

## Homework calendar for Years 7-9

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Autumn term		Spring term		Summer term	
Half term 1		Half term 2		Half term 3	
Half term 4		Half term 5		Half term 6	
<b>Year 7</b>	Eisteddfod preparation (all Areas of Learning)	Sci-Tech Christmas Fair	Touch typing course (prizes for progress!)	Computer coding course	Cyfoethogi Cwricwlwm (free choice – see suggestions below – Prizes to be won)
	Accelerated Reader Challenge 1 (prizes will be won based on pupil progress from their starting point)				
	Accelerated Maths Challenge 1 (prizes will be won based on pupil progress from their starting point)				
<b>Year 8</b>	Eisteddfod preparation (all Areas of Learning)	Sci-Tech Christmas Fair	Touch typing course (prizes for progress!)	Computer coding course	Cyfoethogi Cwricwlwm (free choice – see suggestions below – Prizes to be won)
	Equality and diversity course (possibility of two extra GCSEs equivalent qualifications)				
	Accelerated Reader Challenge 2 (prizes will be won based on pupil progress from their starting point)				
	Accelerated Maths Challenge 2 (prizes will be won based on pupil progress from their starting point)				
<b>Year 9</b>	Eisteddfod preparation (all Areas of Learning) + Hefin Bennett Public Speaking Competition	Sci-Tech Christmas Fair		Computer coding course	Cyfoethogi Cwricwlwm (free choice – see suggestions below – Prizes to be won)
	Finance course (possibility of an extra GCSE equivalent)				
	Accelerated Reader Challenge 3 (prizes will be won based on pupil progress from their starting point)				
	Accelerated Maths Challenge 3 (prizes will be won based on pupil progress from their starting point)				

## Summer Term Cyfoethogi Cwricwlwm

### Introduction

In many rural schools, pupils who rely on home-to-school transport often miss out on co-curricular opportunities delivered beyond the school day. At Llanidloes High School, we treat these wide-ranging societies and specialist subjects as integral to the curriculum so that no-one need miss out. The **Cyfoethogi Cwricwlwm** enables pupils in Years 7, 8 and 9 to choose from a rich variety of activities ranging from photography to French, computer coding to cookery, debating to drama, and algebra to art.

The **Cyfoethogi Cwricwlwm** gives pupils the opportunity to further their interests or to discover completely new ones. Additionally, most academic subject areas run their own Cyfoethogi opportunities. In the summer term, pupils identify a skill, activity or area of community service they wish to explore and complete a project. Family members and friends are invited to participate. Towards the end of the summer term, each pupil presents to their peers and/or wider school community members.

This integral part of our Year 7-9 curriculum involves an extensive range of opportunities from the academic to the more hobby-based options, but all are designed to interest, challenge and engage pupils. Some of the options that comprise the **Cyfoethogi Cwricwlwm** are run during lunchtimes or in after school clubs.

All pupils in Years 7 and 9 are expected to pursue at least one activity during the summer term – though of course they can get involved in many activities throughout the year. The list below is by no means exhaustive, but all contribute richly to helping pupils fulfil the four purposes of the new curriculum. We aim to help children become: ambitious, capable learners, ready to learn throughout their lives; enterprising, creative contributors, ready to play a full part in life and work; ethical, informed citizens of Wales and the world; and healthy, confident individuals, ready to lead fulfilling lives as valued members of society.

### Opportunities

#### **Archery**

If we have sufficient interest in the summer term, we run archery sessions either indoors in the gym or outside when the weather is fine. Beginners are welcome and all equipment will be provided. However, experienced archers who wish to bring their own equipment will be encouraged to do so.

#### **Art & Photography Club**

The Art and Photography Club provides a creative and encouraging environment for art lovers to enjoy making and appreciating art. Come along to improve on current skills, to learn new techniques and to increase your interest in and love of the visual arts. You do not need to take art to join in, all are welcome. Also gain a solid ground in the skills of digital photography. This group is for all ability levels, and you are not required to bring your own camera. Learn tips and techniques, as well as editing processes and the basic skills of taking a great photo.

#### **Beekeeping**

If there is sufficient interest, a Beekeeping Society could be started that would include training for beginners. You could choose beekeeping as your skill for the Duke of Edinburgh Award. The meetings would be held outdoors from April to October (weather permitting). The Society would have access to an apiary have a designated area for storing equipment and extracting honey. Protective clothing would be provided. Members could share some of the honey produced by the society's hives and some could be sold to raise funds for school charities.

### **Canoeing, Kayaking and Boating**

A Canoe and Kayak Society could teach pupils to roll and carry out basic safety and rescue skills in both a canoe and a kayak, practising locally at Clywedog. Once rolling has been mastered, pupils can then learn the art of cart-wheeling and other impressive acrobatic skills in a boat.

### **Christian Club ('The Lighthouse')**

Christian Club provides an opportunity for interested pupils, whatever their beliefs, to examine aspects of Christianity. A passage from the Bible is taken as the starting point for discussion, often by hearing a short talk from a member of staff, older pupil or visiting speaker.

### **Coding Group**

There is a craze for learning code - but what exactly is coding? Coding is what makes it possible for us to create computer software, apps and websites. Your browser, your Operating System, the apps on your phone, Facebook, and any website – they're all made with code. The Coding Group will teach you this and hopefully stimulate your creativity in all code-related matters.

### **Comedy Group**

Perhaps you would like to establish a Llanidloes High School Comedy Group to explore different genres of comedy, to write and perform comedy sketches, stand up and all forms of comedy theatre and film? You could aim to put together a review/show towards the end of term. For anyone who wants to explore their comic side this would be the group to be in! You would not be forced to perform if you merely wished to write sketches.

### **Cooking**

This club and associated courses would aim to offer an introduction to the essentials of life after Llanidloes. The club would focus on basic skills such as student cooking, pizzas, cakes, and how to develop hearty but budget-friendly meals. Basic cooking skills, nutrition as well as versatility of ingredients could be learned.

### **Craft and Textiles Group**

This area of the curriculum aims to dip into a miscellany of craft activities, to accommodate the interests of those attending regularly. Textile activities could include jewellery making, mosaics, batic, production costume design, mobiles and card making.

### **Dance/performance**

In recent years, pupils from the school have won through to the national Eisteddfod finals. We have also won the solo dance final for two out of the past three years. However, even if you want to just dance for enjoyment or artistic expression, there are wide-ranging opportunities for you to develop your dance skills.

### **Debating Society**

A Debating Society could run parallel sessions for junior and senior pupils. Each week, pupils could have an opportunity to participate in debates and gain advice on improving their debating skills. Those interested would also have the opportunity to participate in debating competitions as well as friendly contests with other schools.

### **Drama Group**

Whatever your dramatic taste, be it comedy sitcoms or Shakespeare plays, the Drama Group can help inspire and channel your passion for acting. Whether you want to try your hand at script writing, creating carefully crafted original characters, or improvisation, we'll help you ensure the show goes on.

### **Duke of Edinburgh**

If you love a challenge, are strong on team work and want to test your powers of endurance, then Duke of Edinburgh is for you. Our intrepid humanities team will provide you with all the training and information you need to navigate through the Welsh countryside, serve in your community and

### **Film-Making Society**

Budding film makers will learn the tools of the trade to create everything from first class youtube streams to epic motion pictures. They will become familiar with the most contemporary software, special effects and legal framework within which the film (and social media) industry operates.

### **French Society**

Members of the French Society would have a lot of fun with French food tasting events, films, research and getting involved in the French Exchange with student from our partner school in Duval.

### **History Society**

The History Society would help pupils expand their understanding of topics that would not necessarily appear on the curriculum. Students could experience a wide range of subjects from a number of different time periods, whilst enjoying the opportunity for discussion, stimulating talks, interactive activities and the development of presentation skills. There is also the opportunity for Sixth Formers to take a leadership role within the Society.

### **Maths Group**

Maths Group allows pupils who enjoy mathematics to develop their logical reasoning and problem-solving skills. Members have the chance to discuss and tackle a variety of mathematical puzzles, helping them to prepare for national and school competitions which run throughout the year.

### **Paired Reading**

This group of students visit a local primary school, where they work with younger children on a one-to-one basis in order to help develop their reading skills. It is great opportunity to exercise leadership skills and catch up with your primary school staff.

### **Quizzing Society**

The Quizzing Society would aim to help pupils foster an interest in retention and recollection of facts from a spectrum of academic (and some non-academic) disciplines. This could culminate in a House Quiz Finals in the summer term.

### **Reading Group**

This club would provide the opportunity and space for pupils to read independently. They can use this time to catch up on academic reading, explore areas in support of their studies, or simply to read for pleasure and relaxation.

### **Science club**

The Science Club is the school's scientific society. Talks are given either by external speakers or current staff on a variety of scientific topics. This society aims to delve deep into scientific discoveries in a wide range of fields and is ideally suited to those who wish to pursue a career in this field. However, given that much of the club's activities involve experimentation, all are welcome simply to join in on the fun.

**STEM Society**

The STEM Society is a hands-on, practical group which encourages building, creating and learning in the four disciplines of Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths. Pupils apply what they have learned in the classroom and put it into action in projects, awards and competitions where they can showcase their ideas whilst developing their knowledge.

**Technical Theatre**

Pupils learn how to operate sound and lighting, manage costumes and props and assist with set build for school and house productions. The content of the sessions is driven by the needs of productions, but the course begins with introductory sessions in all the major elements of stage management.

**Wellbeing Society**

This society will help pupils delve deep into all aspects of health and wellbeing. The group will engage with aspects of psychology, physiology and metacognition.