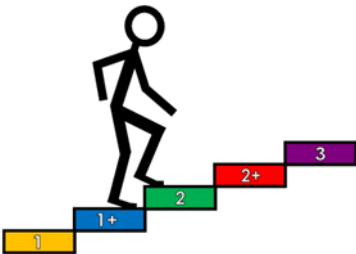


Aran Hall School Values

Day Pupil Handbook



Autumn 2025



> Respect

> Believe

> Achieve!

Welcome! Croeso!

Ysgol Aran Hall School

To all young people and staff,

We have all worked together to create this handbook. It is a guide for our school and will help you to settle in and get to know our systems and routines... or remind you if you've been here a while.

We are a friendly group, so please ask if there's anything you're unsure of!

You are welcome to speak in English and/ or Welsh (we have plenty of Welsh learners who'd be happy to practise, too!).



The Golden Rules

- Show **respect** to yourself, your peers and staff.
- **Believe** in yourself and others.
- **Achieve** your goals.
- Be kind.
- Use safe words and actions at all times.
- Keep the house clean and tidy.
- Look after your home environment.
- Keep your bedroom clean and tidy (only water in bedrooms).
- Follow your Active Support Plan and your school programme.
- Follow all health and safety procedures.
- Keep your personal possessions to yourself.
- Follow our mobile phone rules (no phones in class unless for health reasons).



Respect



**KEEP
CALM
&
FOLLOW
THE RULES**

The School Day



9.30am: school starts for the morning session.

9.30am - 12.30pm: School.

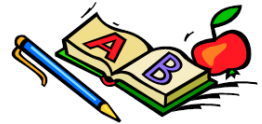
12.30 - 1.00pm: lunchtime - prepare, eat and clean up after you've finished eating.

1.00 - 1.30pm: activity.

1.30pm: school starts for the afternoon session..

1.30 - 3.30pm: School.

3.30 pm: end of school day; have a safe journey home.



The School Year

Currently, we use the same term dates as Gwynedd:

Autumn Term 2025:

Tuesday 2nd September - Friday 24th October

Tuesday 3rd November - Friday 19th December

Spring Term 2026:

Tuesday 6th January - Friday 13th February

Tuesday 23rd February - Friday 27th March

Summer Term 2025:

Tuesday 14th April - Friday 22nd May

Monday 1st June - Friday 17th July

Bank Holiday - no school for pupils: Monday 4th May

Inset days - no school for pupils: Monday 3rd November, Monday 5th January, Monday 13th April, Monday 28th April, Monday 20th July

Dress Code

You should be well-presented and appropriately dressed for school, the weather, college and work experience - both on and off site.

Choose smart, comfortable clothes – especially if you have sports or walking on your timetable.

Remember to check the weather so you feel comfortable for your day in school or college.

If you wear a hat or hood on your way to school or college, remember to take it off once you get in the classroom.



You can wear a hoodie but remember to leave your hood down.

Wear your jewellery in the evenings and at weekends (not to school).

Save your vests for the beach!

Try to think of others by avoiding clothing which might be seen as offensive (e.g. swearing, references to alcohol or drugs etc.). If in doubt, ask us and we will happily advise you.

What do we do at school?

In school, we follow the New Curriculum for Wales so your school day will be based around the six areas of learning experiences:

- Languages, Literacy and Communication
- Maths and Numeracy
- Science and Technology
- Health and Well-being
- Humanities
- Expressive Arts

Everyone has their own personal timetable and we try to create this according to what you enjoy doing, what you need to do and what you would like to do in the future.

As well as English and Maths, you might have activities like cooking, food shopping, horse riding, gardening, noticing walks, art, drama and group work sessions, leisure centre visits, history and 'school shop' on your timetable. Everyone also has

access to PSE lessons and Person-Centred Therapy (PCT) sessions as part of their weekly timetable.

Older pupils may also have work experience (on-site and off-site) and college as part of their weekly timetable.

Lessons are 30 minutes and each 30 minute session links to our Achieve! programme (more about this later!).

To support your independence and development, we also aspire to achieve the four purposes of our holistic curriculum with you:

- Ambitious, capable learners
- Enterprising, creative contributors
- Informed, ethical citizens
- Healthy, confident individuals.

There are always opportunities for your feedback so that we can continue to support you through the school day.

Qualifications and Accreditation

Our aim is for every pupil to leave Aran Hall with evidence of their literacy and numeracy skills and learning experiences. We understand how important these skills will be in your lives.

It might be that this is recognised through:

- AQA Unit Award Scheme certificates (which can be completed for a wide range of skills and tasks)
- WJEC Entry Pathways units (which can build to create an Award or Certificate Entry Level 2, 3 or Level 1 qualification in all subject areas)
- WJEC Entry Level (available in English, Maths, Science and Cymraeg, at Entry Levels 1 - 3).
- Functional Skills English and Maths (available at Level 1 and Level 2 as GCSE equivalents)
- GCSE English, English Literature, Maths and Art.

There's more information available in our Curriculum Policy.

Here's some information about our ALP (additional learning provision):

APL – Additional Learning Provision

October 2024

Additional Learning Provision:

what can we provide for your child?

Some pupils:

Personalised support with learning to read (e.g. Accessing phonics through Reading Eggs and Toe By Toe);
GCSE teaching by off-site specialists

Most pupils:

Recognised qualifications in Languages, Literacy and Communication and Maths and Numeracy; access to subject specialists in English and Maths; continued support with reading and comprehension (via Reading Eggs); accredited units with WJEC Entry Pathways in Independent Living, Healthy Living and Fitness and Preparing for Work; access to external therapists, including Speech and Language and Occupational therapists and Educational Psychologist; work experience - off-site, with our local community partners; Access Arrangements for exams (e.g. reader, extra time, scribe; attendance to lessons (and accreditation) at Coleg Meirion-Dwyfor, Dolgellau; weekly art sessions with a local artist and experienced teacher.

All pupils:

Access to a personalised curriculum designed according to their specific needs, interests and future plans; 1:1 teaching across all six Areas of Learning Experience; access to an unlimited range of AQA Unit Award Scheme Certificates; weekly, timetabled access to in-house therapy; independent living support; personalised CwRE according to experiences, interests and future aspirations; a personalised RAMP/Risk Assessment and Management Programme; ASD specialists; our school's Achieve! programme to support and promote safe and positive behaviours; on-site work experience.

Looking after our School Community

It is important that we respect each other and our environment. To help with this, we are a smoke-free, vape-free site. We are also a gum-free site so you won't be able to chew gum on site or buy chewing gum on Community Visits. We encourage everyone to work together to keep our site clean, healthy and part of the beautiful countryside.

There are lots of opportunities for people - pupils and staff - to get involved with school community projects, such as: fundraising for different charities, bake sales, our annual Christmas market etc.

Activities



We are lucky to live in a beautiful area where there is plenty to see and do. Arranging activities and trips out is a really important part of your time at Aran Hall - there are so many advantages to getting out and about... and there's lots of fun to be had!

Travel

We have cars available to use for local journeys. You will be able to go out in cars for planned activities e.g. weekly shopping, going out for the day, visiting the leisure centre. Everyone must follow the highway code whilst driving and the driver must be able to concentrate.

No personal devices (staff or young people) should be connected to the cars.



Behaviour

If you are able to follow our rules and keep yourself and others safe, you'll enjoy lots of opportunities to explore the local area. Blips happen for everyone - we're all human - and we call these 'incidents'.

Incidents

Staff will write an incident form if you:

- Are physically or verbally aggressive.
- Present unsafe behaviour in or around a vehicle.
- Run away from school or staff in the community.
- Verbally abuse peers, staff or others, or make racist comments.
- Present sexually harmful behaviour
- Destroy property or possessions.
- Present unsafe behaviour in relation to your personal hygiene or health.

Review Status - if you have an incident, you will be placed upon 'review' for 2 or 3 days:



Whilst on review, you will not be able to do any of the following:

- take part in community-based activities.
- purchase items from your school shop.



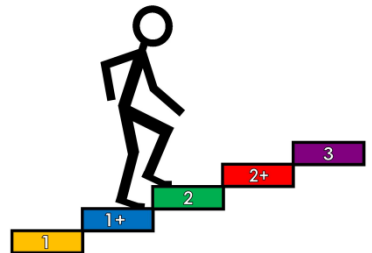
ACHIEVE!

At Aran Hall, we run the Achieve! programme. It has proven to be incredibly effective in supporting young people with a variety of additional needs to become more independent. This means more independence with managing your own behaviour, accessing the community and living a life full of value and vitality.

Remember, you can always ask us and we can help you to understand it and to make excellent progress 😊

Here's a breakdown of the different levels...

Everyone starts on Level 1.



Level 1

On Level 1 you will:

- ✓ Earn 5p a point for working in school.
- ✓ Be able to take part in community-based activities within a 15-mile radius of Aran Hall.
- ✓ Be able to use games consoles e.g. Xbox, PlayStation, Wii and handheld games consoles.
- ✓ Be able to choose items for yourself to buy on your School Shop.

Level 1+

On Level 1+ you will:

- ✓ Earn 6p a point for working in school.
- ✓ Be considered for 1:1 working in the community for local activities (based upon your individual risk assessment).
- ✓ Be able to arrange community-based activities within a 30-mile radius.

Level 2

On Level 2 you will:

- ✓ Earn 7p a point for working in school.
- ✓ Start 1:1 working in the community.
- ✓ Be able to use computers in the community e.g. internet café with staff supervision.
- ✓ Be able to own a laptop and/or tablet PC.
- ✓ Access community-based activities within a 45-mile radius.

Level 2+







On Level 2+ you will:

- ✓ Earn 8p a point for working in school.
- ✓ Be able to use personal money on community-based school activities.
- ✓ Be able to have a basic mobile telephone.
- ✓ Access community-based activities within a 50-mile radius.

Level 3

On Level 3 you will:

- ✓ Earn 10p a point for working in school.
- ✓ Be working towards independence in the community.
- ✓ Be able to have your own smartphone.
- ✓ Access any community-based activities (unlimited radius, but doable in a day trip).

 <p>Behaviour Contract</p>	<p>X No access to this device</p>
 <p>Parental Controls</p>	<p> Timed access</p>
 <p>Internet Access</p>	<p>AHS in the house room only</p>
 <p>No Internet Access</p>	<p>Com in the community</p>
 <p>Staff see what the pupil sees</p>	<p>AHS in house room and community but different Com rules may apply</p>

AHS internet ready devices/phones ACHIEVE! Level access (unless otherwise specified in RAMP)

Device	Orientation Phase			Growth Phase			Independence Phase		
	Level 1	Level 1+	Level 2	Level 2+	Level 3				
Class PC									
Own Games Consoles Wii, Xbox, PS etc.									
Own Hand held Games Consoles DSs etc.									
House PC									
Community PC									
Own Laptop									
Own Tablet (iPad etc.)									
Own Mobile Phone (one that only makes calls / sends texts)									
Own Smart Phone									

Useful Numbers: Extra Help and Support

TGP Cymru (Advocacy)

Garry Hughes

Garry.Hughes@tgpcymru.org.uk

Or see him in person when she visits here each month.

Childline

Freepost 1111,

London

N1 OBR

Tel: 0800 1111

CIW

North Wales Region

Government Offices

Sarn Mynach

Llandudno Junction

LL31 9RZ Tel: 0300 7900 126

Children's Commissioner for Wales

Rocio Cifuentes MBE

Naenor Penrhos

Oak Drive

Colwyn Bay

Conwy

LL29 7YW

Tel: 01492 523333

01492 523336

Email

post@childcomwales.org.uk

Suzanne Pennington (SENAD)

See her when she visits or you can telephone:

01332 378 840

Social Worker Name:

Phone number:

E-mail:



NORTH WALES ADVOCACY SERVICE

Do You...

- Want someone who will listen to you and your point of view?
- Want to know your rights?
- Need help speaking out and getting your voice heard?

What do we do? Well, we can...

- Inform you of your rights
- Help you sort things out with workers/carers
- Give you support and help you to speak up at meetings

Are You...

- 0-25 and looked after (in care) by Social Services?
- A care leaver?
- On the Child Protection Register?
- A child in need of care and support?

- Help you make a complaint
- Help you speak out, with others, about what's good or what needs to be changed for children and young people in care

This service is independent and confidential

Contact

Tel: 01286 238 007 • Freephone: 0800 111 6880 • NorthWalesAdvocacy@tgpcymru.org.uk
Unit 3, Victoria Dock, Balaclava Road, Caernarfon, LL55 1TH

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