



Ysgol Heolddu Comprehensive School is an English-medium, mixed 11-18 school situated in Bargoed and serving the surrounding areas of Gilfach, Aberbargoed, Deri and Tirphil. The school works in collaboration with 3 other local schools to provide a joint sixth form. There are 660 pupils on roll, including 69 in the sixth form. Around 26% of pupils are eligible for free school meals and 43% of pupils live in the 20% most deprived areas of Wales. 23% learners have additional learning needs with 1% having a statement of special educational needs. Less than 1% of the school population speak English as an additional language and 97% of pupils are from white British backgrounds. The school is currently categorised as Yellow B.

Please be advised that the 'Schools Standards and Organisation Act 2013' has removed the requirement for School Governing Bodies to hold an Annual Meeting with parents. However, new arrangements mean that you have the right to request up to 3 meetings in any school year with the Governing Body. For this to take place, the following 4 conditions need to be met:

- Parents will need to raise a petition in support of holding a meeting.
 - The meeting must be called to discuss matters which affect the school. It is not designed to discuss individual matters. The petition should include brief details of the matter to be discussed and the reasons for calling the meeting.
 - Parents can use this right to request up to 3 meetings with a school's Governing Body during the school year.
 - There must be at least 25 school days left in the year when the petition is received in order that the meeting can be held. A 'school day' means a day when the school is open to pupils and does not include weekends, public or school holidays or INSET days. Further advice for parents can be found on the Welsh Government's website at:

<http://wales.gov.uk/topics/educationandskills/publications/guidance/parents-meetings-statutory-guidance/?lang=en>

Amendments have been made to the requirements of the annual report to parents; these can be found here:

<https://gov.wales/information-school-governing-bodies-coronavirus>

Ysgol Heolddu Comprehensive School which caters for the Educational needs of Pupils aged 11 - 18.

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The Chairperson of Governors is

Mrs Lynne Thomas, Heolddu Comprehensive School, Mountain Road, Bargoed, CF81 8XL

The Clerk to the Governors is

Mr R Barrett c/o Heolddu Comprehensive School, Mountain Road, Bargoed, CF81 8XL

Foreword from the Chairperson of Governors

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome to the annual report for the academic year 2019/20. On behalf of the Governing Body I would like to congratulate the pupils and staff for their hard work and for the success they achieved across the key stages.

Despite an extremely challenging year, all Year 13 pupils successfully gained a place at university and results were pleasing at both Key Stage 4 and Key Stage 5 due to the hard work and commitment shown by our pupils and staff.

In the Autumn term 2019, the school was removed from Estyn review as a result of the strong progress made in addressing the four recommendations. In addition to this the school was judged to be Yellow B in the national categorisation process. This was the first time in the school's history and the governing body is delighted by the progress made by the school community as a whole.

Following school closure in March, pupils worked hard to keep up their learning using new technology and online resources, supported by their teaching staff. The school successfully reopened at the end of June and students returned safely to 'check in, catch up and prepare for September'. Pupils who were able to attend found this worthwhile and this helped to allay families' fears and build confidence for a full return in September.

I would like to reassure you that the Headteacher, staff and governors are working as one to keep the school as safe as possible and ensure that all pupils are supported to achieve their full potential in these difficult times.

Mrs Lynne Thomas

Governing Body - September 2020

Name	Governor	End of term
Lynne Thomas	Chair/Community governor	29.05.21
Jennifer East	Community governors	15.07.23
Michelle Thomas		25.09.23

Michael Bates		29.06.21
Nerys Davies	Headteacher	
Nicola Hooper	LA appointed governors	23.09.24
CB CL DT Davies		02.09.24
Angharad Noble		06.10.23
Rev Robert Lindsay		06.10.23
CB Cl Carol J Andrews		26.09.24
Anthony Palmer		Parent representatives
Donna Brown	19.09.21	
Danielle Macdonald	15.07.23	
Rachael Townsend	29.09.23	
Hayley Bowen	20.09.20	
Elizabeth Davies	Staff representative	
Leah Brinkworth	Teacher representatives	21.09.21
Kelly Phillips		08.01.21

Where parent governor terms of office are coming to an end an election will be held to elect new parent governors this academic year. Ballot papers will be sent to all parents.

Additional Learning Needs

Ysgol Heolddu ensures that pupils with ALN including pupils with a disability are admitted on an equal basis with others in accordance with its admissions policy. Parents are encouraged to visit the school to discuss their child's needs with the Headteacher and/or ALNCO (Additional Learning Needs Coordinator).

Financial Statement

The school budget for the year to 31 March 2020 was made up as follows:

Total Formula Allocation	: 2,353,670
Additional income inc grants	: 998,780
Balance b/fwd from previous yr	: -97,131
Total income	:3,255,319
Expenditure	:3,400,422
Balance c/fwd to 20/21	: -145,103

Funding for the year has been spent on staffing, premises, supplies and services, with specific targeted funding for EIG and PDG funding in line with WG directives and school development plan.

The School has received no gifts in this financial year. No travel or subsistence payments have been made to members of the governing body.

Attendance information

3 year attendance data

	2017-18	2018-19	2019-March 2020
Attendance%	94%	94.5%	94.2%
Authorised Absence (sessions)	4535	4411	2133
Unauthorised Absence (sessions)	3681	3566	3010

Attendance from September 2019 to beginning of March 2020 when the Covid pandemic was declared.

Group	Authorised Absences	Unauthorised Absences	% Attend
Year 7	639	639	95.4
Year 8	540	937	93.9
Year 9	523	779	93.4
Year 10	431	655	93.9
Totals	2133	3010	94.2

The school's target for attendance in 2019-20 was 94.8%. There is a strong correlation between high levels of attendance and academic achievement; pupil attendance is monitored daily and parents and pupils are encouraged to aim for 100% attendance.

Sporting Achievements

District Rugby

Aaryn Palmer

Jake Morris – try of the season

Cai Barnard

Taylor Meades

Ethan Postians

Martial Arts

Tieagan powell – black belt Taekwan-do

Megan Parry– red/black belt Taekwan-do

Ffion Townsend – black Taekwan-do

Millie Smith – black Taekwan-do

Ioan Thomas year 10 –MMA Yellow/ black belt.

Netball

Hub netball - Cari Evans

Boxing

Morgan Small – European champion - Welsh boxer

Dance leaders

India Gameson

Sports Leaders training

Dylan Jones

Joel Death

Iwan Vaughan

Tyla-Jay Price

Ella Owen

Cari Evans

Term dates 2020-21

Autumn Term 2020	
Term starts	Tuesday 1st September 2020
Half term starts	Monday 26 October 2020
Half term ends	Friday 30 October 2020
Term ends	Friday 18 December 2020
Spring Term 2021	
Term starts	Monday 4 January 2021
Half term starts	Monday 15 February 2021
Half term ends	Friday 19 February 2021
Term ends	Friday 26 March 2021
Summer Term 2021	
Term starts	Monday 12 April 2021
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 3 May 2021
Half term starts	Monday 31 May 2021
Half term ends	Friday 4 June 2021
Term ends	Tuesday 20 July 2021

INSET Days

Thursday 3 September 2020

Friday 23 October 2020

Friday 18 December 2020

Monday 4 January 2021

Thursday 25 June 2021

Friday 26 June 2021