



Ysgol y Grango

TRANSITION INFORMATION

2025 - 2026





Dear Parent/Carer

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a warm welcome to our school. Our aim at Ysgol Y Grango is to ensure that each and every student achieves their full potential in a secure and rewarding environment.

As Head of year for Year 7, I am aware that both parents and students alike may be anxious at this time, with a change of school on the horizon. We believe in a teamwork approach, with students, parents and staff working together to achieve the best for each individual.

I wish your child every success and look forward to meeting you in the near future.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions or queries.

Mrs Z Povey
Head of Year 7 and Transition

Gorffennaf 2025

Annwyl Rieni,

Yn Ysgol Y Grango, ein prif nod yw sicrhau bod pob un o'r disgyblion yn teimlo'n ddiogel tra'n gweithio i gyrraedd y safon academiaidd uchaf.

Fel Arweinydd Cynnydd Blwyddyn 7 dw i'n ymwybodol y gall y cyfnod o symud o'r Ysgol Gynradd i'r Ysgol Uwchradd fod yn gyfnod o bryder.

Hefyd, dw i'n bwriadu bod yno i chi i gyd fel rhieni os dych chi'n teimlo'r angen i gysylltu a mi ar unryw adeg.

Yn y cyfamser, dw i'n dymuno pob llwyddiant i'ch mab neu'ch merch a dw i'n edrych ymlaen at gyfarfod a chi yn y dyfodol. Dw i'n gobeithio bydd y llyfryn hon yn rhoi gwybodaeth ddefnyddiol er mwyn gwneud yr wythnosau cyntaf yn Ysgol Y Grango mor bleserus a di-drafferth a bosib i'ch plentyn; hefyd, bydd yn gyflwyniad sylfaenol i anghenion partneriaeth cartref/Ysgol llwydiannus.

Mrs Z Povey
Arweinydd Cynnydd 7/Trawsgyfnod

The Year 7 Pastoral Team

- **Head of Year 7** – Mrs Z Povey
- **ALN Co-ordinator** – Mrs K Sharpe
- **Student Wellbeing Co-ordinator** – Mrs L Worrall
- **Youth Worker** – Ms M Argent

The difference between Primary and Secondary School / Y gwahaniaeth rhwng yr Ysgol Gynradd a'r Ysgol Uwchradd

Often students have to cope with several major differences which can be quite daunting. For example:

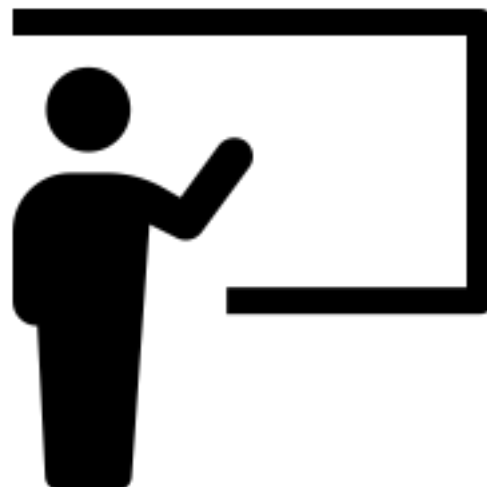
- **Travelling to school** – The journey to school is often further, sometimes students travel by bus for the first time.
- **New rules** – Although each school has similar sets of basic rules, there will be differences in terms of expectations between pupils' primary and secondary school.
- **New Teachers** – Instead of one or two teachers, students will meet up to six different members of staff in one day. In addition, they will also need to become familiar with the layout of the school.
- **Looking after books and equipment** – All books and equipment necessary for each day will have to be carried around from room to room and cannot be stored in a central place. Students need a suitable bag for this purpose.
- **New subjects** – New subjects mean new challenges and it is important that pupils try their best to meet the demands of their new timetable.
- **Teaching** – Teaching and learning styles will differ.
- **Different break and lunchtimes** – Daily breaks may be different. There is no afternoon break.

Please discuss these differences with your child.

Form Tutor / Tiwtor Bugeiliol

At high school, the Form Tutor plays a key role in your child's life in the following ways:

- To help students settle in to life at high school
- To get to know the student's interests and hobbies
- To provide support and advice as required
- To instil confidence and trust in their tutees
- To be the first point of contact for parents
- To check uniform
- To communicate key messages
- To check student planners



Other ways we can work together / Ffyrdd Fedrwn Gydweithredu

Moving from primary to secondary school is an exciting and significant event in your child's life. It is also an important milestone for you as parents. There will be many new experiences to cope with so perhaps the best way to help is to set up a new routine.

Here are some ways you could help your child to have a worry free start at Ysgol Y Grango:

- Time how long it takes to get to school and agree a routine for the morning
- Check your child's uniform to make sure it meets requirements
- Check timetables for the day and/or homework to ensure all equipment is ready



School Day / Diwrnod Ysgol

Tutorial and Registration	8:50 - 9:10
Period 1	9:10 - 10:10
Period 2	10:10 - 11:10
Break	11:10 - 11:30
Period 3	11:30 - 12:30
Period 4	12:30 - 1:30
Lunchtime	1:30 - 2:10
Period 5 (including PM registration)	2:10 - 3:10

Students arriving in class after 8:50am will be marked as late.

School bus times and pick-up points / Amseroedd bysiau a manau aros/parciau i rieni

The school bus has the following route:

From: Rhostyllen/Hairdressers approx. 8:30am > **Arrive:** Ysgol y Grango approx. 8.50am

Please be aware that the times are subject to traffic conditions.

Rhostyllen stop cost £1.20 each way. This will mean bus journeys will cost £2.40 per day.

Travelling by car / Teitho Mewn Car

If students travel to school by car, for reasons of Health and Safety, parents/guardians should drop students off in the **bottom car park**. This entrance is located on Vinegar Hill towards Wrexham and is the second entrance on the right as you go down the hill.

Please note that whenever students travel to and from school, they are representing Ysgol Y Grango in the local community. We expect them to wear correct uniform and to be polite and courteous to both members of the public and each other at all times. We have high expectations of our students, which include behaving in a respectful, appropriate manner whilst wearing our uniform.

Homework /Gwaith Cartref

The majority of homework will be on Google Classroom. We appreciate your help and support with the completion of homework.

Student Leadership/School Council

Every tutor group elects a student to represent their views and feelings at student council meetings. The school council meets every month to discuss important aspects of all school life.

We have trained 'Peer Mentors' that are available to support, listen to and help year 7 students.

Communication with Parents

We use a variety of forms of communication to make sure parents are well informed. We send out a Parental Bulletin every Friday, with details of things happening in school, dates and announcements. This is emailed home. We also email important announcements home as well as all letters to Parents/Carers. We also post some information, as well as exciting things happening in school on our [Ysgol Y Grango X](#) (Twitter) page.

If Parents/Carers need to communicate with school, there are also a variety of options. The school office is open from 8am until 4pm daily and can be contacted on 01978 833010. The school mailbox is also available 24 hours a day on info@grango.co.uk.

Reports

Our reporting system is online. Year 7 will have 3 reports over the academic year to allow you to see how your child is progressing. To view your child's report, please visit www.go4schools.com or scan the QR code here.

You will have instructions on how to login sent to your email. Please ensure that your contact details are up to date.



Attendance / Presenoldeb

Wrexham County Borough Council states that it is parental responsibility to send a child to school regularly. It is only through a good record of attendance that teachers can do their best for every student. The education process is all about teacher-student contact and that depends quite naturally on the student being present in school.

At Ysgol Y Grango we view attendance as a high priority for our students. Those who do not attend regularly often struggle to reach their potential. High attendance is also important for future employment, demonstrating a person's reliability. Furthermore, research has found that those who have good attendance are less likely to become disaffected in education and rarely involve themselves in anti-social behaviour in the community. Below is a table which demonstrates how just a few days can have an adverse effect on a student's percentage attendance.



Attendance during one school year	Equivalent Days	Equivalent Sessions	Equivalent Weeks	Equivalent Lessons Missed
95%	9 Days	18 Sessions	2 Weeks	50 Lessons
90%	19 Days	38 Sessions	4 Weeks	100 Lessons
85%	29 Days	58 Sessions	6 Weeks	150 Lessons
80%	38 Days	72 Sessions	8 Weeks	200 Lessons
75%	48 Days	96 Sessions	10 Weeks	250 Lessons
70%	57 Days	114 Sessions	11.5 Weeks	290 Lessons
65%	67 Days	134 Sessions	13.5 Weeks	340 Lessons

Just 17 days absent from school a year could mean a drop in a GCSE grade in all subjects.

If your child fails to attend school and no notification has been received to inform us of the reason for late arrival or absence, an automated text message will be sent asking you to contact the school.

It is the responsibility of parents/carers to ensure all contact details are up to date.

When a student is unavoidably absent from school, please telephone the school office by 9:30am on the first day of the absence and any subsequent days thereafter, so that we can ensure the safety and whereabouts of each student.

In order for medical appointments to be authorized we will require a copy of the appointment slip/letter detailing the time and date of the appointment. If an appointment letter is not available a confirmation slip showing the appointment will suffice. Your child will be requested to sign out and sign back in at the front office. Please make every effort to arrange an appointment out of school hours where possible, to ensure your child's education is as consistent as possible.

If your child has a verified medical condition, we request to be made aware of this via a copy of a medical appointment letter signed by the doctor. Once received, repeat doctor's notes are not necessary. However, parents must inform the school of absences as outlined above when they occur. Please note, a full day will not be authorised for a medical appointment that is in the morning, or vice versa for the afternoon, unless there is a requirement to travel.



Reasons for absence are recorded for school records. All unexplained absences or an absence of up to three days without parental contact, are automatically reported to our Educational Social Worker, Kelly Perrett. Letters asking for explanation of absence are sent home and/or phone calls made. Regular monitoring of punctuality and absences is undertaken by the Head of Year, Education Social Worker and Deputy Headteacher. If your child misses 10 days (20 sessions) **in total** due to sickness we will request a doctor's note for every future illness stating the reason for the absence.

A Truancy Call system is in operation. If a student has not registered for school and we have not received an explanation from their parents then a text message will be sent automatically to your mobile phone or landline from the school system.

Our school attendance policy adheres to the same rules as the local primary schools, in line with the Welsh Government Ruling.

Parents and Carers can help support their children to attend school regularly and punctually in many ways, including:

- Enthuse your child to think positively about school and the benefits of education
- Make sure you have a structured bedtime and morning routine for your child
- Make sure they have breakfast
- Prepare packed lunches the night before
- Make sure school uniform is ready to wear
- Support your child to organise their school bag and equipment the night before
- Leave the house in plenty of time to get to school.

Lateness / Os yn hwyr

School begins at 8:50am. All students should be on the premises at least five minutes before the start of the school day. In the event of a student being late with good reason, please provide a short note of explanation, or alternatively, telephone the school. A student arriving late, on three occasions, without explanation will be issued with a detention. If students persist in being late to school then they will receive further sanctions of an increasing nature. If a student's punctuality continues to be a cause for concern, their Head of Year will request a formal meeting to discuss this issue and the ESW service may be involved. Once again we request that parents/carers keep the school informed of any issues affecting your child's punctuality.



Over One Academic Year	
Minutes Late Every Day	Equivalent Number of Learning Days Lost
5 Minutes Late	3 Days Lost
10 Minutes Late	6.5 Days Lost
15 Minutes Late	10 Days Lost
20 Minutes Late	13 Days Lost
30 Minutes Late	19 days Lost

Illness in school /Salwch yn yr Ysgol



Students feeling ill must report to their class teacher who will, if it is deemed necessary, send your child to the appropriate Head of Year. Students who require first aid treatment should report to a First Aider. Office staff will contact parents should a child need to be sent home. If necessary, an injured child may be sent to hospital. For this reason, it is essential that we are given an emergency telephone number to cover the full school day for every student.

Please note that school staff will not administer any medications. Where students need to take medication in special circumstances, a medication form must be collected from the front office, completed by a parent/guardian and returned with clearly labelled medication. Medicines can be kept in the school office for students, on a short term basis only.

Uniform / Gwisg Ysgol



We believe that school uniform is an important aspect of our school's high standards and ethos. All students are expected to wear full school uniform correctly at all times without exception and no excuses. Your support in this matter is absolutely crucial and greatly appreciated.

Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct uniform: school blazer, white shirt, tie, black tailored trousers, or plain black knee length skirt. Footwear should be plain black with no logo or colour. A navy blue V-neck jumper is optional.

We advise you to read the School Uniform Policy and Skirt Length Guide contained in this booklet.

The following items of clothing are not school uniform and should **not**, therefore, be worn for school: **leggings, joggers, shorts, mini-skirts, jeans, jeggings, hoodies, denim or leather jackets**. There should be no excessive jewellery, extreme hairstyles, or facial piercings.

The Welsh Government operates a grant for families on lower incomes and who qualify for certain benefits to apply for; the School Essential Grant.

- £125 per learner
- £200 for learners entering year 7 (to help with increased costs associated with starting secondary school)

All compulsory school years from reception to Year 11 are now eligible. Please use the following link to find further information: <https://www.gov.wales/school-essentials-grant>. There is also more information on the Uniform Grant section of the Transition page on our school website, or you can visit the WCBC website.

Furthermore, we operate a "New to You" scheme to recycle uniform items. If your child no longer requires an item of uniform which is in good condition, then we would really appreciate those items being donated to school. This might include blazers, shirts, skirts, trousers, and PE kits. These items can then be offered to other families for temporary or long-term use, helping to reduce waste and keep costs down.

If you have any concerns regarding uniform, please contact Mrs Povey, Head of Year 7 and Transition, for clarification.

Item	Optional or Required	Branding	Purchase options	Cost per item from school supplier
Navy blue blazer with Ysgol y Grango school logo	Required	School Logo on blazer pocket	RAM Leisure (Uniform Supplier)	£29.75 - £37.75



School Tie	Required	School Tie – no logo	RAM Leisure (Uniform Supplier)	£7.25 Y7-10 tie Year 11 only tie (Designed differently)
Plain White Shirt	Required	None	Any Retailer	Varied
Navy Blue ‘V’ Neck Jumper - No logos or branding permitted. No Hoodies	Optional	None	Available from school Supplier- RAM	Varied
Plain Black Tailored Leg Trousers. - Plain, black, regular cut, full length trousers - Trouser styles not permitted include: bootcut, flare, drainpipe, skinny, cargo, jeans, leggings, jeggings, chino, and cropped calf length.	Required	None	Any Retailer	Varied
Plain Black Skirt - A plain black knee length skirt, not rolled up. - No mini skirts Please see skirt length guide attached.	Optional	None	Any Retailer	Varied
Black Tights or socks - Plain, opaque black tights only. - Dark socks.	Required	None	Any Retailer	Varied
Black Shoes All plain black, flat shoes. No logos.	Required	None	Any Retailer	Varied
Outdoor Clothing Coats should be suitable for school, warm and waterproof.	Required	None	Any Retailer	Varied
Outdoor Clothing Baseball caps and hats are unacceptable – safeguarding purposes identification.	Not Required	None	Any Retailer	Varied

PE Kit / Cit Addysg Gorfforol

All students are required to wear PE Kit for their PE lessons. This consists of the following garments:

Item	Optional or Required	Branding	Purchase options	Cost per item from school supplier
Black shorts or skort	Required	None	Any Retailer	Varied

Ysgol y Grango PE Top	Required	Logo on right hand side	RAM Leisure (Uniform Supplier)	£9.75 - £13.75
Plain Football Socks	Required	None	Any Retailer	Varied
Plain black leggings or jogging bottoms	Required	None	Any Retailer	Varied
Trainers	Required	None	Any Retailer	Varied
Ysgol y Grango Midlayer or Plain Hooded Top Blue or Black	Optional	Logo on right hand side	RAM Leisure (Uniform Supplier)	£17.25 - £20.25
Base layer – Plain Black	Optional	None	Any Retailer	Varied
Football Boots	Required	None	Any Retailer	Varied
Shin Pads	Optional	None	Any Retailer	Varied
Gum Shield	Optional	None	Any Retailer	Varied

Parents are responsible for ensuring their child brings their PE Kit to school when needed.

All students will require a pair of moulded stud football boots and shin pads for PE. Please see picture below of the acceptable boots.



**Muddy Footwear damages the 3G Artificial Turf football pitch surface.
Please make sure YOUR boots are CLEAN - BEFORE you go on to the pitch.**

Other Guidance / Arweiniad Arall

Jewellery, hair, or piercings	No excessive jewellery, extreme hairstyles or facial piercings Jewellery is the responsibility of the pupil and not the school. Lost or damaged items will not be refunded. All jewellery should be removed during practical lessons, including PE lessons and science experiments.
Make up	Only natural looking and very discreet make-up is permitted

Due to health and safety reasons, there should be no rings, bracelets, necklaces or long drop, hoop or large earrings.

Outdoor wear / Dillad tu allan

Anoraks, cagoules and parka-style jackets are acceptable. However, students should not wear denim, leather or studded jackets etc. for school. Coats/jackets should not be worn in lessons. **Hoodies are not acceptable attire for school.**

Skirt Lengths Guide / Canllaw Hyd Sgert

Our uniform policy states “plain black skirt knee length, not rolled up.... no mini skirts.” Please see the guideline below which clearly shows which lengths are suitable.

Lunchtime / Amser Cinio

Parents/Guardians must decide which of the two options listed below best suits them with regard to their child's lunchtime:



1. School Canteen

The school canteen operates using a cashless system called ParentPay. Parents need to deposit money onto their child's ParentPay account. On average, students will require £3.50 - £4.50 daily to cover both break and lunchtime purchases. Students who are eligible for free school meals will have their account updated daily.

2. Bring their own lunch

Students may eat their sandwiches in the canteen.

Students are not to leave the premises at lunchtime.

Things to remember for your first few days / Pethau i'w hystyried ar gyfer eich dyddiau cyntaf



- There are lots of people ready and willing to help you – just ask
- We understand you will get lost, it is a new building to you, but you will be shown around
- Check your bag the night before school, is everything there? – books, equipment, PE kit, homework...
- Look around the class and try to remember the faces of one or two people in your group so you know you are in the right place
- Make sure you know where you need to be first thing in the morning. Then you can go to the next place with the others in your class
- If you do not understand something: the timetable, a word etc. just ask. It will make you feel worse if you bottle your worries up inside

Rights and Responsibilities / Hawliau a Chyfrifoldebau

What are our Rights? Beth ydy ein hawliau?	What are our Responsibilities? Beth ydy ein cyfrifoldebau?
To learn to the best of my ability.	To learn and to let others learn.
To be treated equally and with respect.	To treat others equally and with respect.
To learn in a clean, safe and secure environment.	To treat the school and the property of others with respect.
To have lessons start on time.	To get to school/lessons on time.

Equipment / School Bag

- A school bag is required to carry A4 size exercise books and folders.
- Pen
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Calculator
- Eraser
- PE Kit (only on the required days)
- Packed lunch or money on ParentPay account for school dinners
- Refillable water bottle



Mobile Phones / Ffônau Symudol

- Mobile phones (including earphones and other devices) are **not permitted to be used in school** from the sound of the first bell marking the start of the school day.
- Mobile phones should remain **switched off and out of sight, including during breaks and lunchtimes**, until students have exited the buildings at the end of the school day, marked by the final bell being sounded.
- Mobile phones which are brought into school are done so at the student's own risk and should be kept switched off in their bag or pocket. Students are welcome to use their phone on their way to and from school.
- The use of mobile phones in lessons is only permitted when the teacher provides this opportunity in their classroom as part of a planned learning task. Students will not be excused for "checking the time", or any other reason given for using their mobile phone.
- Any student who feels the need to contact home should follow the procedure set out for contacting home during the school day, by reporting to the school office from where they will be allowed to call their parents or carers.
- To support this, parents and carers are expected to follow the school's procedures for communication during the school day by contacting the school office, who will be happy to pass on any messages they may need to share with their child.
- If a student is found to be using their mobile phone and/or listening devices, or if their phone makes any type of alarm or ringtone noise disrupting a lesson, then the member of staff who becomes aware of this will confiscate the phone. The phone will be taken at the earliest opportunity to the main office for safekeeping and returned to your child at the end of the school day from the main reception.
- Repeated flouting of the mobile phone rules will result in further sanctions.



While the school accepts that mobile phones, airpods, iPads etc are now a part of everyday life, and are a useful item, we would discourage students from bringing them into school as they can be a distraction. **In addition, school is not insured for students' personal items.**

Social Media / Cyfryngau Cymdeithasol

We care about the impact of social media on our students.
We encourage you talk to your children:

- Limit social media use.
- Encourage children **not** to take their phones to bed with them.
- Encourage positive use of phones, not passive, engaging with calm app, headspace app or similar, rather than mindless scrolling or game playing.



Attitudes to Learning / Agweddau Dysgu

We are about your learning and want to encourage you in all aspects of your school life. We do this by:

- Verbal praise in lessons
- ATLs awarded in every lesson
- 'Good News' phone calls home
- Half term and termly attendance rewards
- Termly Gold, Silver and Bronze awards linked to ATLs, including: Top Students, Most Improved Students and Best Form Group.
- Termly Departmental Awards
- Head Teacher Commendations
- Invitations to meet with the Governors and Head Teacher.

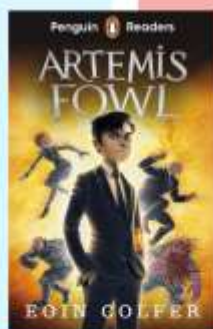
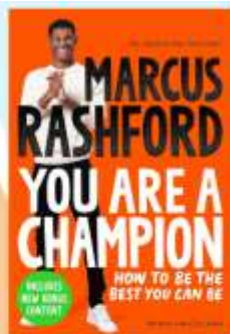


Parental Engagement / Ymgysylltiad Rhieni

We value working in partnership with our families and politely request that parents/carers:

- Attend Parent's Evening
- Attend additional meeting as requested by teachers
- Support school functions
- Encourage your child to attend school on time everyday
- Support the mobile phones policy
- Inform the school if there is a concern or issue



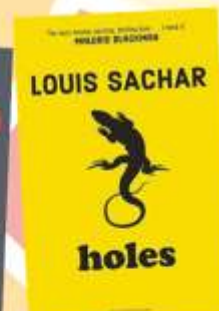


Ysgol y Grango Transition Reading 2025

Reading for pleasure can increase empathy, expand understanding, support education, improve relationships with others and develop well-being throughout life.

Check out these books which are recommended for 11-12 year olds and cover a variety of topics and reading abilities.

Everything listed is available in the Ysgol y Grango school Library.



BREAKFAST



8AM - 8.45AM

Toast	44p
Cereal & milk	85p
Yoghurt	66p
Fruit	51p-84p

BREAK

Bap of the day	£1.57
French Bread Pizza (Mon/Wed/Fri)	£1.47
Breakfast Panini (Tues/Thur)	£1.57
Cheese toastie	£1.47
Croissant	£1.05
Bagel	66p



DRINKS



Milk /Milkshake	71p
Water bottles	74p /84p
Radnor Fizz	84p
Ipro 330ml	£1.28
Radnor Can	84p
Orange Carton	67p
Cups of water	FREE

LUNCH

MAINS

Main Course	£2.28
Main & Dessert or Drink	£2.80
Daily Special	£2.80



HOT FOOD

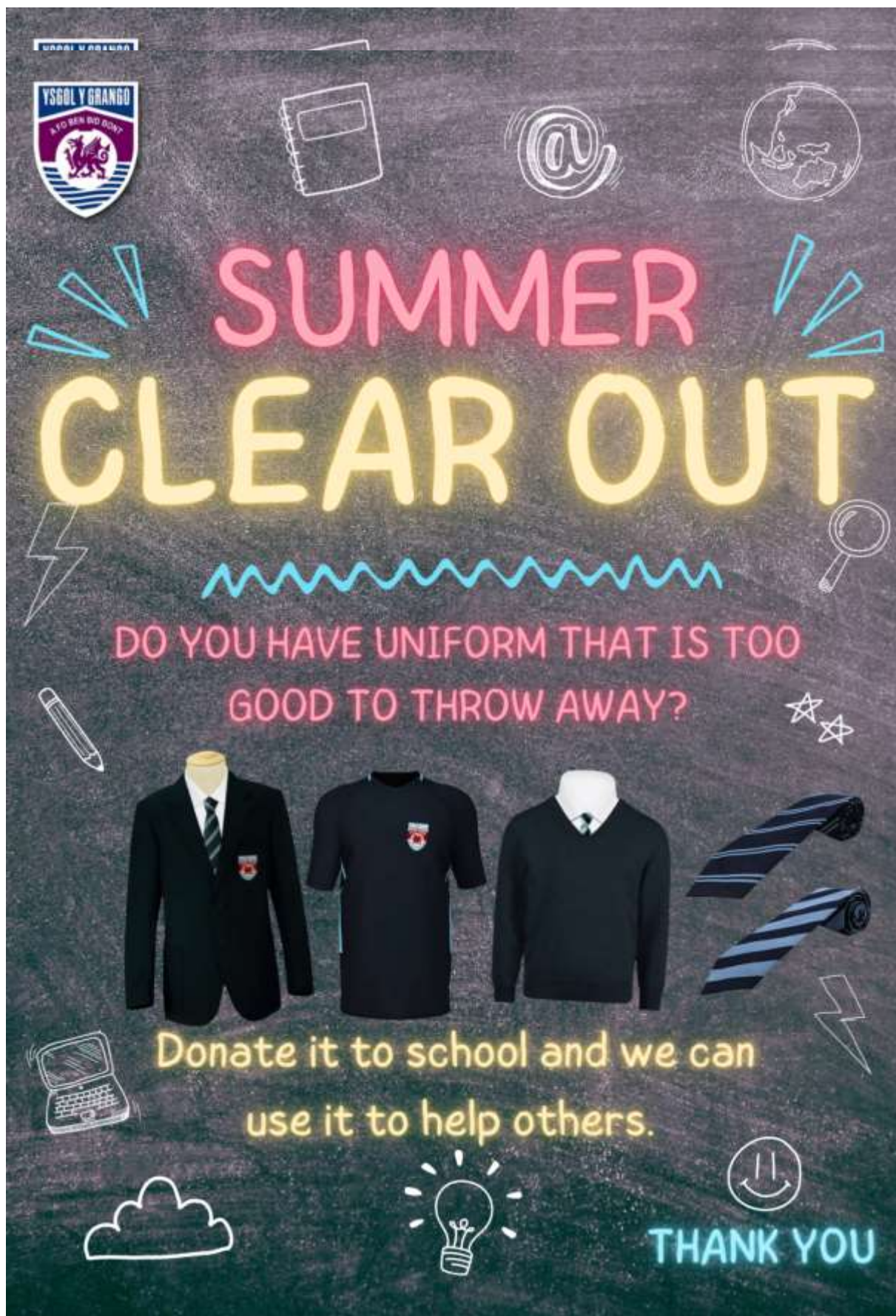
Chicken Burger	£2.54
Jumbo Hot Dog	£1.98
Pasta Pot	£2.28
Pizza	£2.54
Piri Piri Wrap	£2.54
Ranch Wrap	£2.12
Beef Burger	£1.47
Cheeseburger	£1.99
Double Cheeseburger	£2.54
Pulled Pork Bap	£2.54



COLD FOOD

Sandwiches	£2.35
Baguettes	£2.80
Wraps	£2.80
Biscuits & Cookies	68p - 91p





[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

Click on the link above or see the school website www.grango.co.uk for more information.