

Ysgol Uwchradd Llanidloes High School



Summer Newsletter 2023

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UPDATE FROM THE HEAD

C.S. Lewis once said, “You can never get a cup of tea large enough or a book long enough to suit me.” As we glance back over the summer term, we are delighted to share enough pupil achievements for several cups of tea. If you would like a hard copy please email the office – we appreciate that reading the newsletter on a phone is not the easiest!



We are also pleased to share our draft priorities for 2023-2024 and beyond:

- Priority 1:** Secure strong progress and outcomes in Years 11-13, including GCSE maths
- Priority 2:** Improve the wellbeing of pupils (especially around persistent absenteeism)
- Priority 3:** Improve teaching (especially around advanced skills provision using the LNF and DCF) and assessment (especially written feedback) to ensure strong learner progress
- Priority 4:** Improve literacy (esp. oracy and reading comprehension), numeracy (esp. problem solving within authentic contexts) and digital competency skills in Years 7-9
- Priority 5:** Review, refine and develop an inspirational curriculum in Years 7-9 that helps pupils become highly skilled, ambitious, confident, aspirational and well-informed individuals
- Priority 6:** Improve leadership at all levels, especially around improving progression in numeracy, literacy and digital skills

Are there other areas where, as parents and carers, you feel we need to plan for improvement? Again, please email the office with your insights and requests.

Finally, before glancing back to the summer, I would like to share a light-hearted glimpse of the future of education here at Llanidloes High School. Remember you heard it here first!

‘So undeniably crucial are AI skills to the world of business and industry that technology companies and governments have taken unprecedented steps over the last few years to make sure these AI tools are available to all schools.

Gwenan’s first lesson is physics with Mr Eley-Fitzgerald and today they are learning about gravity. To start the lesson, their teacher invites everyone to chat with Isaac Newton via their tablets and ask him what people used to think about gravity when he was young. The students in the class all start to speak to their tablets and simulacra of Isaac Newton, Einstein and Hawking on their screens respond to their questions. The teacher has set some objectives for the lesson in the form of 10 open questions. The AIs have been instructed not to directly answer them, but rather guide the students.

Gwenan then moves on to history with Mr Morel where she is preparing for a debate on the legacy of the British Empire. To add some visual flare to her presentation, she asks her AI to generate some images of some key locations. All student AIs are equipped with generative AI plugins for image, speech, music, and code synthesis.

In art with Mrs Smith, after 3D scanning her board game figure sculptures with her tablet, she is ready to 3D print them at a reduced size. She asks her AI to open the files, add appropriate scaffolding and struts, and then send them to 3D printer no. 4, which currently has no print queue. The dual-filament printer says it will take six minutes to print the first piece in black and white.

Later that day, Gwenan has a maths lesson with Mr Mason. Her AI generates questions for her on the techniques she has found most difficult so far this year. When Gwenan gets a question right, her AI congratulates her. When she struggles, the AI talks her through worked examples of similar questions, step by step. Meanwhile, Gwenan’s maths teacher has a dashboard on her tablet summarising what her students are working on. This allows her to play a crucial high-level role engaging in vital human contact, steering the AIs to focus on topics via the dashboard.

Her final lesson of the day is AI literacy with Mr Higgs, recognised by most schools to be just as essential as literacy and numeracy. This inaugural year introduced the fundamentals of machine learning: neural networks, large language models, safe use of AI assistants, awareness of fake news and deep fakes, and much more.

Gwenan then heads off to her after school netball training session with Miss Davies. This, at least, remains a tech-free experience!

Brave new world or dystopian nightmare...discuss!
Mr Owen (Headteacher)

GCSE Results 2023

Staff and pupils at Llanidloes High School are delighted with the GCSE results this year.

Mr Owen said: "We are deeply proud of all of our GCSE students. They have served as exemplary role models for younger pupils over the past two years and have shown resilience, graft and a superb attitude to learning. Their splendid examination performance is richly deserved and means they have a great opportunity at Sixth Form to secure places in Oxbridge, Russell Group Universities, apprenticeships or pursue excellent employment opportunities. These are truly exciting times for our wonderful young people."

"There are many notable individual performances, including:

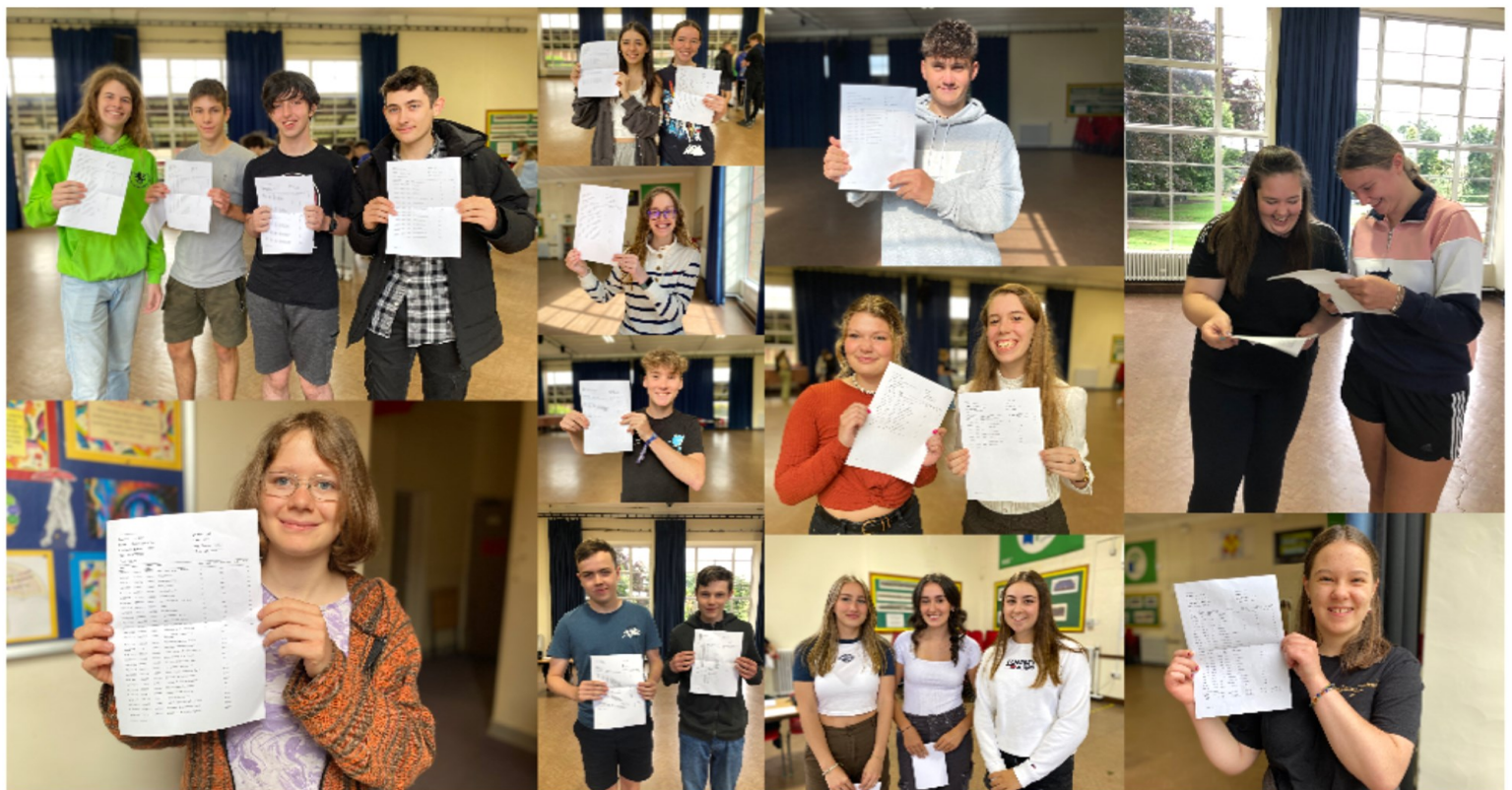
John Owen	13 A* to A's
Robin Ellis	12 A* to A's
Finn Macken	12 A* to A's
Ruby Koffer	12 A* to A's
Liam Fansa	10 A* to A's
James Midgley	9 A* to A's
Jess Atterbury	7 A* to A's
Evie Jones	7 A* to A's
Angela Davies	7 A* to A's



I would like to extend my warm congratulations to every student on their results. We look forward to welcoming many of you back into Sixth Form where we will continue to ensure you excel academically and enjoy the tremendous variety of extra-curricular activities, such as Gold Duke of Edinburgh, overseas trips to Iceland and France, university residential preparation for higher education and wide-ranging cultural visits across the UK."

Mr Owen added, "Our Oxbridge admissions programme includes facilitating visits to Oxford and Cambridge Colleges and bespoke tuition from staff who attended these universities. This will help our high achievers capitalise on their continued success at Llanidloes High School. There is similarly comprehensive support for our young people with wide-ranging additional learning needs to ensure everyone is able to realise their full potential."

"Once again, I would like to thank every member of staff for their professionalism, hard work and high standard of teaching and pastoral care that have made these results possible."



A-Level Results 2023

Students and staff at Llanidloes High School are delighted with their exceptional A-level and wider post-16 results this year.

Over a third of all A-level and vocational grades awarded at the school are A* or A's with over 90% of all grades awarded at A*-C.

For two out of the three years prior to the pandemic, Llanidloes Sixth Form was in The Sunday Times top ten Sixth Forms in Wales. Mr Owen said, *"We hope to have achieved this feat again and are deeply proud of our wonderful Sixth Form students. They have overcome the challenges of the past few years to secure extraordinary academic success. Many have secured places at Russell Group universities, others are starting apprenticeships, others are taking a gap year to carry out volunteer work or travel, and others are starting exciting employment opportunities. Their success demonstrates their resilience and character and the smashing support provided by staff and parents."*



"I couldn't be more proud of our fantastic staff team for teaching and supporting our students so effectively. Their hard work and professionalism have yielded a stellar set of results."

In a message to students, Mrs Jerman (Head of Sixth Form) and Dr Simon Creasey (Assistant Head of Sixth Form), said, *"Congratulations everyone on your superb results! We're so proud of you all and wish you well as you move onto exciting new pastures. Please pop in, or get in touch, to give us regular updates on how you're getting on."*

Chair of Governors, Mrs Margot Jones, said, *"Congratulations to our wonderful students on their excellent results and to our marvellous team of staff. Each year, our A-level results serve as a reminder of why local Sixth Form education is overwhelmingly the most popular post-16 choice of students and parents across the county. I am so proud of all the students and staff."*

Notable results include:

Rhodri Blakeway	A*Dist BB	Zoology	Exeter University
Bonnie Cadman	A*ACC	Business Management	Liverpool John Moores University
Sarah Jerman	A*ABB	Architecture	Nottingham University
Kayleigh Jones	A*A*BB	Paramedic Science	Coventry University
Jess Lewis	A*A*BC	Physiotherapy	Manchester Metropolitan University
Nia Morgan	AAB	Going into employment	
Adam Rajczakowski	A*A Distinction*	Physics	Sheffield University
Elin Schultz	A*AA	Maths	St Andrews University
Will Stead	A*AB	Law	Leeds University
Addie Whitworth	A*A*B	Chemistry	University of Bath



DUKE OF EDINBURGH

HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh first considered the idea of a national programme to support young people's development in the autumn of 1954 at the request of his inspiring former headmaster, Kurt Hahn.

In the post-war era, His Royal Highness wanted to bridge the gap between leaving formal education at 15 and entering into National Service at 18, so that young men made the best use of their free time, found interests and acquired self-confidence and a sense of purpose that would support them into their future and help them to become well-rounded citizens.



Eventually DofE programmes took on their current four section format of: Volunteering, Physical, Skills and Expedition, with an additional Residential section at Gold level. Llanidloes High School has one of the highest uptakes across Powys at all stages of the award, largely thanks to the passion of staff like Mr Jones and Mr Morel who oversee the programme.



ENTERPRISE WEEK



Hope House benefits from Llanidloes pupils' entrepreneurship

Pupils in Year 10 have broken the previous Enterprise Week fundraising record by raising over £1200 in profit for Hope House Children's Charity in just two days.

These pupils applied their entrepreneurial skills to great effect during 'Enterprise & Employability Challenge' which forms part of their Welsh Bacallaureate course. They worked in groups of four to six to plan, prepare and deliver their business plans.

With businesses required to be eco-friendly, relevant and bespoke, pupils rose to the challenge to offer a wide variety of products and services targeted at younger pupils and teachers. One member of staff was heard to say, 'I started the week with £7 cash in my pocket, but now have a banna, new shades, a bracelet and a fully glittered face...what amazing value'.



EXPRESSIVE ARTS

Orchestra Workshop

On Friday 14th July, while other pupils were at home, seven pupils from Llanidloes High School travelled to Newtown High School to participate in Montgomeryshire Youth Music's Orchestra Workshop. One pupil wrote, *"We arrived about 10 in the morning and rehearsed all day, performing pieces such as Lin Manuel Miranda's 'We don't talk about Bruno' and Alan Silvestri's theme from The Avengers. At 6pm, parents arrived and the full orchestra of 60 or so players performed the pieces they had been working on, alongside MYM's String Heroes and Concert Band. We are very grateful to the organisers and look forward to participating in the next event!"*



HEALTH & WELLBEING AOLE

Powys Schools Rugby

This term, our year 8, 9 and 10 boys rugby teams headed to Llanidloes RFC to compete in the Powys Schools rugby competition in both 10-a-side and 7-a-side formats. All teams gave a great account of themselves against strong opposition, showing endurance, strength and courage.



Will Rees Wheelchair Sport Success

Congratulations to Will Rees (Year 9) on his recent successes in the field of wheelchair sport. Will has an incredible work ethic and passion to compete in a range of sports and is a Sports Ambassador for Sport Powys within the school. This term, Will has been selected for the Under-14 development squad for Wales Wheelchair Basketball and has also attended talent ID days for Wales Wheelchair Rugby.



Round 1 – Guest Speaker Series

On Friday 16th June, we welcomed Staff Sergeant Mike Silvester who kicked off our Health and Well-being guest speaker series, which will take place over the next 12 months.

Mike delivered an assembly to pupils in years 9-11 about his career in the British Army, his role within 8 Royal Electrical Mechanical Engineers (REME) and how playing rugby for Llanidloes Rugby Club has helped him create a more balanced, healthy lifestyle outside his military career.

Mike stayed to deliver an engineering workshop to pupils in year 8 who thoroughly enjoyed building rocket cars and competing to launch them as far as possible across the gym.



Tennis Finals

Pupils from years 7, 8, 9 and 10 competed in the North Powys Tennis finals against Welshpool and Llanfyllin after winning their first round fixture against Newtown. The year 7 and 8 boys and year 9 and 10 girls fought hard against strong Welshpool and Llanfyllin sides, playing some excellent tennis. The year 7 and 8 girls team lost narrowly after a tie break. All competitors showed an abundance of grit, determination and perseverance. Well done to everyone involved.



HEALTH & WELLBEING AOLE

Primary School Multi Sport Day

Recently, our cluster primary schools enjoyed a multi-sport day, hosted by Sport Powys at Llanidloes Cricket Club. The event involved 18 of our pupils providing taster sessions in a range of different sports. These student sports leaders assisted with skill development, oversaw games and managed groups of pupils from Years 5 and 6. These pupils were selected due to their being Sports Ambassadors, Rugby Ambassadors or interested in sports coaching.

The Multi Sport Day built on the success of more regular support and training delivered by high school pupils throughout the term. These young leaders have headed out to cluster primary schools to assist with PE lessons, answer questions about high school life and share their knowledge and expertise of wide-ranging sports.

All our student coaches delivered each session with maturity and professionalism, ensuring all primary school pupils were engaged and enjoyed each station. Well done to everyone involved!



Rugby Leaders Course

In June, 17 of our pupils undertook the WRU Rugby Leaders course, delivered by Adam Price, WRU Rugby Hub Officer. The course is designed to give coaches the introductory skills and knowledge required to deliver fun, safe and engaging tag rugby sessions. These pupils will have the opportunity to apply their skills within primary school sessions throughout the next academic year.

NASUWT Athletics

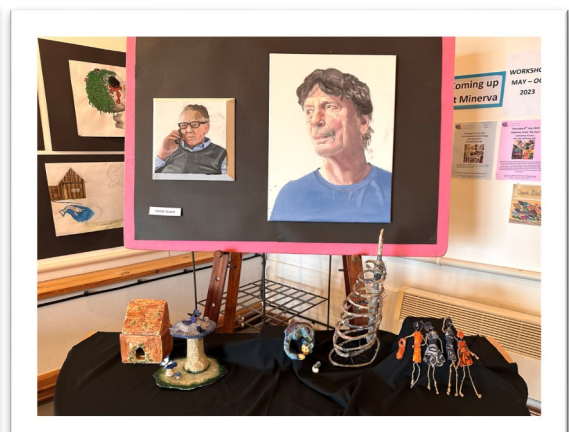
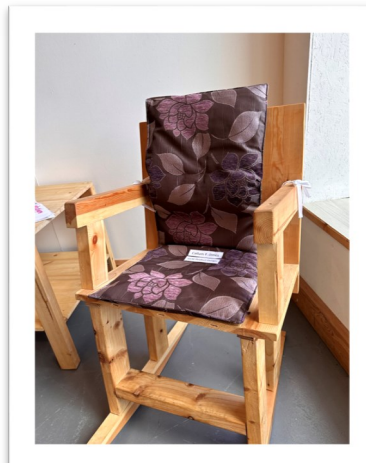
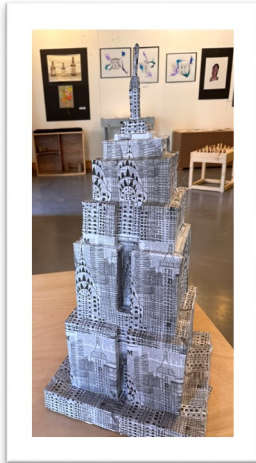
Our athletes travelled to Newtown to compete in the NASUWT team athletics competition. We had a fantastic day with the following results:

- Junior Girls 1st
- Junior Boys 2nd
- Middle Girls 3rd
- Middle Boys 5th

The junior boys and girls successfully competed in the National finals held in Aberdare on the 12th July.



Minerva Exhibition Highlights



Primary Project

Federation fun

The partnership work between Llanidloes Primary School and the high school continues to deepen. During the summer term, primary pupils enjoyed working with Mr Moses and high school pupils to transform their eco-committee's vision design into reality. The roots of the tree represent Cynefin (our sense of belonging to a particular area and community), while the wings – featuring feathers created by each and every primary school pupil - depict flying into positive futures and places.



Prom Extravaganza!



Maesmawr Hall has surely never seen anything quite like this year's Llanidloes High School Year 11 prom! In addition to a spattering of Ferraris and Fergusons, BMWs, bikes and Bugatti's, we also had a princess mounted upon her trusty steed. One group of agriculturally-minded young men arrived on their front room furniture...carried in several tractor buckets!

The dazzling sunshine contributed to the festive atmosphere as pupils 'decompressed' after their exams.

We are delighted that most pupils will be returning to complete our broadest ever array of post-16 A-level, vocational and online courses, with the Sixth Form growing to its largest size for several years. It has been a privilege to see this wonderful year group develop into such fine young men and women.



Radio 4

Headteacher discusses mobile phones on Radio 4

During the summer term, the UK Parliament discussed issues created by mobile phones being permitted in schools. Mr Owen was invited to discuss the topic with Evan Davies who once hosted Dragons Den. During the interview, Mr Owen explained the reasons (5 'R's) for the prohibition on SMART phones at Llanidloes, including the following:



Research: A study by the London School of Economics found that banning phones had the effect of giving pupils an extra week's education over the course of an academic year.

Risk of grooming: Smartphones give unsupervised access to the internet. The number of parents who report 'losing their child' to the underworld of social media increases daily.

Relationships: The damaging effects of pornography are well attested. Following the pandemic, pupils need to spend time forming healthy, respectful, face-to-face friendships.

Reliance: An increasing number of pupils appear to be addicted to social media and gaming on their SMART phones.

Ridicule: Cyber-bullying takes many forms and can have catastrophic consequences. The prohibition has coincided with a significant reduction in online bullying.

Mr Owen concluded, 'What's not to like!' (though it would be fair to say that not every pupil shares his enthusiasm for the policy!)

TEAM GB WORLD TRIATHLON AND RELAY SUCCESS FOR DR PALFREY

Congratulations to Dr Palfrey who recently finished fifth in the World Triathlon Sprint and Relay Championships in Hamburg. Dr Palfrey was a crucial member of the mixed GB relay team. She also finished 5th in her individual race.

In June, Dr Palfrey finished fourth in the European Triathlon Championships in Madrid. Both races were sprint distance, which is 750m swim, 20km bike, and 5km run. However, Madrid was turned into a duathlon (run, bike, run) because of poor water quality in the lake.

Following her stellar performances at both championships, Dr Palfrey has been selected to represent Great Britain in next year's European and World Championships in Malaga.



GOLDEN BUNSEN BURNER

Science Fair 2023

Winner 2023: Maddie Harrison

At the beginning of June, we held our inaugural New Curriculum 'Golden Bunsen Burner' Science Fair.

The fair took place in Llanidloes primary school hall and was the culmination of several weeks of work by the new Year 8. They carried out a series of home experiments, recording their findings in a lab diary and then competed within tutor groups to choose finalists. Our nine finalists competed in the Primary School hall, ably demonstrating and explaining their experiments to curious Year 6 pupils.

Every single competitor received at least one vote from the year 6 students. However, our winner was Maddie Harrison who was helpfully assisted by Leyla Wilbraham in demonstrating a fire extinguisher experiment.



SCIENCE

Animal Club

A dedicated team of Year 7 students have been regular visitors to SC5, where they have helped to care for the gerbils, Coco and Chunk, and the Giant African Land Snails. They have learnt how to care for them, including feeding and keeping their homes clean and interesting.

Here is Shawn with Coco and Chunk. When they first arrived, about six months ago, they were very nervous, and it was not possible to handle them. Shawn has shown amazing care and patience, gradually taming them, so that he can now handle them easily. Well done Shawn!



Activities week: Bridges



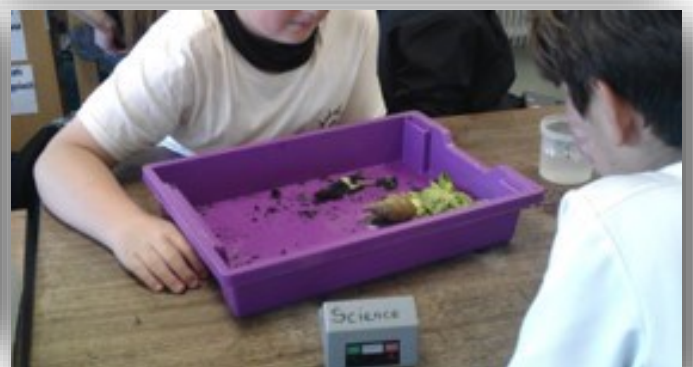
SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Stained Glass Workshop



Digital Skills through Snail Racing!

Distance (cm)	Time (s)	Speed (cm/s)
2	16	0.13
3.3	60	0.06
10	96	0.10
Average speed (cm/s)		0.09



SCIENCE

James Dyson Foundation STEM

Year 7 enjoyed applying their science and engineering skills to make balloon kebabs, layer colourful liquids, lava lamps and origami water bombs! In addition, the laws of Newtonian physics were stretched to their limits during Activities Week to make paper clips float.

These fun activities were inspired by the James Dyson Foundation. Pupils now feel fully equipped to bring a little sunshine to their families over the summer holidays!



Urdd Success!

Rose Foscett wowed judges in the National round of the Cogurdd in the Urdd Eisteddfod, coming away with first place, making her the national champion!

The competition judges set participants the challenge of making a 'super-duper salad'. Rose showcased her eye-catching culinary skills by making a salad that wouldn't have looked out of place on a Royal table. Her final dish included homemade breaded chicken goujons and a vinaigrette.

One might say that Rose 'rocketed' to success without falling 'foul' of the rules so 'lettuce' congratulate our worthy winner!



Rose also won second place in the Urdd Eisteddfod for her photography. The wonderful picture was on display all week in Llandovery.

WILD CAMPING

Every summer, six groups from secondary schools and various youth support networks are invited to Bwlch Corog in Machynlleth for a weeklong Wild Camp. The Wild Camps are specifically designed for teenagers who could benefit from the rewarding experience of being close to nature, learning new skills and building self-confidence. In June, a group of Year 10 students had the opportunity to attend a Wild Camping trip run by the charity Coetir Anian/Cambrian Wildwood.

On arrival our students were warmly welcomed by their camp leaders but dismayed to find out that there was a no phone policy! They reluctantly gave up their technology to embrace the great outdoors. Over the next four days they learned practical skills such as fire-lighting, wood carving (aka knife making) and foraging for food.



Throughout the trip there was a big focus on wellbeing, communication skills and building self-confidence. As the week went on, everyone forgot their phones and enjoyed deepening friendships, wide games, river swimming (in the absence of a shower!), hiking, sharing tall tales and laughter, and overcoming a wide range of problem solving challenges. Pupils were fed like kings with fresh fruit and vegetables available at each mealtime and prepared their own main courses over a campfire. Staff and leaders are very proud of pupils' effort, positivity, resilience and finding peace in the Welsh wild.



Neurodiversity

This year Llanidloes High School has been involved in the Neurodiversity Umbrella Project to help raise awareness of the number of people who think differently. Neurodiversity is an umbrella term that covers people with ASD, dyslexia, ADHD, dyspraxia, dyscalculia, Tourette Syndrome and a number of other conditions. To celebrate the talents of those who have a neurodevelopmental condition that come under the "neurodiversity umbrella", students have been encouraged to consider the many strengths that come from thinking differently. This culminated in a display across the corridor outside the Hall.



Beatrice Wallbank Creative Workshop

Earlier in the academic year, Year 7 pupils had the opportunity to join a creative workshop to develop ideas for story writing.

Beatrice Wallbank, a former pupil of Llanidloes High School, led the workshop inspiring pupils to develop setting and character through visual prompts.

An informal question and answer session followed the workshop during which pupils were able to get hold of a copy of Beatrice's recently published debut novel, 'The Sleeping Stones'.



Careers Wales Update

Support and information for parents

Careers Wales are committed to ensuring that parents are empowered and suitably prepared to support their child in their career planning. To help achieve this, they have dedicated information for parents, guardians, and carers on their website:

<https://careerswales.gov.wales/parents#msdyntrid=5p4igeoolP1rIEOkZuKc4424jxHAV54VuU1PoxGz-Zc>

Their all-age Working Wales service can also help parents with their own career and employment needs, offering support to get into work, change careers and access free training: <https://workingwales.gov.wales/#msdyntrid=IS0wEMIONq0fCqHF8op7O1cZfSjvEiD9u7nkXBq3ML4>

Future Jobs Wales

Career Wales have announced the addition of jobs in health, construction and energy to their Future Jobs Wales (FJW) resource: https://careerswales.gov.wales/future-jobs-wales/jobs-in-health#msdyntrid=twsvkvm9QPcy4QKjywrXYyBTm_lxDHaQ3PKK-3cP2CE

Future Jobs Wales is an interactive Labour Market Information (LMI) resource which provides the latest information available. It enables pupils to:

- Explore what's new in the industry
- Find out how many people work in the industry
- See whether the industry will grow or shrink
- Compare information at a local, Wales and UK level
- See what jobs are available in the industry and their pay



Working Wales

The priority for our school-based advisers beyond the examination results is to focus attention on making sure that all school leavers make good transitions into education, employment or training. Working Wales advisers will ensure that young people who have indicated that they would like to pursue employment or training will be monitored regularly and referred to suitable provision to ensure that they do not become 'not in education, employment or training' (NEET) or disengaged in the process.

GRANT

****Gwybodaeth i Deuluoedd****

Grant Hanfodion Ysgol (a elwir yn gynt Grant Datblygu Disgyblion - Mynediad)

Mae'r ffurflen cais grant ar gyfer y flwyddyn academaidd Medi 2023 i Fehefin 2024 yn nawr ar agor.

Os byddwch yn gymwys i wneud cais, byddwn ni wedi ysgrifennu atoch o fis Gorffennaf 2023 i wahodd ceisiadau, gan roi'r manylion sydd eu hangen arnoch.

Bydd angen i chi ddarparu cyfeirnod rhif disgybl a ddarparwyd i chi yn y llythyr gyda'r ffurflen gais.

Ewch i'r adran 'Prydau Ysgol a Grantiau Dillad' ar wefan Cyngor Sir Powys am ragor o wybodaeth.

****Information for Families****

School Essentials Grant (formerly known as Pupil Development Grant - Access)

The grant application form for the academic year September 2023 to June 2024 is now open.

If you are eligible to apply, we will have written to you from July 2023 to invite applications, giving you the details you need.

You will need to provide the pupil number reference provided to you in the letter in the application form.

Visit the 'School Meals and Clothing Grants' section on the Powys County Council website for more information.

LEISURE CENTRE SUPPORT

The Local Authority are inviting responses to the Powys Leisure Survey which is principally aimed at gathering information to make informed decisions about changes to leisure centres in Powys. They are asking for views from young people, local users, school employees and governors.

Please take the time to support our wonderful local leisure centre by completing the survey and making your views known.

https://www.haveyoursaypowys.wales/powys-leisure-review-2023?fbclid=IwAR1I3SmQRzusieyewxGapM-EmGuRvib1iQPnvUypxPhv3BlaRRgb_Qk0AIU



DATES

Please find below some dates for your diaries.

21 Sep	Year 6 Open Evening
25 Sept	INSET—No school
26 Sept	INSET—No school
4 Oct	'How can I help my child develop strong numeracy, literacy and digital skills?' Special event for parents of pupils in Years 7-9 (details to follow)
12 Oct	6th Form Open Evening
13 Oct	Year 11 Interim Reports Home
17 Oct	KS4 Art Trip
18 Oct	School Eisteddfod
20 Oct	Year 10 Interim Reports home
24 Oct	6th Form Virtual Parents' Evening
25/26 Oct	School Production—ANNIE
30 Oct—3 Nov	HALF TERM
10 Nov	Wear Red Day (own clothes) - Remembrance / Year 8 interim reports home
13-17 Nov	Year 11 English Individual Presentation Week (recording following week)
15 Nov	Welsh Bacalaureate and Sixth Form Art trip
17 Nov	Own clothes day and sponsored silence for Children in Need (bring £1)
21 Nov	Year 6 Taster Day—Sci-Tech theme
22 Nov	Year 11 mock careers interviews with local employers
23 Nov	Year 9 virtual parents' evening (more information to follow)
24 Nov	Year 7 Interim Reports home
27 Nov—3 Dec	6th Form exams
7 Dec	Year 11 virtual parents' evening (more information to follow)
14 Dec	Christmas Concert and Christmas Jumper Day (own clothes but only if you are wearing a Christmas jumper!)
19 Dec	6th Form Interim Reports home
20 Dec	Christmas Carol concert (own clothes day)
21 Dec	School holidays start
9 Jan 24	Pupils return to school
11 Jan 24	Year 7 virtual parents' evening (more information to follow)
15-26 Jan 24	Year 9 and Year 11 exams