

### 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

Last September was one of the hardest starts to a school year that any of us have ever experienced. The tragic circumstances in which we lost Holli dominated the feel of the school as we started the academic year.

Slowly though, the spirit of Holli emerged within us all. The determination of our students to do their best in everything they try, the endless achievements in the classroom, in extra-curricular opportunities



and the positive way in which they conduct themselves have been a positive factor in our healing process.

It is such a unique way to live life from one academic year to another, with a long rest in between (the summer holidays), and probably so different to many other professions, but I count myself fortunate to be able to spend some quality time with my own children and watch them at their best during the summer break.

I will try to enjoy every moment with them during the holidays and be able to watch them grow into the people that they want to be. It is my sincere hope that all families have the chance to enjoy a rest from the pace of everyday life and 'school business' throughout the next six weeks.

Of course we look forward to two important dates, the 14th and 21<sup>st</sup> August, which will see our students pick up their examination results, and we are confident that within these successes there will have been many examples of strong support from families and carers that in no small way have helped these outcomes be possible. We remain grateful for all the wonderful support that we receive every day to try and help all students achieve their best.

I would like to close the academic year by wishing all our students and families an exciting and happy summer. Please stay safe and prioritise your well-being. We look forward to welcoming you back in September.



## Uniform and Expectations for September

We have recently written to parents regarding uniform and standards ahead of the return in September and we are grateful for the wonderful support that we receive on this front. Pupils have also been reminded of our expectations in assemblies. Please can I encourage you to read the letter (printed at the end of the bulletin) to familiarise yourself with important details.

#### **Attendance**

We encourage all pupils to aspire to have 100% attendance for each half term. Attendance continues to be high profile within school and this year we have significantly improved our whole school figure. We value the support from parents in making sure that their child attends school and attends on time.

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# HYSBYSIADAU CYFNOD ALLWEDDOL 4 KEY STAGE 4 NOTICES

#### Year 11

Year 11 students at Welshpool High School recently said goodbye to their friends and teachers in a celebratory event held in Theatre Clera. There were numerous presentations and a buffet. One hundred and forty students in Year 11 reflected on five years of high school life and had photos taken with their friends and teachers. Students were congratulated for their determination, resilience, and hard work. There were lots of smiles 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. The examination period also proved successful, and they concluded their time at school with a rewards trip to Alton Towers.

### **Year 10 Work Experience**

Year 10 have secured over 150 placements for their two-week work experience programme, that takes place at the end of the summer term. Pupils, parents and staff have worked extremely hard to find so many placements and we are extremely grateful to all the employers for supporting our programme.







### **Careers**

Year 10 recently attended a workshop with our Career's Advisor, Mrs Jones. Year 10 completed a survey during the workshop. When Year 10 transfer to Year 11, they will have an individual careers interview with Mrs Jones to discuss their survey and career aspirations.

### DIOGELWCH DŴR WATER SAFETY

### **Water Safety**

Welsh Water run a Reservoir Safety campaign every year during periods of warm weather. The campaign this year is 'Beautiful but Deadly'. On a hot summer's day, the cool waters of the local reservoir may seem placid and inviting. So much so that every year, people across Wales venture into the water for a swim to cool off. This casual decision can prove very problematic as swimming in reservoirs is dangerous. Even on the warmest day, freezing temperatures, deadly currents and hidden machinery can cause problems.

Statistics from Water Safety Wales estimate that 45 people in Wales lose their lives to drowning each year in coastal and inland waters.

Yet every year, large numbers of people risk their lives, and indeed some have lost their lives by entering our reservoirs in unauthorised conditions. Don't risk your life or the lives of others.

The water also has freezing temperatures which can send swimmers into cold-water shock and there is a reduced chance of rescue in some areas due to the remote location of many reservoirs, often with little or no mobile reception.

If you are in difficulty in the water, 'Float To Live' - this means to relax and float on your back with your ears submerged in the water until the effects of cold water shock pass. You can then swim to safety or shout for help.

If you see someone else in difficulty in the water in a reservoir, call 999 or 112 and ask for the Fire Service, tell the person in the water to 'Float To Live' and throw them something that floats. Never go into the water to attempt a rescue yourself.

Welsh Water have asked us to share this Information with our pupils to make you aware of the dangers.

For more information, please visit this link:https://corporate.dwrcymru.com/en/one-lastbreath



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# TAITH CESTYLL 2025 CASTLES TRIP 2025

Over a course of three days on Monday 16<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June, over 160 Year 7 students participated in the Humanities Castles Trip. As part of their RVE studies, the students started their day by visiting St Mary's Church in Welshpool. A warm welcome and an interesting presentation was given by Reverend Pawley who had organised a quiz for the students and guided them through the role of the church in the local community. We would like to extend our thanks to Reverend Pawley as always for making the students and staff feel so welcome.

The day continued with a bus trip to two local castles, which supports their History studies in Year 7. The first castle visited was a climb to Dolforwyn, followed by a further bus trip to Montgomery. The students were rewarded with amazing views at the top of both castles and were given the opportunity to explore in both locations with their friends. The weather was kind to us all and we were able to enjoy a picnic in the sunshine at the top of Montgomery Castle on all three days.

The trip continued in the town of Montgomery with a study of the town as part of their Geography studies. This allowed the students to explore the town and the facilities, in addition to allowing time for a well-deserved ice cream stop in the Spar.

The students were a credit to the school and many commented how much they had enjoyed the trip and had fun with their friends.

### The Humanities Department





# CYFNEWID PLANHIGION TREFNANNEY TREFNANNEY PLANT SWAP

One of our goals this year was to grow some vegetables in school. Our aim was to be able to use the vegetables we had grown and hopefully to donate some to Welshpool Foodbank.

The pupils have been busy growing a range of vegetable seeds with some expert guidance from Mrs Bartley. The seeds germinated well and they have succeeded in growing plenty of young plants. Many of these will be planted out in the Science Garden. Some sunflowers and nasturtiums have also been sold to staff.

Dan, Hugh, Sam and Ellie from the Eco Committee were able to take their spare pepper and aubergine plants to a local plant swap on Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> May, held at Trefnanney Community Orchard. This was their first venture to a community event and was a nice opportunity to raise their profile in the local community. The pepper plants were particularly popular and the committee were able to raise £35 to be donated to the Lingen Davies Charity. It was a successful morning and there are already plans to take along more plants next year.



This term the pupils will be involved in watering and monitoring the plants in the Science Garden and we look forward to our first harvests.

### Tip of the month

Have a go at growing your own vegetables at home. This is a great way of cutting back on plastic packaging and reducing food miles. July is a good time to plant beans, carrots and pumpkins. Or if you are looking for a bit of colour you could try sunflowers and poppies. Happy planting!

# NEWYDDION O DECHNOLEG NEWS FROM TECHNOLOGY

On Thursday, 5th June, sixty Year 9 pupils went on their reward trip for design and technology. This was for the number of Grade 1's pupils had been given since September in their Technology lessons, as a reward for all their hard work. Pupils went to RAF Cosford as a link to all the aspects of technology that is required in manufacturing and flying aircraft.

Pupils got to see the various aircraft on display along with information and memorabilia on 'The Cold War' and World Wars. There were also simulators of different flights that they could try.

Pupils have also been given the opportunity to enter a Technology competition

showing a mood board of their day, with prizes and house points available for first, second and third place. Pupils were a credit to the school and had a great day.

On Thursday, 12th June Year 8 pupils were involved with a STEM workshop, which was with RAF Cosford.

This was a reward for the top sixty pupils in Year 8 who had achieved the most Grade 1's in Design and Technology lessons. There were two sessions of thirty pupils during the morning.



Pupils had to create their own rockets and launch them to see whose went the furthest. The winners were Alexander Hughes, Niamh Reynolds and Autumn Turney. Then the second workshop was programming Lego robots, again with the aim of who could get them to travel the furthest. The winners were Ollie Stevens, Lexi Breeze and Leila Johnson.





# CLWB GWYDDONIAETH SCIENCE CLUB

In the final Science Club of the academic year, pupils took part in a series of scientific practical challenges. Pupils had to build the strongest structure out of cocktail sticks and sweets, neutralise an acid and complete the organs puzzle in the fastest time! Thank you to all pupils who have attended Science Club this year. From September there will be a new Science Club display board outside the technician's office in the science block where pictures and information will be posted. Keep an eye out for upcoming dates!







## CYFNOD FFURFLEN LLESIANT DYDD GWENER 8KG 8KG FRIDAY WELLBEING FORM PERIOD

8KG enjoyed a well-being form period with their friends on Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> July as an alternative to their usual start to the day. They started the day with biscuits, their choices of music and a time to socialise with friends during form time. This followed them successfully meeting the challenge of partially writing their own assembly to deliver to their year group about time keeping and how they manage their time effectively to fit in their activities, friends and school. Their Form Tutor, Mrs Grindley was very impressed with their independence and rewarded them with this alternative start to the day.



# TORWYR RECORDIAU'R BYD WORLD RECORD BREAKERS

On Tuesday, 1st July, pupils from Years 7, 8 and 9, from the school SNAG group and afterschool cooking club took part in helping famous chef Jamie Oliver to break the **GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS™** title for the largest cookery lesson (multiple venues).

Pupils set up their ingredients, ready to make homemade pasta and tomato sauce from scratch, waiting eagerly to join Jamie and his cooking school online via a Zoom call.

Pupils did a great job keeping up in the busy, hot and frantic session, whilst photo evidence was collected.

Well done to all involved as they were fantastic, and of course at the end they got to eat their pasta dish. We had to eagerly wait to see if we had actually managed to break the record. However a few days later, we received this message from Jamie Oliver:

**WOW** - what a fantastic achievement!

Together, we smashed the Guinness World Records™ title
for the largest cookery lesson (in multiple venues)
- and you are a record breaker!

Drumroll, please. The final numbers are in...
10,515 cooks, across 6 continents and 42 countries
helped smash the record!





## CAREERS TALK SGWRS GYRFAOEDD

On Wednesday, 2nd July some pupils in Year 9 enjoyed a careers talk from Screen Alliance Wales.

Screen Alliance Wales is an organisation that recognises the global potential of the film and TV industry in Wales. SAW is the gateway between the industry and its workforce. It grows and promotes the talent, crew and services of the film and TV industry in Wales. The pupils heard about the many different career paths within the film and TV industry in Wales.

Pupils were inspired by the talk and also got to handle props and clothes from the TV series His Dark Materials.





# DARLLEN NODDEDIG SPONSORED READ

Representatives of Year 7 took delivery of a wide selection of new books for our library, which were purchased following a successful sponsored reading event held earlier in the year. We have worked with our local Usborne representative, Hayley Jones, to organise the sponsored read and to select the books. Six of our dedicated readers met with Hayley to receive the new books and to start choosing new favourites.

Freya Davis, who raised the highest individual total, was gifted two new books in recognition of her excellent effort. Huge thanks to all who supported the sponsored read and have enabled the purchase of new books for the library.





# HER MATHEMATEG IAU'R DU UK JUNIOR MATHS CHALLENGE

The UK Maths Challenge is a competition aimed at the best young mathematicians in the UK. Each year thirty of our best mathematicians compete in each of the 3 different age groups. Most recently it was the turn of the Junior mathematicians in Years 7 and 8. A number of students were awarded achievement certificates. In Year 7, Micah Bain and Harriet Bowles were awarded silver certificates and Cadi Rooke and James Weston achieved bronze.

In Year 8 Ethan Pawley achieved a silver certificate, whilst Willow Andrew, Gethin Jones, Jacob Ransley and Evangeline Kearney all gained bronze certificates.

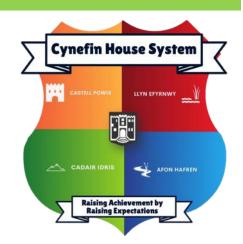
A big well done to all of the students who competed.





### CANLYNIAD TERFYNOL PWYNTIAU TŶ 2025 FINAL HOUSE POINTS RESULT 2025

1 <sup>st</sup>	Idris	21,881
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Efyrnwy	21,619
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Hafren	20,702
4 <sup>th</sup>	Powis	20,323



### Congratulations!

Congratulations to Cadair Idris as the winners of the Cynefin Cup, 2024-2025!





# HER BAGLORIAETH CYMRU WELSH BACCALAUREATE CHALLENGE

# Community Challenge Success Year 10 Students Shine in Welsh Baccalaureate Initiative A Three-Day Celebration of Leadership and Learning

Our school community witnessed something truly special during the final days of June and early July, as Year 10 students took centre stage in delivering an outstanding Community Challenge as part of their Welsh Baccalaureate qualification. Held across three consecutive mornings from Monday 30th June through Wednesday 2nd July, this initiative showcased the remarkable talents and maturity of our students whilst creating meaningful connections across year groups and with our local primary schools.

### **Indoor Learning Sessions: Knowledge Sharing at Its Best**

Three classes of Year 10 students transformed into skilled educators, coaching Year 8 pupils across a diverse range of subjects that reflected both practical life skills and academic enrichment. The breadth of topics was impressive, covering everything from digital safety awareness through sessions on the dangers of internet scams, to practical communication skills with British Sign Language lessons. Students also engaged with vital safety education about drowning prevention and learned responsible pet care through dedicated sessions on proper dog care.

These indoor sessions demonstrated the Year 10 students' ability to research, prepare, and deliver engaging content to their younger peers. The variety of subjects chosen reflected their understanding of real-world issues and their commitment to sharing valuable knowledge that extends far beyond the traditional curriculum.

### **Sports Coaching: Building Active Communities**

Two additional classes of Year 10 students took their talents outdoors, establishing themselves as confident sports coaches across the three-day programme. Monday morning saw them working with Year 7 students, introducing various sports and physical activities that promoted teamwork, fitness, and fun. The success of this initial session set the tone for the remainder of the week.

Tuesday and Wednesday brought an extra dimension to the challenge as local primary schools joined the activities. The enthusiasm and energy of the primary school visitors created a vibrant atmosphere that resonated throughout the school grounds. These younger students arrived eager to learn and departed exhausted but exhilarated, carrying with them positive memories of their time at our school.









# HER BAGLORIAETH CYMRU WELSH BACCALAUREATE CHALLENGE (CONT)

### **Recognition and Praise from the Community**

The quality of leadership demonstrated by our Year 10 students did not go unnoticed. Praise came from multiple sources, including teachers, Sports Ambassadors, and the Community Development Officer for our area, all of whom commented on the exceptional performance and incredible maturity displayed throughout the three days. Such recognition from external professionals highlights the genuine impact our students made during this challenge.

The wonderful atmosphere that permeated the school during the Community Challenge was frequently remarked upon by visitors and staff alike. This positive environment reflected the dedication and professionalism of our Year 10 students, who approached their roles with enthusiasm and responsibility.

#### **Skills Development for the Future**

Beyond the immediate success of the activities themselves, the Community Challenge provided invaluable opportunities for skill development that will serve our students well in their future endeavours. Leadership skills were honed as students took responsibility for planning and delivering sessions. Communication abilities were strengthened through the need to explain concepts clearly to younger learners. Planning and organisation became essential as students prepared materials and structured their sessions effectively. Teamwork flourished as they collaborated to ensure smooth delivery of activities.

These transferable skills represent some of the most valuable outcomes of the Welsh Baccalaureate programme, preparing our students not just for academic success but for meaningful contributions to their communities and future workplaces.

#### **Perfect Conditions for Success**

Even the weather seemed to celebrate the occasion, providing ideal conditions throughout the three days. The sunny skies and pleasant temperatures enhanced the outdoor sports activities and contributed to the overall positive atmosphere that made the Community Challenge such a memorable experience for all involved.

### A Credit to Our School Community

The Community Challenge stands as a testament to the quality of education and character development taking place within our school. Our Year 10 students were absolutely fantastic throughout the three days, proving themselves to be an absolute credit to themselves, their families, and our school community. Their commitment to helping others learn, their mature approach to responsibility, and their enthusiastic engagement with the challenge exemplify the values we strive to instil in all our students.









# CRYNODEB DIWEDD BLWYDDYN CERDDORIAETH MUSIC END OF YEAR ROUND UP

There are so many musical achievements to celebrate from across the last two terms that I will be sure to keep this introduction brief. Safe to say we are extremely proud of each and every one of you!

### **Trip to Birmingham Symphony Hall**

This was the first trip we have taken for several years, and it has now left us determined to make it an annual event. On Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> February we took a bus of 50 pupils to see a concert featuring the film music of John Williams performed by Birmingham Symphony Orchestra. Each and every pupil behaved impeccably, something that I am proud to say was commented on by a member of the public, and we all thoroughly enjoyed the evening.





## National Youth Arts Wales Choir Skills Residency 2025 by Matthew Pawley

During February half term, Cerys, Kady and Matthew spent four days at Lampeter University with NYAW at their choir skills residency. During our time there we learned My Hands are Strong Enough, Si Hei Lwli Mabi, You are the Reason, Waving through a Window and Shona Malanga which were performed on the Thursday to showcase what we had learned.

The three tutors taught us how to sing acapella, how to improve our breathing while singing, and how to perform within our sections as a choir. We also had music theory sessions, where we concentrated on key signatures and scales.

In the evening after rehearsals had finished for the day, there were various social activities, the highlight of which was a silent disco.

It was a really valuable experience and we all learned a lot.

### St. David's Day Concert

On Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March, our Jazz Band took a trip out into the community to perform in a concert at Pool Quay Church as part of their St. Davids Day celebrations. They featured as part of a varied programme of musical items and really did the school and themselves proud with their standard of performance.



# CRYNODEB DIWEDD BLWYDDYN CERDDORIAETH MUSIC END OF YEAR ROUND UP (CONT)

### **Jazz Residency: Easter Holidays**

Over the Easter holidays we were very proud to see and hear that Gwen Jones, Ewan Lawson, Lucas Tyldesley and Cerys Ashworth took part in the National Youth Arts Wales Jazz residency in Cardiff. It was the first of its kind and an opportunity for all three to really challenge themselves and immerse themselves in the style. To say they all thrived on this experience is an understatement. Well done all of you!

### **Junior RNCM (Royal Northern College of Music)**

We are very proud to say that in September, Gwen Jones will be joining Ethan Pawley at the Junior RNCM. This really is such an achievement, and to see two of our pupils now attending is certainly something to be proud of. Well done Gwen, a fantastic achievement.

#### **Music Ambassadors**

It has been a real privilege see our Music Ambassador team grow in confidence across

this year. To end the year, they held a meeting with Lynsey McCrohon (Strategic Lead for Music and Expressive Arts) to showcase their ideas and to act as a working party to feed their ideas into the National Plan for Music in Powys. In the meeting they yet again impressed with the mature way in which they contributed to discussions and their imaginative yet constructive ideas. All I can say is watch this space for news next year!



#### **Summer Concert**

Across the last two terms the Live Lounge groups, Singing Group, Jazz Band and

Concert Band have all been working hard preparing for the end of year concert which took place on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July. It was lovely to see them perform to a full theatre and as always, they all performed exceptionally well. Yet again there was full praise not only for their performances on stage but also the way they conducted themselves backstage. Well done to you all!



I will finish as I started: we are so proud of each and every one of you and hope you all have a really lovely Summer's break.

Mrs C Evans
Head of Music

# CYHOEDDIAD PRIF FYFYRWYR 2025-2026 HEAD STUDENTS <u>ANNOUNCEMENT 2025-2026</u>

We are delighted to announce our Head Students for the next academic year following a successful democratic selection process where all students had their say.

This year saw the introduction of application videos for the first time, allowing all forms across the school to vote and choose their representatives. This new approach has been very well received and ensured that our Head Students are truly chosen by the student body.

After reviewing the excellent application videos and counting the votes, we can confirm the following appointments:

#### **HEAD STUDENTS**

**Head Girl:** Hope Williams **Head Boy:** Josh Evans

### **DEPUTY HEAD STUDENTS**

**Deputy Head Girl:** Elena Joel and Eva Griffith (joint role following equal voting)

**Deputy Head Boy:** Dylan Bartley

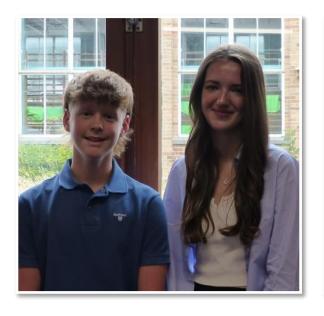
#### **EXTENDED LEADERSHIP TEAM**

All applicants will join an extended leadership team alongside 8 additional students, creating a larger group to take on more responsibilities and make a greater impact across the school.

### Congratulations to all our new Head Students!

We look forward to working with them and seeing the positive difference they will make to our school community.

A special thank you to all students who applied - your videos were outstanding and you are all a credit to the school.





# NEWYDDION CHWARAEON SPORTS NEWS

#### **Rounders vs Adcote School**

Welshpool Year 8 secured a well-deserved win against Adcote in a strong all-round performance at home. The team showed great teamwork and determination throughout the match. Kiarra Manuel stood out with her excellent fielding, catching multiple people out while Niamh Reynolds was named Player of the Match for her excellent batting. A fantastic result - well done to everyone involved!

Welshpool Year 7 put in a spirited performance against Adcote, narrowly losing by just a couple of rounders. Despite the result, the team showed great promise and gained valuable experience for future fixtures. Cadi Rooke was named Player of the Match for her excellent effort and skill throughout. A positive step forward for the team!

#### **Team Athletics Championships**

At the end of June, we had a fantastic day at the Powys NASUWT Team Athletics Championships in Newtown. A massive well done to all of our athletes who competed to an excellent standard and put in 100% effort across all events!

A special congratulations to the U15 Girls who finished in first place and picked up the cup! This meant they qualified for the Welsh Finals in Brecon later in the term!

#### **Overall Results:**

U13 Boys - 3rd place U13 Girls - 3rd place U15 Boys - 3rd place U15 Girls - 1st place









#### **North Wales Tennis Finals:**

Following victories in the North Powys Round, our U13 Girls and U15 Boys travelled to the North Wales Tennis Finals in Ruthin. Well done to both teams who competed with integrity and supported each other throughout the day.

Congratulations to the U15 Boys who overcame two really tight matches against Myddleton College and Castell Alun to be crowned champions of North Wales! This means they will now play a school from the North West of England in the next round in the new academic year.

The U13 Girls suffered an early setback against a very strong Ysgol Glan Clwyd side, but came back stronger in the afternoon to beat Castell Alun and therefore secured second place.





On 1<sup>st</sup> July, our U15 Boys Cricket Team played against Newtown High School in the annual James Corfield Memorial Match at Montgomery Cricket Club. Welshpool batted first and scored 111 runs before bowling Newtown out for 36 runs with some excellent bowling and fielding. This meant that the shield remained in Welshpool for the second consecutive year. Well done to everyone who played and thanks again to Montgomery CC for hosting this very special match in memory of James; a past pupil of Welshpool High School.



# NEWYDDION CHWARAEON SPORTS NEWS

#### North Powys Cricket and Rounders vs Llanfyllin

Some excellent batting, bowling and fielding skills were shown by our boys as both cricket teams secured victories against Ysgol Llanfyllin. The U13 Boys won by an impressive 83 runs whereas the U14 Boys won their game by 62 runs.

We also took four rounders teams to Llanfyllin to take part in a competitive fixture and put all their hard training into practice. Lots of success for our girls with some excellent batting, bowling and fielding. Year 9 (Team 1) won their round robin tournament after a beating Llanfyllin and Welshpool (Team 2) in a competitive match!

Overall, Year 8 won one innings out of two and Year 7 won their match, both against Llanfyllin.

A very enjoyable experience had by all.













#### **U15 Girls Athletics Team:**

Last Wednesday the U16 girls (Years 9 and 10) travelled to Brecon to compete in the NASUWT Cup Welsh Athletics Finals after previously finishing first in the county competition.

Exceptional performances all round and the girls represented the school brilliantly whilst competing against the top schools in Wales.

Overall, it was an exciting day with Welshpool sitting in 2nd place for a large proportion of the day. However, against strong opposition Welshpool finished in a respectable 5th place. There is huge potential for this talented team, the majority of whom were Year 9, so can build on this experience in next year's competitions!

Honourable mentions...

Lwsi James-Stafford - 2<sup>nd</sup> place 200m

Bella Roberts - 1<sup>st</sup> place 1500m

Imogen Morris - 3<sup>rd</sup> place Triple Jump

Tilly Jones - 3<sup>rd</sup> place Discus



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#### YSGOL UWCHRADD Y TRALLWNG

Headteacher/Pennaeth: Mr J Arnold

July 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we approach the end of a successful academic year, we are starting to make preparations for September. It is at this time of year we make our expectations for September very clear with regards to uniform and organisation.

In September we expect all students to adhere to the school uniform standards as published on our website. In a recent school bulletin, we have referenced our expectations with regards to uniform and this information has been shared with the students in assemblies this week. In September 2024, we listened to parents and pupils and moved to school footwear that must be entirely black. There must be no visible logos (in any colour different to black) on any part of the footwear that is worn.

The choice is available for parents/carers as to whether they wish for their child to wear traditional school shoes or alternative all black footwear.



The brown redback boots are not acceptable. Similarly, any other form of steel toe capped footwear are not permitted in school.

Ahead of the summer holidays we have in assemblies reminded students that they will also be instructed to **remove** any item of clothing that is not school uniform, for example **branded jumpers or hoodies**. Within school, pupils will be asked to remove their branded jumpers/hoodies and follow the school uniform rules.

In addition, we have explained and reinforced the rules regarding extreme hairstyles, studs, bars and facial piercings to students as well as the **mobile phone** use in school.

**Punctuality** and **attendance** to school has also been referenced and we have also reinforced the essential **equipment** that is required everyday such as a pen, pencil, ruler and calculator.

We wish everyone a nice summer holiday and thank all of our pupils for their effort during the last academic year. We would also like to thank all of our parents/carers for their continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr J. Loxam.

Assistant Headteacher.

Miss J. Haycock.

**Associate Senior Leader.**