



Ysgol Uwchradd **Whitmore** High School

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Over the last few days we have had quite a few Covid cases within the school which has necessitated a number of year groups having to isolate. I understand the challenges this presents, with both my children currently isolating due to cases in their school. The national picture has seen rising cases and I imagine many schools will be in a similar position in the next few days.

I just wanted to take the opportunity to thank both the parents and pupils for what has been a very positive term. As a school we have made huge strides forward which I would like to share with you now.

We have endeavoured to provide a full education for pupils, despite Covid restrictions, with over twenty clubs taking place per fortnight after school. In addition, our new 'clubs within the timetable,' model has given pupils the opportunity to try a range of experiences including rowing, engineering using Lego and writing the school newspaper. More opportunities will be available next term including a drone making club. I also implore you to watch the 'Educating Morwit' films on the Whitmore YouTube page, created by the Year 9 drama club.

Whitmore has been recognised by the Welsh Government for its sector leading approaches to teaching and to the coaching of staff. We have been asked to share our methodology through two case studies that will be used by many schools across Wales. This is a testament to the hard work and innovative approaches that the staff at Whitmore are currently embracing.

The school has also been commended by The Central South Consortium for its approach to blended learning. Our staff are working tirelessly to realise our ambition of having video versions of all our lessons online by the end of the year, allowing pupils to learn independently.

I am delighted to say that the attendance of pupils has been above 90% for the majority of the term. As the Welsh average has been 80%, it highlights the importance both pupils and parents at Whitmore place on learning.

I look forward to welcoming some year groups back into school before the end of term. I also remind Year 11 pupils that they have important mock exams next week to be completed at home.

Thank you all again for your support.

Kind Regards

Innes Robinson
Head of School