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Dear Parent/Carers

ESTYN INSPECTION WEEK BEGINNING 20 OCTOBER 2025

NOTICE OF MEETING FOR PARENTS/CARERS:
MONDAY 20 OCTOBER 2025, 5.00-6.00pm, NEUADD Y DE

Cantonian High School is soon to be inspected as part of the programme of regular school inspections in Wales. The inspection will be carried out by a team led by Dean Curtis, the Reporting Inspector. Further information about the inspection process is attached.

This letter is to invite you to attend a meeting with the inspectors on Monday 20 October at 5.00pm. The meeting is open to all parents/carers of pupils at the school, but pupils themselves cannot attend. Governors and staff will not be present at the meeting unless they also have children at the school. The purpose of the meeting is for you to tell the inspectors your views about the school and how it works so that these views can be included in the inspection so we do encourage you to attend. Although the inspectors will want to hear your views and will attempt to answer your questions, they will not be in a position to comment on your views, which will be taken account of in the inspection. The inspectors will also be able to tell you about the inspection.

In addition to this meeting, as part of the inspection process, parents/carers are given the opportunity to complete a confidential online questionnaire – further details are overleaf. Please do fill it in whether or not you can attend the meeting by the deadline of 11pm on Sunday 12 October. Pupils will also be asked to complete a questionnaire during school time. The inspection team will take all comments into account. Estyn may also use the questionnaire responses to make general statistical analysis of parents'/carers'/pupils' views about schools and/or education.

Yours sincerely

MR G JONES
Acting Headteacher

The online questionnaire for parents/carers can be accessed via the QR code or link below.

Please do not click the 'back' button on the browser once the questionnaire has been submitted as this may result in duplicate responses being recorded.

https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/XJ6BCV/

The deadline for completion is 11pm on Sunday 12 October.

Understanding inspections in schools: A guide for parents and carers

Estyn is responsible for inspecting a wide range of education and training provision in Wales, and will soon be inspecting your child's school.

How do inspectors take account of my views of the school?

Estyn wants to know your views on the school. You can do this by:

- **completing an online questionnaire** via the direct link or QR code provided by the school. The questionnaire is the easiest way of making inspectors aware of your views.
- **attending a meeting with inspectors**. The school will inform you of the date and time.

How will an inspection benefit my child?

An inspection tells you about the quality of teaching and learning at your child's school. It gives the school an expert view on its work, outlining what it does well and helps it to improve.

Who inspects the school?

The inspection team is led by a Reporting Inspector who has considerable experience of teaching and education. Each inspection team also includes a lay inspector and a peer inspector. Lay inspectors have not worked as teachers in a school, while peer inspectors are headteachers or managers from another school. Each school may nominate one of their senior leaders to liaise directly with the inspection team and keep the inspectors informed about the school and its work.

How will the school be inspected?

Inspectors follow the guidance set out in these two documents: 'What we inspect'; 'How we inspect'

How will inspectors take account of my child's view of the school?

During the inspection, inspectors will ask groups of children how they feel about the school, their work and how well they are getting on. All learners from Year 3 and above will have the opportunity to complete an online questionnaire before the inspection.

How will I know the inspectors' views on the school?

Inspection reports are published on the Estyn website 45 working days after the start of the inspection. The governing body will also send you details of the report.

What will be included within the report?

The report will have overall evaluations on:

- the quality of teaching and learning
- care, support and guidance, and pupils' well-being
- leadership and improvement

What happens after an inspection?

All schools must produce an action plan based on the recommendations in the inspection report.

The inspection team will consider and report whether the school requires any follow-up activity. The two types of follow-up activity are:

Special measures: this is the most intensive level of statutory follow-up. It involves a small team of Estyn inspectors making regular visits to review the school's progress following the publication of the inspection report

Significant improvement: involves a small team of Estyn inspectors visiting the school to monitor progress about 12-18 months after the publication of the inspection report

In addition to a core inspection, we will also undertake other engagements with schools and PRUs.

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