



## **Governors' Report to Parents**

**ACADEMIC REPORT (full)  
2019 – 20**

**LLANWERN HIGH SCHOOL  
GOVERNORS' ANNUAL REPORT 2019 - 20**

**LIST OF GOVERNORS**

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**Community Governors**

Louanne Williams  
Angela Turner  
Lisa Bowden  
Helen Truman

**Term ends**

18.11.22  
23.01.23  
05.11.21  
12.03.23

**LA Appointed Governors**

Cllr Ray Truman  
Cllr John Guy  
Cllr Debbie Harvey  
Cllr Mark Spencer  
Katy Rees

**Term ends**

31.08.24  
31.08.24  
24.07.21  
08.10.22  
25.07.22

**Additional LA Appointees**

Shereen Williams  
Paul Baxter

23.10.21  
09.12.22

**Parent Governors**

Tim Hopkins  
Alison Morrissey  
Mandy Carpenter  
Myk Thomas  
Shakeel Aziz  
Emma Stowell-Corton

**Term ends**

22.02.21  
03.12.21  
05.12.22  
05.12.22  
05.12.22  
04.02.24

**Staff/Teacher Representatives**

Menna Williams (teacher)  
Natalie Brassington  
Gemma Mulcahy

**Term ends**

31.08.21  
31.08.21  
09.12.23

**All Governors serve for a period of 4 years.**

No Ex-officio governors.

Dear Parents/Guardians

I write to you all with an update on how the 2019-20 school year has gone for Llanwern High School. It certainly has been a year that none of us expected or will forget. The school year started incredibly well with us being moved out of the Estyn statutory category and progressing from a red to an amber school in the National Categorisation System. This was a fantastic achievement and one that we are incredibly pleased about.

As we approached February the Covid-19 virus started widely spreading across the nation and school life started becoming challenging. Following guidance from the local authority and Welsh Government the school kept running through the most difficult circumstances. By March sadly Covid-19 struck and all schools in Wales were closed until the end of June.

When faced with the closure in March Llanwern High instantly rose to the challenge and moved quickly to a digital learning environment. Increased safeguarding checks for the most vulnerable learners also took place during this period.

As chair of governors, I would personally like to thank the staff from the senior teams right through to the cleaning staff for the way they have handled this ever changing situation, it really has not been easy. Most of all I want to thank yourselves, our parents and guardians for the way you have supported the changes we had to make. My deepest gratitude has to go to our pupils. All our pupils from year 7 through to year 13 have taken on the challenges in such a positive way they really are a credit to our school. As Governing Body, we are extremely proud of the way they have not only taken on board the new digital learning teaching method but have also taken on board the difficulties that have arisen with Covid-19 and adapted really well. We are so very proud of them all.

Yours faithfully

*Cllr Deb Harvey*

Chair of Governors  
Llanwern High

### **Election of Parent Governors**

When a vacancy arises on the Governing Body for a parent representative, the local authority will inform all parents of the vacancy and will make the necessary arrangements for the consequent election. Every parent of a registered pupil at the school will be entitled to stand as a candidate and to vote at the election, and will be given the opportunity to do so. Each parent will be provided with a letter via pupil post, which will indicate eligibility to stand, nominate and vote in elections and which will include a nomination form which provides for a proposed nomination, seconded, acceptance of nomination and any personal statement the nominee wishes to offer, to be returned to the school concerned by a set date. Elections will be by secret ballot.

Election of parent governors took place in the Spring term and Ms Corton was elected..

### **Governing Body Annual Parents' Meeting**

There were no parent meetings held by the governing body during the course of this year. Should any parents wish to request such a meeting please contact Mrs R Dobson at the school where further information will be provided.

### **Parental Petition Meeting**

No meetings were held under Section 94 of the Schools Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013.

### **Pupils**

The Governors are pleased to note the continued successes that our pupils achieve in all aspects of school life and this augurs well for their future. They are on the whole enthusiastic, pleasant in demeanour and anxious to benefit from the many opportunities that are on offer in the school.

There are 903 pupils on roll at present (July 2020). The school numbers per year group are as follows: -

|              |            |
|--------------|------------|
| YEAR 7       | 171        |
| YEAR 8       | 166        |
| YEAR 9       | 146        |
| YEAR 10      | 144        |
| YEAR 11      | 153        |
| YEAR 12      | 83         |
| YEAR 13      | 40         |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>903</b> |

### **Pupil Attendance 2019-20**

*As of the 1<sup>st</sup> March 2020*

|                      |       |
|----------------------|-------|
| Attendance           | 90.7% |
| Authorised Absence   | 5.5%  |
| Unauthorised Absence | 3.8%  |

### **Pupil Records**

Pupil reports are kept electronically on our SIMS system and all pupils have a personal record folder which is available for inspection as required.

The main language of the school is English.

## **Academic Organisation and Curriculum**

### **Curriculum Plan 2019-20**

Key Stage 3 – Years 7, 8 and 9

Key Stage 4 – Years 10 and 11

Key Stage 5 – Years 12 and 13

### **Key Stage 3**

All students follow the national curriculum as set out below.

#### **Year 7**

|             |   |
|-------------|---|
| English     | 7-8 lessons per cycle depending on band |
| Mathematics | 7-9 lessons per cycle depending on band |
| Science     | 7-8 lessons per cycle depending on band |
| French      | 3 lessons per cycle                     |
| Welsh       | 3 lessons per cycle                     |
| Art         | 2 lessons per cycle                     |
| P.E.        | 3 lessons per cycle                     |
| Technology  | 2 lessons per cycle                     |
| Drama       | 2 lessons per cycle                     |
| Geography   | 2 lessons per cycle                     |
| History     | 2 lessons per cycle                     |
| Music       | 2 lessons per cycle                     |
| I.T         | 2-3 lessons depending on band           |
| R.S.        | 2 lessons per cycle                     |
| S.E         | 1 lesson per cycle                      |

#### **Year 8**

|             |   |
|-------------|---|
| English     | 7-9 lessons per cycle depending on band |
| Mathematics | 7-9 lessons per cycle depending on band |
| Science     | 7-9 lessons per cycle depending on band |
| French      | 3 lessons per cycle                     |
| Welsh       | 3 lessons per cycle                     |
| Art         | 2 lessons per cycle                     |
| I.T.        | 2-3 lessons per cycle depending on band |
| P.E.        | 3 lessons per cycle                     |
| Technology  | 2 lessons per cycle                     |
| Drama       | 2 lessons per cycle                     |
| Geography   | 2 lessons per cycle                     |
| History     | 2 lessons per cycle                     |
| Music       | 2 lessons per cycle                     |
| R.S.        | 2 lessons per cycle                     |
| SE          | 2 lessons per cycle                     |

## Year 9

|                    |                     |
|--------------------|---------------------|
| English            | 7 lessons per cycle |
| Mathematics        | 7 lessons per cycle |
| Science            | 7 lessons per cycle |
| French             | 3 lessons per cycle |
| Welsh              | 3 lessons per cycle |
| Art                | 2 lessons per cycle |
| I.T.               | 3 lessons per cycle |
| P.E.               | 3 lessons per cycle |
| Technology         | 2 lessons per cycle |
| Drama              | 2 lessons per cycle |
| Geography          | 2 lessons per cycle |
| History            | 2 lessons per cycle |
| Music              | 2 lessons per cycle |
| R.S.               | 2 lessons per cycle |
| S.E                | 1 lesson per cycle  |
| Welsh Bacalaureate | 2 lessons per cycle |

## Key Stage 4

### Year 10

Students follow a programme of compulsory core of English, maths and science together with 3 optional subjects selected from the option block column shown below as well as the Welsh bacalaureate qualification. National curriculum compulsory study of social education, games, religious studies and Welsh completes the Key Stage 4 student curriculum as shown.

### Year 10 Curriculum Statement 2019-20

CORE plus one subject from each option block

|                    |                     |
|--------------------|---------------------|
| English            | 8 lessons per cycle |
| Mathematics        | 8 lessons per cycle |
| Science            | 9 lessons per cycle |
| Welsh              | 4 lessons per cycle |
| Religious Studies  | 2 lessons per cycle |
| Games              | 2 lessons per cycle |
| Welsh Bacalaureate | 2 lesson per cycle  |

**Year 10 September 2019**

|                         | <b>Option Block</b>   |
|-------------------------|---|
| Pathway A (5 per cycle) | Geography, music, French, art, childcare & finance  |
| Pathway B (5 per cycle) | History, sport, construction, drama, I.T, food and nutrition, Princes Trust                               |
| Pathway C (5 per cycle) | Engineering, Jamie Oliver (food), triple science, media, practical skills, business studies & photography |

**Year 11 Curriculum Statement 2019-20**

CORE plus one subject from each option block

|                   |                     |
|-------------------|---------------------|
| English           | 8 lessons per cycle |
| Mathematics       | 8 lessons per cycle |
| Science           | 9 lessons per cycle |
| Welsh             | 3 lessons per cycle |
| Religious Studies | 2 lessons per cycle |
| Games             | 2 lessons per cycle |
| Welsh Bac         | 3 lessons per cycle |

**Year 11 September 2019**

|                         | <b>Option Block</b>   |
|-------------------------|---|
| Pathway A (5 per cycle) | Geography, drama, food, design technology, French, business studies, finance      |
| Pathway B (5 per cycle) | History, art, childcare & sport   |
| Pathway C (5 per cycle) | Music, media, photography, IT, construction, Jamie Oliver (food), & Princes Trust |

**Key Stage 5**

At Key Stage 5 Sixth Form students are part of the Newport East Post 16 Partnership working in collaboration with our preferred partner Caerleon High School. Students are able to choose from the extensive range of L3 subjects offered across the collaboration.

**Pupils' Destinations 2019-20**

Information regarding pupil destination to follow shortly.



## **School Term Dates**

2019-20

| <b>Term</b> | <b>Start</b>              | <b>Half Term Starts</b>   | <b>Half Term Ends</b>     | <b>Term Ends</b>          |
|-------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Autumn      | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept 2019 | 28 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2019 | 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov 2019  | 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2019 |
| Spring      | 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2020  | 17 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2020 | 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb 2020 | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Apr 2020  |
| Summer      | 20 <sup>th</sup> Apr 2020 | 25 <sup>th</sup> May 2020 | 29 <sup>th</sup> May 2020 | 20 <sup>th</sup> Jul 2020 |

2020-2021

| <b>Term</b> | <b>Start</b>              | <b>Half Term Starts</b>   | <b>Half Term Ends</b>     | <b>Term Ends</b>           |
|-------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| Autumn      | 1 <sup>st</sup> Sept 2020 | 26 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2020 | 30 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2020 | 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2020  |
| Spring      | 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2021  | 15 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2021 | 19 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2021 | 26 <sup>th</sup> Mar 2021  |
| Summer      | 12 <sup>th</sup> Apr 2021 | 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2021 | 4 <sup>th</sup> June 2021 | 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2021 |

All schools in Wales closed on the 20th March 2020 due to Covid-19.

## **School Build**

Our building and state-of-the-art facilities continue to allow students to learn in a modern environment. The school has cashless catering facilities on the ground floor and in the sixth form common room and unisex wash facilities and toilets on all levels (including disabled facilities). Cleaners are based in the school and facilities are cleaned at regular intervals during the school day.

## **Sporting Programme**

During 2019-20 the school was recognised as the Education and Training Partner to Newport County Football Club.

The school currently has a football academy. The school continues to increase its sporting provisions and after school netball, dance and gymnastic groups are also proving to be a big success and are increasing girls' participation in sport.

## **Religious Worship**

Assemblies are held regularly. They are non-denominational and reflect the broadly Christian ethos of the school. The emphasis is on the development of moral and spiritual values. It is not the intention to create belief but rather to foster a sense of awe and respect. Parents have the right to withdraw their child, but this option is rarely exercised.

### **Religious Studies**

The school is not affiliated to any particular religion or religious denomination. All pupils throughout the school receive lessons in Religious Studies in accordance with the 1989 Education Act. The various courses offered are the result of careful consideration. They are structured, informative and seek to develop knowledge, understanding and a confident, critical response on the part of the pupils. There is an emphasis on world faiths and belief responses in Key Stage 3, giving way to a broader, moral approach in KS4. It is seldom that children are withdrawn from lessons by parental request, although that right exists. In addition, religious studies is offered as an examination subject at GCSE and 'A' level.

### **Sex Education**

The school's sex education policy provides an understanding that positive, caring situations are essential for the development of a good self-image and that individuals are in charge of, and responsible for, their own bodies. It encourages the acquisition of skills and attitudes which allows pupils to manage their relationships in a responsible and healthy manner.

As well as facilitating communication about sexuality, sex education raises awareness of self and sensitivity to others and develops respect for self and others. It equips pupils to take responsibility for their behaviour in personal relationships, make informed choices in that area and stresses the development of loving relationships within the context of a stable family life.

Sex education is delivered as part of the Personal Social and Health Education (PSE) programme. A range of teaching materials are used over the five year course from literature and video material to trained expert outside speakers, whose contributions are consistent with statutory requirements.

Parents have the right to withdraw a pupil, wholly or partly from receiving sex education at the school, except when such education is part of the national curriculum. Any parent who wishes to exercise this right should inform the Headteacher at the school. If parents have concerns about specific aspects of sex education or need further information before making a decision about withdrawal from lessons, they should discuss their concerns with Mrs A Davies, Deputy Headteacher.

### **Welsh**

Welsh is taught as a second language to every student in years 7-11 meeting our statutory requirements. Teachers use basic Welsh across the school to address and praise pupils. The school promotes a 'phrase of the week' and encourages all staff to use this as frequently as they can.

### **Healthy Eating**

The school is part of the Welsh Network of Healthy School Schemes, this is a national network of local healthy schools which supports the promotion of good health. The scheme is a Welsh Government programme managed by Public Health Wales.

Catering facilities at Llanwern are outsourced to Chartwells, the standards of nutrients available in the school's weekly lunch menu and the standards of the food meets all healthy eating requirements.

Several water fountains are available across the school for pupils to use throughout the day.

### **Disabled Pupils**

The new school meets the needs of all pupils.

### **Additional Educational Needs**

The school has an Additional Education Needs Policy, which encompasses the framework of identification, assessment and provision for pupils with additional educational needs. The school has adopted the Code of Practice as advised by Newport City Council Education Authority. Miss L Pearse is the school's Additional Educational Needs Co-ordinator (AENCO).

### **Work Related Education (WRE)**

Career advice is provided by the local careers service and a programme of visiting speakers. Within the WRE guidance programme all pupils are taught to examine their strengths and weaknesses, their likes and dislikes, their subject choices and their attainment and achievement. Their examination of self encourages them to develop and build upon an on-going school action plan that aims to prepare them for future career choice as well as for lifetime learning.

All year 11 pupils are interviewed by careers officers from the local careers service who together with head of year and the SLT member in charge of careers education and guidance, advises them on the job market, on training and on further education.

Sixth formers receive specific advice from the teacher in charge of sixth form. Sixth former are encouraged to take part in university open days as well as higher education seminars.

### **Community & Police Links**

The school boasts incredible state-of-the-art facilities which include sports hall, dance studio, jampod room and 3G pitch which provides amazing opportunities for people in the community. During the start of 2019-20 the school facilities were used by Newport County Football, Newport Aces basketball, Basketball Wales and Atlanta Netball Clubs as well as local football clubs including Cromwell junior and adult's teams and Jubilee Park FC. Smaller clubs such as the Rock Choir, dance, netball, fitness and gymnastic clubs also used our facilities in the evenings and on weekends. The school runs many community events. This year we held our annual carol concert in December which was very well attended. Sadly, due to Covid-19 we were unable to run our summer music.

One of the core principles of the school is that it is intended to be at the heart of the community. The school provides not only pupils, but parents, community groups and sporting organisations with fantastic learning, sporting and life enhancing experiences.

We have a school liaison police officer, who delivers part of our PSE programme and we also work with the local PCSO's to establish even closer links between the school and the community.

### **School Prospectus**

There has been no changes to the school prospectus.

### **Complaints Procedure Regarding Curriculum Matters**

The Governing Body has decided to adopt the complaints procedure outlined by the Director of Education relating to curriculum matters. A copy is available at the school or on the school website [www.llanwernhighschool.co.uk](http://www.llanwernhighschool.co.uk)

## Finance

Our financial statement for the year ended March 2020 is overleaf, showing how our school budget was used.

| <b>Llanwern High</b>                                       |                                      |                |
|--|--------------------------------------|----------------|
| <b>Financial Statement for Year Ending 31st March 2020</b> |                                      |                |
| <b>2018/19</b>   |                                      | <b>2019/20</b> |
| <b>Outturn</b>   |                                      | <b>Outturn</b> |
| <b>£</b>   | <b>Employees</b>                     | <b>£</b>       |
| 3,040,476  | Teachers                             | 3,215,891      |
| 775,230  | Support Staff                        | 839,306        |
| 0  | Caretakers                           | 19,885         |
| 15,775   | Midday Supervisors                   | 21,318         |
| 94,182   | Cleaners                             | 90,843         |
| <b>Other Employee Costs</b>                                |                                      |                |
| 38,686   | Supply Insurance Premium             | 38,861         |
| 149,369  | Agency Staff                         | 121,663        |
| 12,905   | Lunch Time Meal Entitlement          | 12,301         |
| 0  | Foreign Language Assistants          | 0              |
| 12,536   | Exam Invigilators                    | 11,235         |
| 5,150  | Advertising                          | 0              |
| 1,750  | Interview Expenses                   | 1,750          |
| 468  | Misc Employee Costs                  | 390            |
| <b>Energy</b>  |                                      |                |
| 13,619   | Gas                                  | 15,752         |
| 79,253   | Electricity                          | 89,068         |
| 0  | Oil                                  | 0              |
| <b>229,191</b>   | <b>Capitation and ICT</b>            | <b>177,412</b> |
| <b>132,504</b>   | <b>SCC, EIG and PDG Expenditure</b>  | <b>141,844</b> |
| <b>Premises Related</b>                                    |                                      |                |
| 2,180  | Hire of Facilities                   | 0              |
| 222,305  | Rates                                | 227,495        |
| 74,738   | Building Maintenance and Alarm Lines | 69,071         |
| 42,718   | Grounds Maintenance                  | 34,987         |
| 11,418   | Water                                | 9,661          |
| 37,014   | Building Cleaning Contract           | 35,573         |
| 4,299  | Refuse Collection                    | 4,114          |
| 1,114  | Miscellaneous Premises               | 1,002          |

|           |  |           |
|-----------|--|-----------|
|           | <b>Communications</b>                      |           |
| 5,467     | Postage/Fax/Telex                          | 6,325     |
| 31,929    | Telephones                                 | 27,490    |
|           | <b>Transport</b>                           |           |
| 6,859     | Vehicle Maintenance                        | 4,587     |
| 0         | Purchase of Vehicles                       | 0         |
| 3,778     | Vehicle Hire                               | 3,084     |
| 849       | Car Allowance                              | 584       |
| 0         | Travel Expenses                            | 967       |
| 102,981   | <b>Exam Fees</b>                           | 147,381   |
|           | <b>External Courses</b>                    |           |
| 12,158    | School Funded Training                     | 2,125     |
| 0         | Alternative Curriculum Provision           | 35,315    |
| 28,661    | Sixth Form                                 | 20,118    |
| 164,283   | <b>Central Services</b>                    | 183,992   |
|           | <b>Income</b>                              |           |
| -80,423   | Lettings                                   | -111,125  |
| -2,079    | Sales Income                               | -1,333    |
| 0         | Music Service Income                       | 0         |
| -49,490   | Donations                                  | -9,753    |
| -3,969    | Miscellaneous                              | 0         |
| -63,201   | Supply                                     | -55,492   |
| 0         | Exam Fees                                  | 0         |
| -458      | Interest                                   | -196      |
| 0         | Rental Income                              | 0         |
| 0         | EIG  | 0         |
| 0         | PDG/EYPDG                                  | 0         |
| 0         | Energy Compensation                        | 0         |
| 0         | Coaching Fees                              | 0         |
| -488,958  | Other Grant and Contributions              | -588,960  |
| -100,000  | Reserve Transfer                           | -90,000   |
| 0         | After Schools Club                         | 0         |
| 4,565,267 | <b>Total Net Expenditure</b>               | 4,754,531 |
| 4,454,900 | <b>Total Funding</b>                       | 4,435,644 |
| -110,367  | In Year Surplus / Deficit                  | -318,887  |
| 138,830   | Prior Year Surplus / Deficit               | 28,464    |
| 28,464    | <b>Accumulated Surplus / Deficit c/fwd</b> | -290,423  |
| 0.64%     | Balance as % of Funding                    | -6.55%    |

The school now maintains a register of gifts and interests and their usage. We have historically had very few gifts of a large nature and gifts are mainly used as prizes for raffles/events etc. to raise funds for the school and to help raise awareness of the school. Any that are offered in the future will need to be approved by the Headteacher and recorded in the register.

No governors claimed expenses for travel and subsistence for the period.