



## WEB VERSION

Thursday 12th December 2013

Dear Parent / Carer,

The Welsh Government has today released information on the banding of secondary schools and we have now moved up into Band Two following our best ever GCSE performance for the second successive year last summer. This reflects an increase in our L2+ (five GCSEs at grade C or above including English and Maths) of a further 4% after last year's massive 12% rise, and increases in all other major indicators, including a 5% increase at L1 (five GCSEs) and a particularly impressive 19% rise in L2 (five GCSEs at grade C or above) as well as very good attendance across all year groups.

We always 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 2013 and 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.

This is excellent news with which to end the year and everyone connected with our school should feel proud of this success.

As you know, our normal timetable is suspended for this final week. Y11 are taking mock exams, Y10 are involved in intensive Science revision, and Y7-9 are taking part in skills activities. As in previous years, pupils in Y7-9 need not wear school uniform for these last three days, but Y10 and Y11 should continue to do so.

Term will end at 1.30pm on Friday 20th December, and pupils start again on Tuesday 7th January. Please note this will be a timetable week two.

I would like to wish everyone at RCCS a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Yours sincerely,

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### GCSE PERFORMANCE 2008-13

