



Welshpool High School

Ysgol Uwchradd Y Trallwng

Raising Achievement By Raising Expectations

Codi Cyrhaeddiad Trwy Godi Disgwyliadau

Message from the Headteacher



Looking back to my own time at school, even though it seems a long time ago, one of the things I remember most is a residential that I went on in Year 10. As a keen sportsman I had the opportunity to stay at one of the original National Centres for Sport in Crystal Palace. During my stay I experienced Athletics, Football, Swimming, Basketball and Volleyball in what were at the time, state of the art facilities. I had never tried Volleyball prior to this trip, and although I specialised as a footballer, I retained my love of Volleyball through to University, where I played competitively throughout my time studying in Bedford.

That trip inspired me to try something different, and I wonder whether all the hours of fun I had playing Volleyball at University would even have happened if I had not had the experience as a 14-year-old.

Following on from the pandemic teachers, parents and students took tentative steps towards going on trips again and I am pleased that as a school we have managed to be able to get back up and running again with trips and visits. It makes me very proud as a Headteacher with a sports background, that so many of our students have had the opportunity to represent the school and have been able to take part in fixtures and tournaments that certainly could be classed as 'trips/visits', but the enrichment has not stopped there this year.

We have had expeditions with Sixth Form Duke of Edinburgh students, LLS students have had the opportunity to attend Global Conferences and residential both abroad and in Liverpool, Drama students travelled to watch Shrek the Musical, students have been out to a tour of the Hay Festival, we have visited St Mary's Church, Glyndwr University, Newtown Careers festival, Seren Network events, training sessions at Shrewsbury Town FC and we also had a residential experience in Arete. Reward trips took place to The Trafford Centre and to McDonald's and of course recently we had the pleasure of attending the Champions League Semi Final courtesy of the partnership with LLS.

The above of course provides just a flavour of some opportunities that our students have enjoyed this year, and at the time of writing I am aware that we have more trips yet to come this academic year, including the Year 7 Castle's trip and a residential at Oxford University.

It is our intention to continue to try and provide experiences that enrich students learning, both next year and beyond. We are conscious of the need to consider different types of interests, relevance to the curriculum and financial pressures on families.

Hopefully in years to come our students will be able to say, like I have, that one of the things they experienced on a trip stayed with them as a source of inspiration in the future.

Upcoming Events

Sports day to take place on Tuesday 20th June with a reserve day of 21st June.

Next month - The Summer Concert takes place on Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th July.

Running

Mackenzie McCourt and Aled Breeze represented Wales in the U18 World Mountain Running Championships in France before half term. Mackenzie came 19 out of 50 and Aled came 36 out of 57.

Congratulations on representing Wales, and what a great result.

Have your say!

We are always seeking to learn and improve and really value your opinions. Please can all parents/carers take the time to complete the following **survey**.

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Yr 7 French Spelling Bee Competition

We have launched our first ever Spelling Bee competition this year for Year 7 Students, which entailed learning 25 key words/ sort phrases in French (as their main homework task) last half term.

Student's then had to, correctly, recall and spell as many words as they could within the 3-minute time limit.

Our Year 10 Language Ambassadors, under the supervision of Miss O'Sullivan, checked and marked the competition entries.

The names of the top students in each class were forwarded to receive an MFL Postcard of achievement in their Year assembly.

Students will have the opportunity in the final half term to improve on their own scores when we revisit the competition.

Da iawn to all students who took part this time around and Pob Lwc in the next one!

Ranking:

7HT

- 1 Evie Langford
- 2 Lili Harries and Hugh Humphreys
- 3 Scarlett Evans and Leyla Williams

7JBi

- 1 Eliza Majkowska and Maria Blaszczyk
- 2 Harry Pugh
- 3 Emily Stevens

7HG

- 1 Amber Nisbett
- 2 Dexter Schofield and Annie Wilson
- 3 Jan Longshadow

7NO

- 1 Ruby-Mae Jones
- 2 Ella-Rose Jones and Layla Paddison
- 3 Ellie Shearer

7HBr

- 1 Elfida Howard
- 2 Lily Rogers
- 3 Jack Jones

Track and Field

On Thursday 25th May (just before half term) 51 pupils competed at the Powys Schools Track and Field Athletics Championships held at Maldwyn Leisure Centre. It was a long day, but the pupils gave their all and we had some great results.

Tom Kirkham won the middle boys 100m, Ruby Pryce won the Junior girls 200m, Alice Joyce won the Junior girls 300m, Liam Howard won the Middle boys 400m, Christy Mathew won the Middle boys Hurdles, Bella Roberts won the Year 7 girls 800m, Jude White won the Year 7 boys 1,500m, Callum Morgan won the Senior Boys 3,000m, Eli Pryce won the Year 7 boys Long Jump, Florence Kuipers won the Junior Girls Triple Jump, and Tilly Jones won the Junior Girls Discus and Junior Girls Relay.

Great job by everyone.

Gallery



Uniform Stock

We are still trying to build our stock of second-hand uniform to support any families and learners that may need it. If you have any clean and wearable uniform which is no longer needed, it would be very gratefully received. In particular we need more blazers, PE items, shoes and ties. Learners are also welcome to come and swap outgrown items.

Toiletries are also popular, we provide these when we have them in the changing areas for anyone who might need them.

We are also working with the team in the Integrated Family Centre, on Oldford Lane (previously Oldford School) to provide uniform to the community - there are some items there already (shirts, trousers, jumpers) and staff there are happy for you to call in and take what you need, or they will contact us on your behalf and source items for you if possible.

Please also remember we have a vast amount of sanitary items readily available with Heads of Year, P.E staff, and myself.

Mrs Forsyth

Active Travel Survey

'Active travel' refers to travelling on foot, cycling, or by some other physically active means. Active travel can be combined with other forms of transport, such as walking to the train station, but it is usually defined as movement for a purpose, rather than going for a recreational walk or cycle. The 'INHABIT' project aims to understand the barriers young people experience when choosing active travel, whether the limitations are time, worries for safety or financial/physical inaccessibility. We want to give young people a voice to help us make changes. Please take part in the survey below.

Parents questionnaire -

<https://cardiff.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/inhabit-parent-questionnaire-2>

Young people (12-16) questionnaire -

<https://cardiff.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/holiadur-pobl-ifanc-inhabit-2>

Ydych chi'n rhiant neu'n ofalwr i rywun 12-16 oed sy'n byw yng Nghymru?
Mae astudiaeth INHABIT yn ceisio deall y rhyngweithio y mae plant a phobl ifanc yn ei gael â'u hamgylcheddau naturiol ac adeiledig yng Nghymru.
Rydym eisiau gwybod eich barn ar sut mae eich plentyn/plant yn rhyngweithio â'r awyrgoed. Gall cyfranogwyr gymryd rhan mewn raff i ennill un o 3 gwobr taleb (£25, £15, neu £10).
Clicwch yma neu sganwch y côd QR i lenwi'r holiadur, a fydd ond yn cymryd tua 10 munud.

Are you the parent or carer of a 12-16 year old living in Wales?
The INHABIT study seeks to understand the interactions children and young people have with their natural and built environments in Wales.
We want to hear your views on how your child(ren) interact with the outdoors. Participants may enter a prize draw to win one of 3 voucher prizes (£25, £15, or £10).
Please click here or scan the QR code to complete the questionnaire, which will only take about 10 minutes.

Ydych chi'n berson ifanc 12-16 oed sy'n byw yng Nghymru? Allech chi helpu gydag astudiaeth ymchwil?
Mae astudiaeth INHABIT yn ceisio deall y rhyngweithio y mae pobl ifanc yn ei gael â'u hamgylcheddau naturiol ac adeiledig yng Nghymru.
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Are you a 12-16 year old living in Wales? Could you help with a research study?
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- Revision sessions before, during and after school have been very well attended. Revisions sessions during half term were also well attended.
- Thank you to Morrisons who have provided food for our revision sessions and pupils have enjoyed having food on their arrival.
- Careers interviews for year 11 have been completed and our Careers Advisor now turns to Year 10. Year 10 have all completed a careers survey that feeds into their individual interviews.
- Approximately 80, Year 11 pupil will be attending the annual Year 11 rewards trip to Alton Towers in June.
- Year 10 are concluding organising their work experience placements. Nearly all are complete and ready to attend. Placements, pupils, and parents will be sent the final details at the end of June.
- Year 11 had a very successful last day. Pupils and staff celebrated a very successful five years with speeches and a buffet.



Invertek Visit to School

On Wednesday 7th June Invertek guest speakers Julia Gough (Training Manager) and some of her colleagues came into school to talk with Year 10 GCSE Engineering and Product Design classes. They spoke about the company and its planned expansion and possible job opportunities/apprenticeships that they offer. During the visit the pupils were shown examples of the technology that the company produce and how it was applied in industry. They were able to have hands on experience using the machines to see how they operate and function. Pupils also had small group sessions with the young employees to discuss their route into Invertek and asked any questions related to their own progression following their GCSE's. Part of the team were past pupils Sam Stringer, Harry Dockerill and Christian Morris. It was lovely to see how they have progressed to forge successful careers. Lets hope they may have inspired some of our current classes to be as successful! Mrs Lewis Head of Design and Technology.

The Invertek staff who attended with Julia were:

Christian Morris – Invertek Apprentice Engineer – Studying BEng Electrical & Engineering Degree.

Harry Dockerill – Invertek Industrial Placement – studying BEng Electrical & Electronic Engineering Degree.

Jeff Botha – Invertek Graduate Engineer – studied MEng Chemical Engineering

Sam Stringer – Invertek Graduate Engineer – studied BEng Robotics & Automation.

Benjamin Dunn – Invertek Graduate Engineer – studied MEng Mechanical Engineering.



Maths Challenge

Recently, 29 of our most talented Year 8 mathematicians took part in the annual UK Junior Maths Challenge. This event pits the best mathematicians in the UK against each other in attempt to solve some difficult maths problems. Our students performed admirably with Michal Domeradzki and Elliot Turner gaining Silver certificates and Filip Klimczak, Henry Seddon, Evan Haine and Drew Kirk all being awarded Bronze certificates. A big well done to all who participated. Below are the certificate winners with their awards.



Don't Forget...

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Thank you!

6th Form Leavers Party



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