



Welshpool High School

Ysgol Uwchradd Y Trallwng

Raising Achievement By Raising Expectations

Codi Cyrhaeddiad Trwy Godi Disgwyliadau

Message from the Headteacher

Happy New Year to all our community!

To have a warmer school for students and staff to come back to last week was so important and we are so grateful for your support during the last four days of term in December, whilst the vital works schedule was completed.



Students returned on Tuesday 9th January, and it was fantastic to be around their enthusiasm for learning once again. Staff returned on Monday 8th January and took part in a day of training led by Gary Wilson, a world-renowned expert in the field of Raising Boys Achievement. This enthralling, informative day was followed up with a parents' event in the evening which was attended superbly well. We are hopeful that lots of the strategies learned will help our young men and also the effect on their learning will have a positive impact on our girls also. Gary was determined that we use this phrase in future;

Boys will be ~~boys~~....BRILLIANT!

There are a lot of events taking place in the next few weeks that are crucial to the success of our students, including the Year 11 and Year 10 Parents Evenings. We would like to see as many parents and carers as possible to help drive forward student progress. These are of course followed by our school show on the last week of the half term and we are really excited to be able to showcase so many of our talented performers during this event.

Upcoming Events

Mary Poppins Production -
Tuesday 6th and
Wednesday 7th February.

Year 10 Parents Evening
Thursday 1st February.

Achievement Evening on
Thursday February 22nd.

Year 9 Options Evening
Thursday 29th February.

Year 9 Parents Evening
Thursday 7th March.



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Xmas Gallery



Beef Stock Judging Competition

Iwan Evans in Year 10 is a junior member of Sarn Young Farmers and won 1st place in the beef stock judging competition at the YFC Field day in September. Iwan then competed in all Wales Beef Stock Judging Final at the Royal Welsh Winter Fair in November representing Montgomeryshire in the Under 16 category. Iwan had to judge 4 baby beef heifers, place them in order of body confirmation, then justify his placing in front of a panel of judges. Iwan wasn't placed but a fantastic achievement to reach the all Wales final and a brilliant experience to compete at a prestigious Welsh Agricultural Show.

Da iawn ti Iwan.



Appeal To Local Business

We are appealing to the local business community for any sponsorship they may be able to offer us in the upcoming production of Mary Poppins in early February. Unfortunately, the return to normality post Covid also brought with it the realisation that our theatre facilities were beyond repair; and we have now been faced with the need to buy in professional services to provide light and sound for the production. This is something which has led to a significant increase in the cost of putting on the show.

As a result, we are appealing to the local business community for sponsorship; anything that can be afforded would be greatly appreciated and the names of all business who are able to do so will go on a list of sponsors in the programme. However, should your company be in a position to afford a contribution of £50 or more, we would offer a half page advert in the programme promoting your business.

If you are interested in being part of this please contact:

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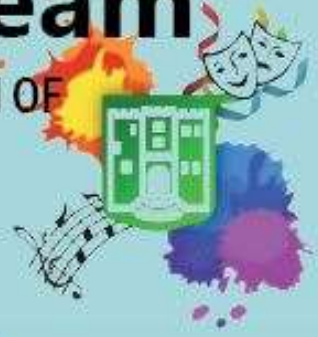
Thank you!



Save The Dates - Tuesday 6th & Wednesday 7th February

Welshpool High School Expressive Arts Team

PROUDLY PRESENT THEIR PRODUCTION OF



MARY POPPINS JR.

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A Musical based on the stories of P.L.Travers and the Walt Disney Film.

Original Music and Lyrics by
Richard M. Sherman & Robert B. Sherman

Book by Julian Fellowes

New Songs and Additional Music and Lyrics
by George Stiles and Anthony Drewe

Co-Created by Cameron Mackintosh

Adapted by iTheatrics under the supervision of
Timothy Allen McDonald

This amateur production is presented by
arrangement with Music Theatre International.
All authorised performance material are also
supplied by MTI. www.mtishows.co.uk



**Tues 6th & Weds 7th
February 2024
THEATRE CLERA at 7pm**

Original London and Broadway Production Credits:
Produced by Cameron Mackintosh and Thomas Schumacher
Co-Choreographer Stephen Mear
Lighting Design Howard Harrison
Scenic and Costume Design Bob Crowley
Co-Direction and Choreography Matthew Bourne
Directed by Richard Eyre

TICKETS: £10 Full Price and £8 All Concessions

Geography Department

In December the Year 12 Geography students braved the elements and visited Aberystwyth beach to collect primary data for their Unit 2 AS Exam. Pupils worked very well in their groups to collect the data. The vast majority were suitably dressed for the fieldwork.....3 of the Year 12 boys decided the best attire to study at the beach was their smartest suits! At least they were warm!



Competition

Well done to Mrs Grindley's Welsh classes who competed in the competition to design a Welsh Bucket Hat. There were many strong entries, but the following students' designs were chosen by Welsh International Harry Wilson as the strongest entries in their respective classes. Harry Wilson signed their individual designs and the signed bucket hats were presented to students in assembly before Christmas.



Public Speaking 7KG

Well done to Cai Griffiths Year 7, who expertly completed a presentation to his form in December about his interest in traction engines.

Cai initially shared his interest with his form tutor Mrs Grindley in the Autumn Term and asked if he could also share this with the class.

At such a young age, Cai spoke very confidently and eloquently to the form, sharing his reasons for his interest, how this started as a hobby and showing the workings of the traction engines using the 2 models he had brought to school to show the form.

His presentation was greeted by enthusiasm and Cai returned to his form later in the day with older pupils and other teachers who had heard about his presentation and were interested in hearing more.

Mrs Grindley is also pleased that this has encouraged other members of the form to ask if they can also share presentations about their hobbies outside school.

Cai was awarded House points for Hafren for his excellent effort.



Polite Request

A polite request for pupils not to bring nuts or nut based products into school. There are pupils in school with severe nut allergies, and it is really important that they are not exposed to these products. Exposure could result in a severe allergic reaction (anaphylaxis). Parental support with this would also be much appreciated.

Further information about food allergies can be found at:
food allergy - NHS (www.nhs.uk)

Thank you for your support.

Criw Cymraeg

We are excited to get the Criw Cymraeg promoting Welsh in and around our school. Students from Year 8 will be on hand to offer advice and support with the development of the use of the Welsh language in our school.

The Criw will be establishing links with the Urdd to access extracurricular activities through the medium of Welsh.

Members of the Criw Cymraeg –

Cecilia Barton
Matilda Barton
Ella Rose Jones
Ruby Mae Jones
Grace Jones
Florence Jones
Robin Bishop
Bella Roberts
Evie White

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Aelodau / Members

Grace Jones
Ella Rose Jones
Ruby Mae Jones
Florence Jones
Evie White
Robin Bishop
Kieran Ashley
Tilly Barton
Silly Barton
Bella Roberts
Riley Owen



A few of the team members.

You will see more of the Criw Cymraeg in your assemblies throughout this term, introducing themselves to you as well as discussing important Welsh Cultural Events.

The Criw will be introducing a student Welsh Phrase of the Week around the school so keep a look out for these posters. You can win points for your house by using the weekly phrases around the school with staff and your friends.

Sporting Events - End December 2023

U13 Boys Football vs Llanidloes:

Won 4-2 - The team are now Powys Champions for the second consecutive year and have qualified for the last 16 school in Wales.

U14 Girls Hockey: 2nd place at the North Powys Hockey Tournament - winning 2 games and losing one game to the eventual winners

Indoor Athletics: Around 40 pupils competed in the North Powys Indoor Athletics Championships in Newtown. We haven't had the official results through yet but there were lots of strong performances and hopefully we will have several athletes who get selected to represent North Powys and the County Championships

U14 Boys Football vs Caereinion:

Lost 5-3 in the Powys Final.



Book Winner

We recently selected the winner of our (very) short story competition that we ran on Open evening. The winner was Zia Fox from Arddleen primary school who received a copy of 'I Spy', a novel set in WW2 as her prize.



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Head of Year 11: Mrs L Frank Head of Year 10: Miss G Charles Head of Year 9: Miss J Haycock

Head of Year 8: Mrs R Aldridge Head of Year 7: Mrs J Loxam and Mrs S Lewis