

Ysgol Uwchradd Llanidloes

High School



CYLCHLYTHYR MEDI 2014 SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER



Phoenix Program

Bags 2 School

The Bags 2 School company has been booked to collect clothing, soft toys, shoes, belts and handbags (no bric-a-brac please) from the school. The company will pay the school at least £200 per tonne. Bags are available from the Main Office. Please return filled bags to school by end of day Tuesday 14th October. We would be grateful if you could send bags in as close as possible to the 14th due to storage issues at the school.

Uniform

It has been a pleasure to see the vast majority of pupils coming back from the summer break in perfect uniform. Just a reminder that school shoes should be **plain black** with no emblems stripes or coloured laces. Pupils should be wearing a school jumper or a school hoodie as the weather becomes cooler. Non uniform tops should not be worn. Coats and jackets should be worn over school uniform not as an alternative to it.

Enterprise

Last Year's enterprise project was a huge success with all projects reaching a profit. During the final week of term Year 9 students ran their own businesses and sold their products and services to members of the school and wider community. The project is part of the WBQ which all Key Stage 4 students follow.

Lab In A Lorry

The Science Curriculum Area is eagerly awaiting a visit from the Institute of Physics 'Lab In A Lorry'. This exciting project allows Key Stage 3 pupils to experience a range of hands on experiments to help inspire budding physicists. The lorry will be visiting us (in the Visitors' Car Park) on Thursday 9th and Friday 10th October. We hope that all pupils in Years 7, 8 and 9 will take part.

GCSE results 2014



We are delighted by this year's GCSE results that have again exceeded local and national averages. We have surpassed last year's excellent results and are maintaining the high standards that we set here. All of our students have performed exceptionally well in their academic and vocational courses – we send our warmest congratulations to them all.

68% of our students (59% in Powys and 55% in Wales) achieved at least 5 GCSE grades at grade C or above including English and Maths which is the most important statistic. The performance of disadvantaged students and able students was also above national averages. High achievers were; Jade Fitzgerald, Alexander Jones, Florence Turley, James Davies, Sinead Hegarty and Bethany Jones. Students have been rewarded handsomely for their hard work, enthusiasm and determination to succeed. I would also like to thank the hard working staff and parents for their contribution to this year's success.

A Level results 2014

We are delighted with this year's excellent set of results for our A Level students that have enabled our students to either follow the courses of their choice in University or to pursue careers in other fields. High achievers were Alice Crush, Catrin Edwards, Chloe Foster, Iestyn Davies and Ella Sherrard. The Welsh Baccalaureate results were also excellent. Our warmest congratulations go to all students and we wish all of our students every success in the future. .

Wales Online 2014

I am delighted to inform you that we were the top performing High school in Powys according to 21 performance measures used by the Welsh Government. We were ranked 24th out of the 217 state schools placing us in the top 11% of all secondary schools in Wales. The second best placed Powys school was Crickhowell High School who were 32nd.

Showing Pupils the Benefits of Languages

At the end of July, Year 8 pupils enjoyed taster sessions in Italian, Swedish and German as part of a week long celebration of European language and culture. They also took part in activities based on a French/ Spanish/ Welsh song, took part in a European quiz and tasted foods from a variety of countries.

We were also pleased to welcome two external speakers from Laura Ashley and Quartix to take part in Languages Week. Both spoke about their places of work and how they use French on a daily basis as a way of communicating with other businesses across the world.

It is hoped that the taster sessions will inspire pupils to learn more about the language and culture of European countries they do not normally study.

Fairtrade

The school has celebrated Fairtrade's 20th anniversary by making a Fairtrade Rainbow cake. The school is one of only a few Welsh Schools who have the Fairtrade Status, ensuring that the promotion and education of Fairtrade is embedded into school culture.



Phoenix

Students have been taking part in the Phoenix project. This involved students visiting Newtown's Fire station and learning about what it is like to be a fire fighter and completing a course in problem solving and teamwork. The school has taken part in the programme for several years. We would like to congratulate all of the students who have taken part and completed the course this year.

Important dates for this year

Y7 Parent's Evening – 22nd January 2015

Y7 Exams – 1st – 8th June 2015

Y7 Reports – 9th July 2015

Y8 Parent's Evening – 26th February 2015

Y8 Exams – 13th – 22nd May 2015

Y8 Reports – 29th June 2015

Y9 Options Evening – 12th March 2015

Y9 Exams – 13th – 17th April

Y9 Reports – 11th May 2015

Y9 Parent's Evening – 21st May 2015

Y10 Parent's Evening – 5th February 2015

Y10 Exams – 16th -20th March 2015

Y10 Reports – 1st May 2015

Y11 Parent's Evening – 27th November 2014

Y11 Exams – 8th – 12th December 2014

Y11 Reports – 26th March 2015

Autumn Term-3rd September – 19th Dec (half term 27th – 31st October 2014)

Spring Term-6th January – 26th March (half term 16th – 20th February 2015)

Summer Term-13th April – 17th July (half term 25th – 29th May 2015)

Free School Meals

Just to remind you that if you are claiming Income Support, Income based Job Seekers Allowance, Guarantee Credit of State Pension Credit, Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act, 1999, Employment Support Allowance or are Entitled to Child Tax Credit but not Working Tax Credit you may be eligible for Free School Meals. Please contact the school for a form.

Smile Club

Located in E5, Smile Club is open to anyone in Year 7, 8, & 9 every break and lunch. It is run by trained 6th formers who act as mentors. Learners can come and chat, play games or even get help with homework.

Attendance

Please can Parents/Guardians phone the school as soon as possible when they know their child is going to be absent from school. Please explain the reason for the absence and if possible the likely length of time of the absence. A message can be left on the school answering machine but unfortunately we cannot receive texts. Thank you
Mrs H Davies
(Attendance Officer).

Media Trip

The media department has visited Aberystwyth University's Film and TV department. During the trip students learnt how a TV show is created using the university's film and editing facilities. Students also stayed in the university's hall of residence and visited the student union for a quiz.

Contacts

Would you please inform the school if your address, telephone numbers or any other details have changed.

PE

The PE Department has kicked off with a bang this term with school competitions already taking place. Football results from Thursday lunchtime fixtures saw Year 9 run out 2-1 victors over Year 8 and Year 11 beating Year 10 2-0.

The next fixtures to be played are Year 11 vs the 6th Form and Year 7 vs Year 8 before the start of our Welsh Schools Football Association fixtures.

The U13s and U15s will be taking on Bro Ddyfi away with Newtown and John Beddoes pulling out of our home fixtures. We also are awaiting the final date of the Welshpool small sided football tournament.

Five confirmed rugby fixtures are also in the schedule with the visit of Llanfyllin, Llanfair, Llandoverly College and Oswestry Boarding School to Cae Hafren playing fields before we take another trip to Welshpool.

To fulfil all these fixtures and to continue to build on the fixture list so that our Llanidloes HS pupils can receive the best sporting opportunities it is important that they take responsibility for their punctuality, kit and returning their permission slips on time.

To support the PE department with coaching of the lower school, the 6th form, as part of their study, will take lead roles in contributing to training and fixtures for their designated teams.

YEAR 7	YEAR 8	YEAR 9	YEAR 10
Rhys Roberts	Archie Walker	Josh Cotton	Rob Jones
Huw Spear	Alex Jones	Joseph Jones	Tom Jerman
Ben J.Rolfe	Will Denham	Jack Jones	Lewys Jones
Emlyn Jones	Callum Breese	Jacob Mason	Elliot Hopkins

Secondary Schools North Wales Tennis Finals

Congratulations to the following girls who represented Llanidloes High School & Montgomeryshire in the North Wales Tennis Competition.

Year 8: Chloe Hamer, Rhian Jones, Nia Williams & Sian Jerman.

Year 11: Amy Hill, Megan Jones, Molly Hughes & Ffion Williams

The girls played against Ysgol Penweddig and Newtown in the first round in June then went on to beat Welshpool in the Montgomeryshire final.

Both teams lost to St Joseph's High School (Wrexham), but won matches against Rydal Penrhos School (Colwyn Bay) with the Year 11's beating them 4-2.

For further information on 5 x 60 at Llanidloes High School please contact Katie Hamer on 07766 248617 or katie.hamer@powys.gov.uk

