



Welshpool High School

Ysgol Uwchradd Y Trallwng

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Student Council Takeover

Bore da pawb,

We are Seren and Dylan, Head Girl and Head Boy here at Welshpool High School. We are following in the distinguished footsteps of Maddie and Alan, planning more events and initiatives over the forthcoming school year and we want to continue to develop the school as a community. I'm studying Biology, Psychology, Geography and Health and Social Care and Dylan is studying Biology, Physical Education, Geography and ICT.

Over our time in these roles, we hope to achieve many things, including running another Race for Life and continuing to organise other fundraising events for charity. We also aim to raise money for Sixth Form, to help it grow and attract more students to come back here for their post-16 education in the future.

This is because we believe our Sixth Form is such a great opportunity and is a wonderful experience to have in an environment that students are already familiar with and comfortable in.

We are very proud of the achievements of our Student Council as they have been involved with many developments and changes in school throughout this year, including the training of peer mentors to help support students in the younger years.

Our hope is that we can continue promoting sports clubs and running fun activities, as we believe that looking after students' wellbeing and mental health is extremely important in school, as it can become quite stressful.

We look forward to running these events and seeing what takes place and hopefully having lots of fun throughout our time in these roles!

Diolch yn fawr,

Seren and Dylan



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Church in Wales Primary School Visit

On Thursday 27th June, members of our Student Council, including our Head Boy and Head Girl, went to visit representatives of Years 5 and 6 at Welshpool Church in Wales Primary School. This was in order to help the younger students know more about Welshpool High School and answer some of their questions about starting in a new school.

It was very interesting to learn about similarities in how our two schools work and what the primary pupils' main concerns and worries were. These were generally questions such as 'What happens if we get lost?' or 'How does the punishment system work?'

We were quick to reassure them that if at any time you should feel lost, you can always ask teachers, students and head boy and girl to help you find your way around. We then proceeded to tell them about the latest adaptation to the rewards and sanctions system. Previously if you misbehaved, you would be called back for a detention at either break or lunch. However, as a Student Council, we decided that detentions were a negative response to behaviour.

We put this to the Headmaster, Mr Arnold, and we came to an agreement that it would be better to have a more reflective and restorative time instead of more negative. This meant that we removed 'detentions' and replaced them with 'callbacks'. This led to the change that when you misbehave you get a chance to explain why you did and put things right with your teacher.

Both of these quickly decreased the younger students' worries, along with other things we explained. We now believe that our school is now becoming a more friendly and positive environment, and we aspire to keep on improving this way. Our trip to WCIWPS was a success and we look forward to doing it again in the future!

Luke Pawley

Lee Child

On the 7th June, students and staff at Welshpool High School experienced an interview with the bestselling thriller author, Lee Child. Students and staff sat down to read chapters from the New York Times Bestseller 'Gone Tomorrow.' We found out how his style of writing is unique from other authors' work and how to write both strategically and in an eye-catching style.

We all found the interview insightful and inspiring, but from my perspective, my favourite part was the question-and-answer session. From learning about his famous character Jack Reacher, to learning about structuring a book, Lee was very informative about his work as an author.

He also told us about his experiences on the set of the Reacher TV series. I found it particularly interesting to learn about how to write and how to encourage people to read a book you have written.

We are also incredibly grateful for his generous donation to the school library, as we started the year with a budget of £100, so finishing with £1,100 by the end of the academic year was a huge jump that will make it easier to provide students with reading materials. Overall it was an inspirational experience.

Bronwen Ashworth



Morrisons Food Donations

The KS4 students of Welshpool High School would like to send a very large thank you to Morrisons in Welshpool for the food that they donated to support the GCSE revision sessions. These donations went a long way towards providing us with the extra focus and energy that we needed for revision and greatly benefited students who were working hard towards achieving their dream results in their chosen subjects.

Exam periods are always stressful times for the hardworking students at Welshpool High School and these donations helped create a more

relaxed atmosphere in the revision sessions to ensure high levels of productivity from us all.

To conclude we would like to say a massive thank you on behalf of many students in the school!

Ryan Davies and Noah Dearing



Sports Day

On the 14th of June Sports Day took place. Whilst this is always a popular day, it was a particularly significant event for all the students at Welshpool High School because it was the first time that the Huw Williams Trophy was being presented. It's an important event because a highly valued member of staff, liked by all students and staff sadly passed away and, in honour of him, Student Council members and staff decided to present a new trophy to the form who gains the most points during the pre-sports day and sports day events. The inaugural winners of the trophy were 8HT.



It was also the first time that the new house system had been in place for Sports Day, adding an extra element of competition to the different events. The competition was close, but Powis won, beating Efyrynwy by 42 points with a grand total of 1195 points.

INTER-HOUSE SHIELD WINNERS

7RW

8HT

(also Huw Williams Trophy Winners)

9AH

10SMc

VICTOR AND VICTRIX LUDORUMS

Y7 – Alex Howard & Rubie Wygold

Y8 – Jude White & Bella Roberts

Y9 – Henry Ryder & Phoebe Heighway

Y10 – Noah White & Libby Loxam

My opinion on Sports Day was that everyone enjoyed even if they didn't like sports, with all types of events and it was a fun competition within the houses.

Well done to everyone for taking part!

Owen Davies and Riley Pryce.



Residential Trip

On the 8th, 9th and 10th of May, a group of Year 8 pupils were fortunate to have the chance to go on a two-night residential trip to the ARET center in Snowdonia National Park. The groups enjoyed 3 days of activities in North Wales, with both students and teachers having the opportunity to take part.

On the first day the groups went rock climbing or canoeing in the afternoon and in the evening, they went walking or took part in a team building activity. On the second day they went either coasteering, caving or gorge walking.

On the third day most groups went coasteering, but one went abseiling and then stand up paddleboarding.

My favourite part of the trip was coasteering, as it was a whole day activity and included lots of different elements and skills. We would like to thank the PE department for arranging this trip and all the teachers and instructors that made the trip possible.

Eliza Faulkner



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