



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

It has been a short, but incredibly busy, half term. With the Bank Holiday factored in, three weeks and four days exactly. Yet in this time so much happens in school.

We officially say goodbye to our fantastic Year 13 and Year 11 pupils this week. We will genuinely miss them all terribly.



As older pupils, they have been fantastic role models for the younger pupils in many ways. I am particularly keen to ensure that all the pupils that will be celebrating their last day with Welshpool High School do so in the knowledge that they are always welcome here. We hope to have shaped them, in partnership with parents/carers, into the fantastic young citizens that they are today. We also hope that we have given them a solid grounding for the future.

In the next half term, we may feel a bit lighter in numbers for a few weeks, but it is not without excitement. It will not be long before the Summer Concert takes place and we are able to enjoy a showcase of musical talents. Also, there is the culmination of this year's House competition; it has been exciting to watch the overall points tally move upwards and the leadership race get closer and closer throughout the year, and we are eagerly anticipating the final few events.

I hope that everyone has a restful break at half-term and that we get the nice weather to help everyone recharge and be ready to go again for the end of the summer term.

Upcoming Events

Week beginning 9th June

Year 9 DEAR (Drop Everything and Read) Week

Tuesday 10th June

Whole School Sports Day

Monday 16th, Tuesday 17th, Wednesday 18th & Friday 20th June

Year 7 Castles Trips

Thursday 19th June

Year 11 Rewards Trip

Week beginning 23rd June

Year 8 DEAR (Drop Everything and Read) Week

Tuesday 24th June

Powys Team Athletics Championships, Newtown

Thursday 26th June

Year 7, 8 and 9 Rounders and Cricket Festival, Llanfyllin

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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

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RESIDENTIAL TRIP TO ARETE OUTDOOR CENTRE

A SUCCESSFUL OUTDOOR EDUCATION EXPERIENCE

We are pleased to report on the highly successful Year 8 residential trip to Arete Outdoor Centre in Eryri, which took place from 30th April -2nd May 2025. Under exceptional weather conditions, our students participated in a diverse range of challenging outdoor activities while demonstrating remarkable personal growth and social development.

Taking full advantage of the splendid weather, students engaged primarily in water-based activities across various natural environments:

- Coasteering along the magnificent cliffs of Anglesey
- Canyoning through rugged terrain and natural water features
- Rafting on Llyn Padarn, testing teamwork and communication skills
- Rock climbing on local formations, building confidence and resilience
- Hill walking expeditions, exploring the magnificent Welsh landscape

The program was complemented by targeted team-building exercises designed to foster collaboration and mutual support among students.

One of the most encouraging aspects of the trip was the notable social engagement between students. Staff observed that not once did pupils request access to their mobile devices—a powerful indication that they were forming meaningful connections with their peers. Evenings featured spontaneous entertainment, including student-led karaoke sessions that showcased their creativity and enthusiasm.

The residential experience provided valuable opportunities for students to develop essential life skills like preparing their own packed lunches and sandwiches, serving refreshments to one another and contributing to communal clean-up responsibilities. It is our sincere hope that these domestic skills have continued since their return home.

After days filled with physical activity and adventure, students settled easily at night, demonstrating healthy exhaustion from their endeavours. Each morning, they awoke refreshed and eager to participate in the day's planned activities—a testament to both their enthusiasm and the engaging nature of the program.


Trip supervisors Miss Davies, Mr Jones, and Mrs Loxam have expressed their pride in our Year 8 students, noting that the pupils were "a credit to the school and a pleasure to take." Their exemplary behaviour and positive attitude throughout the trip reflect the values we aim to instil in all our students.



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Welshpool High School's Annual Eisteddfod was held on Friday, 11th April 2025. The winning house was **Castell Powis** with 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*.

Well done to those who earned House Points for outstanding Read Aloud Assessments in French in Year 7, and Spanish in Year 8 & 9. The MFL Department was very impressed!



1 st Cyntaf	Idris	17,765
2 nd All	Efyrynwy	17,040
3 rd Trydydd	Hafren	16,576
4 th Pedwerydd	Powis	16,283

PARTI GADAEI BLWYDDYN 11 YEAR 11 LEAVING PARTY

Year 11 students at Welshpool High School recently said goodbye to their friends and teachers in a celebratory event held in Theatr Clera on Thursday, 22nd May 2025.

There were numerous presentations and a buffet. One hundred and thirty students in year 11 reflected on five years of hard work 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 also have a rewards trip to Alton Towers to look forward to.

Pictures from the celebratory afternoon.



CYFEILLION YSGOL UWCHRADD Y TRALLWNG FRIENDS OF WELSHPOOL HIGH SCHOOL

The Friends of Welshpool High School are having a stall at Welshpool Carnival on 22nd June and hope lots of parents, students and staff will pop along to say hello and see what we're up to! The Friends also hope to have a stall at some of the local shows and other events throughout the summer and will include updates in the bulletins. If anyone would like to know more about us or to be involved with the Friends in any way, we would really love to hear from you. Just drop an email to mary.owen@welshpool-hs.powys.sch.uk

Did you know Welshpool High School are part of the school lottery? Funds raised from tickets sales come to the school and there is a winner EVERY Saturday. We would love for you to join it:

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/welshpool-high-school>

CYFLAWNIADAU DISGYBLION PUPIL ACHIEVEMENTS

Ben Jones (Year 7) achieved a gold medal at the Long Mynd Archery Club Norman Alexander National Newbies competition in the U12 category representing Hafren Foresters.

A fantastic achievement, considering he has only been shooting for 7 months.

Da iawn Ben!



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SPORTS NEWS

U13 Girls Rugby

Our U13 girls recently travelled to COBRA to take part in the North Powys Tournament. For many of the girls, it was their first time playing a full-sided game of full-contact rugby. The effort levels and commitment could not be faulted and in the end the girls managed to finish in 3rd place. Da iawn pawb!

Tennis vs Oswestry

Our first tennis matches of the year took place recently as we hosted Oswestry School for a friendly. For some of our pupils, this was the first time they had played in a competitive tennis match, with each player taking part in one game of singles and one game of doubles.

Our U13 Boys suffered a 5-1 defeat against a particularly strong Oswestry side, whereas the U13 Girls game finished as a 3-3 draw.

Well done to all players and we look forward to starting the LTA Schools competition after half term.



U12 Boys Rugby

Year 7 Rugby Triumph in Llanfyllin

The Year 7 rugby team delivered a stunning performance in Llanfyllin, securing a dominant 9-1 try victory. From the first whistle, the team showcased excellent attacking flair, moving the ball with confidence and precision. Their relentless pressure in attack kept the opposition on the back foot, creating space and opportunities that were clinically converted into tries.

Equally impressive was their defensive effort. The team held their structure well, making key tackles and shutting down any threat with disciplined, aggressive defence. Their commitment on both sides of the ball was the foundation for such a convincing win.

It was a superb all-round performance, highlighting teamwork, determination, and a real understanding of the game — a well-deserved victory they can all be proud of. They now go on to the North Wales Finals in Colwyn Bay.



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