



Welshpool High School

Ysgol Uwchradd Y Trallwng

*Raising Achievement By Raising Expectations*

*Codi Cyrhaeddiad Trwy Godi Disgwyliadau*

## NEGES O'R PRIFATHRO MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

As another term draws to a close, I would like to focus on kindness.

I recently received a letter from a member of the community wanting me to pass on her sincere thanks to six of our amazing Sixth Form students who helped her out when she fell in icy conditions whilst she was attempting to rescue a badly injured and trapped swan. The students ensured that the lady was OK and managed to take care of her in a difficult situation, ensuring that she got to hospital and was appropriately looked after, as well as communicating with Cuan wildlife Hospital regarding the stricken swan.



Despite a fractured wrist, the member of the community remained so grateful for the help that our students provided and it was good to hear that Welshpool High School students are not only brilliant in school, but are outstanding citizens outside of school as well.

To Harry Alderson, Kelsey Davies, Seren Davies, Zoe Davies, Ffion Skilton and Josh Walker, I wanted to take the opportunity to say that we are so proud of your actions, you are a true inspiration to our school community - thank you.

I hope everyone has a peaceful Easter break, gets to spend time with their friends/families and remembers that being kind is a gift we can all give to each other.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> April, ready for a busy Summer term.

## Upcoming Events

**Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> April -  
Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May**

Year 8 Outdoor Adventure  
Trip, Snowdonia

**Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> May**  
May Bank Holiday

**Week Beginning 5<sup>th</sup> May**  
External Examinations start

**Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> and  
Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> May**  
Year 10 Geography Field  
Trips

**Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> May**  
U13 Girls Rugby  
Tournament

**Week Beginning 12<sup>th</sup> May**  
Year 7 Drop Everything and  
Read Week

**Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May**  
Powys Schools Athletics  
Championships, Brecon

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## MEDDYGINIAETH I DDISGYBLION YN YR YSGOL MEDICATION FOR PUPILS IN SCHOOL

If you are sending medication into school for your child, it must be accompanied by an 'Administration of Medicines' request form. Pupils should not be carrying medication with them around school, including paracetamol or ibuprofen. *The only exceptions are epi pens, inhalers and diabetes medication.*

'Administration of Medicines' request forms can be downloaded from the school website, located in the 'Parents' tab:

[https://www.welshpool-hs.powys.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/  
Administration-Of-Medicines-Request-Form.docx](https://www.welshpool-hs.powys.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/Administration-Of-Medicines-Request-Form.docx)

All medication must be in the original container and have the pupil's name on. Medication must be handed into the front office upon arrival to school, where it will be stored safely.

Please note that if we are already aware of your child's medical needs, there is no further action required from you.

## FFRINDIAU YSGOL UWCHRADD Y TRALLWNG - LOTERI'R YSGOL FRIENDS OF WELSHPOOL HIGH SCHOOL - SCHOOL LOTTERY

The newly formed Friends of Welshpool High School are aiming to raise funds in order to support and enrich the education of the pupils of Welshpool High School. These funds could then be used to provide extra resources, improve the school environment and support extra-curricular activities such as music, art and sport.

As a result, they are launching a school lottery initiative at a cost of £1 per ticket.

For more information and to sign up please click here:

[https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/welshpool-high-school?  
utm\\_campaign=cause-page-social-share&utm\\_source=cause-  
page&utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_content=Hyperlink](https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/welshpool-high-school?utm_campaign=cause-page-social-share&utm_source=cause-page&utm_medium=social&utm_content=Hyperlink)

# TAITH GERDDED NODDEDIG SPONSORED WALK

On the 20<sup>th</sup> March we completed our wellbeing walk with Phil Jones in aid of Parkinson's. Years 7, 8 and 9 students completed a walk around a track using our astro turf and field to raise awareness for the cause. Students were encouraged to wear blue to support the challenge, it was an excellent day, the sun was shining and it was full of laughter. The day was thoroughly enjoyed by all and in total we raised **£325.52!**

Thank you to all parents and carers for supporting this cause. The Just Giving link is still open for donations linked below.

Diolch yn fawr.

**Seren Davies**  
**Head Girl**

[https://www.justgiving.com/page/march10x8challenge-1732796357184?utm\\_medium=FR&utm\\_source=CL&utm\\_campaign=015](https://www.justgiving.com/page/march10x8challenge-1732796357184?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL&utm_campaign=015)





# DATHLU LLWYDDIANT CELEBRATING SUCCESS

This week we have presented Easter eggs and certificates to the pupils in each year group that have received the most Grade 1's in their lessons during the Spring Term. Our lesson grading system continues to reward excellent and consistent effort in lessons. The grade descriptors can be found in your child's planner and they are used in every lesson.

Well done to all the pupils in the school who have embraced the grade descriptors and congratulations to those pictured below.



## IEITHOEDD RHYNGWLADOL INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGES

The International Languages Department once again, recently hosted Tim Penn, founder of Signature Leather. He spoke to Year 9 learners as part of our ongoing quest to tackle the national decline in the number of students studying languages at GCSE and beyond.

Tim has developed a range of presentations to generate and provoke pupil conversations around the topic of Global Communication and works in partnership with Big Ideas Wales.

He discussed the importance of Foreign Language skills in the workplace, from an employer's perspective. He also spoke about Languages increasing study opportunities abroad, highlighting the Welsh Government's Taith scheme (see <https://www.taith.wales/> for more information) as well as enriching travel experiences.

This year we hosted Mr Penn's talks in the theatre: many thanks to all involved for facilitating this. He was extremely impressed with how our Year 9 learners conducted themselves and commented that "they were amazing ambassadors of the school".



## NEWYDDION MATHEMATEG MATHS NEWS

Every year on 14th March, mathematicians, scientists and math lovers around the world celebrate Pi Day, a commemoration of the mathematical sign pi ( $\pi$ ), expressed most simply by the decimals 3.14 (although they go on forever)!

Year 7 Set 1 wanted to mark the occasion, as we had just been studying circles. We had a 'Pi-off', where students competed to memorise Pi to the most number of digits. 4 students competed.

Emilia Preston had memorised the number to an amazing 81 decimal places, but was really unfortunate to make one just error part way through which placed her fourth. Third place was Owen Weston with an impressive 44 decimal places, James Weston was second with a fantastic 72 decimal places, and first with a mind boggling 74 decimal places was Elliot Saunders!

Well done to all of them, keep up the great work!

**Mrs N Forsyth  
Maths Department**





## SESIYNAU CEFNOGI BLWYDDYN 11 YEAR 11 SUPPORT SESSIONS

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Break Time	History (drop-in) – F3		History (drop-in) – F3  Geography (drop-in) – F5	History (drop-in) – F3  Geography (drop-in) – F5	History (drop-in) – F3
Lunch Time	Welsh Bacc (drop-in) - F25 IT (drop-in) – D3 Art & Photography (drop-in) – D21 History (drop-in) – F3 Engineering, Product Design & Hospitality Year 11 Set 1 Maths drops ins – 13:15	Welsh Bacc (drop-in) – F25 Numeracy for girls (intermediate level) - RP Art/Photography (drop-in) History Catch-up Club 13:15 to 13:45 – F3 GCSE Year 10 History Revision – F3 Engineering, Product Design & Hospitality Physics – B24 – 13:15 to 13:40 Year 11 Set 1 Maths drops ins – 13:15	English Literature 13:10–13:45 – D28 Art & Photography (drop-in) History (drop-in) – F3 GCSE Year 11 History Revision – F3 Engineering, Product Design & Hospitality Geography Revision – F5 Music – D4	Art & Photography (drop-in) History (drop-in) – F3 Engineering & Product Design	Welsh Bacc (drop-in) – F25 Art & Photography (drop-in) History (drop-in) – F3 Engineering, Product Design & Hospitality Business (drop-in) – D1 Music – D4 Year 11 Set 1 Maths drops ins – 13:15
After School	GCSE PE Revision (JA) 15:30–16:15 - Meeting Room	Set 2 Maths – MD  Set 5/6 Maths - RA  Spanish Revision Club – RW – C25  Health & Social – D2  GCSE Chemistry – 15:30 – 16:30 – B4	English – VJ – D28 Art & Photography Coursework Business D1 Music D4 Product Design D7 Welsh GCSE support 15:40-16:30 GCSE PE Revision – B22 – 15:30-16:30 Geography Revision – F5 – 15:30-16:15	Maths (sets 3 & 4) – A5  Year 11 Biology (commencing 27/3/25)  Maths Set 6 – E2	Drama Revision – 15:30 – 16:30

BLWCH POST CYNTAF Y BRENIN SIARL III  
YNG NGHYMRU WEDI'I DDADORCHUDDIO  
FIRST KING CHARLES III POST BOX  
IN WALES UNVEILED

On Friday, 21st March, five Year 7 pupils attended the unveiling of the first post box in Wales to bear King Charles III's cypher. Iwan Bennett-Wilson, Micah Bain, Millie Owen, Lexi Jones and Oliver Foster, along with Mrs C Jones, represented Welshpool High School at the event alongside the Vice Lord-Lieutenant of Powys, Mr Tony Evans.

Located by the delivery office on Severn Street, the pupils posted the first letter in the newly installed post box. They had been asked to write a letter to the King about what they did to look after the environment. They are now eagerly awaiting a letter in return from the King! The pupils were interviewed by both BBC Wales and ITV Wales and were excellent ambassadors for the school.

Diolch yn fawr pawb!



## NEWYDDION TECHNOLEG TECHNOLOGY NEWS

### Inspiring Future Designers: Fae Griffiths Visits Welshpool High School

Year 9 Technology pupils at Welshpool High School were treated to an inspiring visit from designer-maker Fae Griffiths, the creative force behind *Ether Silver & Home*. Fae, who specialises in handcrafted wooden and silver pieces, shared her journey as a successful artisan, giving students an insight into design and craftsmanship.

The visit aimed to challenge traditional perceptions of woodcraft and design as male-dominated fields. By sharing her experiences and showcasing her work, Fae particularly encouraged the girls to consider careers in design, proving that creativity and skill in these industries are not limited by gender.



During her talk, Fae discussed the processes behind her unique pieces, from concept to finished product. She also provided valuable advice on starting a creative business and overcoming challenges in the industry. Pupils had the opportunity to ask questions and gain a deeper understanding of what it takes to be a designer-maker.

The session left many students feeling motivated and empowered to explore their own creative potential. It served as a reminder that with passion and dedication, anyone can turn their artistic vision into a thriving career.

Welshpool High School extends its thanks to Fae Griffiths for an engaging and inspiring visit. We look forward to seeing how her insights influence the next generation of designers and makers!

### Mr J Purslow Technology Department



# NEWYDDION YR ADRAN SAESNEG

## ENGLISH DEPARTMENT NEWS

### Year 10 'Excellence in Writing' Workshop

On the 24th March, fourteen Year 10 pupils from Welshpool High School were selected to attend a creative writing workshop at Shrewsbury School. Throughout the day, they delved into the art of narrative storytelling, exploring techniques to refine and enhance their writing skills. The pupils also had the exciting opportunity to meet local author Stephen Palmer, gaining valuable insights into the writing process.

The students demonstrated remarkable creativity and enthusiasm, fully embracing the experience. A special mention goes to Evan Haine, who was awarded a book token for his insightful and thought-provoking questions. Well done to all the pupils for their dedication and impressive contributions!

**Ms T Hibbott**  
**English Department**

### Year 7 Sponsored Read

Year 7 have undertaken a sponsored reading event this half term, to coincide with World Book Day. They were challenged to read as much as they could over a week and, if possible, raise sponsor money whilst doing so. Thanks to their remarkable efforts, we have raised £375 to spend on new books for the library. We are fortunate to have the support of Hayley Jones who works with Usborne Books and they have added a generous bonus to our total, meaning even more new books for our school.

Our 'top readers' will be invited to help select the books which will then add new titles to our library stock. A huge thank you to all parents, family members and friends who supported this effort.

If anyone would like to donate towards our library, please use the Just Giving Link below:

[https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/hayley-jones-447?  
utm\\_medium=CR&utm\\_source=CL](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/hayley-jones-447?utm_medium=CR&utm_source=CL)

**Mrs V Jones**  
**Head of English**





# NEWYDDION CHWARAEON SPORTS NEWS

## Powys Rugby Sevens Tournament

In the glorious March sunshine, both our Year 9 and Year 10 Boys were in action at the Powys Schools Rugby Sevens Tournament.

The Year 9 team went unbeaten in the group stages to progress to the final, which they unfortunately lost to a strong team from Crickhowell High School, therefore finishing the day in 2<sup>nd</sup> place overall.

The Year 10 team won three but lost one game, to eventual winners Ysgol Calon Cymru in the group stages. As a result, they managed to secure 3<sup>rd</sup> place overall.

Well done to both teams, especially as this was the first time playing sevens for most of them.



## Welsh Cup Football

Our U12 Boys Football Team have had an incredible journey in the Welsh Cup, firstly becoming Powys Champions, and then battling through numerous rounds to make it the semi-final stage.

Unfortunately, this impressive run recently came to an end, with a 4-1 defeat against a strong and physical Ysgol Brynrefail team. Despite the end result, the team displayed great resilience and fighting spirit, right up until the final whistle. We are immensely proud of what this team has achieved and being one of the last four schools in Wales in this competition is a fantastic achievement.

Well done to everyone who has been involved in the squad throughout the competition.



# NEWYDDION CHWARAEON SPORTS NEWS

## North Powys Girls Rugby Tournament

Our U15 Girls Rugby Team recently travelled to COBRA, Meifod to take part in the North Powys Tournament. The ground was extremely dry and hard for this time of year, which led to a few more bumps and bruises than expected. However, the girls played their hearts out in every game and improved as the day went on, finishing 4<sup>th</sup> place overall.



## Powys Rugby Tournament

On 3<sup>rd</sup> April, it was the turn of the Year 7 and Year 8 Boys Rugby Teams to compete at the Powys Schools 10-a-side Tournament in Llanidloes.

The Year 7 team played some fantastic rugby throughout the day, with lots of tries scored and some brilliant work defensively. They were unfortunate to lose their first game to Ysgol Bro Caereinion, but then went on a winning spree, defeating Brecon, Llanidloes and Calon Cymru. This meant they finished second in their group to qualify for the plate final. It was a local derby match as we took on Ysgol Llanfyllin, and were victorious after an entertaining game, with plenty of tries for both teams. This meant the team were Plate Champions and therefore finished 3<sup>rd</sup> place overall.

The Year 8 team had a good start with wins over Brecon and Llanfyllin. However suffered defeats to Calon Cymru and Maesydderwen to finish 3<sup>rd</sup> in their group and therefore 5<sup>th</sup> place overall. The U13s also have their North Powys and Clwyd Plate Final to look forward to in the full 15-a-side game, which is being played on 10<sup>th</sup> April.

We wish them the best of luck.



## Gymnastics - Border Counties Competition

Mixed Team - 2<sup>nd</sup> place

Ruby Gill - 3<sup>rd</sup> place on Floor and Vault (Novice)

Demi Clee - 7<sup>th</sup> place on Floor and Vault (Intermediate)

Saffron Hyland - 20<sup>th</sup> place on Floor and Vault (Elite)

Leila Johnson - 25<sup>th</sup> place on Floor and Vault (Elite)

Logan Woodsford - 2<sup>nd</sup> place on Floor and Vault (Elite)



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