



Welshpool High School

Ysgol Uwchradd Y Trallwng

Raising Achievement By Raising Expectations

Codi Cyrhaeddiad Trwy Godi Disgwyliadau

Message from the Headteacher



Your views are important to us:

It is that time of year again, when we ask parents & carers to complete a short survey to help us review how we are doing as a school.

Last year it was really useful to read all of the feedback received, both complimentary and developmental, and once again, it would be a huge benefit to us to see where you think we are strong and in what areas we could make changes.

When you access the link to the Survey, I have re-attached last year's results review letter that was sent to parents, to help give you a steer ahead of completing the survey (I hope this will be helpful).

Some of the key areas from last year that we have developed included:

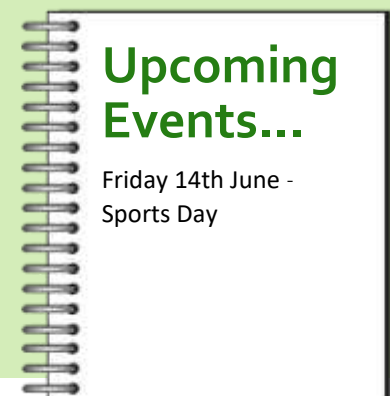
- Developing the school bulletin further and even including editions that are written and edited by the students.
- Increasing the amount of school trips – following on from last year, (which was the first year that Covid restrictions had been fully lifted for schools in Wales), we have run an increased number of trips this year again, these have included; industry related trips, reward trips, taking part in additional sports events, competing in National finals (Science), local trips for fieldwork and educational purposes across Key Stage 3 & 4, outdoor education visits, musicians performing at various venues, a ski trip and also major sports events at the City of Manchester stadium (in partnership with LLS).

We are already planning for the next two years, with plans taking place for many more trips & visits that support the curriculum. Details of these will be released shortly.

The survey is similar to the version used last year, and closely mirrors the survey that parents and carers receive when a school has an Estyn inspection. Using this template allows the school to have a framework to work within, that can be used to provide effective self evaluation and develop forward planning. If any parent/carer wishes to make any additional comments, these are always welcome and helpful for our continued development.

We look forward to receiving your responses...

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Useful Welsh Apps

Learn Welsh with Sian Davy

<https://open.spotify.com/show/2wwp0lSiUqX4jc0gV38Dwp>

Sian creates short videos about various topics with translations and opportunities to practice pronunciation.



Ap Cwtsh

The first Welsh app we're going to share is Ap Cwtsh. Available for free, it's a mindfulness app that's available completely in Welsh. Whether you'd like to start your day on the right foot or relax after a busy day, Ap Cwtsh has you covered!

Y Pod

Are you a fan of podcasts? Y Pod is your one stop shop for all things Welsh podcasts! The app features almost every Welsh podcast that has ever been released, so you know you'll find what you're looking for.

Ap Treiglo

It will give you a list of rules for mutating your words, as well as bilingual examples. Having this handy little app in your pocket can be all the mutation support you need.

Ap Geiriaduron

Another extremely useful app to improve your Welsh is Ap Geiriaduron. No longer will you need to carry a dictionary with you wherever you go – Ap Geiriaduron allows you to translate from Welsh to English and vice versa.

S4C Clic

You can watch Welsh programmes you have missed and some old programmes from years ago on it.

Duolingo

Duolingo is an online programme that helps you learn Welsh by playing language games. These condensed lessons are perfect for learners who are short on time but want to make progress with their learning.

3D Printing

On Monday 20th May we had visitors from Cardiff Met University, who completed a workshop on 3D printing and scanning to the year 12 Product Design Technology pupils.

The visitors brought in many examples of products that had been made or decorated using these processes and talked through the different types of equipment. They were quite impressed with the kit and resources the department had and with the knowledge of the pupils. It is hoped that the pupils will be able to seek the specialised advice for their Year 13 NEA projects if required.

Thanks to all.
Mrs Lewis



National Urdd Eisteddfod

Several dance competitions took place during the National Urdd Eisteddfod held in Meifod recently. In the Year 7-9 Hip-hop/ street/disco category we were pleased to hear that Betsy Mills-Hogg came 3rd. Congratulations Betsy.



Eva-Mai Doody represented our school at the Eisteddfod over half term. She was part of the ceremony for the young Welsh learners.



Year 11 Leavers

Year 11 students at Welshpool High School recently said goodbye to their friends and teachers in a celebratory event held in Theatre Clera.

There were numerous presentations and a buffet.

One hundred and forty students in Year 11 reflected on five years of high school life and had photos with their friends and teachers.

Students were congratulated for their determination, resilience, and hard work.

There were lots of smiles, laughter and even tears of sadness as pupils said their final goodbyes. Staying with tradition, students signed their shirts and left feeling very proud of their achievements.

They now look forward to concluding their final GCSE examinations and have a rewards trip to The Trafford Centre to look forward to in late June.



Work Experience

Year 10 will be on their two-week placement at the end of the summer term.

Pupils, parents and staff have worked extremely hard to find so many placements and we are extremely grateful to all the employers for supporting our programme. During the next few weeks, pupils will be fully prepared, and letters will be sent to pupils, parents and employers to explain the final arrangements.

Attendance

We encourage all pupils to aspire to have 100% attendance for each half term. Attendance continues to be high profile within school, and we value the support from parents in making sure that their child attends school and attends on time.

6th Form Leavers Party Gallery



Powys Schools Track and Field Championships

On Thursday 23rd May over 60 of our learners took part in the track and field Athletics Championships held in Brecon. Although not typical athletics weather, the learners had a successful day with Welshpool finishing first across the competition and lots of individual success. Selected individuals will now progress to Cardiff where they represent Powys and compete against other Welsh Counties.



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