



Hawarden High School
Ysgol Uwchradd Penarlâg

Newsletter

October 2019

"Learn to succeed" - "Dysgu i lwyddo"

Governors' Presentation Event 2019

Our Governors' Presentation Evening was held at Beaufort Park Hotel, Mold on Friday, 27th September 2019. Cllr Mr David Mackie, Chair of our Governors' Community and Wellbeing Committee, presented students with their awards in recognition of academic excellence, endeavour and citizenship.



Welsh Learner Award



Achievement in the
Mathematics Faculty



Achievement in the
Languages Faculty



Achievement in the
Technical & Vocational
Faculty



Achievement in the
Creative & Performing
Arts Faculty



Award for overcoming
challenges to achieve



Joy Soffe Memorial
Award



Contribution to the
school community



Best response to work
experience



Contribution to the
school community



Best response to work
experience



Award for overcoming
challenges to achieve



Emma Chalk Memorial
Award



Recognition for effort
shown in Year 7



Recognition for effort
shown in Year 9



Contribution to the
sporting life of the
school

Welsh Network of Healthy Schools Scheme National Quality Award (WNHSS)

The WNHSS is designed to encourage the development of local healthy school schemes within a national framework. Within the scheme, schools are assessed upon several different health topics including:

- Food and Fitness
- Mental and Emotional Health and Well Being
- Personal Development and Relationships
- Substance Use and Misuse
- Environment
- Safety
- Hygiene

We are delighted to officially report the school has received the National Quality Award for Healthy Schools. We will put out details of full report soon but a few highlights from our recent assessment...

Feedback from NQA Assessors:

- "There can be no doubt that Hawarden High School is a health promoting school".
- "During the visit it quickly became apparent that the concept of physical, mental and spiritual wellbeing of everyone connected to the school is fully and completely embedded within the life and culture of the school".
- "Health and wellbeing have been incorporated into every aspect and element of school life, including the curriculum, the school environment, relationships both within and across the school and with external groups and agencies, it was a pleasure and a privilege to witness".
- "A very effective student voice contribution to all aspects of school life, with many opportunities for responsibility through councils and committees".
- "The extent to which students contribute to the ethos of the school is superb".
- "A plethora of opportunities are provided to allow all students to develop and grow in confidence and self-esteem; those requiring extra help are identified and their needs addressed sensitively".
- "So much of what your school does is focussed on helping you maintain a healthy lifestyle with healthy relationships and respect for others; it is a safe and rewarding place for you to develop, thrive and achieve your best. Enjoy it!"
- "We congratulate everyone connected with Hawarden High School on your school achieving the Welsh Network of Healthy School Schemes National Quality Award"

Gwobr Ansawdd Genedlaethol
Rhwydwaith Cymhlethwch Ysgolion Iech Cymru



Welsh Network of Healthy School Schemes
National Quality Award

hope house



tŷ gobaith

A number of Year 10 students have been taking part in the Year 10 National Baccalaureate (NBQ) Enterprise Challenge. The aim of the challenge is for students to develop their entrepreneurial skills in a real life situation for focus on business planning, marketing and presenting a report to business people. This year we have decided that all proceeds from goods and services sold will again be donated to Hope House Children's Hospice. Students have and will be selling a range of goods around the school. Pictured here are students developing range of crispy cakes that were sold during the Open Evening where they made a profit of £62.50.

Date for your diary - on Friday 29th November Year 10 NBQ students will be holding a Christmas Fair

SPORTING NEWS



Rounders

Congratulations to our Year 9 girls who won the inter-school competition in July! A fabulous performance and well-deserved win!



Rounders

In the summer term our Year 8 rounders team came 2nd in the inter-school competition. The girls placed a great deal of grit and determination into their practices!

Athletics

On Thursday 26th September, our junior boys/girls and middle boys/girls attended the Flintshire Schools Athletics Competition and as a school, we placed 1st with a combined score. Lots of our individual pupils placed 1st and they will be invited back to represent the Flintshire Athletics Team, which is a huge achievement, as they will compete against Wrexham and Denbighshire counties.



International Success

Congratulations to Bella Reidford, Year 12, who recently represented the U17 Welsh Football Team in the European Championships in Denmark. Bella was awarded the player of the match in Wales v Macedonia. A brilliant experience for Bella and we are excited to follow her football career in the future.



Athletics

Congratulations Megan, one of our superb athletes in year 8 who achieved personal bests in shot, discus and javelin at a recent competition. To top it off, Megan threw a massive 23.80m in the Javelin, smashing the club record for the U13 age group. A star in the making!

Ralph - Swimming

I train nearly everyday for my swimming and sometimes before school for 1 ½ hours. Recently I attended a gala in Swansea which includes some of the best swimmers from the country. To qualify for one event is really good but I qualified for 10! I am really happy with how I swam as I had to swim against people much older than I am. In September I swam at Buckley for the second phase of Club Championships and I won my heat against pupils in Year 10! This has ranked me 13th in Wales and 5th in North Wales.



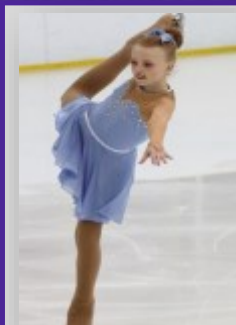
Netball

Congratulations to Ffion, one of our Year 11 pupils who has been selected for the U17 Welsh netball squad. A huge achievement for Ffion who has worked so hard on her netball. The school is immensely proud of her and hopefully it inspires a few of our pupils to follow in her footsteps.



Ice-Skating

Lily has excelled in ice dance over a very short period of time. Within 6 months Lily has advanced from level 1 to 4 with Level 5 soon pending. British Ice Skating have a National Squad recognising and helping the most promising skaters at the top of their field and Lily has been selected to represent Great Britain at international competition. Lily's achievements this season from January- September have been 4 golds, 4 silvers and 3 bronze. As a school, we are so proud of Lily and we thoroughly enjoy following her skating career so we thought we would share it with the wider school community!



SPORTING NEWS

Matball

Congratulations to Tŷ Ledsham who won the Year 8 inter-house matball competition! Followed very closely by Tŷ Glynne and Tŷ Deiniol and finally, Tŷ Gladstone. A great turn out and some excellent leadership from our Year 9 pupils, Ella and Emily.



Netball World Cup

In July, a group of pupils attended the Netball World Cup in Liverpool to watch a number of games. The pupils had a great time and even made the big screen, live on Sky Sports! A huge inspiration for our pupils and a real boost for netball amongst the girls and boys who attended.



Fencing

Congratulations to Callum who continues to move from strength to strength in fencing. Callum recently placed at a bronze medal position at the Wrexham Leon Paul Junior Series. For more information about local fencing clubs please contact the PE department at school. They would be happy to provide more details.



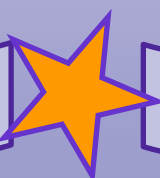
Netball

Well done to our Year 8 netball team who recently beat Castell Alun 27-4! A great standard of netball from both teams. Our Year 11 leaders, Leola and Tegan put in an excellent performance with their umpiring and coaching skills. Well done to all involved.



Gymnastics

In the summer I competed in the North Wales Levels. I came 2nd on the floor, 2nd on the vault and 7th overall. I recently went to Cardiff for the 'Out of Age Level 4 Welsh Levels'. I competed in floor, vault, bars and beams. Recently I competed in the Welsh Tumbling, I competed level 5 and came 2nd. From there I was selected to compete in the British semi-finals in Birmingham which was a real achievement. Written by Isy.





Year 10 Engineering students attended an Industry Awareness event at Wales GB Rally in Llandudno where they had the opportunity to participate in a number of engaging and interactive activities including Robotics, Aerodynamics, Simulators, 3D Printing, Chemical experiments, Thermodynamics and other Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) related activities.



Well done!



Year 7 student, Louie, has been racing in a British championship for almost 5 years. This year he has won the title of MCF British Cross Country 125cc Championship - 7 wins out of 7 races. He has finished 5th in the British MX Championship in his 1st year on a new bike. He has finished 3rd in the Nett British MX Championship too. Huge achievements - well done Louie!!



Are you a proud parent?

If your child has done something outside of school that you would like to tell us about, please email:
hhmail@hawardenhigh.flintshire.sch.uk

DIARY DATES

Friday 25th October 2019
Monday 4th November 2019
Friday 8th November 2019
Tuesday 26th November 2019
Thursday 28th November 2019
Wednesday 11th December 2019
Friday 20th December 2019
Monday 6th January 2020
Tuesday 7th January 2020

School closes
School opens
Remembrance Service
Friends and Parents' Meeting
Year 10 Parents' Evening
Christmas Concert
School closes
Staff Training Day
School opens

HOUSE NEWS



Congratulations to Claudia who attended the Wales National under 15s camp at Collier's Park on 9th October and has been selected for the Wales under 15s international fixtures against Scotland. Claudia also plays for Liverpool Under 16s.

Claudia will be going to South Wales on Sunday 20th October until Wednesday 23rd October for the fixtures. Good luck for the following games, Claudia:

Monday 21st October Wales Girls U15's v Scotland Girls U15's at Dragon Park (Kick off 18.00)

Wednesday 23rd October Wales Girls U15's v Scotland Girls U15's at Dragon Park (Kick off 10.30)

Watch out for an update on our @HawardenPE Twitter feed!



Congratulations to Paul who has been made this year's form rep for his tutor group. Paul continues to promote good community spirit. He has worked closely with students in the school library and throughout the school to help them to integrate into the school community. Paul has used his Romanian language skills to help other students across the school curriculum. Well done, Paul.



Congratulations to Ty Ledsham who were the overall house winners last year for:



- highest number of house points
- winning the Eisteddfod
- winning the most sporting events



Great to see that Year 7 students have settled in well. Here are a few of their comments:

"So far in Hawarden High School we've attended many clubs such as chess, cheerleading, rugby and netball".

"It's really been fun so far with different lessons and really caring teachers who help you along in your new journey at high school".

"Since September, students in the older years have been really helpful taking us to our classes when we've been lost".

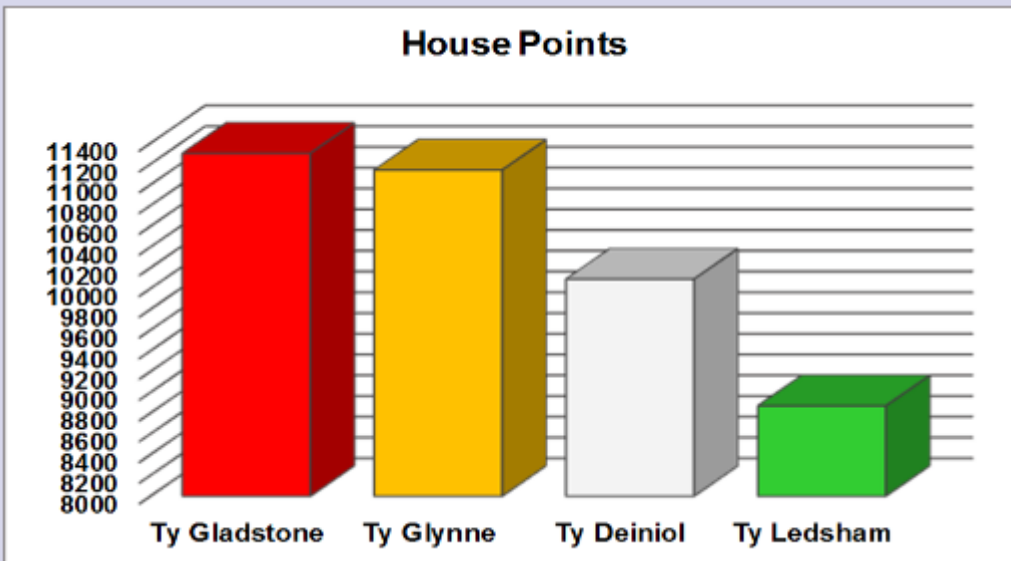
"Classes are enjoyable to be in and the teachers are extremely kind and generous".

"Some of us have been given a mentor to help improve our reading and number skills".

"Written by Form Representatives Daniel, Lizzie, Oscar and Lauren".

HOUSE NEWS

HOUSE POINTS UP TO 17 OCTOBER 2019



11,303



11,142



10,091



8,870

STUDENT LEADERBOARD

Izabelle	(7GN1)	121
Callum	(9LD2)	107
Josh	(9GN2)	97
Tamsin	(8GD1)	94
Jamie	(9GD2)	93
Melissa	(8GD1)	92
Cameron	(9GN1)	90
Harrison	(9GN1)	88
Caly	(7GD2)	88
Ruby	(7DE2)	86

TUTOR GROUP LEADERBOARD

7GD2	1637
7GD1	1609
7DE2	1558
7GN1	1552
7LD1	1469
9GN1	1463
7DE1	1461
9LD2	1437
7GN2	1432
9GD2	1375

THIS TERM'S RECOMMENDED READS

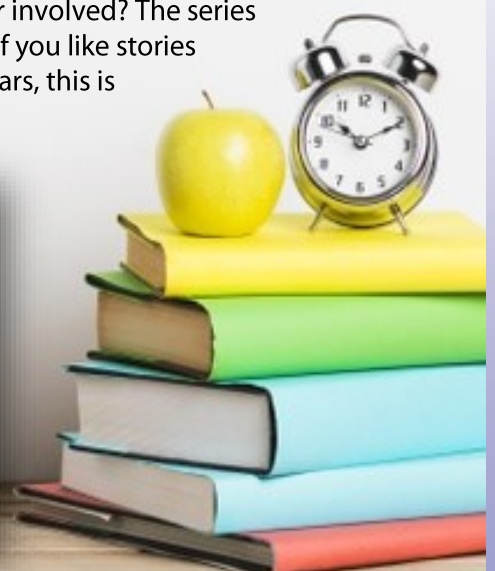


According to Mrs Thomas...

"Philip Pullman is one of my favourite authors and his Dark Materials is one of the best trilogies around. The first book in the series, Northern Lights, begins when Lyra and her daemon Pantalaimon journey to the Arctic to look for her missing friend, and stumble upon some very sinister and secretive experiments on children. But how are her Uncle, Lord Asriel, and the beautiful but cruel Mrs Coulter involved? The series is set in a world that is like ours yet very different. If you like stories of adventure, danger, fantasy and talking polar bears, this is a series for you. I return to it again and again".

According to Mrs Stacey...

A Monster Calls is a moving story with a touch of fantasy about a young boy who is struggling with his mother's illness and difficult times in school. I devoured this book in one sitting as I found it unputdownable and, if you do read it, I challenge you not to cry at the end!"



EXTRA - CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

	Activity	Time	Year Group
Monday	5x60 Multi-Sports 5x60 Badminton Drama Devising For All Chess Club Board Games Club TT Rock Stars	Lunchtime 3.10pm- 4.15pm Lunchtime Lunchtime 3.15pm-4.15pm 3.15pm-4.15pm	All Years All Years All Years Years 7 and 8 All Years Year 7
Tuesday	Inter-House Sports Competitions Netball Academy Football Academy Art (KS4) KS3 Technology Workshop open for project/practical completion/catch up GCSE Technology Workshop open for project/practical completion/catch up AS/A Level Technology Workshop open for project/practical completion/catch up School Choir KS4 Computer Science Catch up Drama Club GCSE Drama Rehearsals Chess Club Japanese Club	Lunchtime 3.10pm-4.15pm 3.10pm-4.15pm 3.10pm-4.30pm 3.10pm-4.30pm 3.10pm-4.30pm 3.10pm-4.30pm Lunchtime 3.20pm-5.00pm Lunchtime 3.15pm-4.15pm Lunchtime 3.15pm-4.15pm	All Years Years 7 & 9 All Years Year 11 Years 7, 8 & 9 Years 10 & 11 Years 12 & 13 All Years Years 10 & 11 Years 9 to 13 Years 10 & 11 Years 10 & 11 Years 7, 8 & 9
Wednesday	GCSE PE Support Class Netball Academy Rugby Academy Hockey Academy KS3 Technology Workshop open for project/practical completion/catch up GCSE Technology Workshop open for project/practical completion/catch up AS/A Level Technology Workshop open for project/practical completion/catch up Training Band GCSE Drama Rehearsals 24 Club Dungeons and Dragons NBQ Drop-in Session NBQ Drop-in Session	Lunchtime 3.10pm-4.15pm 3.10pm-4.15pm 3.10pm-4.15pm 3.10pm-4.30pm 3.10pm-4.30pm 3.10pm-4.30pm 3.15pm-4.00pm 3.15pm-4.15pm Lunchtime 3.15pm-4.15pm Lunchtime 3.15pm-4.10pm	Years 10 & 11 Years 8, 10 & 11 All Years All Years Years 7, 8 & 9 Years 10 & 11 Years 12 & 13 All Years Years 10 & 11 All Years All Years Years 10 & 11 Years 10 & 11
Thursday	Additional Match Night – Various Sports KS3 Technology Workshop open for project/practical completion/catch up GCSE Technology Workshop open for project/practical completion/catch up AS/A Level Technology Workshop open for project/practical completion/catch up Guitar Club KS5 Drama Rehearsals Code Breaking Club Business and Enterprise (Targeted) Sessions GCSE Business (Targeted) Revision Sessions	3.10pm-4.15pm 3.10pm-4.30pm 3.10pm-4.30pm 3.10pm-4.30pm 12.30pm-1.00pm 3.15pm-4.15pm 3.15pm-4.15pm 3.10pm-4.10pm 3.10pm-4.10pm	Various Years 7, 8 & 9 Years 10 & 11 Years 12 & 13 All Years Years 12 & 13 Year 7 Year 10 Year 11
Friday	Dance Academy Textiles Club Rock Club Drama Club Chess Club Book Club	Lunchtime 3.10pm-4.30pm 3.15pm-4.00pm Lunchtime Lunchtime 3.15pm-3.45pm	Year 9 All Years Years 7 & 8 Year 9 All Years

For more details about our extra-curricular activities, please see our school website:
hawardenhigh.org.uk

In the Spotlight



Mr Davies, Head of Welsh.

When and why did you decide to become a teacher?

Once I had graduated from university I decided that I would like to pass on my knowledge to others.

If you weren't a teacher what other job would you like to do?

If I wasn't a teacher I think I would like to be a concert pianist.

What is rewarding about your job?

I really enjoy seeing the progress that pupils make.

Who is your biggest role model?

My Mum is my biggest role model.

What are your hobbies?

In my spare time I enjoy running and socialising.

What type of music do you listen to?

I enjoy all kinds of music such as 80s, 90s and motown.

Do you have a favourite film?

No, I don't really have a favourite film.

What was the last book you read?

The last book I read was 'O Ran by Mererid Hopwood'.

Choose a super power?

I would choose to be invisible!

Describe yourself in 3 words.

Stubborn, entertaining, straight-talking.



Thanks to Mr Davies who was interviewed by Melissa (Year 8)

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Our Halloween menu



Student Data Collection

It is important that the school is kept up-to-date with students' medical conditions and home addresses along with the email, telephone number and address, if different, of parents/carers. Telephone numbers for extra emergency contacts are always useful too.

Data Collection booklets were sent home last year with all students or on entry for newer students. The booklet covers all of the above and more, along with the facility for you to state arrangements for your child in the event of an unanticipated school closure due to weather or other health and safety concern.

Data Collection booklets can be requested by emailing: Mrs S Williams at hhmail@hawardenhigh.flintshire.sch.uk. Please state the students name and tutor group.

PARENTS AND CARERS

As a school we are committed to strengthening our relationship with parents and carers and using that to assist with driving up standards.

"Families and communities have a much bigger impact on children's achievement in school than has been realised. Schools that are able to engage with their families and community groups as serious and practical partners in education will be exerting a powerful lever through which to raise standards and improve learner well-being." - Welsh Government, 2015.

Please look out for information regarding the following parental engagement activities that will be taking place over the year:

YEAR 11 INFORMATION EVENING

Year 11 Information Evening

Resources from the GCSE Information Evening held on 17th October can be found on our website.

Year 7 Parent and Carer Learning Walk

We are delighted to invite parents of Year 7 students to participate in an hour-long 'learning walk' around a variety of lessons which are being delivered during the school day. The walk will provide you with the opportunity to see, feel and hear what part of a day looks like in Hawarden High School and to also potentially see your child participating in a lesson.



Dates and further information regarding all of these activities will be released in due course.

WELSH HEARTS
CALONNAU CYMRU
THE HEARTS CHARITY FOR WALES
ELUSENY GALON DROS CYMRU



First Aid for Parents and Carers

Following a successful FREE basic Life Support session delivered by Welsh Hearts last year, we would like to deliver another parental first aid session.

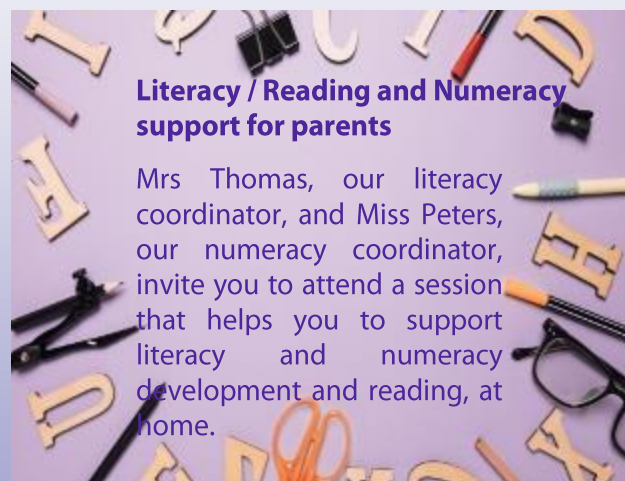
Parent/Carer and Student Essay Writing and revision workshop

Chester University ran these sessions for students and their parents/carers last year which we are looking to offer again. The aim of the workshops are to equip our learners and their parents with the knowledge they will need to support and encourage effective revision / essay writing strategies at home.



Parent/Carer Science lesson

Mr Wilson invites you to try a science lesson!



Literacy / Reading and Numeracy support for parents

Mrs Thomas, our literacy coordinator, and Miss Peters, our numeracy coordinator, invite you to attend a session that helps you to support literacy and numeracy development and reading, at home.

Mindfulness and well-being parent/carers session

This is a free session where Emma McIntyre from Enlighten Coaching will introduce the Public Health initiative of 'Five ways to Wellbeing': a set of evidence based actions to improve personal wellbeing. She will also demonstrate some mindfulness techniques, which have been delivered to all of our students during PSHE, last year.

Paired reading: We will be looking for parent and grandparent volunteers to support us in providing some one to one reading sessions with some of our students which will take place in the Book House.



PARENTS AND CARERS

Our Friends and Parents' meetings are informal meetings which are held once every half term, usually at the Glynne Arms in Hawarden Village. You can join us as a volunteer committee member or you can simply come along to ask questions, voice your opinion or give us your ideas for fundraising events. The Friends and Parents of Hawarden High School is about much more than just fundraising. It exists to provide closer links between home and school. It gives parents a voice and it is an excellent way to bring people together socially in support of the school, working towards a common goal. It is fun too - just ask any of the committee members or helpers. We would love to see you at our meetings which will be on:

26th November 2019

28th January 2020

24th March 2020

16th June 2020



It's all about the Book Fair

Do you love books? Well step into a whole new world at Hawarden High's very own Book Fair. Starting on the 18th of October and ending on the 24th, this fair will have all you need and more. You won't regret meeting your friends at the fair during the school day and having a browse at all the excellent books and amazing offers.

The fair will have books for people in every year, so don't miss out! Whether you love fantasy or thrillers, this fantastic fair is the place you want to be. With amazing prices starting at just £2.99, what isn't there to love?

The fair will also be open during the year 7 disco, so come and enjoy the opportunity to browse through and purchase a range of gripping, moving and thought-provoking novels from world famous authors.

Written by Alisha, Year 12



Mr Chalk invites any parent/carer volunteers who have an interest in gardening/ small holding/ allotments to assist in the on-going work that takes place in our school's extensive woodland area known as The Dell. This beautiful space is used for learning across the school. Students and staff benefit from being able to enjoy the tranquillity of the area, as well as for the study of wildlife, pond dipping and a range of topics across the curriculum. We are looking to develop 11 large growing beds in this area.



Family Quiz Evening

Everyone is welcome at our annual Family Quiz night!
Bring along your family, friends, neighbours & colleagues
DATE TO BE CONFIRMED

More information regarding these activities will be released in due course. If you have any queries or suggestions regarding parental engagement, please get in touch with Miss Gilsenan, Assistant Headteacher.