



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

On the last day of the Spring term it was a real pleasure to hold our school Eisteddfod. There are so many superbly talented pupils in the school, and I felt privileged to be able to watch the drama unfold. The singing was fantastic, some of the piano playing left the audience in awe and the addition of dancing which led to the award of our inaugural Holli Smallman trophy capped off a brilliant day.



The awarding of Holli's trophy was immaculately observed by everyone, and she remains forever in our hearts. During this term we will of course be spending time talking with pupils about water safety and I hope that as the weather heats up it will be a message that stays with our pupils.

The week of sunshine that greeted us on our return to school after the Easter holidays was fantastic and I would like to take the opportunity to remind parents/carers to make sure that pupils have suncream and water bottles in the hot weather.

During the first week of the Summer term we have been delighted with the excellent attitude to learning from our pupils and already we have tasted more sporting success, with the Under 15 Boys Rugby Team winning the North Wales Plate Competition in Colwyn Bay.

I hope the Summer term continues with such positivity and look forward to celebrating many more of the wonderful achievements over the next few weeks.

## Upcoming Events

**Week beginning**

**Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> May**

Year 7 Drop Everything  
and Read Week

**Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May**

Powys Schools Athletics  
Championships, Brecon

## DIOLCH TESCO! THANK YOU TESCO!

Thank you Tesco!

Tesco have kindly provided us with some uniform items... shirts mostly. If anyone is in any need of school shirts, please come and see Mrs Forsyth - there are a selection of fits and sizes to choose from.



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## 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

# EISTEDDFOD YSGOL 2025

## SCHOOL EISTEDDFOD 2025

Welshpool High School's Annual Eisteddfod was held on Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> April 2025.

The winning house was Castell Powis 2217 points. House Captain Seren Davies was presented with the Eisteddfod Shield from the Headteacher, Mr Arnold. Second place with 2109 points were Afon Hafren. Third place with 2037 points went to Cadair Idris house and in fourth place with 1951 points were Llyn Efyrynwy.

The school would like to thank the judges Ffin Dillon, Ffion Skilton, Lena Grzegorzewska, Josh Pawley, Cerys Ashworth (Music) Caitlin Owen, Florence Kuipers, (Drama and Recitation) Lola Rogers, Nikki Davies (Dance) and Mrs Hurst (The Crown).

### Stage Competition Results

#### The Choir

- 1<sup>st</sup> Luke Pawley
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Evan Haine, Betsy Mills-Hogg
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Lily Bowyer, Elin Williams

#### The Crown

- 1<sup>st</sup> Phoebe Jones
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Bronwen Ashworth
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Betsy Mills-Hogg

#### The Prose Medal

- 1<sup>st</sup> Isobel Park
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Hugh Humphreys, Ellie Shearer
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Jamie Stevens, Theo Hodgkiss

#### English Group Recitation

##### Year 7

- 1<sup>st</sup> Marnie Woolley
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Saffron Hyland, Summer Andrew
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Atticus Hannon

##### Year 8

- 1<sup>st</sup> Cai Griffiths, Liam Lenihan
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Rachael James, Gabby Saunders, Zac Williams

##### Year 9

- 1<sup>st</sup> Conner Lenihan
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sam Edwards, Jan Longshadow
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Riley Pryce, Jonathan Kennedy

#### Drama

##### Year 7

- 1<sup>st</sup> Oscar Atkinson, Ben Bellamy, Leah Davies, Sam Humphreys, Parker Lee, Emilia Preston
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Kylan Wright, Ben Jones, Sam Williams, Riley Smith, Jakub Stasinowski
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Alicia Rowlands, Maia Bennett-Chadwick, Kaitlyn Davies, Harriet Bowles, Bethan Lewis, Gracie Rees

#### Music

##### Year 7 Open Instrumental

- 1<sup>st</sup> Daisy Swift
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Cadi Rooke
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Emilia Preston

##### Year 8 Open Instrumental

- 1<sup>st</sup> Ethan Pawley
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sally Williams

##### Year 8 Vocal Solo

- 1<sup>st</sup> Cai Griffiths
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Rachael James
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Rufus Price

#### KS3 Piano Competition

- 1<sup>st</sup> Kylan Wright
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Ellie Mainwaring
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Samuel Humphreys

##### Year 9 Open Instrumental

- 1<sup>st</sup> Eliza Faulkner
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Cerys Lloyd

##### Year 10 Open Instrumental

- 1<sup>st</sup> Tristan Swart
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Evan Haine
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Luke Pawley

#### Welsh Group Recitation

##### Year 7

- 1<sup>st</sup> Jax Jones, Jakub Stasinowski, Jose Davila, Ben Jones, James Dunk
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Jac Grigg, Harry Windsor, Mason Wygold, Louis Evans, Sam Humphreys
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Alexander Morrison, Evan Walton, Oscar Atkinson, Seb Loxam

##### Year 8

- 1<sup>st</sup> Cai Griffiths, Gethin Jones, Ryan Burnside
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Kieran Ashley, Charlie Hocking, Jack Willcox, Freddie Roberts, Jacob Williams, George Jones
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Gabby Saunders, Rachael James, Zac Williams, Verity Evans

#### Disco Dancing

##### Years 7/8 Individual Disco Dancing

##### Holli Smallman Trophy

- 1<sup>st</sup> Amelia Davies
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Tanisha Puri
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Olivia Grzegorzewska

##### Years 7/8 Group Disco Dancing

- 1<sup>st</sup> Ruby Gill, Niamh Reynolds, Lexi Breeze, Elen Goodwin, Sophia Martin
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Ava Jenkins, Amelia Davies, Alana Walker-Evans
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Darcy Cartwright, Scarlett Thomas

We would also like to congratulate Amelia Davies, Zoe Kelday and Carys Birch who took part in the Montgomeryshire Urdd Eisteddfod Disco Dancing Competition at Theatre Hafren and received excellent adjudications.

**Mr S Monk**  
**Head of Welsh**

# EISTEDDFOD YSGOL 2025

## SCHOOL EISTEDDFOD 2025

In Science, pupils took part in various poster competitions to gain points for their houses. Participation was excellent and the quality of work submitted was very impressive. Below is a list of the top 3 entries for each year group:

### Year 7 Profile of you as a future Scientist

- 1<sup>st</sup> Cadi Rooke
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Carter Thomas
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Elsie Haynes-Griffiths

### Year 8 Discovery of a new 'Welsh' element

- 1<sup>st</sup> Niamh Reynolds
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Eva-Mai Doody
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Samanta Spurava



### Year 9 Adaptations of a Welsh Dragon to its environment

- 1<sup>st</sup> Maja Fornal
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Bella Roberts
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Dylan Bramley

A special congratulations to Maja Fornal, who went above and beyond to build a model to show the adaptations of a Welsh dragon, demonstrating excellent creativity and good use of Welsh.

**Miss C Brown**  
**Science Department**



# EISTEDDFOD YSGOL 2025

## SCHOOL EISTEDDFOD 2025

In Art, students in Years 7, 8 and 9 have produced some fantastic, creative responses with their Eisteddfod homework. Each year we set a challenge for students to create a piece of work based on a fitting Eisteddfod theme. Every competition entry receives house points, with more points awarded for those who receive a 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.

Year 7 students were asked to create a piece of Celtic jewellery or a Celtic shield. We have been overwhelmed and amazed with the staggering amount of Celtic shields and Celtic jewellery that were made, with students impressing us with their dedication, creativity and skill. We have never had such an impressive number of Celtic shields.

Year 8 were set the task of creating a 2D or 3D model of their local church or chapel. Some students used their model making skills learned in class, creating 3D churches, some used collage and others impressed us with their drawing and painting skills capturing their local church.

In Year 9, students had the challenge of drawing a Welsh icon using 2D media of their choice. Entries ranged from the legendary faithful dog Gelert to footballer Gareth Bale.

It was a challenge to choose a 1st, 2nd and 3rd due to the exceptional standard of work.

### Results from Miss Atkin's Groups are:

#### Year 7

- 1st Ellie Mainwaring
- 2nd Jamie Ashworth
- 3rd Cadi Rooke

#### Year 8

- 1st Charlie Andrew
- 2nd Evangaline Kearney
- 3rd Julia Grzegorzewska

#### Year 9

- 1st Molly Jones
- 2nd Ellie Shearer
- 3rd Isobel Park

### Results from Mrs Richards' Groups are:

#### Year 7

- 1st Ted Evans
- 2nd Gethin Benbow
- 3rd James Dunk

#### Year 8

- 1st Cai Griffiths
- 2nd Charlie Hocking
- 3rd Scarlet Bowen-Heath

#### Year 9

- 1st Lwsi James-Stafford
- 2nd Ffion Bennet Wilson
- 3rd Maja Fornal

Well done to all in Key Stage 3.

### Mrs Richards Art Department



# ENILLWYR YR EISTEDDFOD 2025

## EISTEDDFOD WINNERS 2025



House Captain of Castell Powis:  
Seren Davies and Natalie Forsyth



Winner of The Chair : Luke Pawley



Winner of The Crown: Phoebe Jones



Winner of The Prose Medal: Isobel Park



Winner of the Year 10 Open Instrumental  
Competition: Tristan Swart



Winner of the Years 7/8 Individual Disco Dancing,  
Hollie Smallman Trophy: Amelia Davies



Winners of the Year 8 Welsh Group Recitation:  
Cai Griffiths, Gethin Jones, Ryan Burnside



Winners of the Year 7/8 Group Disco Dancing Competition:  
Ruby Gill, Niamh Reynolds, Lexi Breeze, Elen Goodwin, Sophia Martin



## CYFLAWNIADAU DISGYBLION PUPIL ACHIEVEMENTS

Elena Joel in Year 12 has been successfully accepted onto the prestigious Jesus College Oxford Medicine Summer School program.

This achievement is particularly noteworthy as the application process required Elena to submit two 500-word essays and is notoriously difficult to secure a place on. Elena joined our school in Year 12 and has consistently demonstrated herself to be a conscientious and aspirational student.



Congratulations to Eva Griffith in Year 12 who passed her Welsh Hockey Umpires Association assessment, and is now a Level 1 qualified Hockey Umpire. Eva has worked really hard in the lead up to this and helped with lots of school and club hockey.

Da iawn Eva!

Gethin Jones in Year 8 was part of the Northop Hall Hockey team that won the U14 Boys National Finals in Swansea recently. They beat Whitchurch HC 3-1, Cardiff & Met 4-0 and beat Denbigh 5-0 to be undefeated on the day!

Congratulations Gethin!



# AMSERLENNI GWEITHGAREDDAU ALLGYRSIOL EXTRA CURRICULAR TIMETABLES

At Welshpool High School we want all our pupils to have a rich and rewarding learning experience. We want our pupils to develop fully their talents and interests and to be able to demonstrate a broad range of interests and achievements.

We are delighted to publicise our latest Enhancement and Enrichment Programme below.

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>Break</b>	All Year Groups <b>Homework Club</b> 10.55-11.15 in D3	All Year Groups <b>Homework Club</b> 10.55-11.15 in D3	All Year Groups <b>Homework Club</b> 10.55-11.15 in D3	All Year Groups <b>Homework Club</b> 10.55-11.15 in D3	All Year Groups <b>Homework Club</b> 10.55-11.15 in D3
<b>Lunchtime (1.10pm)</b>	All Year Groups <b>Homework Club</b> in D3	All Year Groups <b>Homework Club</b> in D3	All Year Groups <b>Homework Club</b> in D3	All Year Groups <b>Homework Club</b> in D3	All Year Groups <b>Homework Club</b> in D3
	NEA Catch Up <b>Product Design</b>	KS3 <b>ART CLUB</b> MRS RICHARDS (D22)	GCSE <b>ART/PHOTO</b> DROP IN	NEA Catch Up <b>Product Design</b>	<b>Product Design</b> Technology
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<b>After School</b>		<b>Drama Club</b> Tuesdays after school 3:30- 4:30	GCSE <b>ART/PHOTO</b> COURSEWORK CLUB	GCSE <b>ART/PHOTO</b> COURSEWORK CLUB	
			GCSE <b>PRODUCT DESIGN</b>		

In addition to our general extra curricular activities we have also included our Extra Curricular Sport and Extra Curricular Music timetables.

The purpose of the Enhancement and Enrichment Programme is not only to support academic progress, it is also to give students opportunities to learn and explore beyond the classroom, developing new friendships across their year groups.



# AMSERLENNI GWEITHGAREDDAU ALLGYRSIOL EXTRA CURRICULAR TIMETABLES



## Extra-Curricular Sports Timetable (Apr/May) 2025



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Lunchtime (1:10pm)</b>  Uniform and trainers to be worn for lunch time clubs, no changing		Year 7 Cricket Turn Up and Play (Astro)	Badminton All Year Groups (Sports Hall)  Year 10 & 11 Boys Inter-House Football (Astro)	Year 9 Inter-House Rounders (Astro)	Year 7 Boys Inter-House Football (Astro)
<b>Afterschool (3:30 – 4:30pm)</b>		Cricket Years 7-10 (Astro/Nets)  Rounders Years 7-10 (Field)  Ultimate Frisbee Years 7-9 (Field)	GCSE PE Revision Year 11 B22  Tennis All Years (Courts)	Athletics Years 7-10	

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### MUSIC EXTRACURRICULAR TIMETABLE

AUTUMN TERM	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Lunchtime:</b> 1.10pm – 1.40 pm			YEAR 9 & 10 Live Lounge (D4)	ALL YEARS Singing Group (D4)	YEAR 7 & 8 Live Lounge (D4)
<b>After School:</b> 3.30pm – 4.30pm			ALL YEARS (G3 Upwards) Jazz Band (D5)  YEAR 11 Revision (D4)	ALL YEARS Concert Band (Drama Studio)	

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## NEWYDDION CHWARAEON SPORTS NEWS

Before Easter, our U13 Boys Rugby Team were involved in the North Powys and Clwyd Plate Final, after previously finishing 2nd place in North Powys.

In the final, the boys faced Ysgol Morgan Llwyd from Wrexham. It was a fascinating game played in extremely hot conditions, but this did not affect the effort levels from the team.

The final score was 10-10, with our try scored by Oliver Sharratt, which was converted by Freddie De La Cour, with Freddie later adding another 3 points from a penalty. The opposition managed to score two tries, with no conversions, leaving the game as a draw.



The competition rules state that when a knockout match ends in a draw, the team with more tries scored goes through to the next round. This was a cruel way for our lads to exit the competition but they can all be very proud of their efforts and have plenty to learn and improve on for next year, well done boys!

Another event before the Easter break was the Key Stage 3 North Powys Netball Tournament, held at Welshpool High School. With our year 7, 8 and 9 teams in action it was a busy but enjoyable day!

It was great to see so many girls playing a high standard of netball. Welshpool had a successful day...

**Year 7** - Champions

**Year 8** - Second place

**Year 9** - Champions

Special mention to the Year 7 team who not only finished first, but did not concede a single goal in the whole tournament!

Again, a huge thank you to everyone who helped run this event. Our Year 10's, Sixth Formers and those who helped from our local Netball Club. Everyone who helped all did an excellent job of scoring, umpiring, coaching and running the timings of the event. The tournament would not have been able to run without your help, da iawn pawb!





# NEWYDDION CHWARAEON SPORTS NEWS

## North Wales Plate Champions

Before Easter, our U15 Boys Rugby Team were involved in the North Powys and Clwyd Plate final, after previously finishing second place in North Powys. In this final, the team faced Alun School, Mold. After a tense and nervy start, the boys soon settled into the game and ended up with an emphatic 54-12 victory to bring the Plate back to school!



This then qualified the team for the North Wales Plate final, where they would play the Plate winners from North West Wales, Ysgol Dyffryn Conwy, Llanrwst. This match was played today at Parc Eirias in Colwyn Bay, the home of North Wales regional side RGC.



This game was a tighter affair. The first half was nip and tuck but we managed to go into half time with a 19-10 lead. In the second half, the boys really started to find their groove with some excellent attacking rugby and fierce tackles in defence. The final score was 33-15 which meant victory and that the Plate would be coming back to Welshpool after scoring 5 tries, with 4 of them being converted.

This concludes the rugby for this team this year and what an excellent way to finish. Congratulations to all squad members who have played a part in this journey. Well done boys! Photos below taken by Gary Williams.



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