

Governors' Report to Parents for the 2023/24 Academic Year

The Governing Body

Chair	Mr Huw Robertson – Correspondence through school office
Clerk	Mrs Adrienne Jones - Correspondence through school office

Parent Governors (Appointed by Parents)

	Term Expires
Mrs Amy Wedley	Resigned on 03/07/24
Mrs Sarah Roberts	03/02/25
Ms Rachel Mason	31/01/26
Mr Brendan Murray	02/11/25
Mrs Rhodd Arnold	28/03/27
Mrs Andrea Woods	18/01/28

Teacher Governors (Appointed by Teaching Staff)

Mr Sion Morris	07/07/26
Mr Geraint Phillips	07/07/26

Staff Governors (Appointed by Non-teaching Staff)

Miss Rhian Owen	17/05/26
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Local Authority Governors (Appointed by the Director of Education, Wrexham County Borough)

Council	Term Expires
Mrs Ceri Edwards	31/01/25
Mr Peter Jones	30/09/27
Dr Sara Wheeler	31/03/27
Carrie Harper	30/09/27
Mrs Mel Henry	30/09/27

Community Governors

(Appointed by the Governing Body)

Mr Huw Robertson	07/06/24
Mrs Kate Owen- Jones	29/06/26
Rev Trefor Jones-Morris	Resigned on 12/09/24
Mrs Sian Barnett	22/06/25
Mr Paul Jones	24/11/24

Associate Pupil Governor (Appointed by Sixth Form Students)

Ms Angharad Hughes	31/08/24
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Introduction by the Chair of Governors

It is a privilege and an honour to present this Annual Report to you once more. Enjoy the reading and browsing and take the opportunity to see what has happened at the school at an exciting and busy time in our history.

It should be noted that the past few years have been quite problematic, but we have overcome them, and are busy addressing strategic plans for further exciting developments.

Thank you to the pupils / students for their work and company and best wishes to those who leave us, I wish you every success on whichever path you follow. Thanks also to the parents and families for all the support, which is essential for the progress and success of all the children. Thank you to all the staff for their work and dedication, not only in their day-to-day role but for everything they do for the pupils, often going above and beyond expectations.

And finally, thank you to the governors for their work and contribution and for giving so much of their time and skills to support the work of the school.

We look forward to another successful year in our history.

Mr Huw Robertson

Governors

Meetings of the Full Board and subcommittees were held regularly during the year.

Mr Huw Robertson was appointed as Chairperson and Mr Trefor Jones-Morris was appointed as Vice Chair. The Governors operate through subcommittees that report back to the Full Board.

Subcommittee	Chair
Buildings and Safety	Mr Geraint Phillips
Standards and Assessment	Rev. Trefor Jones-Morris
Finance	Mr Peter Jones
Pupil Discipline	Nominated should committee meet
Staff Discipline	Nominated should committee meet
Staffing	Rev. Trefor Jones-Morris

Ysgol Morgan Llwyd has active and supportive governors and we thank them for their effective and efficient voluntary service again this year.

A number of policies were reviewed during the school year. Many are available on our school website [Ysgol Morgan Llwyd Policies](#) but if you wish to have an electronic or a paper copy, please feel free to email the school asking for one to be emailed or sent to you.

Financial Statement

The Finance Subcommittee meets monthly and closely monitors the school budget. See Appendix A(i).

We are keen to ensure that the school receives value for money, and we carefully review expenditure, to see if savings can be made without negatively impacting education delivery.

The subcommittee also reviews the quality of services from external providers and supports the school's management team and the full governing body in renewing agreements. Valuable advice is provided by Wrexham County Borough Council.

A challenging area is funding post-16 education where the processes are complex.

The amount in the school's private fund in March 2023 was £87,593. See appendix A (ii).

We continued our ongoing programme of school maintenance, which is monitored by the Buildings and Safety Subcommittee. A substantial amount has been invested in the Teaching and Learning Hub and the Pastoral Hub which has had a positive effect on the achievement and wellbeing of our pupils.

No payments are made to the governors related to their role as a member of the Governing Body.

Staff and Pupil Numbers

School Numbers:	September 2022		September 2023
Full Time Teachers	49	Pupils	897
Part Time Teachers	11	Pupil - Teacher Ratio	1:14
Teachers – Full Time Equivalent	55.7		

The demand for education through the medium of Welsh is on the rise in the Wrexham area. As a result, our numbers continue to grow.

	2021 - 22	2022 - 23	2023 - 24
Whole School Attendance	89.7%	90.7%	90.8%

Ysgol Morgan Llwyd is proud of its attendance percentage and grateful to our parents for the close working partnership ensuring that our pupils attend school regularly. 6.86% of absences during the academic year (morning and afternoon) were authorised whilst 2.29% were unauthorised. The attendance figures for Wales



show that attendance levels at schools is still recovering following on from the Covid outbreak; Ysgol Morgan Llwyd has been working hard to increase and maintain attendance over the past few years and this is thanks to the work of the pastoral team. The school's attendance target for 2023-2024 is 95%.

Many parents still choose or have to take their children on term time holidays, which exacerbates the consequences of absenteeism.

External Examination Results 2024

Congratulations to the school on the success of its pupils in the external examinations: A Levels, the Welsh Baccalaureate and GCSEs - see further details in Appendix B.

School Language Category

The school is a Welsh-medium Secondary School, according to Welsh Government language categories.

All subjects except English are taught through the medium of Welsh to all pupils.

Welsh is the day-to-day language of the school. Welsh is the language used to communicate with pupils and in school administration. The school communicates with the parents in either language, depending on the language of the home.

All pupils are assessed in all subjects except English through the medium of Welsh.

Progress on the School Development Plan

The school annually produces a Development Plan which focuses on acting against priorities. A copy of the priorities is available on our website; if you wish to view a full copy of the School Development Plan, please contact the office. The priorities for the year were:

Priority 1 – Curriculum – Continue to develop students’ skills across all areas of learning and experience

Priority 2 – Wellbeing – Ensure that the school provides the highest level of pastoral care at all levels. *

Priority 3 – Teaching and Learning - Ensure our ALN information is up to date and is displayed and shared effectively with staff so it can be provided effectively in accordance with the requirements of the ALN Code (2021).

Priority 4 – Leadership - Continue to develop the leadership of the SLT and Middle Leaders.

The school’s priorities for 2024 – 2025 will be based on:

- Teaching and Learning – Continue to develop students’ skills
- Wellbeing, care, support and guidance – Ensure that the best support is in place for those who face barriers in their learning
- Leadership and Improvement – Plan for the new GCSE courses *
- Leadership and Improvement - Innovate in our Professional Development provision
- Improve the quality of school reports.

The Curriculum

The school’s curriculum includes activities and experiences both inside and outside the classroom. We have reached a very exciting period as we prepare to implement the Curriculum for Wales, a curriculum that will strive to ensure that our pupils leave school as ‘ambitious, capable learners’, ‘enterprising, creative contributors’, ‘ethical, informed citizens’ and ‘healthy, confident individuals’.



Ym mhob llafur y mae elw

As a step towards the new Curriculum for Wales and to aid the transition from primary to secondary education, in September 2021, we introduced six exciting new projects for our year 7 learners. Each project leans towards the six new Areas of Learning and the main purpose is to develop key skills, from literacy to independent learning; numeracy to problem solving. In September 2022, similar projects were introduced into the year 8 timetable, and they have now been introduced into the year 9 timetable. More information regarding these projects can be found on our website <https://www.ysgolmorganllwyd.cymru/en/>

As our pupils move up the school, they have the chance to specialise in areas of their choice whilst also continuing to develop basic skills through the medium of core subjects and the Welsh Baccaulaureate. We offer a generous array of GCSE options that suit the needs, ability and interests of our pupils.

The sixth form curriculum focuses on academic, traditional subjects, and gives students the opportunity to specialise further in subjects of their choice. We hope to expand our sixth form curriculum even further in the near future through collaborating with other schools.

More Able

Every effort will be made to extend our options for the most able children through the curriculum enrichment programme, special projects, and additional courses at GCSE, AS Level and A Level. Extra-curricular activities such as competing in the Urdd Eisteddfod etc also offer important opportunities. The school also works closely with the alternative provision of Seren and Seren Fach.

Additional Learning Needs

There were 15 pupils on the Additional Learning Needs register during the 2023-2024 academic year. The school is continuing to respond to the changes as a result of the ALN Code.

Physical Education Department (2023/24 Academic Year)

The school's PE department had a successful year again with a vast number of pupils taking part in extra-curricular activities during and after the school day. Below is a list of the highlights:

Cross country

Congratulations to the pupils who took part in the Wrexham Schools Cross Country competition. The school once again enjoyed great success.

Under 12 team

Boys – 4th, Girls – 3rd

Under 14 team

Boys – 1st, Girls – 4th

Under 16 team

Boys – 3rd, Girls – 2nd

Individuals chosen to represent the County in January:

Ellie Roscoe (7th), Harry Ward (6th), Lili Taylor (4th), Freya Howell (8th), Efan Weeks (2nd), Ioan Morris (3rd), Lexi Williams-Davies (5th), Lili Andrews (7th), Bes Williams (8th), Owain Wynne (9th).

Netball

The school has played friendly matches against Wrexham and Flintshire Secondary Schools.

- Year 7 Netball Team - 1st in the County Tournament.
- Year 8 Netball Team – 2nd in the County Tournament.
- Year 9 Netball Team – 2nd in the County Tournament.
- Year 10 Netball Team – 2nd in the County Tournament.
- Ann Smart Tournament Result - Years 10/11 - 2nd.

Football

Welsh Cup

- Our years 7/8 girls lost to Argoed High School in the second round of the Welsh Schools Cup.
- Years 9/10 girls lost to Elfed High School in the first round of the Welsh Schools Cup.
- Year 7 boys lost to Hawarden School in the first round of the Welsh Schools Cup.



Ym mhob llafur y mae elw

- Year 8 boys lost to Rhosnesni in the fourth round of the Welsh Schools Cup.
- Year 9 boys lost to Elfed High School in the second round of the Welsh Schools Cup.
- Year 10 boys lost to Glan Clwyd in the first round of the Welsh Schools Cup.
- The under 18's boys football team lost to Glan Clwyd in the first round of the Welsh Schools Cup.

Wrexham County Tournament

- Year 7 boys – 5th.
- Year 8 boys – 1st.

Rugby

- It was a successful year for the school's rugby teams, with years 7/8 and 9/10 playing at the North Wales Bowl final at Eirias.
- Winners of the North East Wales Cup for Years 7/8 against Ysgol Dinas Brân.
- Winners of the North East Wales Cup for Years 9/10 - Newtown did not turn up to the match.
- Years 7/8 North Wales Rugby Bowl winners against Ysgol Bodedern.
- Years 9/10 lost in the North Wales Rugby Bowl final against Creuddyn.
- Years 9/10 lost in the second round of the Welsh Cup against Caereinion.

Athletics

Wrexham Schools Under 13/15 Competition:

- Under 13 girls – 3rd
- Under 15 girls – 3rd
- Under 13 boys – 1st (Victor Ludorum - Max Jones)
- Under 15 boys – 5th

Wrexham Schools Competition for Years 7 and 8:

- Year 7 girls – 4th
- Year 8 girls – 3rd
- Year 7 boys – 1st (Victor Ludorum – Tomasi Fidow)
- Year 8 boys – 1st

Welsh Schools Athletics NASUWT Bowl and Cup Competition Final

- Years 7/8 boys – 6th (Bowl)

Rounders

Years 7/8/10 girls competed at the Wrexham County Tournament.

Cricket

Pupils won against Ysgol Darland in a friendly indoor game.

Individuals (North East Wales and beyond)

- Lexi Williams-Davies, Jasmine Williams, Ruby Reynolds, Annes Jones, Megan Roberts, Glesni Jones, Erin Reynolds – North East Wales Netball Team.
- Keira Edwards – Wales Under 19 Netball Team.
- Charlotte Salisbury Williams – Wales Women's Under 17 Football Team.
- Dafi Pemberton – Everton Football Club, Wales Under 15 Football Team.
- Ralf Roberts – Under 16 Wales Rugby League Team.
- Theo-Riley Spray – Welsh Schools Football Team.
- Gwen Nefydd Roberts – North Wales Cricket Team.

Physical Education Department Club Timetable

	Lunchtime	After School
Monday	3G Pitch –Boys Football - Years 9/10 Sports Hall – Netball - Year 7	
Tuesday	3G Pitch – Girls Football - Years 7/8 Sports Hall – Netball – Years 10/11	
Wednesday	3G Pitch – Boys Rugby – Years 7-10 Sports Hall – Netball – Years 8/9	
Thursday	3G Pitch – Boys Football - Years 7/8 Gymnasium – Girls Rugby – Years 7/8	

Friday	Sports Hall – Basketball – Years 7-10
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Links to the Local Community

For years, the school has established strong links with the local industry, trade and employers. We also benefit from input from representatives of these businesses into the pupils' curricular and pastoral experiences, including mock interviews for older students. If you would like to help us develop these connections further, please contact us. The school has extremely good links with the world of industry in North East Wales and we draw on the links to provide the students with valuable experiences of industry and business. Visits to industries and business centres are arranged for local companies.

The Welsh Baccalaureate gives students a great opportunity to collaborate with the local community and for the community to appreciate the contribution of our students. Many have the opportunity to take part in voluntary work within our communities.

Police Liaison Officer PC Mark Jones visited the school regularly to hold various sessions during PSE periods.

Various events taking place at the school are reported on the school's Twitter @YsgMorganLlwyd, Facebook (ymll_wreccsam) and Instagram (ymll_wreccsam) accounts.

The school contributes generously towards local good causes on an annual basis.

We regularly send information to each household through SchoolComms. Parents have received information on their child's performance and progress as well as reports through Go4Schools.

The wealth of extra-curricular experiences at Ysgol Morgan Llwyd continues, and we thank the pupils who take advantage of the provision as well as the voluntary time of staff and parents who are so supportive.

Residential courses, and trips to countries such as France were organised. There will also be trips to Iceland and America this year as well as a number of other visits in this country and abroad – experiences that enrich pupils' skills and academic curriculum.

School Prospectus

A review of the prospectus is underway once again as we update the prospectus annually. A copy is available on our website [Ysgol Morgan Llwyd Prospectus](#)

Holiday Dates and Terms 2024-25

Autumn Term 2024

Monday, 2 September – Friday, 15 October
Monday, 4 November - Friday, 20 December

Spring Term 2025

Monday, 6 January – Friday, 21 February
Monday, 3 March - Friday, 11 April

Summer Term 2025

Monday, 28 April - Friday, 23 May
Monday, 2 June - Monday, 21 July

Training Days

Monday, 2 September
Tuesday, 3 September
Friday, 25 October
Monday, 6 January
Friday, 14 March
Monday, 21 July

YSGOL MORGAN LLWYD

CRYNODEB O DDATGANIAD GWARIANT ARIANNOL 2023/2024

Blwyddyn Ariannol 1af Ebrill 2023 - 31ain Mawrth 2024

PENNAWD Y GYLLIDEB	GWARIANT/ (INCWM) GWIRIONEDDOL	GWARIANT/ (INCWM) CYLLIDEB ARFAETHEDIG	BALANS
STAFFIO	4,747,631	4,820,619	72,988
SAFLE	503,125	473,508	-29,617
TRAFNIDIAETH	6,585	4,300	-2,285
CYFLENWADAU A GWASANAETHAU	325,053	490,575	165,522
GWASANAETHAU CEFNOGI ADDYSG	393,852	240,196	-153,656
ARIAN WRTH GEFN	15,306	403,980	388,674
CYLLIDO CYFALAF	1,778	0	-1,778
CYFANSWM GWARIANT	5,993,329 0	6,433,178	439,849
INCWM ARALL	-595,811	-436,941	158,870
BALANS AGORIADOL (1af Ebrill 2023)	-784,598	-784,598	0
CYFANSWM GWARIANT NET	4,612,920	5,211,639	598,719

Appendix A(i)

Appendix A(ii)

Ysgol Morgan LLWYD
Crynodeb o drafodion cronfa brefat yr Ysgol 31 Mawrth 2023
Summary of School Fund Transactions for 31st March 2023

Form D

	£		£
Mewn Llaw ar ddechrau'r flwyddyn/ Balances b/f (31/03/2022)	87209.86	Taliadau/Payments	8,126.47
Incwm heb ei gyflwyno/Unpresented income 2023	173.42	Comisiwn/Commission	285.12
Gwiriadau Heb eu Cyflwyno ar 31/03/2023/Unpresented expenditure as at 31/03/2023	200.00	Bancio ar-lein/Online banking	168,229.74
		Credyd uniongyrchol/Direct Credit	1,661.80
Cyfanswm y Balans Agoriadol/Total Opening Balance	87,583.28	Cyfanswm y Taliadau/Total Payments	178,303.13
Derbyniadau/Income		Balansau a ddygwyd ymlaen/Balances b/f (31/3/2023)	82377.93
Incwm Cronfa Ysgol/School Fund Income	164,772.32	Incwm heb ei gyflwyno/Unpresented income 2023	173.42
Bancio busnes/Business Banking	7,596.92	Gwiriwch na wariwyd gwarant/Cheque expenditure not banked	200.00
Arall/Other	1,101.96		
Cyfanswm/Total	173,471.20	Cyfanswm/Total	82,751.35
Mewn Llaw ar ddiwedd y Flwyddyn/Closing Account Balance	261,054.48	Mewn Llaw ar ddiwedd y Flwyddyn/Closing Account Balance	261,054.48

Rwyf wedi archwilio'r Cyfrifon uchod ar gyfer 2022/23 ynghyd â'r holl ddogfennau ategol perthnasol ac wedi cael yr holl wybodaeth angenrheidiol ac esboniadau perthynol iddynt.
I have examined the Accounts above for 2022/23 together with all relevant supporting documents and have obtained all the necessary information and explanations relating to them.

Rwy'n tystio bod Cyfrifon 2022/23 wedi'u hanodi uchod, yn cyflwyno darlun cywir o'r gweithgareddau a'r trafodion a wnaed ar ran o'r Cyfrifon uchod.
I certify that the 2022/23 Accounts annotated above, present an accurate picture of the activities and transactions undertaken on behalf of the above Accounts.

Archwilydd:/Auditor:

Deborah Foulkes Chartered Internal Auditor
18 The Hawthorns, Acton, Wrexham, LL127BB

D Jones

Date:

16/08/2

Cadeirydd y Llywodraethwyr/Chair of the Governors:

11/9

Date:

21/08/2

Pennaeth/ Headteacher:

Critchard

Date:

06/09/2

External Exam Results Summary – Summer 2024

Sixth Form – A Levels

Grade	Total (96)	Percentage
A*/A	16	16.7%
A*-B	30	31.3%
A*-C	57	59.4%
A*-D	80	83.3%
A*-E	91	94.8%

Key Stage 4 - GCSEs

Pupils achieving the Level 2 Threshold Including Language and Mathematics	56.3%
Pupils achieving the Level 2 Threshold	66.2%
Pupils achieving the Level 1 Threshold	97.9%
Capped 9 Score	354.2

Key Stage 3

Core Subject Indicator	86.2%
Welsh	90.1%
English	95.4%
Mathematics	86.8%
Science	98%