Inspection under Section 28 of the Education Act 2005

A Report on the Quality of Education in Ysgol Manod Manod Blaenau Ffestiniog Gwynedd LL41 3AF

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Grade 1: Good with outstanding features

- 113. The school's provision for the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of the pupils is an outstanding feature. Teachers and others that work in the school are excellent role models, especially in regards to collaborative and team working. Pupils have a strong awareness of moral issues, which arises from the nurturing of core values such as respect, honesty and courtesy throughout the school by all staff. They treat peers, staff and visitors with respect and courtesy.
- 114. Circle time sessions and discussions in lessons contribute effectively to developing pupils' moral awareness along with their personal and social development. Staff plan meticulously for the daily acts of worship which are of a mainly Christian nature. These are organised either in class or as a whole school gathering. These assemblies do far more than fulfil the statutory requirements by challenging pupils, enriching their experiences, promoting the understanding of their own and other cultures, developing their ability to reflect and provide valuable opportunities for them to participate actively. The school has excellent links with local churches where they regularly take part in public services of celebration during Thanksgiving and Christmas. Pupils also benefit from the regular visits from clergy.