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In cases of emergency, such as inclement weather we will notify parents via Call Parents and our web site.
Parents will be informed how to use Call Parents on admission.





WELCOME FROM THE DIRECTOR CROESO O'R CYFARWYDDWR SEFYDLOL



Dear Parents and Carers - Annwyl Rieni a Gofalwyr

Ebbw Fawr Learning Community, the first all through 3-16 Learning Community in Wales, opened in September 2012. Our new £51.5M state of the art facilities provide a truly modern learning environment for all students.

At every point of transition from home to Early Years, from Early Years to Primary, from Primary to Secondary and from Secondary to the Learning Zone, we aim to provide the best possible care and support for your child and help them achieve their potential.

We hope that this prospectus provides you with a flavour of our Learning Community, please let us know if you have any questions and we look forward to your child joining us.

Graeme Harkness

Director – Cyfarwyddwr sefydlol

ACHIEVEMENT FOR EVERYONE LLWYDDIANT I BAWB



Committed to equality of opportunity we foster an inclusive ethos in which all students are encouraged to aim high and are supported to achieve their full potential.

Setting according to ability allows students to work at the optimum pace for them, a strategy that is employed increasingly as they progress through the school.

We have a dedicated team of specialists with a proven track record in providing personalised support for students with disabilities or additional needs, whether they require more challenge or extra help in their studies. This may include extended curriculum tasks, one-to-one tuition, and small group work.

Both our More Able and Talented Co-ordinator and ALN Coordinator work closely with subject staff to ensure a stimulating programme for all our students, whatever their ability, including an enriched curriculum where appropriate.

We have been nationally recognised as a School of Rugby being one of the few schools to have the support and backing of the Welsh Rugby Union.

Your child's best chance
of happiness is education

COMMUNITY MATTERS CYMUNED O BWYS



We value our links with students' families, the Ebbw Vale community and the local organisations that support our work.

The relationship between home and school plays a vital role in the success of our students. Parents and carers are encouraged to get involved in their child's education, especially in relation to homework.

Clear and frequent communication helps families to understand how their children are progressing.

We involve families in our school community through parents evenings, family learning events, newsletters and our website. Our students forge links with the local area through local work experience and special events, including our popular Christmas Carol Service and Drama productions.



We want everyone to have a
sense of pride and belonging
to our learning community

RESPECT FOR ONE ANOTHER PARCH I BOB UN



Our academic success is underpinned by the strong pastoral support that we provide for our students, through our leaders of learning.

Pastoral support begins before students even join the school, with our comprehensive transition programme – including visits to our partner primary schools and taster days for Year 6 pupils – ensuring a smooth and happy transfer to our secondary phase.

Our tutor system fosters a sense of community, where each student can make a valuable contribution through activities such as creative competitions and charity fundraising.

Assemblies – with input from students, staff and visiting speakers – enhance this feeling of family, while also promoting students' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development.

The staff really
pushed me to succeed

LEARNING DYSGU



Learning is our overriding priority. Through our engaging curriculum and highly qualified teachers, we strive to provide a stimulating educational experience for every student everyday.

Through the use of challenging targets, rigorous monitoring of progress and swift intervention when required, we ensure that students of all abilities translate their potential into exceptional achievement.

Digital Learning

We believe every lesson should be an engaging, exciting and inspiring experience. We make the most of every opportunity to get students involved – including the latest information technology. To make learning more enriching students have a range of equipment to use to further their study. From providing access to source materials and artworks to clips of scientific experiments, the use of digital technology enhances engagement and independent learning as well as preparing students for life in a multimedia world.

Throughout each term we will keep you fully up to date with your child's academic progress through regular reporting and at our Parent Consultation evenings



RESPONSIBILITY CYFRIFOLDEB

Students have many opportunities to develop their leadership skills. They can represent their peers on the elected School Council or take on the role of one of our Ambassadors.

A focus on personal study helps students to develop the research ability, independent thinking and self-motivation required for success in higher education and the workplace and the responsibility it brings.

FUTURE OF OPPORTUNITY CYFLE Y DYFODOL



Ebbw Fawr Learning Community is committed to offering an education that provides students with the self-confidence, digital literacy and social skills that will enable them to make the most of all life's opportunities.

With computers used in every subject area and students able to access our Internet-based learning environment from anywhere, ICT underpins the whole curriculum.

Advice to help students make informed choices about their future begins in Year 7 and continues throughout their time with us.

Work-related learning permeates the curriculum and careers guidance is delivered as part of Personal Social Education, in assemblies and at parents' evenings.

Our close links with The Learning Zone mean we can extend support beyond Year 11 helping prepare students for the career of choice.

Being an Ambassador has
helped me lead others

SUCCESS LLWYDDIANT



When your child begins their secondary phase of education leaving school may seem a long way off.

However, we remain focused on preparing our students for the next steps in their lives.

During their time at Ebbw Fawr Learning Community, we want our students to develop not only their academic knowledge and practical skills, but also the independent learning ability and self-starting attitude that will help them to succeed in higher education, forge a rewarding career and make a positive contribution to society.



ENJOYMENT MWYNHAD



Ebbw Fawr Learning Community offers a rich programme of extra-curricular activities that develop students' individual and collaborative skills, while a wide range of educational trips broaden their understanding of the world.

We provide many opportunities for our students to showcase their artistic, dramatic, musical and sporting talents. As well as staging theatrical productions, students participate in our annual Eisteddfod.

In addition to many sports clubs, we offer a range of extra-curricular activities including a guitar orchestra choir, Drama club, creative writing workshops, sporting clubs– to name but a few.

Life at Ebbw Fawr is further enriched by regular competitions; visits by authors, artists, scientists and business leaders; theatre visits and the Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme at bronze, silver and gold levels.

Ebbw Fawr Learning Community
has given me the confidence to
pursue my dreams

VALUED GWERTH



We believe school days aren't just the 'best days', they provide the memories and friendships that can last a lifetime. Ebbw Fawr Learning Community offers the time and space for students to build these bonds and feel valued, whether that's through unforgettable outings or the simple rhythm of routine. As the year draws to a close, we make sure we celebrate the shared journey – recognising contributions, effort and achievements.

Our rewards system has been developed to ensure students are rewarded for their positive contributions – whether for achievement, effort, initiative, kindness or attendance.





SAFETY & FRIENDSHIP DIOGELWCH A CHYFEILLGARWCH

We are committed to maintaining a safe and positive environment that promotes enjoyment of learning, and fosters an ethos of honesty and helpfulness.

Ebbw Fawr Learning Community cultivates an atmosphere in which the traditional values of courtesy and respect – along with pride in personal appearance and our uniform – are emphasised to create an orderly and calm environment, with excellent relationships between students and staff.

We actively support a number of local and national charities chosen by our students and they demonstrate enthusiasm, compassion generosity and initiative in their fundraising activities.



CURRICULUM CWRICWLWM

In addition to academic subjects, KS3 students explore the creative arts, undertake PE and follow a course of Personal, Social, Health Education (PSE) that helps to develop their ability to make informed life choices.

Our innovative Year 9 curriculum allows careful preparation for option choices as well as enrichment courses for more able and talented students.

At KS4 as well as traditional subjects, there is a broad range of vocational pathways on offer.

I don't think I could achieve
all I want without the
opportunities available at
Ebbw Fawr Learning Community

APPLY

APPLYING TO EBBW FAWR YMGEISIO I EBWY FAWR



Admission to Ebbw Fawr Learning Community – Derbyniad i Gymuned Ddysgu Ebwy Fawr

Application forms are distributed by the local authority to all Year 6 students as part of the local Admissions Policy. Our admissions number is 240 students per year group.

Students within the catchment areas will be offered a place, subject to the admission number not being exceeded.

In such instances, places will be allocated in accordance with the Authority's over subscription criteria.

For further information please contact Emma Jones on 01495 355412.

I am so happy I came to
Ebbw Fawr Learning Community
There are so many
opportunities open for me

The Blaenau Gwent Learning Zone and Ebbw Fawr Learning Community Directions

