



Welshpool High School

Ysgol Uwchradd Y Trallwng



Raising Achievement By Raising Expectations

Codi Cyrhaeddiad Trwy Godi Disgwyliadau

Message from the Headteacher

It has been great to welcome students back after the Easter break.

For students in Year 11 and 13 in particular we have now entered a crucial stage in their studies, and we will endeavour to provide every opportunity for them to achieve their best. Whilst they need to be encouraged to attend any additional revision classes and to spend some of their time studying, I would also advocate ensuring that there are opportunities for them to unwind. With any luck during the two Bank Holidays that are upcoming we will be blessed with some sunshine and a chance for this to happen.



As a school we are delighted to have been able to open up our tennis courts to the community, and those who have already signed up to use these facilities have expressed how nice it has been to be able to enjoy a friendly game.

If you would like to take advantage of these facilities, please follow the link.....

<https://www.welshpool-hs.powys.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/Tennis-Court-Agreement-Hire-Form.pdf>

As we move into the summer months, I am always ready to look at making sure that students are comfortable in their school uniform and able to study in the heat. Since January we have had lots of visitors to the school who have really enjoyed getting into lessons and they have commented on the high standards of uniform that exist. However, recently I have noticed that some students are wearing inappropriate footwear. Uniform is one of those things that periodically need to be higher on the agenda in schools than at other times, and ahead of the new academic year in September, we will be re-issuing the school uniform expectations and re-iterating standards to ensure that we remain a school that is smartly presented and ready to learn.

As a parent of three children I understand the way that this cost impacts family life and so there will not be a change in uniform, but we would prefer to give sufficient notice ahead of the next academic year about expected standards.

<https://www.welshpool-hs.powys.sch.uk/uniform-2/>

Upcoming Events

Bank Holidays:

Monday 1st May and additionally on Monday 8th May for the Coronation of King Charles.



Tues 9th - Thurs 25th May, Year 11 Revision Booster sessions.

Cross Country

On the 25th March 2023, Mackenzie McCourt was competing in the SIAB – British schools Cross Country Championships 2023 in Liverpool. She was representing Wales in the inter girl's race. Mackenzie came 28th overall and the 4th Welsh athlete home. Congratulations on your Welsh cap. What an amazing achievement, well done Mackenzie!



Archery

Fflur Thomas in Y9 won 3rd place in a recent U16 girls County Closed Indoor Championship archery competition with the 'Shropshire Archery Society'. Fflur is currently a member with Hafren Forester Archery Club and at the time of the competition had only been doing archery for about 6 months.



Athletics Final

School Sporthalls athletics UK Final.

Liam Howard Yr10, Libby Loxam Yr9 and Tom Rushton Yr8 represented Wales (Powys) in the UK Sporthall Finals in Stoke over the Easter holidays.

Liam competed in the U15 boys. His team came 8th overall. He competed in the 4-lap race and came 6th.

Libby competed in the U15 Girls. Her team came 9th overall. She competed in the speed bounce and came 19th.

Tom competed in the U13 Boys. His team came 5th. He competed in the standing long jump and came 12th.

What an outstanding effort by all three pupils for being selected to represent Powys and Wales in the UK Sporthall finals. Congratulations to you all!

News From The Music Department

The Music Department has had another exciting term of events, seeing Singing Group perform in the St. David's Day concert with The Fron Male Voice Choir at St. Mary's Church on Saturday 4th March, and as always showcasing the amazing wealth of talent we have here at Welshpool in the School Eisteddfod.

We have also had reason to celebrate the amazing individual success of our pupils as Ethan Magness received the news that he had gained a Music scholarship to attend Bangor University, where he intends to study Primary teaching. Yet another reason to be exceptionally proud of our pupils! Well done, Ethan!



MUSIC EXTRACURRICULAR TIMETABLE					
Monday 14th	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunchtime: 1.30pm - 1.40 pm	YEAR 7 Live Lounge (D4)		KS3 & 4 Singing Group (D4) All Years Woodwind Group (D5)	YEAR 8 & 9 Live Lounge (D4)	
After School: 3.30pm - 4.30pm		All Years (G3 Upwards) Jazz Band (D5)	All Years Concert Band (Drama Studio)	Year 11 Revision Session	

Follow us on social media for updates:


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[Welshpool HS Music Dept
whs_music_dept](https://www.instagram.com/welshpool_hs_music_dept)

Our new extracurricular timetable is now in action, and as always, newcomers are very welcome! So go on... give something new a go! #get involved

In My Own Words...

"I am very fortunate to have had the opportunity to trial for the Welsh academy for bowls. After a morning of coaching from Welsh coaches, we played a two hour game in the afternoon. I was accepted into the Welsh academy and I got the chance to showcase my abilities; now being given the opportunities to travel to Cardiff again and other places like Ebbw Vale. I am grateful to meet other Welsh players and experience new opportunities whilst playing bowls".

Thomas Flowers - Year 13

Book Fair Arrives In School

We have had a Half Price Scholastic Bookfair in the School Library for a week.

Pupils have had the opportunity to look at the great books on offer.

All pupils who visited the Bookfair were entered into a Free Prize Draw to get the chance of winning a £5 Voucher to spend at the Bookfair.

It was exciting to have the Bookfair back in school.



Gallery



Art Extra Curricular Timetable

ART EXTRA CURRICULAR TIMETABLE SUMMER 2023

Summer Term 2023	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunchtime 1-1.30		Yr10 Art/Photo		KS3 7-9 Art Club Ms Atkin/Mrs Richards	
After School 3.30 - 4.30			Yr10 Art/Photography	Yr9 Photography	

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