

TO PARENTS /CARERS OF PUPILS JOINING US IN SEPTEMBER 2013

Dear Parent / Carer,

We are delighted you have chosen our school for next September, and I am pleased to be able to welcome you with some really good news. The Welsh Government have released information on the banding of secondary schools and RCCS has moved up two bands into the third quintile following our best ever GCSE performance last summer.



This reflects an increase in our L2+ (five GCSEs at grade C or above including English and Maths) of 12%, and increases in all other major indicators, including L1 (+2%), L2 (+9%) and the core subject indicator (+14%) as well as excellent attendance across all year groups. If you attended the parents' meeting back in September you may recall I felt confident enough to predict this would be the case, and I am delighted to confirm it to you today.

We take most pride however in our impressive value-added data, and our focus remains firmly on the achievements and well-being of each individual child who joins us rather than on whole school figures.

Nevertheless, when these individual successes lead to big improvements in the school's aggregated performance as in 2012 it is encouraging for the whole school community, and our current pupils are not only eager to improve on the achievements of last year's leavers, they are on track to do so.

You can therefore be confident that in September 2013 your child will be joining a school which is constantly seeking ways to improve and which is making rapid progress.

There will of course be opportunities to meet and familiarise both you and your child with the school again before then. In the meantime, I would like to wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Yours sincerely,

John Kendall

Head Teacher / Prifathro