

**Hawarden High School**  
**Ysgol Uwchradd Penarlâg**

# Newsletter

## October 2018

*"Learn to succeed" - "Dysgu i lwyddo"*

**Cllr. Ian Roberts, Cabinet Member for Education and Mrs. Claire Homard, Chief Officer for Education and Youth, Flintshire County Council, formally opened our brand new Sixth Form Centre this month. Also present were school governors, community representatives and friends of the school.**

Headteacher, Simon Budgen was delighted to welcome Cllr. Roberts and Mrs. Homard to the new facilities and stated "our sixth formers now have the social and study space they deserve which will undoubtedly help them in their preparations for their all-important examinations. I am delighted that our guests have officially opened our fantastic new Sixth Form Centre this morning". He also added "our Sixth Form has a long standing reputation for high levels of success with very many students leaving for Russell Group universities and prestigious higher level apprenticeships. These latest developments are a further addition to our already flourishing Sixth Form". Cllr. Roberts and Mrs. Homard formally cut the ribbon to open the new centre and also enjoyed refreshments in the new facilities whilst talking to the student leadership team about their experiences in Sixth Form and listening to a number of musical items. Rachael Southwell, Director of Hawarden Sixth Form, reflected upon the quality of facilities and thanked Governors for their vision in upgrading the premises. She went on to say "the students are already benefitting from the use of an inclusive space complete with study room, a boardroom for student meetings, a common room and dedicated wi-fi facilities.



**NOW OPEN!!**



### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	School Opens
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance Service
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 7 Review Evening
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Friends of Hawarden High School
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 10 Parents' Evening
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Concert
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	School Closes

*Further details about our 6th Form can be found in our 6th Form prospectus and at our Information Evening on Thursday 31st January 2019 at 6pm. If you would like further information about our Sixth Form please email Mrs R Southwell, Director of Sixth Form:*

*[Rachael.southwell@hawardenhigh.flintshire.sch.uk](mailto:Rachael.southwell@hawardenhigh.flintshire.sch.uk)*

*or alternatively call 01244 526 400 ext 230*

**The next meeting of the Friends of Hawarden High School will take place at the Glynne Arms in Hawarden on Thursday 22nd November at 7.00 pm. Why not come along?**

# GOVERNORS PRESENTATION EVENING



Contribution to the sporting life of the school



Student who has overcome challenges to achieve



Technical & Vocational Faculty and Communications Faculty



Best GCSE results award



Representative Honours award - Dance

*The Governors, staff and pupils of Hawarden High School were delighted to welcome over 150 guests, sponsors and parents when we held our Presentation Evening on Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> October 2018, at the Beaufort Park Hotel, Mold.*

*A large number of students were present to receive awards in recognition of their academic excellence, endeavour, citizenship and participation in a range of creative and performing arts and sporting activities during the course of the academic year 2017/2018.*

*Awards were presented by Cllr. Mr. David Mackie, Chair of Hawarden Community Council and Governor of the school.*

*The school would like to thank Ace Lifts, Anwyl, Mr P Brighton, Miss A Chalk, Mr & Mrs Ellson, Friends of Hawarden High School, Gladstone's Library, Gladstone's Memorial Trust, Mr & Mrs Soffe and VISpa for their generous sponsorship.*

*Thanks are also extended to the Beaufort Park Hotel and to Anna, Tasia, Alice and Lucy (below) for their excellent musical contributions throughout the evening.*



Contribution to the school community - 6th form



Contribution to Year 8



Cymru, Ewrop ar y Byd Faculty award



Trinity award



Contribution to the School Community award



Technical & Vocational Faculty award



Contribution to the School Community award



Congratulations - Llongyfarchiadau



# GOVERNORS PRESENTATION EVENING



**Personal achievement and Year 9 award**



**Creative & Performing Arts (CAPA) Faculty award**



**School Council award and the Ethos award**



**Year 7 award**



**Work Experience award**



**Personal achievement award**



**Best GCSE results**



**Student who has overcome challenges to achieve**



**Contribution to the School Community**



**Contribution to the sporting life of the school**



**Year 7 award**



**Environmental award**



**Congratulations - Llongyfarchiadau**



## EXAM SUCCESSES

Mr Budgen, Headteacher is delighted with the high levels of success achieved by our students in their A Level and GCSE examinations this year. Mr. Budgen congratulated all of the students, recognising the hard work that has been invested in order to achieve these results. A number of students were singled out for particular mention but Mr Budgen praised all students and teachers for their outstanding efforts.

### GCE Advanced Level Results

- Adam Brooke-Jones achieved 3 A\* grades and an A grade and will read Mathematics at University of Leeds
- Madeleine Dibble, our Deputy Head girl, achieved 3 A\* grades and an A grade. She now goes on to read History and Economics at Oxford University
- Liam Evans achieved 2A\* grades and an A grade and goes on to read Mechanical Engineering at University of Leeds
- Danielle Povey achieved 2A\* grades and an A and B grade. She goes on to read Mathematics at the University of Birmingham
- Louie McIver, our Deputy Head Boy, achieved 2 A\* grades, an A and B grade and is going to University of Cambridge to read Music
- Rebecca Chase achieved an A\* grade and 3 A grades and goes on to read Early Years Education at South Devon College
- Courtney Bell achieved an A\* grade in addition to 2 further A grades and will commence her studies in English Literature at University of Manchester
- Courtney Roberts achieved an A\* grade, an A and 2 B grades and will read Business Management at University of Liverpool
- Charlotte Meikle achieved 3 A grades and a B grade and will study Physiotherapy at Cardiff University
- Megan Ellis achieved A\*, A, B and C and successfully secured a place to study Dentistry at Cardiff University.



### GCSE Results

- Abbie Williams (12A\*, 1A)
- Sorrel Walsh (11A\*, 2A)
- Olivia Ashall (10A\*, 2A)
- Kate Robertson (8A\*, 3A)
- James Anstey (6A\*, 4A, 2B)
- Emily Rose-Coupe (6A\*, 5A, 1B, 1C)
- Molly Burke (5A\*, 7A, 2B)
- Ella Haslam (5A\*, 4A, 2B, 1C)
- Mollie Clare (4A\*, 7A)
- Daniel Peover (4A\*, 4A, 6B)

#### School Council 2018 - 2019

The school council is an elected student body that meets regularly to represent the views of the students and to discuss ways in which the school could be further improved. The House Councils feed into the School Council forum which is also attended by the Headteacher, the School Business Manager and other members of the Senior Leadership Team. Students should bring any important matters arising to their Student Council representatives.

This years duly elected council members are:

Sam Bidwell	Beth Coppack	Lewis Bult	Harry John	Lily Holt
Anna Williams	Rhys Misell	Aidan Johnson	Elizabeth Oakland	Rhys Martin
Olivia Ashall	Lara Parker	Sasha Jones	Skye Harte-Edwards	Hannah Mooney
Henry Buckley	Isabella Reidford	Bronwen Draper	Harvey Shearer	

Dates of future meetings are: 28th November, 1st February, 26th March and 4th June.

*Evening surgery appointments with the Headteacher will be available in school from 5.30pm to 7.30pm. (alternate Wednesdays). Please contact Mrs L Donnelly 01244 526400 if you would like to make an appointment.*

# WELSH BACCALAUREATE COMMUNITY CHALLENGE



Year 10 students volunteered in a range of community based activities as part of their Welsh Bacallaureate Community Challenge. Each group completed a different challenge at either Hawarden Allotments, Hawarden Institute, The Wildlife Trust, Talacre, Wellfield, Minera or Loggerheads. This meant that students were able to support the local community while enabling them to develop a range of teambuilding and practical skills which contributed to their Bacallaureate qualification.

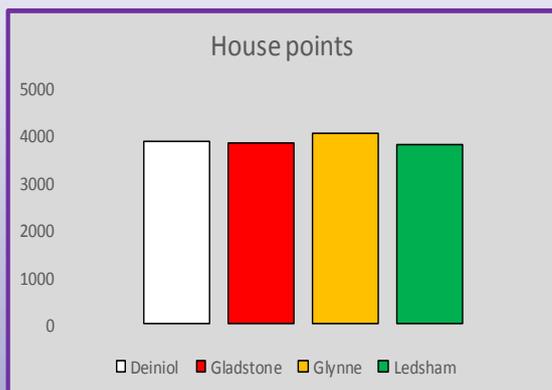
At the end of the summer term students spent 3 days enjoying an outdoor education multi-activity course at Nant Bwlch yr Hearn in the Snowdonia National Park.

## NANT B H

The course is designed to enhance the outdoor education curriculum at Hawarden High School and give students a unique residential experience. The students took part in a variety of outdoor activities during the 3 days.



# HOUSE POINTS UP TO WEDNESDAY 24 OCTOBER



**Ty Glynne - 4069**



**Ty Deiniol - 3908**



**Ty Gladstone - 3863**



**Ty Ledsham - 3840**

### Student Leaderboard

Darcy 7LD2 51 points  
 Rose 8LD1 44 points  
 Rachel 8GN2 43 points  
 Matthew 8GN2 42 points  
 Emily 9GN1 42 points  
 Sasha 8GD2 41 points  
 Lili 8GD2 39 points  
 Isy 7LD2 39 points  
 Beth 9DE2 39 points  
 Imogen 7GN2 39 points  
 Harrison 9DE2 38 points  
 Tyler 9GN1 37 points

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# SCHOOL COMMUNITY

## Account of Space Camp

*We were lucky enough to be given the opportunity to attend Space Camp in Alabama, USA last July. Northrop Grumman kindly gave us and many other children, from all over America and a selection of other countries, scholarships to stay at the NASA camp for a week.*

*We arrived at the camp late on Friday night, and were very tired so went straight to bed. When we woke up on Saturday morning we were told this stage was called 'Pre-Camp' as not everyone had arrived yet; the majority of campers would arrive that night - we did however get up to a lot that day. In the morning, we were introduced to the food hall which is where all the meals were served, and had breakfast. After that we were given the chance to ride some of the simulators they had on the site, such as a G Force Simulator. We were told that our plan for the day was to go on a bus tour around Alabama to see what the town of Huntsville was like, and learn about the history. We also stopped off and visited an old train station museum as part of the tour, and it was very interesting to learn about the origins of the town where the camp was located. When we returned to the campsite, the people from America arrived and we met them at a pizza party that Northrop Grumman organised for us all. We also were put into teams, with team leaders, that we would do everything in whilst we were there – we were put in a team called Io.*



*On Sunday, the camp officially started. There were chances to use the simulators again, as well as look round the on-site museums, gift shops and grounds. The camp had lots of huge models of space crafts which were very impressive, along with extremely interesting historical museum buildings, which our team leader took us around. We had lots of chances to bond with our team mates that day and we made many friends. In the evening, everyone was taken to the IMAX dome theatre where we watched a film about the International Space Station, and that night we moved into a large room where all the girls attending the camp were staying. We really enjoyed staying in that room as we made lots of friends.*



*The next day, we started the day off with more simulator experiences, including some new ones. Monday was one of the more relaxing days, however in the afternoon our team was split into smaller teams, and we each designed and built our own version of the ISS that would later that week be fired off for us to watch how well we built it.*

*On Tuesday, we began by looking around another on-site museum before going outside to do some exercise. That day we also were given the opportunity to listen to two lectures: one given by a man who works in a STEM job for Northrop Grumman and another by Dottie Metcalf-Lindenburger, a woman who has been to space and told us all about it. Later in the day, we used the 1/6<sup>th</sup> gravity chair, which is a chair that simulates how it feels to walk on the moon – we found it surprisingly difficult. That afternoon we also finished building our rockets so they were ready to launch,*

*and in the evening, it was challenge night. All teams went to the museum and had to do a treasure hunt, and whilst we didn't win, we found it really fun.*

*Written by Rachel and Jasmine*



Our students wore red in support of the 4th annual Wear Red Day on Friday 19th October. Wear Red Day is a national day of action which encourages schools, businesses & individuals to wear red and donate £1 to help facilitate the delivery of anti-racism education for young people & adults throughout England, Scotland & Wales. Every penny raised during WRD enables the campaign to work with more young people and adults across the UK to challenge racism in society. As a school we raised £1000. #WRD18

Flintshire Foodbank has experienced a distribution increase in the amount of three day emergency food supplies. Over ninety percent of the food distributed is donated by the public. Food drives are really important, they help to provide nutritious and balanced food to our community.



Within our foyer, shopping trolleys have each been designated to one of our four houses. Over the course of the next six weeks, students from each house will kindly donate non-perishable food, so we may support people experiencing crisis. Students from year twelve and thirteen will visit each form class to collect the considerate donations. Each student that donates will receive a house point!

When you commit a kind act, those around you will take note and your kindness can have a ripple effect.



Don't forget to tell your Head of House if you have any news or achievements that you would like to share



# STEM ACTIVITIES

## Raytheon Quadcopter challenge



The students of engineering, product design and computer science are taking part in a nation wide competition designing and making their own quadcopter. The students have three days out; one of which was the recent build day.

The students followed instructions and had help from Raytheon staff to build the quadcopter. The next stage is to customize the quadcopter before the flight training day in November and finally the competition day at the end of next month.

## LEGO LEAGUE



Good luck to our team of Year 7,8,9 and 10 students who are undertaking the LEGO LEAGUE Challenge.

The LEGO LEAGUE is a STEM activity designed to encourage problem solving and teamwork. This years theme is... Space. Updates to follow.

Congratulations to Rhys for taking part in a North Wales Police initiative 'Op, Skip, Jump'.

The project involves willing volunteers undertaking work including removing graffiti, painting and replanting displays.

This is an excellent example of young people doing work that supports community initiatives. Well done, Rhys!



Engineering and product design students were given the opportunity to attend the Wales Rally GB STEM event at the Toyota factory in Deeside, North Wales. Students were given the chance to test new emerging technologies such as virtual reality and driving simulators. They were also encouraged to test their skills in a series of challenges workers in the Toyota factory must undergo during training. Amongst meeting rally drivers and unveiling cars students were also able to visit the rally village to look at some of the cars competing in the events. Finally students were given a tour of the Toyota plant teaching them about the Toyota supply chain, the role of the production line and the initiatives used by the factory such as Kaizen. All in all this was an excellent opportunity for students which has supported their learning through real life events.



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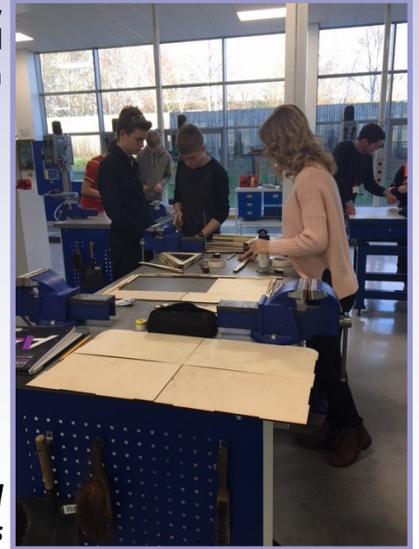
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EESW, The Engineering Education Scheme Wales invited the school to participate in a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) event which was funded by the Welsh Government.

The interschool project, which is an engineering challenge for selected students in Year 12, linked the team with Raytheon who set an engineering brief based on a real industrial problem. Students had to research and design a solution and produce a final proposal and prototype.

Participation in the challenge involved an induction at Toyota, a one day workshop and a presentation day. Throughout the project students worked with a representative from Raytheon. The students were able to gain an insight into engineering and experience solving a real industrial problem. The challenge also provided the students

with the opportunity to experience teamwork, project management and presentation skills and to improve their A Level subject knowledge in a real context.



*As a result of the quality of work that the group produced and the dedication and commitment that they showed throughout the project the students earned a CREST Gold Award. This prestigious award is recognised and respected by employers and industry nationwide. Congratulations to Neve, Joe, Matthew and Ben.*



On Friday 19th of October, BAE System's Roadshow team visited the school to deliver a talk on how numbers affect the work they do called "Its a Numbers Game". The hour talk included the maths behind some of their greatest projects such as the new Queen Elizabeth Aircraft Carriers and how the jets that fly off it generate the thrust they need to take off.



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