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Prospectus



The Junior Sector Prospectus

Ysgol Henry Richard provides an education for children and young people from 3 – 16 years of age

Have you visited Ysgol Henry Richard?

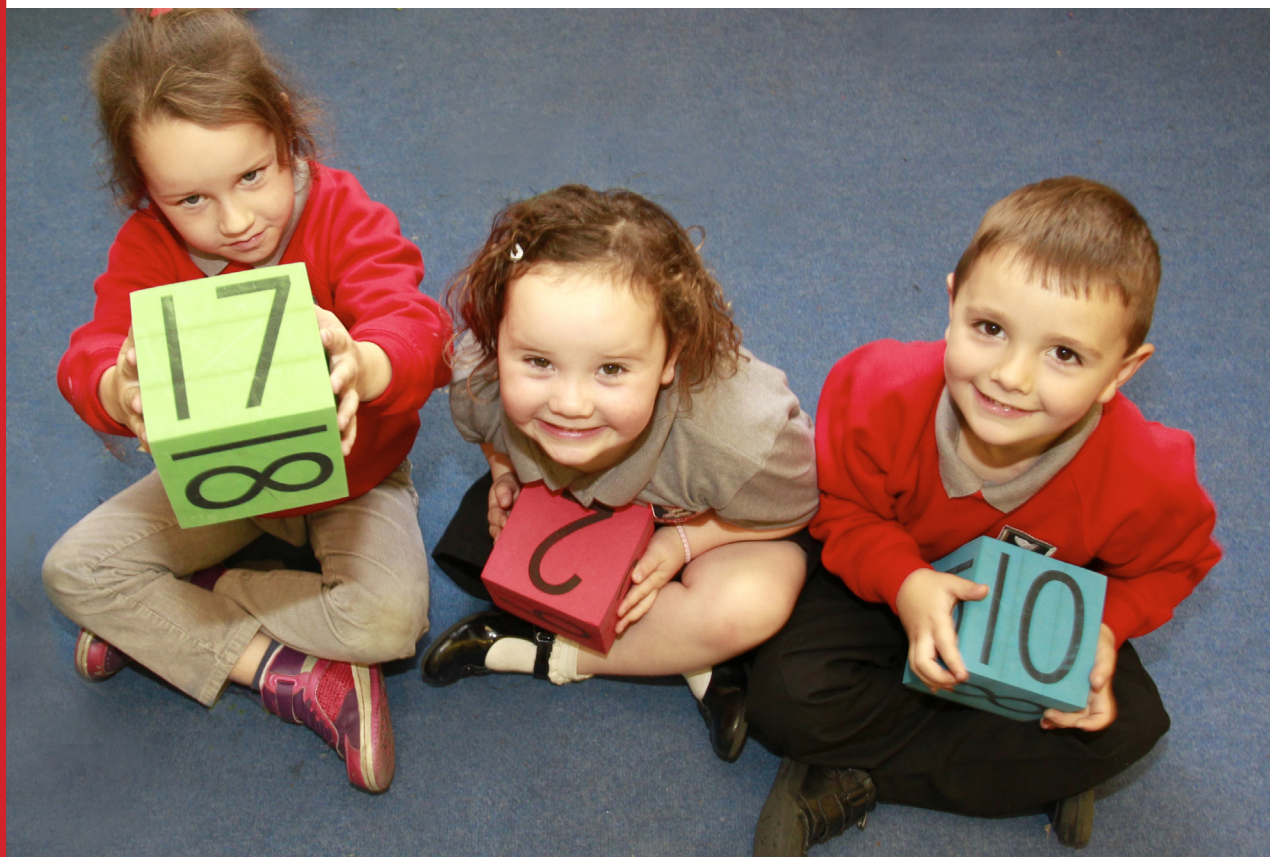
How about seeing the School at work and experiencing this successful School's special atmosphere?

Choosing a school for your child will be one of the important decisions you will make as a parent.

Thank you for considering Ysgol Henry Richard for your child. This is, hopefully, the beginning of a long partnership between the School and you as parents. Every child is an individual and our mission, as a School, is to provide the best possible educational foundation for our pupils.

Ysgol Henry Richard is a happy school, where everyone respects each other and where everyone's opinions are valued. These early years are crucial. We want our pupils to flourish academically by being inquisitive and independent learners.

At present, we are located over three comfortable campuses (primary campuses in Llanddewi Brefi and Tregaron and a secondary campus in Tregaron), and the next few years will be very exciting as the Secondary campus in Tregaron develops to become a 3-16 campus with excellent facilities.



The Foundation Phase: from 3 to 7

In the Foundation Phase your child will have the opportunity to learn about Personal and Social Wellbeing, Language Skills (Literacy and Communication), Mathematical Development, Knowledge and Understanding of the World, Creative Development and Cultural Diversity.

The Nursery/Reception class places an emphasis on learning through play and on our pupils' social skills. In the Reception Class your child will develop his / her literacy and numeracy skills. We will also provide opportunities for your child to be creative and learn about health and physical fitness.

Parents have a key role to play during this stage of a child's education. Your child's teacher will suggest ways that you can support the learning that takes place at school. This home-school partnership is crucial if your child is going to benefit fully from his / her education at Ysgol Henry Richard.



Key Stage 2: from 7 to 11

The school has a number of systems and strategies to support pupils who may need additional help from time to time and talented pupils who need to be stretched and challenged.

A Curriculum that is broad and challenging

In addition to the core subjects of Welsh, English, Mathematics and Science your child's curriculum will include a range of additional subjects and opportunities introduced by subject experts from the secondary campus, for example, Physical Education, Religious Education, Art, Music, Geography, Design and Technology, French, History and ICT. Our priority is to develop our pupils as independent learners, who take responsibility for their learning, with a particular emphasis on raising standards in literacy and numeracy across the curriculum. Our pupils can also take advantage of a range of lunchtime and after-school clubs.

The school will report on your child's progress regularly during the year (school reports and parents' evenings) and we support our pupils to realise their full potential.



One of our school's main objectives is, 'Every child counts'

The school will track your child's progress from the Nursery through to Year 11 and we will share this information with you as parents regularly. By doing this, we can ensure continuity in their education and progress in their attainment.

A range of skills are taught across the curriculum, which provide our pupils with the opportunity to problem-solve, to make decisions and to work with others effectively.

Our lessons will promote qualities such as curiosity, perseverance and the ability to set personal targets. This style of learning will place Ysgol Henry Richard pupils in a strong position to cope with the international PISA tests, which are being adopted by the Welsh Government and will prepare them for the next step of their educational careers.



Beyond the classroom

Your child's education will not be limited to the classroom. We take advantage of a range of opportunities, which provide our pupils with valuable learning experiences. In addition to the partnership between the three campuses, we work with a variety of organisations such as the Urdd, the Sports' Council, charitable organisations, agencies which promote science and technology and these partners all contribute to our pupils' extensive and enriching curriculum. The school has a strong tradition of competing on playing fields and on eisteddfod stages. The pupils are provided with ample opportunities to perform in front of audiences.

Pastoral Care at Ysgol Henry Richard

Ysgol Henry Richard is a happy school. The relationship between the staff and the pupils is one of mutual respect. The school community is inclusive and our aim is that every pupil's voice is heard. Pupils are encouraged to express opinions about their lessons. Every class has two representatives on the 3-16 School Council which meets regularly (once every half-term) to discuss a variety of issues which are relevant to our pupils' lives at school.

Your child's class teacher is the key contact person to discuss any issues relating to your child at school. You can also discuss any issues with our two Assistant Head-teachers (primary campuses) or with the Head.

The school has a robust anti-bullying policy and we are eager to tackle any issues of bullying promptly and effectively. Should anything worry your child, do get in touch immediately.

A Parent-Friendly School

Our parents are some of the most important resources the school has. The three campuses have active Parents and Teachers Associations who meet regularly and we also arrange open evenings and parents' evenings in order to share information about the curriculum and discuss your child's progress. All this information is available in the school's calendar.

We look forward to working with you!



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The Senior Sector Prospectus

Providing an education for your child

We want every child who comes to Ysgol Henry Richard to feel that this is their school and that every one of them has a unique role to play in the school's future.

Thank you for considering Ysgol Henry Richard for your child. Hopefully, this is the beginning of a long partnership between the school and yourselves.

Every child is an individual and our mission as a school is to provide the best possible educational foundation for each of our pupils. Our focus over the coming years will be to help our pupils realize their potential fully and to prepare them for the challenges of the future. Annually, we take great pride in the success of our students as they move on to study A Levels, secure places at colleges, embark on training courses or venture into the world of work following Year 11.

The next few years will fly by and we want your child to look back at his/her time at Ysgol Henry Richard with happiness and pride. We want every child who comes to Ysgol Henry Richard to feel that this is their school and that every one of them has a unique role to play in the school's future.

Our expectations for our pupils are high – in respect of their academic development, their emotional and social development and in terms of their future aspirations.



Teaching and Learning at Ysgol Henry Richard

One of Ysgol Henry Richard's strengths is the high standard of teaching across the curriculum. We think that education is more than simply learning facts slavishly and that our role is to provide a broad curriculum which inspires our pupils to enjoy their education and to think creatively and analytically.

We regularly ask our pupils for their opinions and for their feedback in respect of their lessons and our teachers consider this feedback as they plan their lessons. We carefully consider the needs of all our pupils, arranging bespoke support for some of our pupils and opportunities for our pupils with specific talents to extend their skills and talents.

This partnership between our pupils and their teachers is the basis of our success as a school.



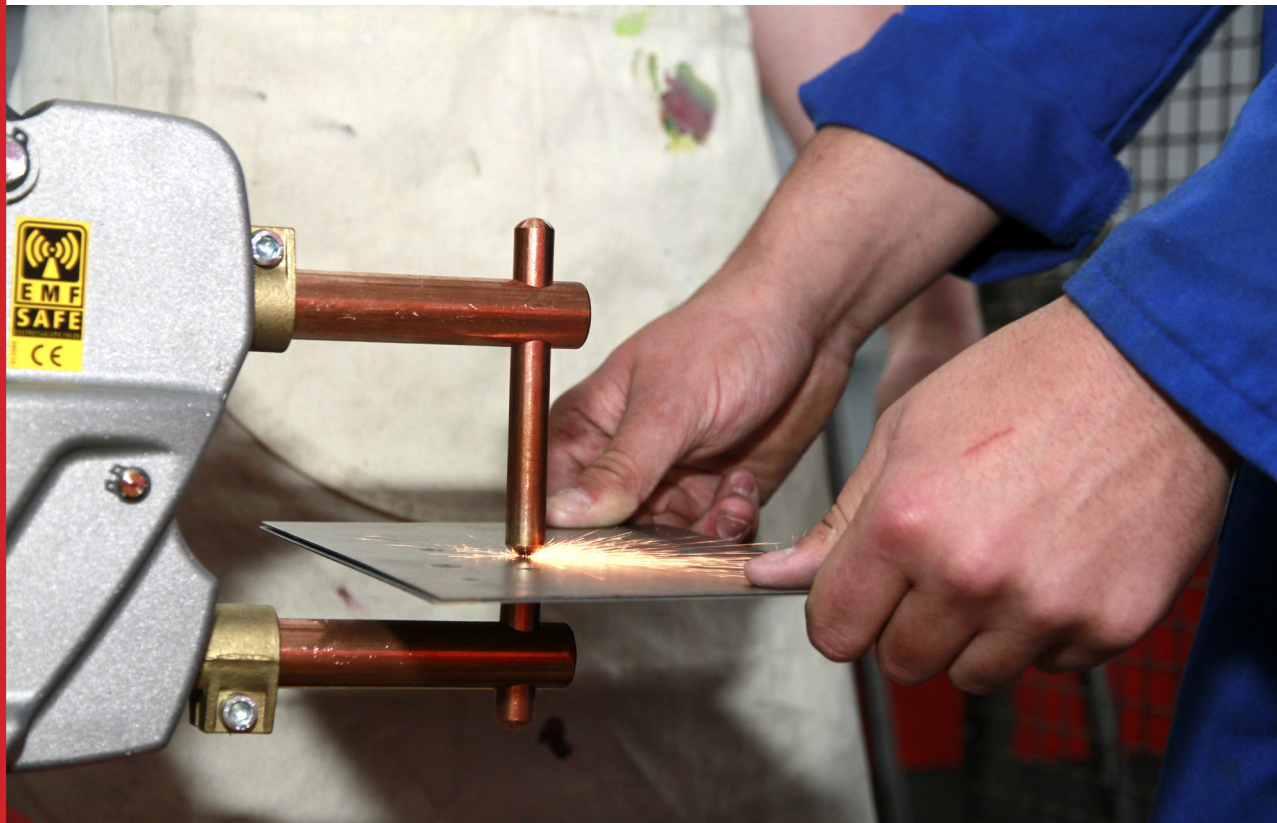
The curriculum is more than a collection of subjects. We strive to teach our pupils to learn effectively, to think analytically and to be independent learners.

A curriculum that is broad and challenging

In addition to studying a collection of different subjects, we want our pupils to be able to communicate effectively in more than one language. We want them to be numerate within a range of different situations and to solve problems logically. We want them to be able to work effectively and comfortably with their peers and to make decisions on the basis of a range of different data and information. These are the kind of skills they will need later on in higher education or in the world of work.

The standard achieved by our pupils is consistently good, comparing favourably with other good schools and with the results of Ceredigion and Wales. The results attained by a number of our departments are amongst the best in Wales and the wide choice of courses offered at the school means that every pupil can develop his/her interests and personal strengths from Year 7 through to Year 11.

We look forward to welcoming your child as a new member of the Ysgol Henry Richard family!



Education that goes beyond the classroom

This is one of the school's greatest strengths. Ysgol Henry Richard's pupils get a range of opportunities to develop their sporting skills, their creative talents, their entrepreneurial skills, their linguistic skills and their environmental and political interests.

As a pupil at Ysgol Henry Richard, your child will get a wide range of opportunities to develop his/her personal interests and to experience new things.

We are proud of our students' successes in the National Urdd Eisteddfodau. Our pupils have won prizes in a range of different Urdd competitions: musical competitions, reciting and public speaking competitions and art and design competitions. The Physical Education department encourages students to compete in tournaments arranged by the Urdd, county tournaments and games after school arranged by the county's schools. We celebrate our students' successes in all these fields.

Regular visits are arranged to theatres, art galleries and musical performances.

Pupils are also provided with ample opportunities to visit European countries and cities.



Pastoral Care at Ysgol Henry Richard

Ysgol Henry Richard is a happy school.

The relationship between our staff and the pupils is excellent and received praise during the last ESTYN inspection. The school community is inclusive and our aim is that the voice of every pupil is heard. Our pupils are encouraged regularly to offer their opinions on specific issues arising, whole school matters and the contents of their lessons. There are two class representatives on the 3-16 School Council which meets regularly (once every half-term) to discuss a variety of issues which are relevant to our pupils' lives at school.

From time to time pupils feel under pressure. This can happen when coursework or examination dates get nearer. There will be a number of staff who can provide support: the form tutor, the Heads of Key Stage 3/4, mentors, the School Counsellor and school nurse, in addition to the Hafan staff and the youth workers. The important thing is that they let us know!

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