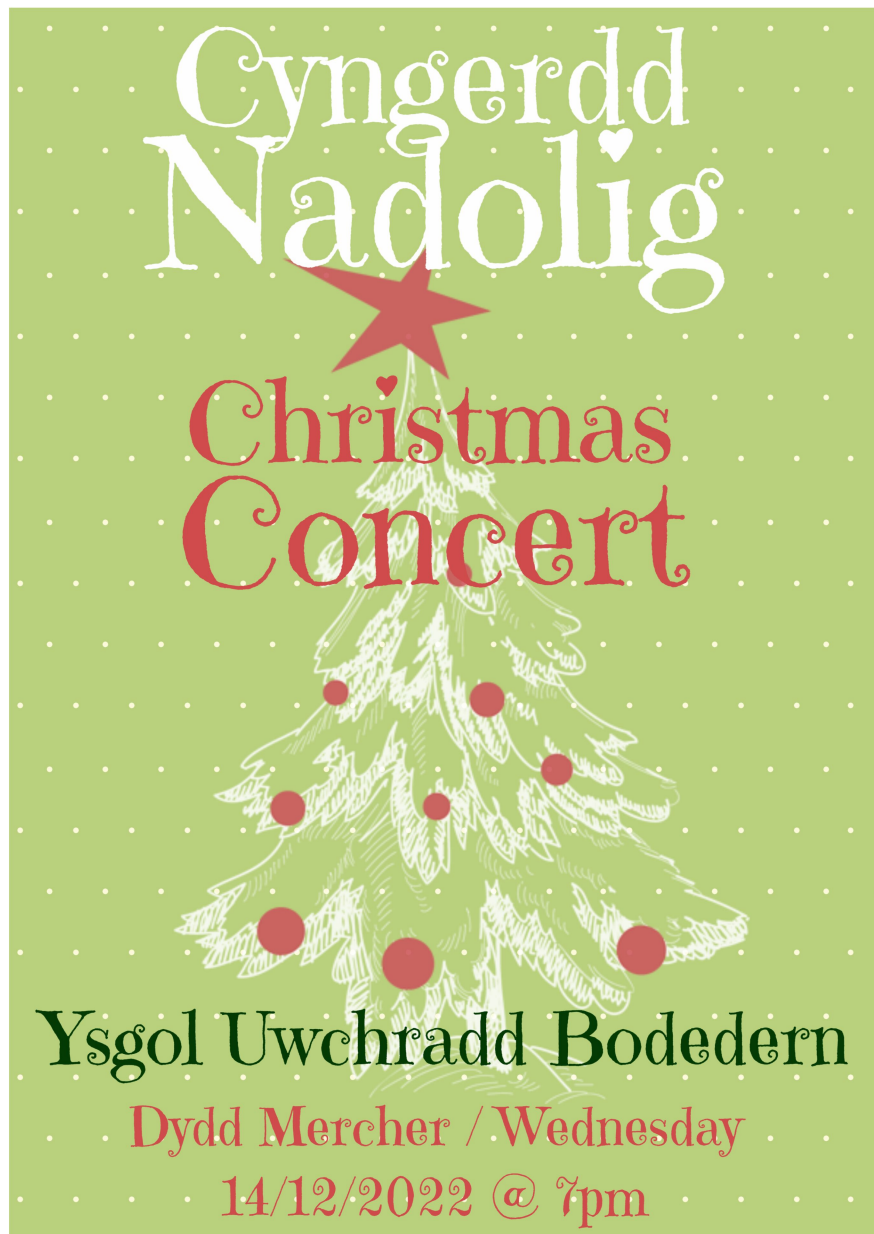
The new canopy by the new food pod and a new shelter are of the lunchtime queue.



CLUBS AT BODED

Our extra curricular clubs are very popular, and Estyn also praised the provision. Thank you to everyone whose contributions have ensured their success.

We have just made an exciting appointment of Rugby Development officer for the school. A partnership between Ysgol Uwchradd Bodedern, Ysgol Gyfun Llangefni, Clwb Rygbi Llangefni and Wales Rugby Unionl. The Rugby Development officer will work from Boded for two and a half days per week. Rugby at Boded will go from strength to strength.



Please remember the Christmas Concert which will be held at the School's theatre from 7pm on Wednesday 14th December. Everyone is very welcome!

Calendar Days!

Friday, 23 December - Sunday, 8 January -
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

Monday, 9 January - school re-opens for everyone
Tuesday, 17 January - Year 12 and 13 Parents Evening
Tuesday, 7 February - Year 9 Parents Evening
Friday - 17 February - HMS - school closed for pupils
Monday 20 February - Friday 24 February -
HALF TERM HOLIDAY

