



**Welshpool High School**  
 Ysgol Uwchradd Y Trallwng



**Eisteddfod Edition**

*Raising Achievement By Raising Expectations*

*Codi Cyrhaeddiad Trwy Godi Disgwyliadau*

## Message from the Headteacher

We had a fantastic last day of term and the performers who took to the stage for the Eisteddfod celebrations were outstanding. It should be noted that the audience also plays a key part in these events and the way that the spectators applauded all of the acts lent itself to what was a great atmosphere.



At the start of the performance, we held a minute's applause to remember Mr Williams, who of course had previously presented the event, with his humour and great love of all things Welsh. I thought the whole school did him proud.

It has been really good to see everyone back after their Easter break, and hopefully everyone is looking forward to what the Summer term brings.

I would like to focus on an important issue in school, the safeguarding of our many students who suffer from serious allergies and conditions such as asthma and diabetes that we can all sometimes be forgetful about, or even unaware of.

I have great admiration for the students who quietly get on with their day despite having to be cautious in some situations or relying on medication to help them. I would like to encourage parents and carers to ensure that we have updated information wherever possible on serious health conditions and that where necessary, either we/or the individual student (where appropriate), has in-date and sufficient medication available to them throughout the school day.

We really want to ensure that all students are safe at all times and in addition, I would like to strongly encourage that students are not sent to school with nuts, as we have several students who have an air-borne allergy to them. Ideally we would like to eradicate all risks of this nature wherever possible and would really appreciate your support with this.

Let's hope for an exciting and sunnier term ahead, where we can all enjoy school safely and do our very best to strive for great things.

## Upcoming Events

Wednesday 24th April -  
Y7,8,9 Netball tournament.

Friday 26th April -  
Year 10 reports to parents.

## League Game

Recently we took a group of pupils to watch Man City play a Champions league game against Copenhagen at the Etihad.

Pupils got to see an opening light show and a whole host of goals! Behaviour was excellent and all really enjoyed.



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# School Eisteddfod

Welshpool High School's annual Eisteddfod was held on Friday March 22nd at Theatr Clera. The winning house was the Afon Hafren house with 2529 points. In second place with 2082 points were the Llyn Efyrynwy house and third place with 1950 points were the Castell Powis followed by Cadair Idris with 1934 points

Winning house captain Maddie Wilson was presented with the Eisteddfod shield by Head teacher, Mr Jon Arnold.

The school would like to thank the adjudicators, recorders, pupils and staff involved for making the event enjoyable and successful.



# School Eisteddfod Results

## 1. Year 7 Open Instrumental

1st Dan Newcott  
2nd Ethan Pawley  
3rd Sally Williams

## 2. Year 7 Individual Disco Dancing

1st Isolde Birch/Olivia Gregorzewska

## 3. Year 7 English Group Recitation

1st Cai Griffiths/Dan Newcott  
2nd Kieran Ashley/Logan Woodsford

## 4. The Crown

1st Ruby Pryce  
2nd Alice Joyce  
3rd Matthew Pawley

## 5. Year 7 Piano Solo

1st Ethan Pawley  
2nd Dan Newcott

## 6. Year 7 Vocal Solo

1st Cai Griffiths  
2nd Niamh Reynolds  
3rd Rachael James

## 7. Year 10 Welsh Sketch

1st  
Libby Loxam  
Florence Kuipers  
Caitlin Owen  
Iwan Evans

## 8. The Chair

1st Jamie Bartley  
2nd Leighton Selley  
3rd Shamil Mariya

## 9. Year 7 Drama Competition

1st  
Gracie Thomas  
Elen Goodwin  
Ruby Wygold  
Tillie Matthews  
Leila Johnson

2nd  
Finnley Ensor-Rolinson  
Rufus Pryce  
Ryan Burnside  
Bradley Evans

3rd  
Ethan Pawley  
Dylan Carpenter  
Flynn Jones  
Lawrence McKenna  
Cai Griffiths

## 10. Year 10 Vocal Solo

1st  
Matthew Pawley/ Seren Jones

## 11. Year 7 Welsh Group Recitation

1st  
Dylan Carpenter  
Flynn Jones  
Harrison Lewis  
Charley Andrew  
Ethan Pawley  
Maksym Nowotny  
2nd  
Oli Sharratt  
Logan Woodsford  
Kieran Ashley  
Scarlett Bowen-Heath  
Charlie Lewis  
Riley Owen  
Kuba Hatala

3rd  
Niamh Reynolds  
Gabby Saunders  
Ruby Evans  
Rachael James  
Dan Newcott  
Cai Griffiths  
Toby Shone

## 12. Battle of the Live Lounges'

1st Year 10 & 11  
2nd Year 8 & 9  
3rd Year 7

## 13. Year 9 Disco Dancing

1st Zoe Kelday/Carys Birch

## 14. Year 10 Open Instrumental

1st Ewan Lawson  
2nd Tommy Kaye  
3rd Gwen Jones

## 15. Year 8 English Group Recitation

1st Ffion Bennett-Wilson  
Maria Blaszczyk  
Maya Fornal  
Eliza Majkowska  
2nd Lwsi James-Stafford  
Macey Munslow  
Cerys Roberts  
Leyla Williams

## 16. Year 8 Disco Dancing

1st Cerys Lloyd  
2nd Tilly Barton/Florence Jones

## 17. Year 9 Open Instrumental

1st Henry Seddon  
2nd Evan Haine  
3rd Bronwen Ashworth

## 18. Year 8 Welsh Group Recitation

1st Bella Roberts  
Alice Rogers  
Macey Munslow  
Delsi James-Stafford  
Leyla Williams  
Lili-Mai Harries

2nd Emily Stevens  
Ffion Bennett-Wilson  
Eliza Majkowska  
Maria Blaszczyk  
Maja Fornal

3rd Jackson Jones  
Oscar Barker-Jones  
Jude White  
Llion Richards  
William Roberts  
Antoni Sznajzycht  
Jan Longshadow  
Jack Jones

## 19. Prose Medal

1st Evan Haine  
2nd Megan Lloyd/Luke Pawley  
3rd Betty Evans

## 20. Year 9 English Group Recitation

1st Bronwen Owen  
2nd Jodie Addinall/Maya Szczakowska

## 21. Year 8 Open Instrumental

1st Cerys Lloyd  
2nd Ivy Kuipers



# Eisteddfod - Art Challenge

For the Eisteddfod each year group in Key Stage 3 had a different 'Art Challenge'. Year 7 had to design or make a shield or piece of jewellery inspired by Celtic art. Year 8 had to design or make a piece of art inspired by Welsh churches or chapels and Year 9 had to create a piece of art inspired by a Welsh icon. We had so many outstanding entries this year that it was very difficult to pick the winners from each group. Students have been exceptionally creative with their designs and use of media; from laser printed churches to wooden shields and church models made out of recycled materials. We even had a Welsh icon that was welded out of metal!



## Science

The quality of entries for this years Science Eisteddfod competition was very impressive. Entries showed a good understanding of science concepts as well as artistic skill and enormous amounts of effort. Year 7 were asked to imagine themselves as future famous scientists, Year 8 were tasked with describing a newly discovered element and Year 9 were asked to explain the adaptation of the Welsh dragon. All three challenges required imagination and pupils rose to the challenge, there where many excellent entries.

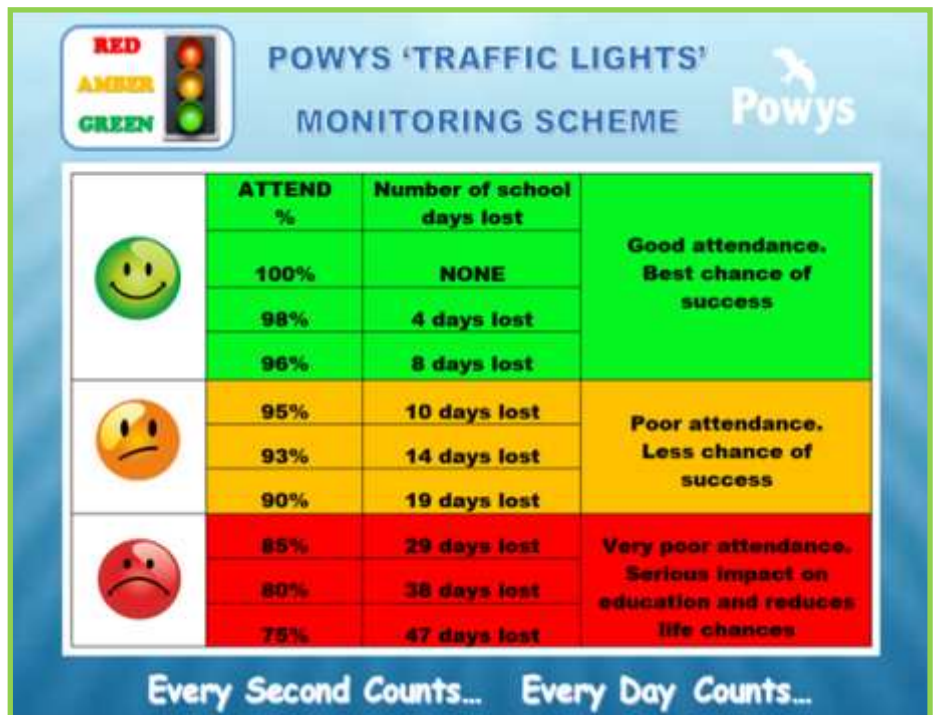
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## Updates from Mr Loxam

- Year 11 have successfully completed the 'Learning Game' prior to the Easter break. During this session, Year 11 were all together in the Theatre and received advice regarding revision and their wellbeing. Parents were also sent information to offer support for them and their child during the examination period. Revision sessions after school have started and they will increase during the next half term.
- A small group of pupils in Year 11 attended a resilience workshop to help them prepare for their examinations.
- Four pupils were selected to represent Wales in the UK Sports Hall Athletics finals in Stoke on Saturday 6th April. Congratulations to William Roberts and Borys Jedrzejewski (Year 8) and Lucy Ward and Libby Loxam (Year 10).
- Attendance continues to be high profile and we have high expectations with regards to every pupil attending school. We fully understand that illness and medical reasons can impact attendance, but we always encourage our pupils to be resilient and attend school to maximise their learning experiences and outcomes. We are currently in line with national figures, but this can very quickly change if absenteeism becomes a problematic pattern. We continue to work with our Educational Welfare Officer (EWO) and our Family Liaison Officer to support pupils and families. If any pupil is away from school for a substantial amount of time then letters are sent home and our EWO is also informed. We continue to follow the Powys County Council Attendance Pathway where a graduated response looks to support pupils and families before external agencies become involved. Our aspiration is to eventually return to our pre pandemic figures that were close to 95% for our whole school attendance. All parents are encouraged to continue phoning school on the first day of absence to communicate with the school as to why their child is not in.

The poster below highlights the importance of attendance.



## Welshpool 10k



Well done Hannah!

Runners from across the region turned out for this year's Welshpool 10k. In cool and sunny conditions that were perfect for running, competitors of all ages and abilities took part in the run on March 24th.

The annual run was won this year by Joe Robson who came in with a winning time of 35 minutes and one second, a shade shy of the course record. Whilst our own WHS English teacher Hannah Thomas, who is a member of the Maldwyn Harriers running club, came in as the first female runner with an impressive time of 42 minutes and 51 seconds.

## Free Period Products

Powys are widening the reach of free period products available to women and girls within the county, and we also have a supply available in school.

If you need help paying for or accessing period products, girls and women living in Powys can request free period products.

[www.powys.gov.uk/freeperiodproducts](http://www.powys.gov.uk/freeperiodproducts)

There is a limited number of products available and we really want the products to be available for those who need them most.

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