



**Welshpool High School**  
**Ysgol Uwchradd Y Trallwng**



*Raising Achievement By Raising Expectations*

*Codi Cyrhaeddiad Trwy Godi Disgwyliadau*

## Message from the Headteacher

It has been a short, but packed term. Two five-week periods do not mean that there is any less going on in school, just that there is less actual time to cram everything in.

We have held a Parents Evening for various year groups almost every week of this half term. These evenings are a good gauge of how students are getting on at school and it has been a pleasure to be able to celebrate their sense of achievement or to back up the parents/carers determination to help them succeed as they go home.



It was fascinating to see the different stages of the school journey through these events, with Year 7 students feeling increasingly settled in the school and finding that they can excel even more than they imagined in certain areas of the curriculum, Year 9 students facing the difficult (and yet crucial) decisions around subject choices ahead of Key Stage 4 starting in September and of course the Year 11 students gearing up for the examination season.

We know that many of our learners will be studying for their exams over Easter and have already started to work alongside Revision Timetables as part of this process. We hope that they are able to stay focused on achieving their best and we also hope that they remember the importance of rest and recovery alongside this.

I would like to take the opportunity to wish all of our learners and their families an enjoyable Easter break, we look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday April 8th.

## Upcoming Events

School breaks up on Friday  
22nd March.

Summer term starts Monday  
8th April.

Thursday 18th April  
Year 8 Parents Evening.

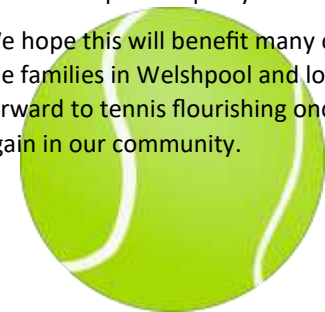
## Tennis Courts

Following on from the success last year, we are delighted to announce that we will be opening the school tennis courts again this summer to the community.

If you would like to be able to sign up to play tennis over the summer months, please read the terms and conditions and payment details in the Welshpool High School Tennis Court Agreement, which is available to view on our school website:

[www.welshpool-hs.powys.sch.uk](http://www.welshpool-hs.powys.sch.uk)

We hope this will benefit many of the families in Welshpool and look forward to tennis flourishing once again in our community.



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## End of Term

The final day of term was a non-uniform day. Pupils were encouraged to contribute £1 to wear their own clothes, and preferably to wear items of clothing the same colour as their house: Hafren - Blue, Efyrynwy - Red, Powis - Orange, Idris - Green.

The proceeds from the day will be split between supporting Phil Jones (former Caereinion High School Headteacher) in his quest to run seven 10k runs in seven days to raise money for Parkinsons UK and Dementia charities, and contributions towards the Urdd's National Eisteddfod being held locally in Meifod in May/June.

Phil's Just Giving page which can be found at: [https://www.justgiving.com/page/philip-jones-1699815653624?utm\\_medium=fundraising&utm\\_content=page%2Fphilip-jones1699815653624&utm\\_source=email&utm\\_campaign=pfp-email](https://www.justgiving.com/page/philip-jones-1699815653624?utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=page%2Fphilip-jones1699815653624&utm_source=email&utm_campaign=pfp-email)

## Water Resources

Chris from Hafren Dyfrdwy came to visit Year 11 Geography students at the end of February to discuss the Water Resources and their management to help students prepare for their Theme 6 Unit 2 GCSE exam.



## North Powys Swimming Gala

Before half term a group of talented swimmers from Welshpool High School competed in the North Powys Swimming Gala at Newtown (Maldwyn Leisure Centre).

A fantastic effort from all, with plenty of success! All students were a credit to our school.

Congratulations to the following pupils:

**Year 7:** Dakota Jones, Ryan Burnside

**Year 8:** Jude White, Lexi Voller

**Year 9:** Lily Bowyer, Jodie Addinall

**Year 10:** Lylla Shuker, Noah White

**Year 11:** Jake Dillon, Efe Mutlu

**Year 12:** Teilo Gittins-Turner

Congratulations  
to you all!



## Badminton

"I just wanted to thank you for your help getting the kids ready for the badminton today, I think they all enjoyed the experience and had fun. Bec and I were so pleased how behaved and lovely the pupils were, with no problems at all, they were great and honest with other schools whilst scoring their own games. Thanks again, with the pupils being so lovely and polite it makes the job a lot easier taking them to these kind of events".

Gem and Bec -  
Sport Development Officers



## Dance Competition

Betsy Mills-Hogg performed in the Eisteddfod Urdd Maldwyn dance competition recently (Yr7-9 Hip-hop/ street/disco) and finished 1st!!!

She will now go on to represent Welshpool High School at the National finals.

This is a great achievement - well done Betsy!



## TOTB

On Saturday 16th March four Welshpool High School students competed in Top Of The Bench, a national chemistry competition which took place in Edinburgh, at Napier University. The competition is organised by the Royal Society of Chemistry. The students involved were Elliot Turner and Tom Rushton from Year 9 as well as Alice Joyce and Noah Dearing from Year 10. The competition involved a written paper in the morning along with a practical assignment in the afternoon. A total of 31 schools competed, having all won their regional competitions.

Although our students didn't make it into the top 6 they performed admirably and the way that they conducted themselves was a credit to the school.

They also enjoyed the experience of visiting an excellent university and meeting fellow students from across the UK.



## Book Drive

Pupils have been busy donating their used books for the school book drive. Pupils were challenged to collect as many books as they could to earn points for their houses. In total, we collected an amazing 184 books!

Hafren were the winners, collecting 58 books. Everyone who donated books earned points for their house, but the winning house will get those all-important bonus points.

These books will help us to continue to offer pupils a variety of texts to read in school, especially during Drop Everything and Read weeks.



# Easter Egg Prizes

During the last week of term pupils who had received the most grade 1's this half-term were rewarded with an Easter egg in a presentation in the Theatre. They returned to lessons with the Easter eggs for the other students to see. Well done to all!

## Year 7:

Scarlett Bowen-Heath 7RW  
Leah Hipkiss 7RW  
Eva-Mai Doody 7RW  
Kieran Ashley 7RW  
Ameerah Williams 7ER

## Year 8:

Shelley Backhouse 8NO  
Ruby Williams 8HBr  
Riley Pryce 8NO  
Ella-Rose Jones 8NO  
Nora Thompson 8NO  
Ellie Wilson 8NO

## Year 9:

Bronwen Ashworth 9AH  
Erika Dawkins 9BD  
Sion Richards 9MD  
Skye Wygold 9AH

## Year 10:

Jamie Bartley 10SP  
Ceona Mathew 10SMc  
Jess Davies 10JP  
Kayla Jones 10HWa  
Tom Whitefoot 10SP

## Year 11:

Kieran Backhouse 11RP  
Kizzi Jai Burrows 11AF  
Sion Richards 11RP  
Ffion Skilton 11VJ



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