

Newsletter July 2020



As we reach the end of this academic year we reflect upon the activities and experiences that have taken place among our school community since the last edition of our school newsletter which was published at the end of March. We are proud of all of our students, the resilience they have shown, their community spirit and their outstanding achievements. Students who are leaving us this week do so with our very best wishes for their future! Students who are joining us this year, we are looking forward to meeting you soon!

RAINBOW CHALLENGE

Evie and Isabelle were joint winners in the rainbow challenge!

Evie from Year 7 made two products - rainbow biscuits that she kindly gifted to NPAS Hawarden (Police Helicopter) and a layered rainbow cake that she made with her Nana on facetime. How amazing !!! Well done Evie!



Isabelle in year 7 baked a delicious rainbow cake for all the staff working on the Intensive Care Unit at the Countess of Chester where it was very much appreciated! Well done Isabelle and thank you to the staff at

the Countess for sharing these pictures with us.











More brilliant Rainbow Challenge entries can be seen on page 9!









For VE Day, our History department invited you to send in pictures of your own (socially distant) VE Day celebrations. We have really enjoyed seeing how you spent the day dressing up, decorating your gardens, yards and spaces in the house, and eating 1940s style food! It looks like you all had a lot of fun - thanks to those of you who told us about your day and shared your photographs with us. You can see more pictures on our website:

https://www.hawardenhigh.org.uk/ve-day-your-celebrations/#more-7294

Supporting the community

Thanks to our Technology department, DesignOutTheBox for manufacturing batches of PPE to support local GP surgeries, Wrexham Maelor Hospital and community care homes.





The school's Science and Technology departments donated their goggles to Ysbyty Glan Clwyd! The Nursing Team and Ward 11 were able to put them to good use in the fight against COVID-19.





KINDNESS IN THE COMMUNITY





Two of our Year 7 students have been so thoughtful!... Isabella decorated her mum's new NHS shoes to cheer her up on long shifts and made a drawstring bag for them. Katie completed a makeover on her neighbour's garden after he fell trying to tidy it up.









THE DELL

Mr Chalk and his students have been busy in the Dell clearing weeds from the raised beds Here's the 'before' and 'after'. In addition, young saplings of native species which were donated by the Tree Council have also been planted! Excellent work!



Two of our Year 9 students, Bethany and Callum, shared their experiences of lockdown with the Leader You can read their accounts online at www.leaderlive.co.uk https://www.leaderlive.co.uk/news/18443205.hawarden-students-share-experiences-lockdown/

Recommended reads

Danny the Champion of the World

This book is about 9 year old Danny, he lives with his dad in an old-fashioned caravan behind the car garage that they own.

One night Danny wakes up at 2:10am and finds his dad is not there. Danny drives an old car to a wood where he knows that his dad poaches (steals animals such as pheasants and rabbits for food). He finds his dad in a trap - I won't spoil anymore of the plot, but it involves revenge on the man who trapped him.



Mrs Sawle

I love this book because the setting and tone is brilliantly described and it is very easy to imagine the characters. I especially like the descriptions of the cozy stove in the caravan and his dad making hot chocolate. The relationship between Danny and his dad is one of the best descriptions from Roald Dahl, and Danny's plan is not to be missed!



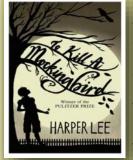
Miss Peters

This beautiful novel tells the story of a pig named Wilbur and his friendship with Fern, a young girl, and Charlotte, a tremendous large barn spider. Wilbur finds himself in danger of being turned into sausages by the farmer but desperately wants to live. Charlotte struggles to help save him by spinning elaborate webs overnight, weaving messages about Wilbur into her web...

The story will make you laugh, make you cry and make you think! It's a timeless classic that you can enjoy at any age from nine to ninety-nine! If you enjoy reading about friendship, talking animals, perseverance, the passing of time, never giving up and keeping hopes high, then you will love this adventure!

"Why did you do all this for me?' he asked. 'I don't deserve it. I've never done anything for you.' 'You have been my friend,' replied Charlotte. 'That in itself is a tremendous thing."

- E.B. White, Charlotte's Web



'To Kill a Mockingbird' regularly tops polls of the greatest novels ever written. It tells the story of Scout, a girl whose lawyer father is given the job of defending a black man accused by a white woman of a terrible crime.

It takes place in 1930s Alabama, where racism has a firm grip. Scout and her brother

are fascinated by a spooky house on their street, one of whose occupants, Arthur Radley (nicknamed Boo), has lived there for years without venturing outside, and about whom legends have grown, making him into some kind of bogey-man. Scout has no idea of the truth about Boo, nor of why her father's innocent client will never be treated fairly by the court. It all builds to a dramatic life and death climax.

Written in 1960, it's a story about the extremes of goodness and evil of which people are capable and it is sadly still all too relevant in 2020. It's both funny and sad. It's not a particularly difficult read, but it's quite a long novel and you'll need to get past the first chapter, which is quite hard going. I'd recommend it to confident readers aged 13 upwards."

Mr Jones

'Matilda' by Roald Dahl

This story is, quite simply, Roald Dahl at his best. Opening the cover to pages of iconic illustrations, I am instantly transported back to my childhood. My firm favourite read has now become my daughter's and we re-read this classic over and over again.

In this book, Matilda discovers her love of books from an early age and this helps nurture amazing powers of the mind. When her less than brilliant parents finally send her to school, she meets the lovely Miss Honey but clashes

with the fearsome and frightening headteacher, Miss Trunchbull.

This story is beautifully heartwarming: a mix of humour, adventure and magic. 'Matilda' provides a strong message to children: you can do it!

Recommended for 8-12 year olds (or anyone who's a big kid at heart).



Mrs Lumby-Jones

Mrs Keeling, our Dyslexia Specialist Teacher, has nominated the "Rapid Plus" range of books.

The Rapid Plus reading books are great 'quick' reads which contain a fiction and non-fiction section. They are carefully levelled so that you can progress through the different stages gaining in confidence and improving your range of vocabulary.

The Rapid Plus collection are dyslexia-friendly, using both dyslexia-friendly font and cream paper which makes them easier to read. I love the illustrations which bring the stories to life!

They contain some amazing facts and I always learn something new, such as in The Hacker, 'Scientists in America discovered that they could train people to hear the letters and numbers that were being typed in order to get people's computer passwords!'

If you're put off from reading because of the size of a book then give these a try and develop a love of reading!



The Magic Finger

What a find! Another fascinating book written by **Roald Dahl** and illustrated by Quentin Blake. Shorter in length than other Dahl books, this does not lack entertainment!

As the title suggests, there's magic, laughter and lessons to be learnt from this endearing story. It centres upon a girl. And that girl gets cross. And when

she gets angry, his magical finger beams energy in the form of revenge upon those who have done her wrong. The story follows the mishaps of the Gregg family, who, unbeknown to them, were about to experience what it feels like to fly!!

The story signifies the importance of treating others how you would want to be treated, but that revenge isn't necessary.



This was a great book to read with my children. It is short, sweet and snappy. You'll love it!!

This book is a YA novel called 'The Poet X' by Elizabeth Acevedo.

The novel follows the life of fifteen year old Xiomara, know as X, growing up in a tough neighbourhood in Harlem.

The reader gets taken along with X as she deals with her

strict Catholic upbringing, her relationship with her genius twin brother and her developing talent for writing poetry.

The novel is beautifully written as a series of poems itself and gives you a different experience compared to a standard novel. The novel explores themes of race, religion and gender. It is a novel about finding out who you really are and what you believe in. It is a powerful, bold novel that will stay with you long after you have finished reading it. Recommended for age 13+

Miss O'Sullivan



Mrs Draper has chosen Noughts and Crosses by Malorie Blackman.

Sephy is a Cross: she lives a life of privilege and power. But she's lonely, and burns with injustice at the world she sees around her.

Mrs Newby-Flynn

Callum is a nought: he's considered to be less than nothing - a blanker, there to serve Crosses - but he dreams of a better life.

They've been friends since they were children, and they both know that's as far as it can ever go. Noughts and Crosses are fated to be bitter enemies - love is out of the question. Then - in spite of a world that is fiercely against them - these star-crossed lovers choose each other.

It is Stormzy's favourite book and is great storytelling, what more can I say apart from the fact it is a must read!





Are you looking for something new to read over the summer break? Our school Librarian, Mrs Young, inspired by the rainbow theme of the NHS, has tweeted a colourful selection of interesting reads over the last few weeks.









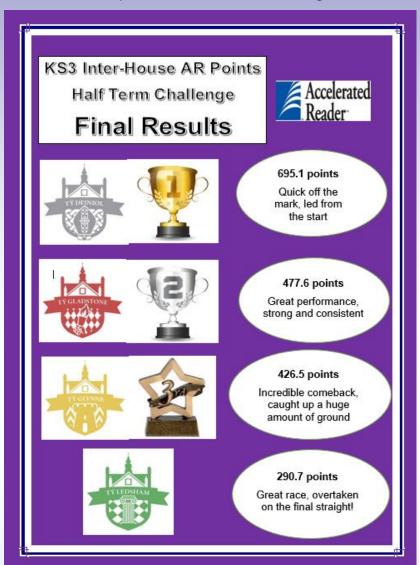


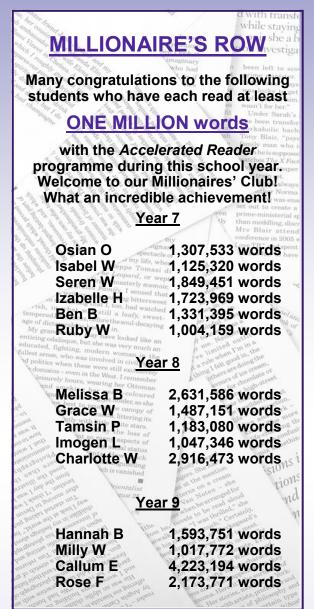




Accelerated Reader

Huge congratulations to Tŷ Deiniol, Accelerated Reader Champions for the five week challenge!





Hall of Fame

Hats off to the following students who have all worked incredibly hard to exceed their **Accelerated Reader** Points Target for the Summer Term. Congratulations! We are immensely proud of you!

Reader Points Target for the Summer Term. Congratulations! We are immensely proud of you!				
Year 7	Year 8	Year 9		
Isabel W Katie J Ben B Izabelle H Seren W Ella H	May B Melissa B Imogen L Tamsin P Olivia G Charlotte W Elin E Seren L	Hannah B Ellie J Milly W Molly B Callum E Rose F Owen T		



We are so proud of our fabulous KS3 students who have utilised the lockdown period to pass a total of 492 quizzes on the Accelerated Reader programme from home.... clocking up an incredible 18,882,983 words along the way! How fantastic!

Step into Sport week

1st June - 7th June 2020

The results are in for the steps challenge!...

We counted your steps between 1st and 7th June! As houses you've made it to England, Scotland, Belgium and Germany! Congratulations to Ty Glynne who are the champions with a collective effort of 1,187,663 steps! A special mention to David in Year 7 who made 139,266 steps!









Position	House	Total steps	Total miles	End location
1st	Tŷ Glynne	1,187,663	594 miles	Cologne, Germany
2nd	Tŷ Deiniol	807,690	404 miles	Bruges, Belgium
3rd	Tŷ Gladstone	491,150	246 miles	Edinburgh, Scotland
4th	Tŷ Ledsham	339,271	170 miles	Oxford, England









^{*}Based on 2,000 steps per mile.



We have enjoyed seeing pictures of your lockdown workouts and look forward to seeing more of your tweets over the summer! @hawardenhs









Spotlight on... Physical Education

Miss Gilsenan

Favourite sport:

Netball

Favourite thing to teach:

Rounders and athletics in the sun!

Best thing about lockdown:

Spending time with my little boy.

Top tip to keep active:

Get outdoors in the fresh air to exercise.

What I miss most about school:

Seeing all the staff and students.

Messages to pupils:

Stay active!



Favourite sport:

Rugby

Favourite thing to teach:

A level sports psychology and skill acquisition

Best thing about lockdown:

Spending time with my wife and children. No. seriously!

Top tip to keep active:

Join Joe Wicks every morning. Make your exercise fun and enjoyable. Sort out routine e.g. time, location, how long you are going to exercise and stick to it.

What I miss most about school:

That Friday feeling. Leaving school on a Friday and having that sense of a job well done for the week.

Messages to pupils:

Stay home, stay safe, stay active.

Miss Morris

Favourite sport:

Netball

Favourite thing to teach:

Rounders and GCSE theory

Best thing about lockdown:

Spending time with my family and building endless Duplo castles with my little boy!

Top tip to keep active:

Get a routing, challenge the number of steps you have to do in an hour, walks will quickly turn into runs.

What I miss most about school:

Lots!...especially my form! The moment a pupil can do something they have worked hard on for a long time. Finally, "Miss, I've only got one red sock!!!"

Messages to pupils:

Appreciate this time with the people at home, it won't last forever! Find something positive about each day. Appreciate your health and I miss you all! See you soon.

Mr Rodgers

Favourite sport:

Football

Favourite thing to teach:

BTEC Sport and tennis

Best thing about lockdown:

The weather

Top tip to keep active:

Hit a ball against a wall, put jumpers down for goalposts, draw hop scotch on the ground - like times before modern technology!

What I miss most about school:

The atmosphere - those 1010 funny moments a day with pupils.

Messages to pupils:

When we do get back to school - make sure your top button is done and your coat is off



Miss Davis

Favourite sport:

Netball

Favourite thing to teach:

Dance

Best thing about lockdown:

Spending time with my daughter *

Top tip to keep active:

Being active should be fun and challenging, so try and set yourself daily goals.

What I miss most about school:

Spending time with all of our lovely students and colleagues.

Messages to pupils:

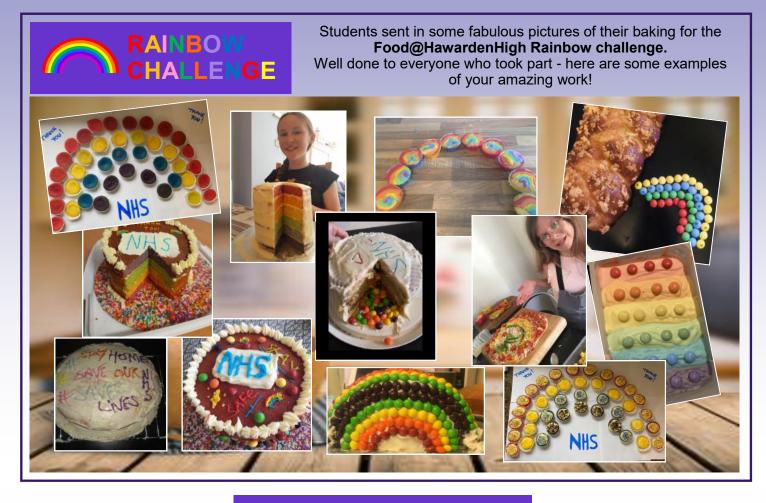
Hope you are all managing to have a good balance between school work, family time and fun! Your teachers and I are looking forward to seeing you all soon! Always remember, 'You are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem and smarter than vou think!'







Food@HawardenHigh



FAKEAWAY CHALLENGE

Inspired by their favourite artists, students designed and made their own masterpiece on bread for the Food@HawardenHigh Fakeaway challenge.

Thanks to you all for sending in these brilliant pictures!





Technology @ HawardenHigh

Each week, students have been set tasks and competitions to complete. Well done to all students for sending in their pictures. There have been some fantastic pieces of work...



Follow our technology department on Twitter!

BIRD FEEDERS

For this task, using the principle of the three R's, Reduce, Reuse and Recycle, students were asked to design and make a bird feeder from a Milk/ Fruit Juice carton. It needed to have a theme for example: Architecture Movies Nature





STREET COMPETITION

A big thank you to everyone who entered the street competition. We received some outstanding entries for this technical drawing challenge! Here are the winners!!



Coronation Street

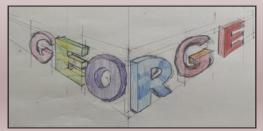




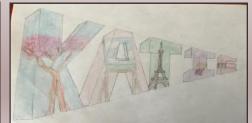
Harry Potter Diagon Alley

TWO POINT PERSPECTIVE NAME COMPETITION

We received so many entries for the two point perspective name competition. it was very difficult to judge due the high quality of all the designs. The winners are shown here and the Tech Team are looking forward to handing out your prizes!







TWO POINT PERSPECTIVE LUXURY HOUSE

For this competition, students produced a 2 point perspective drawing of a house they would design and build if they won £10 million pounds. There were lots of stunning designs to choose from - here are the winners!











POP UP CARDS

Well done to students who designed and manufactured their own pop up cards! They were brilliant!





MATHS

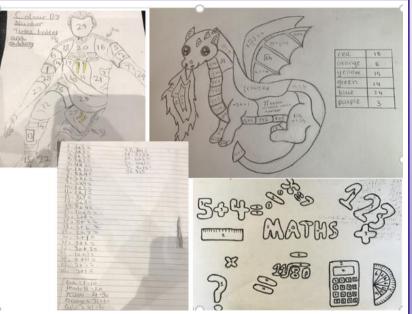
The Maths teachers are really impressed with these wonderful images which have been created by students designing their own colour by numbers and solving equations! Amazing!

ART

Well done to Elin, Year 7! Elin has been busy creating a range of artwork and hopes to follow her dream and become an artist.



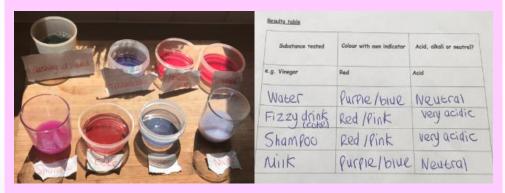








You can find out more about our Science Faculty on YouTube Hawarden High Science Faculty Uploads - PLAY ALL



Thanks to Emily for sharing the results of her experiment. Emily made her own #indicator and used it to investigate how acid or alkaline everyday materials are! Brilliant work

BUG HOTELS

One of the tasks set by the Science department was to create a 'Bug Hotel'. Here are a few of your brilliant ideas!



ENGLISH



The English department has received some incredible work from students on the topic of JK Rowling/Harry Potter. Here is a selection of some of the amazing pictures that they have sent in!

My Wizard

ard is tall and brave, with the most vivid green sparkly eyes, her nose like a tiny button on In while her purple hair flows down her back. She always has a smile on her face wherever which makes her the most friendly and pretty of all the wizards, but don't get on bad side a she can be pretty fierce!

My wizard will have a sparkling green and purple dress with splashes of gold all over. Her magical crown, glistening in the light like shining diamonds. Her brown spell book always in hand full of the most amazing spl

he spells she speaks are always full of power and very commanding, unless she has to do a qui spell and then she will be quiet and softly spoken.

A friendly wizard, with a big heart of gold,



Colour-changing potion recipe.

Ingredients:

Venomous snake (Red Dragon bile (Lemon Julce)

Toad slime M

Powdered newt eyes (Bicarbonate of soda)

- 1) Firstly, boil your venomous snake for 15
- minutes to release venom. Pour the venom into 4 separate
- 3) Add the newt eyes to one glass and watch the potion change colour.
 4) Repeat step 2 with the other
- ingredients.
- You will now have a different potion in each glass





Congratulations to one of our 6th form students, currently studying A level Drama and Theatre Studies and Performing Arts at Hawarden on her fantastic debut as 'Sasha' in Hollyoaks. Well Done!!! Hard work, dedication and talent has paid off! We're very proud of you.





Congratulations to Seren from Y7 for winning Gold in the US Taekwondo Open for team patterns with her sister (who is coming to Y7 in Sept). This is the first time the US Open has been held via Zoom! Well done!



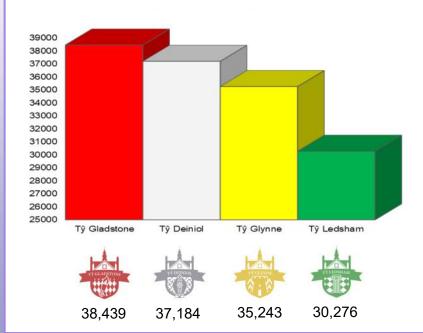
Check out this video on youtube! "Over the rainbow" compilation following the music department challenge. Well done to all involved! Watch until the end!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oURNLUGP7I4&feature=youtu.be





HOUSE POINTS UP TO 14 JULY 2020



STUDENT LEADERBOARD

Tamsin	8GD1	689
Izabelle	7GN1	630
Olivia	8GD1	533
Emily	8LD1	518
Ruby	7DE2	422
Eliza	9GN2	420
Ben	7DE2	419
Katie	7DE1	412
Imogen	8GN2	405
Caly	7GD2	398

TUTOR GROUP LEADERBOARD

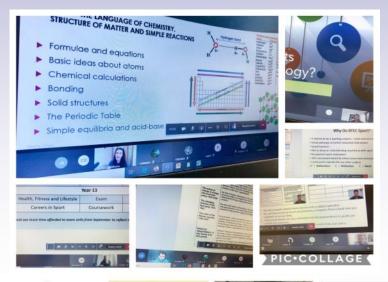
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7DE2	6217
7GN1	6057
7GD2	6041
7LD1	5621
9GD2	5514
8GD1	5472
7GD1	5252
7GN2	5181
8I D2	4922



6TH FORM

It was fantastic to welcome the Year 11 and external students to our Virtual Sixth Form Transition Day in an online assembly earlier this week! We held 29 subject and Q&A sessions throughout the day via Teams.

We are really looking forward to welcoming our new Year 12 in September! If you are interested in joining us please see our website or email our Director of Sixth Form: rachael.southwell@hawardenhigh.flintshire.sch.uk







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TRANSITION

WELCOME TO OUR NEW YEAR 6 TRANSITION WEBSITE

We have a dedicated transition website for Year 6 pupils who are due to join us this year. You can take your own 360 tour of the school here: https://sites.google.com/hhsclassroom.org/hhs/about/school-facilities and hear about the experiences of some of our current Year 7 pupils here: https://sites.google.com/hhsclassroom.org/hhs/welcome-from-our-students

