



Welshpool High School

Ysgol Uwchradd Y Trallwng

Raising Achievement By Raising Expectations

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Message from the Headteacher

This week we were delighted to be joined by some of our Governors to take part in a joint book review alongside school leaders and other members of staff.

This was an excellent opportunity to involve the Governors in the work that goes on in school.

They managed to be able to look at some of the fabulous work that is being done and were very excited by the exceptional standard in many of the books. This exercise gave us a chance to really show off some of the fabulously high standards that many of the students have and their tremendous application towards their studies.

It also highlighted some areas of improvement and the need for an insistence on high expectations in terms of presentation and completion of work and responding to feedback from teachers.

Looking higher up the school, it is essential to remember that students are using all sorts of resources to revise for important examinations, these include their exercise books, which are full of notes. The value of having a well presented book that can be read and followed easily is evident in such a crucial period of students' school lives.

Of course, it would be an idea to ensure that this good habit starts well before the Key Stage 4 school years and this is something that we talk often with students about. We are introducing specific weeks where we will start lessons by allowing students ample opportunity to review, reflect and respond to feedback with an aim to boost students pride in their work even further and to try and equip all students with a book that can serve as a worthwhile revision tool.

As parents/carers, please feel that you can look at your child's book when it comes home, and it would be brilliant to work in partnership with yourselves to drive this area of school life.

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Upcoming Events

Year 9 parents evening now takes place on Wednesday 22nd March; with the deadline for the return of options forms extended to Thursday 23rd March.

Our School Eisteddfod takes place during the day on 22nd March.

Science

Between March 10th - 19th we are celebrating 'British Science Week'. Pupils have taken part in activities in form time, Science Club and also had the opportunity to enter the British Science Week 2023 poster competition. The theme this year is 'Connections', so there are lots of STEM topics that could be explored! The closing date for the poster competition entries is 6pm on Friday 31st March 2023.

Please see Miss Brown for more information.



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Early Entry Maths

Earlier this term a group of mathematicians from year 11 set 1 received the results from the Maths GCSE which they had sat in November. The students were delighted with their results with 12 students gaining an A* and 5 an A.

Achieving these grades early has enabled them to go on to study Additional Maths. This bridges the gap between GCSE and year 12 A Level work. This will put these students in a strong position if they go on to study A Level Mathematics next year.

A big well done to all of these students.



British School's Judo Championships



Rhys Handel (11PW) represented Welshpool High School at the British School's Judo Championships in Sheffield on Saturday 11th.

He had 5 fights, 3 wins and 2 losses narrowly missing out on the podium and finishing a very respectable 5th place in this prestigious event.

Congratulations Rhys!

Y11 Group Photo

On Friday 3rd March year 11 had their final year group photo together. Pupils also had an individual photo that parents will be able to purchase very soon.

Learning Game

The annual year 11 Learning Game will take place on Wednesday 29th March. During this event pupils receive information and advice regarding their examinations and revision. Various staff will also deliver presentations to help the pupils prepare for their concluding weeks in the run up to their examinations.

Careers Event

A group of Year 10 students attended a Careers event at NPTC Newtown on Tuesday 7th March. They were able to chat to staff and students from many of the courses offered at the college and take part in practical activities. Students built bird boxes, practised calving on a demonstration cow, identified different exotic cookery ingredients, identified herbs, plus many other activities.

They then spent time visiting stands representing over 40 employers from across North Powys where they were able to chat to employers about work experience and apprenticeships as well as gaining knowledge about the variety of job opportunities available in their area.



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