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Dear Parents / Carers,

## **RE: DRAFT NATIONAL CATEGORISATION**

Following our good Estyn feedback in December 2019, I am delighted to inform you that Ysgol Heolddu Comprehensive School has been categorised as a “YELLOW” school by the local consortium, local authority and Welsh Government following the latest round of national school categorisation.

This is the first time the school has reached this categorisation and is a direct result of all the hard work our staff and students have put in over the last few years, leading to our outstanding examination results in Summer 2019.

We are pleased with this judgement that is further recognition of the effectiveness of our school. Schools in yellow category have a good track record in raising achievement as well as in self-evaluation and improvement planning. Leaders and staff have a shared vision and a clear strategy that has improved outcomes for most learners. Through its targets, a yellow school has high expectations for the future achievement of its pupils. Governors have a good understanding of the school's strengths and areas for improvement and their work to support and challenge the school's performance in strong.

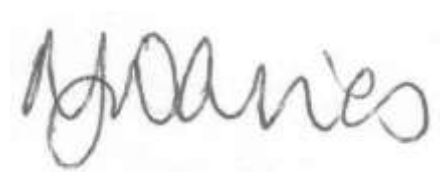
I would like to extend my thanks to you, our parents and carers, for your support of the school and our young people. We have exceptionally high standards and

expectations of our young people; including behaviour, uniform, punctuality and attendance. I appreciate your support in these matters. We also work hard to ensure that Heolddu is a safe, secure learning environment where our pupils are challenged to aspire, to achieve their very best and to succeed through effort.

We recognise there is still work to do and we as a staff and governing body are ambitious for our school to reach the next step and gain "GREEN" categorisation in the near future.

I look forward to meeting with you over the coming months, however if you have any comments or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me at the school.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Nerys Davies', written in black ink on a light background.

Mrs Nerys Davies

Headteacher