



**Welshpool High School**

**Ysgol Uwchradd Y Trallwng**

*Raising Achievement By Raising Expectations*

*Codi Cyrhaeddiad Trwy Godi Disgwyliadau*

## Message from the Headteacher



In every school there are students that shine in Mathematics, students that shine in Science, Geography, History, Sport, etc. It is every teacher's wish to see students shine in their area of the Curriculum and it is our greatest wish as parents and carers that our children will find a niche for themselves where they can excel, get involved, make friends and feel a real sense of achievement.

I often write about the sporting successes of our students and the need to study hard ahead of exams. Previously I have also written about the importance of reading, but now my focus is on Performing Arts. I have always felt that we have to encourage our talented singers, musicians, dancers and actors to be brave, to be daring and to grab every opportunity to showcase their talents.

At every school I have worked in they have always attempted to put on a school show at least bi-annually.

During and following the pandemic this has been slightly lost on schools, but now we are ready to start preparing for a February 2024 show week, more details to follow.

We are really excited to be in the position to try and put together a whole school production that showcases our wonderful students but have a very important request to make...

As with all things over the past year, everything in relation to holding a school show has increased in price significantly. These costs relate to script rites, costumes, sound and lighting. We do not wish for the constraints of the school budgets, which stand at an unprecedented level due to the rise in utilities and other factors, to be a barrier for what we see as being a vital experience for students and one that their families will remember forever.

We are requesting that if there are any local businesses willing to sponsor a part of, or even all of the school show, we would really like to talk with you.

That way we could put on an event that everyone is immensely proud of.

If you / or someone you know is interested in helping to support the school by being able to fund (via sponsorship), the school show 2024, we would love to hear from you.

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## Upcoming Events

Pupils return on Monday 5th June.

Year 7 Castles Trips w/c 12th June.

Alton Towers rewards trip - date to be confirmed.

## Rewards Trip Soon!



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## Arts Connection/Cyswllt Celf

Arts Connection – Cyswllt Celf have received funding from the 'Your Best Friend Fund', a charity empowering 13 - 24 year old girls, young women, and non-binary people with the knowledge and confidence to support their friends with healthy and unhealthy relationships.

In collaboration with Arts Connection Mrs Forsyth arranged 6 sessions of workshops, that gave students the opportunity to work with several artists and explore healthy and unhealthy relationships through visual arts, theatre and creative writing.

The aim of the project was to empower the young women and non binary people to be able to identify toxic relationships and raise awareness of what a healthy relationship looks like.

By the end of the project pupils will

- Celebrate and have a raised awareness of what healthy relationships look like.
- Improved people attitudes / prejudices towards certain groups of people.
- Make the stories of those affected more visible.
- Give people the knowledge and confidence to know how to keep their friends safe.
- Help them make better decisions in the future and have better lives.
- Develop skills around confidence, resilience that are helpful for a range of situations.
- Improved wellbeing (confidence, mood, friendships).

Many thanks to Arts Connection for providing the opportunity, which we hope to continue to offer to other young people in the future.

The workshops were split into different elements of the expressive arts.

The first 3 sessions were drama and performance based looking at various types of relationships.

The next 3 sessions were looking at creating zines\* that can be used around school and the community to promote awareness and understanding.



## Man City v Real Madrid

On Wednesday 17th May, over 50 students and staff from the school travelled to the Etihad Stadium in Manchester to watch the Champions League Semi Final (2nd leg), between Manchester City and Real Madrid.

In what was a real party atmosphere; it was amazing to witness the performance from Manchester City, in what has been reported as being one of the most dominant first half of football there has ever been.

The students were a real credit to the school and really enjoyed the opportunity to be at such an historic occasion.

We are very grateful to LLS, who run our Sixth Form Sports BTEC course for arranging the tickets and transport and hopefully this will be one of many chances to see top quality fixtures in the future.



\*A zine (short for magazine or fanzine) is a small-circulation self-published work of original or appropriated texts and images, usually reproduced via a copy machine.

## Gallery



## Therapy Dogs

We are thrilled that our Governors' have passed the 'Dogs in School/Pets as Therapy' policy to allow us to bring a couple of our trained dogs into school. Miss Charles' dog Buzz, and Mrs Jones' dog Sadie will be working with pupils in the Department for Learning Support, as well as more widely across the school.

On Friday 12th May, Buzz joined Miss Charles on her morning break and lunch duties and was met by lots of happy faces and cuddles!

He then spent some time in DLS with pupils, and it was absolutely fantastic to see the reaction and positive impact this had on our pupils day.

We have some more dates and plans booked in, as well as looking forward to welcoming Sadie for her first session next week. Good boy Buzz!



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