



8th December 2025

Dear Parent Carer

Re: Estyn Report Publication Date: Monday 8th December 2025

I am writing to inform you that we have now received our eagerly awaited inspection report from Estyn, following their visit to our school in early October.

We are very pleased to share that the findings reflect the hard work and dedication of our staff, pupils and members of the Maelor community. It is particularly pleasing that inspectors' views on the school's strengths and areas for improvement closely align with our own evaluations. This shared understanding gives us confidence that the report will play a significant role in supporting our ongoing progress.

Inspectors describe The Maelor School as a 'welcoming and inclusive community' where pupils are supported effectively and display positive attitudes to learning. Pupils behave well in lessons, contribute eagerly to discussions, and Sixth Form students demonstrate active engagement and enthusiasm for learning.

Teachers show secure subject knowledge, use language effectively, and adapt lessons to meet individual needs. They foster strong relationships with pupils and manage behaviour consistently well.

In the report, digital skills are a notable strength, with clear progression mapped across the curriculum. Estyn have invited us to produce a case study on this work for publication on their website. We have also been invited to share effective practice within the science department for another Estyn publication - an endorsement of the innovative work happening across our school.

I am delighted that the inspection team recognised the impact of the recent changes we have implemented in our school and the strength in leadership. The report describes how senior leaders have developed a culture of collaboration, reflection and accountability, and how governors offer effective support and challenge.

All schools are currently operating in extremely challenging circumstances, as you know. Despite this, you have my absolute commitment to do the very best by our pupils, and as the inspection team confirms, we will always place their best interests at the heart of all we do.

As required by Estyn, we inform you about the publication and availability of the report within ten working days. The report is accessible on Estyn's website, and for your convenience, I include the link below for those who wish to view it in full: <https://estyn.gov.wales/app/uploads/2025/12/Inspection-report-The-Maelor-School-2025.pdf> Additionally, a summary parental/carers version of the report is also included: <https://estyn.gov.wales/app/uploads/2025/12/Parents-and-carers-Inspection-report-The-Maelor-School-2025.pdf>



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I am extremely proud of every member of our school community and feel so privileged to lead our wonderful school. But we do not stop here. Having been in post for just over a year, I know there is so much more we can achieve together - building on these successes and continuing to drive the school forward. I cannot wait to see what else we accomplish as a community.

Yours sincerely

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