



Welshpool High School

Ysgol Uwchradd Y Trallwng

Raising Achievement By Raising Expectations

Codi Cyrhaeddiad Trwy Godi Disgwyliadau

Message from the Headteacher

As we get further into the term, the newness seems to have faded a little and it is fascinating to witness students really settling into their learning and observing how some of them have really grown and matured.

There is a really positive atmosphere around the school, and this is reflected in the excellent concentration levels and behaviour standards across the school.

In September 2022 the school introduced a new lesson grading system that helped it track and praise positive behaviour and look deeper into behaviour that occasionally stopped others from learning or simply wasn't acceptable.

We were immensely grateful to our Governing Body who supported the school taking a strong stance on unacceptable behaviour, and two years into the lesson grading system, we are seeing a huge reduction in Fixed Term Exclusions, because the standards of behaviour are very much in line with expectations for the vast majority of the time.

School Leaders could see the change coming during the last academic year as the numbers of exclusions fell and the positive lesson grades seemed to keep increasing. It has been a pleasure to share this practice with other schools recently, having been widely praised by the local authority for the work that we have been doing.

At the point where we knew that volume of high tariff behaviour had really changed in the school, we started to address low-level behaviour. It has been a real pleasure to get to this stage. The lesson grading system so far this year really shows that this is an area of real improvement in the school, (please remember that the lesson grading descriptors can be found in your child's planner).

So far since September, we have witnessed a record number of grade 1's given to our learners in lessons. Since returning to school, 16,322 grade 1's have been awarded by the staff. Last year for the same period this figure was 13,280. This clearly demonstrates that our learners are really applying themselves in lessons and working to a very high standard.

During the next week in school assemblies, we will be sharing the positive information around the high tariff and low-level behaviour with all students and then we will listen to the Student Council again to see how we can continue to move forward.

It's such an exciting time in school to be able to work alongside students in this way, and all the while be able to feel the ethos of kindness and aspirations driving us forward. I hope that the students all come home and are able to share with you lots of the positives that are happening in Welshpool High School.



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Design and Technology

On Thursday, 26th September our Year 12 product design students were given a tour of the Morland Factory on the Buttington Cross Enterprise Park. The tour gave students an insight into the modern manufacturing facilities that Morland have and enabled students to see industrial manufacturing happening on their doorstep. Students were able to see the application of CNC as well as traditional hand assemblies happening. Students got to see what was involved in running a factory and all the logistics associated with modern production. Students were able to talk to employees and find out how their careers had developed at Morland through various routes including apprenticeships. We would like to thank Morland for this opportunity and the support that they have given the Design and Technology Department in the last 18 months.

We look forward to building our link with Morland in the future.

Mr Birch



We are excited to share the highlights from our Year 8 Bookmark Competition! Students embraced their creativity, using a variety of techniques ranging from weaving to computer-aided design to craft unique bookmarks.

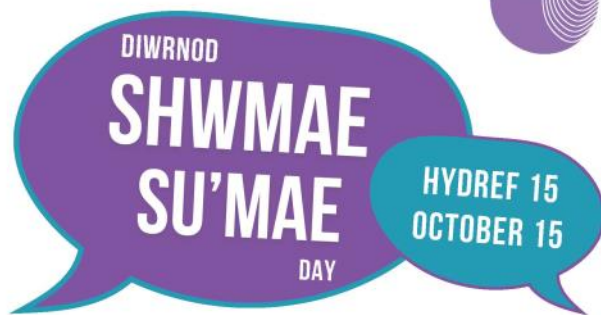
The competition encouraged creativity, skill-building and innovation, and we were thrilled to see such impressive submissions. The top three artists from each class were awarded house points: 15 points for first place, 10 points for second, and 5 points for third. Additionally, every participant earned at least one house point for their effort and engagement!

Thank you for your support in encouraging your children to express themselves through design and technology.

We can't wait to see what they come up with next!

Mr Purslow





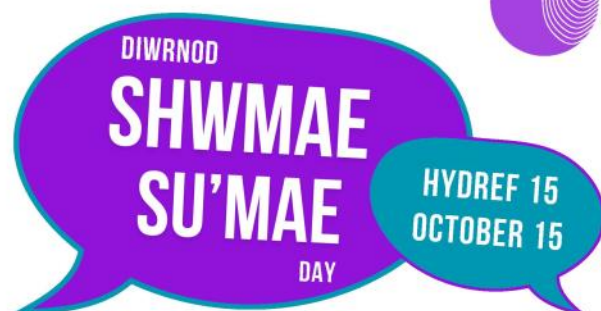
Beth yw Diwrnod Shwmae Su'mae?

- Diwrnod arbennig, ar 15 Hydref, i annog y genedl i ddechrau pob sgwrs gyda Shwmae neu Su'mae.
- Cyfle i ddathlu'r Gymraeg yn eich cymuned, gweithle, ysgol neu goleg.
- Mae'n agored i bawb, o bob oedran, o bob cwr o Gymru.
- Does dim rhaid i chi siarad Cymraeg yn rhugl i gymryd rhan!

RHO GYNNIG ARNI! GIVE IT A GO!

Ble a sut mae cymryd rhan?

- Yn eich ysgol, swyddfa neu glwb. Mewn siop, yn y parc, ar y stryd. Ble bynnag sy'n gyfleus i chi!
- Beth am gynnal eich digwyddiad eich hun - bore coffi, cyngerdd neu sesiwn celf a chrefft?
- Rhedeg busnes? Beth am gynnal gostyngiad i gwsmeriaid sy'n dechrau sgwrs gyda Shwmae?
- Sefydlwch grŵp i drefnu gweithgareddau yn lleol.



What is Diwrnod Shwmae Su'mae?

- A special day, on 15 October, to encourage the nation to start every conversation with Shwmae or Su'mae.
- An opportunity to celebrate the Welsh language in your community, workplace, school or college.
- It's open to everyone, wherever you are, whatever your age!
- You don't need to be able to speak Welsh fluently to take part!

RHO GYNNIG ARNI! GIVE IT A GO!

How and where do I take part?

- At school, at work or at an event. In the park, on the street or at the shops. Wherever is convenient for you!
- Why not hold your own event - a coffee morning, concert or craft session?
- Running a business? Why not offer a discount to customers who start a conversation with Shwmae?
- Set up a group to organise more events locally in Welsh.

Art

In collaboration with Arts Connection Powys, local artists Linda Jane James and Paul Butler have been back in school to work with the boys to complete their community art project. Working in small groups the boys have been painting up their final designs on large scale boards. We are looking forward to seeing their artwork on display somewhere in the town. The boys involved in the final stage of the project from Year 8 and Year 9 were: Dylan Bramley, Will Roberts, Conner Lenihan, Archie Collingridge, Ethan Pawley, Liam Lenihan, Oscar Hyland, Huw Handel, Charley Andrew, Alex Hughes, Oliver Jones, Owen Wood, Harry Williams and Sidney Tan.

Nicola Atkin
Head of Art



Upcoming Events

Friday, 4th - Sunday, 6th October
Condover Netball Trip

Monday, 7th October
Year 9 Drop Everything and Read Week

Wednesday, 9th October
Sixth Form Open Evening
(5.30 pm - 7.30 pm)

Thursday, 10th October
U16 Girls Hockey Tournament,
Newtown

Thursday, 10th October
Year 13 Geography Field Trip

Tuesday, 15th October
U18 Girls Hockey Tournament,
Welshpool

Thursday, 17th October
Girls Rugby Transition Event,
COBRA

Thursday, 17th October
Year 8 Police Workshops

Sports News

The Monsoon of Maes-y-Dre

On Thursday, 26th September we hosted Llanidloes in the Welsh Cup with both the U14 and U12 boys in action.

Due to issues with the school goal posts, the U14s were fortunate enough to be able to play at Maes-y-Dre, the home of Welshpool Town FC, in what felt like monsoon conditions. The persistent and heavy rain throughout the game made conditions very tough, but this did not affect the effort and skill levels shown by the boys as they came away victorious. A big well done to the whole squad who all played their part in the win. Thanks again to Welshpool Town Council for the use of the pitch.



Back at school, our U12s played their first game for Welshpool High School on the AstroTurf pitch. The boys had a mixture of nerves and excitement but came into their own as soon as the game kicked off, resulting in an emphatic win. Well done to everyone involved and we look forward to seeing more of this exciting, young team. The boys are pictured the day after the game, looking very smart in their school uniform.



Tuesday, 24th September

Welsh Cup Football vs

Ysgol Calon Cymru

U13 Boys won 7-0

U15 Boys won 3-1



Thursday, 26th September

Welsh Cup Football vs Llanidloes

U12 Boys won 8-0

U14 Boys won 4-1

Sports News

On Tuesday, 24th September, the U13 Boys Football Team travelled to Ysgol Calon Cymru for their Welsh Cup First Round match. We had kick off and started well, with the back line making some really strong tackles and not letting anyone past. We had a corner about 15 minutes in where Tom Hicks scored a header. We kept the pressure high and were playing really good football, which led to another goal, this time from Tommy Rees, with a good strike across the goalkeeper. The opposition started to come into the game and had a chance through on goal, but goalkeeper Owen Wood made a really good 1v1 save to stop the goal.

For the next 10 minutes, we played good passing football and good link-up play between Tom Hicks, Dylan Carpenter and Alex Howard led to a shot from Alex who scored to make it 3-0.

In the second half, changes were made and Charlie Hocking, Harrison Lewis and Luis Hubbard all made a big impact. Calon Cymru started well and Kieran Ashley made a couple of good tackles to stop their attacks. Another attack was stopped by Luis who managed to find Charlie Lewis with a pass. Charlie shoots from 30 yards out and scores 'top bins' to make it 4-0, what a strike!

Quick play after this put Alex through on goal to score his second goal of the game. More subs were made around 65 minutes and Harrison scored to make it 6-0, which made everyone excited that the game was pretty much won. Calon Cymru had a free kick late in the game, which forced a brilliant save from replacement keeper Jacob Williams. We then counter-attacked and scored with the last kick of the game to finish 7-0 winners!

Match report written by man of the match, Tom Hicks



GET CREATIVE!!

HALF TERM WORKSHOPS

PAPERMAKING £15,-
MAKE YOUR OWN PAPER USING SEEDS, DRIED FLOWERS, YARN AND FIBRES 12 - 1.30PM

UPCYCLED TEXTILE JEWELLERY £15,-
MAKE UNIQUE UPCYCLED NECKLACE OR BRACELET USING RECYCLED T-SHIRT OR JEANS 1.30PM- 3PM

OR DO BOTH FOR £25,-

WHERE?
COWSHACC
(TOP OF THE BIG CAR PARK, TURN BY POUNDLAND)
WELSHPOOL SY21 7TE

WHEN?
WEDNESDAY 30TH OCTOBER 2024
12NOON- 3PM

BOOK NOW!
RIIKKA KATAJAMAKI TEXTILE ARTIST
WEAVINGWORKSHOPBOOKINGS@GMAIL.COM
MOB. 07814 588449

FIND ME ON FACEBOOK AND INSTAGRAM

Uniform - Kit Donation

Do you have any school uniform or PE kit that is no longer used or needed? We are requesting to all parents and pupils (past and present) for uniform and kit donations. These will be stored safely in school and can then be given out if pupils lose items of their uniform. Spare PE tops and shorts can also be borrowed if a pupil loses or forgets it on a day where they have PE. This plea also includes any trainers or football boots that are no longer used.

If you have any of the above that is still in good condition that you would be willing to donate, please bring it into the main reception at school.



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6TH FORM OPEN EVENING

**Our 6th form school life: rewarding,
diverse, invaluable, challenging.**



We are justifiably proud of the achievements of our 6th form students and the quality of teaching that we offer here at Welshpool High School. We have a good selection of Advanced Level and BTEC Level 3 courses available, with access to an even wider range of courses through the Chweched Powys Sixth Prospectus. This arrangement allows the majority of study to be based at Welshpool, whilst providing the opportunity to study additional courses delivered at other local schools and colleges.

**OPEN
EVENING**

**Wednesday 9th
October 2024
5.30pm - 7.30pm**

**But don't just take our word for it...
visit us to find out more on our
Open Evening to see what we can offer you!**



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Whole School Photo

We are pleased to report that our whole school group photograph has been finalised. It is looking really nice.

Ordering will be online only with back to school delivery (no P&P charges for parents).

The online order/weblink details are to the right.

Welshpool High School

Tempest Photography are pleased to report your whole school group photograph is available to view and order via the following weblink:

Whole School Group - <https://htmp.st/PS2400-229>

Please include your child's full name to assist with distribution at the school.

**Order within two weeks to avoid P&P charges.
(Delivery to school).**

For assistance, please call 01736 752411
Option 3 - Place an order (P&P applies)
Option 5 - Customer services

Key Contacts

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Head of Year 11: Miss G Charles Head of Year 10: Mrs L Frank Head of Year 9: Mrs R Aldridge

Head of Year 8: Mrs J Loxam and Mrs S Lewis Head of Year 7: Ms J Haycock