



Welshpool High School

Ysgol Uwchradd Y Trallwng

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NEGES O'R PRIFATHRO MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

It has been an incredibly busy couple of weeks here at school as we approach the end of the first half term. Our new students in Year 7 and our new and returning Year 12 students have made a seamless transition into the next stage of their school careers and are now fully integrated into life at Welshpool High School.

On the back of two weeks in which we held both the Open Evening for prospective Year 7 pupils and the Sixth Form Open Evening, it has been good to meet with and talk to so many of our new, established and prospective parents and students.

It was also a joy to see students from across a range of year groups, our Student Council and Sixth Form Leadership Team proudly showing visitors around. The feedback has been really positive and it was evident that our students really enjoyed being able to show our school off to prospective parents/carers and students.

The links to our whole school prospectus and our Sixth Form prospectus can be found at the bottom of this page.

During the past few weeks our extracurricular programme has also been ramping up, with regular sports fixtures, trips, lunchtime clubs and activities, also rehearsals have now started for our school production 'Into the Woods', which is really exciting. We have also just seen the return of three football teams, who have recently visited Alicante, Spain for a football tour. I am sure the experiences had will go on to live long in the memory of those involved and I look forward to reading more about this in the next bulletin.

My advice to all pupils is to fully take advantage of all of the opportunities that may come your way during your time with us. It is never too late to learn a new skill or try something different!



Upcoming Events

Friday, 7th November

U15 Boys Basketball Tournament, Machynlleth

Week beginning Monday, 10th November Year 8 Drop Everything and Read (DEAR) Week

Monday, 10th November Mathematics GCSE Early Entry - Unit 1

Tuesday, 11th November U16 Girls Netball Tournament, Machynlleth

U16 Boys Regional Hockey Finals, Welshpool

Wednesday, 12th November Mathematics GCSE Early Entry - Unit 2
U14 Girls Rugby Tournament, Road to Principality

Thursday, 13th November Sixth Form Parent/Carer Drop in Session (3.30-4.30pm)

Friday, 14th November U13 and U15 Girls Basketball Tournament, Newtown

Thursday, 20th November Key Stage 4 and 5 Careers Convention

Friday, 21st November U13 Boys Basketball Tournament, Newtown

Monday, 24th November - Friday, 5th December Key Stage 4 Assessment Weeks

Tuesday, 25th November North Powys Swimming Gala, Newtown

U18 Girls Regional Hockey Finals

Thursday, 27th November GCSE/A-Level Certificate Presentation (6.30pm)

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NEWYDDION GAN GYFEILLION YSGOL UWCHRADD Y TRALLWNG NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS OF WELSHPOOL HIGH SCHOOL

The Friends held a successful quiz at The Raven Inn on 24th September, raising £365.00. We hope everyone had fun and we will be arranging another early in the New Year. Our thanks to Penny Jones for setting the questions and to Beki Williams our quiz master!

We will be holding a Bingo Night next month and details will be on our Facebook page as soon as this is finalised (Friends of Welshpool High School).

Our AGM was held on Tuesday, 14th October. Our Chair, Martin Canning, reported on the grants and gifts given to the High School during the last few months - including an electronic keyboard, support with the netball team that qualified for the national finals, team football kit for the tour to Spain and £1500 from Burgesses Land Trust towards the membership and participation in activities within the Urdd movement. The ALN garden was completed and is looking wonderful! We are also working with the school and Powys Council on the plans to upgrade Theatr Clera, which will then bring in bookings and hopefully provide a steady income stream for the school. In the pipeline are plans to provide outdoor table tennis tables, an outside dining area, new library books and school signage.

Christmas Raffle Tickets are now on sale (£1 a ticket or £5 a book). Cash prizes of £100, £50 and £25. If anyone can help with selling some tickets or would like to buy some, please message the Friends via our Facebook page (Friends of Welshpool High School) or call or text Mary on 07929 336 164 - any support would be very welcome! Raffle Tickets are also for sale at Alexanders of Welshpool and Rikki Lloyd Butchers if you happen to be in either of those shops! The draw will take place on our stand at the Welshpool Winter Festival on Saturday, 29th November at 4.00pm and tickets are for sale until then. Our stand will be indoors and we would love you to come and say hello! We hope to be selling delicious hot chocolates, smothered in marshmallows and cream!

The Friends welcome the support of parents and staff to help with fundraising events etc, so please contact us if you are up for "mucking in" as we would absolutely love to hear from you. We also welcome applications from anyone who would like to become a trustee - just message us on our Facebook page or give Mary a call or text on 07929 336 164.

Finally, we have been invited to oversee the car parking in the Dyfnant Forest for the North Wales (Get Jerky) Rally at the end of March 2026, which is a fantastic opportunity to raise funds for the High School. More details will be included in next month's Bulletin and we are hoping that parents/carers, staff and Sixth Form pupils will help us with that.

Mary Owen
Friends of Welshpool High School



HYSBYSIAD DIOGELWCH PWYSIG IMPORTANT SAFETY NOTICE

Dear Parents/Carers

It has come to our attention that some parents are illegally parking on the side of the road outside the pedestrian exit at the rear of school (Gungrog Hill Road) during school drop off and pick up times. This presents a serious safeguarding risk by making the zebra crossing dangerous for pupils, and difficult for passing cars to see pedestrians.

If you transport your child to or from school, please use the designated drop off area in the Flash car park (not the staff car park or bus park immediately outside of the school reception). Please do not park on the side of the Gungrog Hill Road.

The last thing any of us wants is for a child to get injured or an accident to happen, so we appreciate your support in keeping our pupils safe.

DYLUNIO A THECHNOLEG DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY

Since starting technology lessons, Year 8 have been making bookmarks. This is a link with the literacy drive 'Drop everything and read weeks'. Pupils have made bookmarks in various materials including wool, paper and card. The bookmarks were judged by their class teacher and house points were given for creativity and neatness of the products. First prize winners were given 30 points, 20 for second and 10 for third place.

Winners in Mrs Lewis's class included Seth Kershaw, Marnie Wolley, Jacob Rowson, Alexandra Szkopinska, Millie Owen and Conan Wilson.

Winners in Mr Purslow's class were Mia Brewin, Demi Keating-Jones, Ted Evans, Ben Jones, Joe Betts and Gracie-Mai Thomas.

Winners in Mr Birch's class were Florence Court, Joslin Joby, Elsie Haynes Griffiths, Ella Sheppard Lucy Gittins, Zia Fox, Freddie Tuffin and Trystan Lloyd.



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At the end of September, both of the GCSE Geography Year 11 classes travelled to Chester to look at inequality in 4 different areas in preparation for their upcoming Unit 3 Non-Exam Assessment.

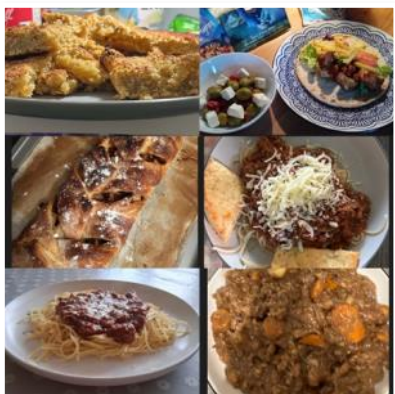
The pupils collected primary data about the environmental quality, the services and also conducted pedestrian and traffic counts. The pupils are now busy researching secondary data and writing up their findings ready for the NEA next half term.



ADRAN IEITHOEDD RHYNGWLADOL INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGES DEPARTMENT

Key Stage 3 learners chose to cook/prepare food to celebrate European Day of Languages on 26th September. Here is a sample of the dishes that were created.

Well done to everyone that took part.



CRIW CYMRAEG

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The Criw Cymraeg held their first whole school event for his academic year, a whole school cake sale raising money for the Welsh Air Ambulance service. Once again, it was very well supported by the students, raising over £130 for our chosen charity. The members of the Criw Cymraeg set up, ran and cleared away the event brilliantly, in particular, our new year 7 members from 7HB. Since setting up the Criw Cymraeg, the school has helped raised over £300 for charity by holding cake sales led by the Criw Cymraeg. Cakes for today were kindly donated Sidolis and Tesco which meant we raised our highest total to date today.

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CYNEFIN HOUSE SYSTEM

Half Term Update!



This is the closest it has ever been....



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3rd	Powis	3945
4th	Idris	3944

NEWYDDION CHWARAEON

SPORTS NEWS

U16 Girls Hockey

Drew 0 - 0 vs Ellesmere College

Won 7 - 0 vs Adcote School

2nd place in the North Powys Tournament

Our U16 girls hockey team have played two friendly games against Ellesmere College and Adcote School. Unfortunately we couldn't take our chances in our first game against a well organised Ellesmere. After having a lot of success and possession, the game finished a respectable 0 - 0.



However, the girls found the goal in the second game beating Adcote 7 - 0 with a very strong performance! Lacey Evans played exceptionally well scoring 4, Chloe Jones with 2 and Tilly Jones scoring 1. This was a great team performance and good experience for the upcoming hockey tournaments.

A few weeks later in the North Powys Tournament saw another strong showing from our team as they went unbeaten throughout the tournament.

1 - 1 draw vs Caereinion - a well-earned goal from Maisy Jones, plus an unlucky disallowed one that could have made the difference!

0 - 0 draw vs Llanidloes - all the possession, but just couldn't find the net.

Despite the goals not flowing, the girls dominated both games and put in a brilliant team performance throughout. A special shout-out to Sally Williams (Year 9) and Cadi Rooke (Year 8) who stepped up an age group and absolutely smashed it!

Well done girls!!

U13 Girls Netball

Drew 18 - 18 vs Belvidere -

Our Year 8 Girls had a netball fixture against Belvidere school. This was an excellent test for our girls! Four 10-minute quarters were played with both teams playing lovely passes to keep this match closely contested. Welshpool were ahead going into the last quarter but Belvidere came back strong in the final few minutes of play to end with a fair draw.

Player of the match nominated by our opposition was Cadi Rooke. A fantastic effort by all the girls and valuable experience to take into future games.



NEWYDDION CHWARAEON

SPORTS NEWS

Welsh Cup Football vs Llanfyllin:

U12 Boys won 10 - 2

U13 Girls won 5 - 0

U14 Boys won 3 - 2

All smiles for our three football teams who travelled to Llanfyllin to play in the first round of the Welsh Cup.

A brilliant performance from the new Year 7 Boys team, showing huge potential and scoring plenty of goals! Man of the match performance from captain, Teddy Langford, as he caused the opposition problems all game and managed to get 5 goals in the process.

The U13 Girls also dominated their game, with Cadi Rooke, Rosie Pritchard and Lucy Gittins getting on the scoresheet. Also, a big thank you to Maria (Year 12) who stepped in at half time to referee the game.

Lastly, a thrilling game for the U14 Boys, who went down 2 - 0 but through grit and determination ended up winning the game 3 - 2!

Special mention to Sion Jones' volley from outside the box!

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Football friendlies vs Belvidere

U16 Girls lost 4 - 2

U16 Boys drew 2 - 2

A real test for our girls as Belvidere had some seriously strong players! We were trailing until Tilly Jones fired home a perfect shot from far to make it 2 - 1!! Having worked tirelessly down the left hand side, Maisy Jones also got herself a goal, calmly slotted into the far post. Rubie Wygold also came close with a shot struck at the inside of the post but unfortunately we could not get there before the keeper to tap it in off the line.

Belvidere then took another couple of chances which meant the game finished 2 - 4. As always, lots of positives to take ready for our first Welsh Cup game coming soon.

For the boys, it was a close affair and the game was nip and tuck all of the way, with Welshpool twice taking the lead before Belvidere pulled it back level. Moment of the game came from Oliver Jansen as his quick thinking from the kick off saw an audacious shot from the half way line lob the keeper and found the back of the net!

NEWYDDION CHWARAEON

SPORTS NEWS

U18 Boys Basketball North Powys Tournament:

Sixth Form Team - 1st place

Year 11 Team - 4th place

We recently took two teams to the U18 Boys North Powys Basketball Tournament in Machynlleth.

The Year 11 team battled bravely in every match to finish 4th in the group stages.

The Sixth Form team had a bit more success and managed to secure a 2nd place finish in the group stage to set up a final against Ysgol Bro Hyddgen. The final was a tense affair with both teams giving it their all. However it was the Welshpool boys who came out on top with a 5 - 2 victory, to finish the day as champions.

Well done to all involved!



U18 Girls Football

Won 16-0 vs Aberaeron

Won 2-1 vs Llanidloes

The U18 girls have played their first round fixtures in the Welsh cup. First was a long trip to the coast against Aberaeron.

After a two hour journey the girls were focused in their warm-up and ready to go. It didn't take long for the goals to start with multiple names on the scoresheet including Evie Foster, Phoebe Heighway, Maisy Jones, Tilly Jones and Maria Ewers, who definitely had her shooting boots on, with a brace of goals! Goal of the game goes to Phoebe, for trying out a new position and firing a perfect shot past the keeper from outside the box!

Next up was a home tie against Llanidloes. We knew the opposition would be strong and were prepared for a challenging game! All to play for as if the girls won, they would qualify for the national rounds.

Welshpool started the better team with multiple chances, we were doing everything right other than putting the ball in the back of the net! However, Lexi Burrows finally broke the deadlock with an audacious strike from outside the box to give us a 1-0 lead. After half time, Llanidloes weren't backing down with strong tackles and a fast press. This put us under a lot of pressure, causing a mistake which took the game to 1-1. Welshpool kept calm, playing good football and a beautiful switch by Tilly finding the path of Maisy finished the game off at 2-1.

We are all very proud of this talented team who now proceed into the national draw will be made during half term, so watch this space!



NEWYDDION CHWARAEON SPORTS NEWS

U15 Boys Rugby - 1st place at the North Powys, Wrexham and Flintshire tournament

Our U15 Boys Rugby Team travelled to Wrexham RFC to compete against schools from North Powys, Flintshire and Wrexham. The boys started strongly with victories in the group stages, with a 19-0 win over Newtown and a 17-0 win over Castell Alun.

This set up a playoff match against local rivals Ysgol Bro Caereinion. This was a much closer affair and the game could have gone either way. However a penalty kick during the last play of the game by Theo Hodgkiss was enough to give us a 3-0 win, which meant we finished the day as champions!

This means the team qualify for the next round of the Welsh Cup and are also now through to the North Powys and Clwyd Final in March. Well done to everyone involved, it was a real squad effort and to not concede a single point all day was very impressive. Well done lads!



U18 Girls Hockey:

Lost 3-0 vs Ellesmere College

Won 12-0 vs Bro Caereinion Now North Powys Champions and through to the regional finals

Our U18 Girls Hockey team have been busy recently. First up was a friendly game against Ellesmere College. This game proved a difficult one as we went down to a strong Ellesmere side but was a good learning curve for us ahead of more competitive fixtures to come.

Next, we faced Ysgol Bro Caereinion in the North Powys final. We flew out of the blocks with 2 quick goals, led 4-0 at half-time and never looked back, resulting in a solid team performance from start to finish, with every player stepping up and playing their part.

The goals came thick and fast, with Martha Evans putting on an absolute masterclass, netting 5 stunning goals against her old school and even facing off against her own sister! Caitlin Owen brought energy down the wing, scoring a superb hat-trick. Libby Loxam showed real grit after an injury at the weekend before, she had a stormer and bagged 2 well-deserved goals. Year 10 star Lacey Evans stepped up in a new striker role and thrived, grabbing 2 goals of her own in an impressive display.

Overall this resulted in an emphatic 12-0 victory to be crowned North Powys Champions and secure their place in the North Wales finals.



NEWYDDION CHWARAEON SPORTS NEWS

Football vs Bro Hyddgen:

U12 Boys won 11-1

U18 Boys won 2-1

The final games of this edition saw us host two Welsh Cup games against Ysgol Bro Hyddgen.

The U18 Boys got their campaign off to a flying start against last year's Powys champions. Two first half goals from Alex Siddi were enough to give us a cushion going into half time. Bro Hyddgen came back strong and managed to score in the second half to set up a tense final 20 minutes, however we managed to hold on for a 2-1 victory and booked a place in the next round.

For the U12 boys, this was their second match of the competition and the boys had a nervy start, conceding in the first 10 minutes of the match. However the boys didn't panic and managed to keep their composure to get themselves back in the game. Some great football was played with multiple players chipping in with goals to ensure a comfortable win in the end.

This means that both teams now progress to the Powys Final which will be played after half term.

Finally, a huge thank you to Welshpool Town Football Club for the use of their pitches and facilities for the afternoon.



ART EXTRA CURRICULAR TIMETABLE AUTUMN 2025

Spring Term 2025	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunchtime 1-1.30	Art Club 'Into The Woods' Props and Sets D21	GCSE ART/ PHOTO Drop-in Coursework	GCSE ART/ PHOTO Drop-in Coursework	GCSE ART/ PHOTO Drop-in Coursework KS3 Art Club Mrs Richards D22	
After School 3.30 – 4.30		Yr 11 GCSE Art Coursework Miss Atkin	Yr 11 GCSE Photography Coursework Mrs Richards		



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	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
BREAK	All Year Groups HOMEWORK CLUB D3	All Year Groups HOMEWORK CLUB D3	All Year Groups HOMEWORK CLUB D3	All Year Groups HOMEWORK CLUB D3	All Year Groups HOMEWORK CLUB D3
LUNCH TIME (1.10)	ENGINEERING NEA Prep time D10 MUSIC Year 8 & 9 Live Lounge (D4) ART CLUB 'Into the Woods' Props and Sets D21 PRODUCT DESIGN Technology SPANISH Year 11 Revision C24	ENGINEERING NEA Prep time D10 MUSIC Upper School Live Lounge (D4) GCSE ART/PHOTOGRAPHY Drop In Coursework	ENGINEERING NEA Prep time D10 MUSIC Year 8 & 9 Live Lounge (D4) GCSE ART/PHOTOGRAPHY Drop In Coursework ECO COMMITTEE Ms Bridgland (A10)	ENGINEERING NEA Prep time D10 MUSIC All Years Singing Group (D4) GCSE ART/PHOTOGRAPHY Drop In Coursework KS3 ART CLUB Mrs Richards D22 HISTORY NEA Catch Up F25 WELSH BACC NEA Yr 10/11 Catch Up F25 MUSIC ALL Years (G3 Up) Jazz Band (D5) SPANISH Year 11 Revision C24	ENGINEERING NEA Prep time D10 MUSIC Year 7 Live Lounge (D4) WELSH BACC NEA Yr 10/11 Catch Up F25
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MUSIC EXTRACURRICULAR TIMETABLE					
AUTUMN TERM	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunchtime: 1.10pm – 1.40 pm	UPPER SCHOOL <i>Live Lounge</i> (D4)		YEAR 8 & 9 <i>Live Lounge</i> (D4)	ALL YEARS <i>Singing Group</i> (D4)	YEAR 7 <i>Live Lounge</i> (D4)
After School: 3.30pm – 4.30pm			ALL YEARS <i>Concert Band</i> (Drama Studio)	ALL YEARS (G3 Upwards) <i>Jazz Band</i> (D5)	



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YEAR 11 SUPPORT SESSIONS					
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
BREAK	All Year Groups HOMEWORK CLUB D3	All Year Groups HOMEWORK CLUB D3	All Year Groups HOMEWORK CLUB D3	All Year Groups HOMEWORK CLUB D3	All Year Groups HOMEWORK CLUB D3
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*See Miss Fletcher for timetable of who is to attend each session and time.