



Ebbw Fawr Learning Community

Cymuned Ddysgu Ebwy Fawr

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Dear Parents /Carers

I write to inform you of two important events in the term ahead.

In October of 2015 our Director Mr Harkness was appointed as Headteacher at Newtown High School, Powys and will leave us at the end of February. Mr Harkness has provided outstanding leadership and management of the school since the transition from the predecessor schools and we wish him well in his new post. The Governing Body are actively recruiting a replacement as Headteacher and we will inform parents with further details at the outcome of that process.

Secondly, Estyn has notified us that the school will be inspected from Monday 1 February to Friday 5 February 2016. This will be the first inspection of an All Through School undertaken in Wales.

Parents can contribute to the inspection in two ways:

1. Attendance at the parents' "Meet the Inspectors" meeting to be held on **Monday 1 February at 5.00pm to 6.00pm in the Primary site main hall.**

We strongly recommend that parents attend this meeting to provide their views on the life of the school.

2. Parents also have the opportunity to complete a questionnaire online from <http://vir.estyn.gov.uk>

This questionnaire is confidential to Estyn and is not seen by the School.

Alternatively, a hard copy can be provided on request from the school reception, these should be returned in a sealed envelope or posted to Estyn via "Freepost Estyn". Should parents wish to complete online the school can make IT equipment available if required.

All questionnaires have to be submitted by Friday 15 January. The school will send out reminders via text early next week.

Learners will have an opportunity to share their views with inspectors in group meetings during inspection week and a random sample of approximately 250 secondary students and 100 primary students will complete an online questionnaire next week.

The inspection report is due to be published on Friday 8 April 2016, copies will be made available to parents via the school and Estyn websites with hard copies available on request.

Further information on the inspection process is attached to this letter. Please do take the time to read it.

Yours sincerely

Rod Davies
Chair of Governors

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