

Newsletter December 2019

Hawarden High School
Ysgol Uwchradd Penarlâg

"Learn to succeed" - "Dysgu i lwyddo"



Welsh Network of Healthy School Schemes National Quality Award

We are extremely proud to receive the prestigious National Quality Award from Healthy Schools in recognition of our commitment to health and wellbeing.

The National Quality Award, which is the highest accolade in the scheme, was presented to the school by the chair of Flintshire County Council, Councillor Marion Bateman, who said:

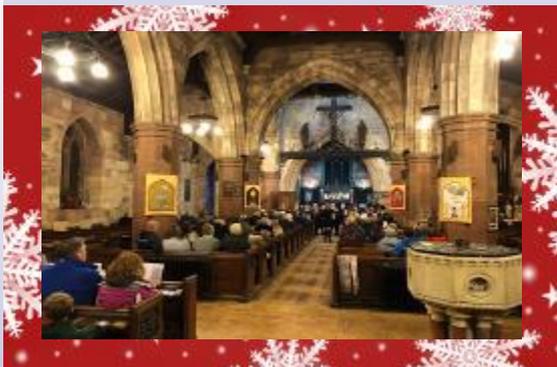
"It is wonderful to hear how much is done to promote all the different health aspects across the school and hear how involved you as the students are in the development of this work."

Mr Budgen, Headteacher, is extremely proud of what the school has achieved by working together and thanked everyone involved for their hard work and dedication.

"This highlights the excellent team work by all our pupils and staff and I am immensely proud to be only the second secondary school in Flintshire to receive this award – well done to everyone involved."

Linda Lewis, lead verifier for The Healthy Schools scheme, was very impressed with the school and said:

"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



Our annual Christmas Carol Service took place at St Deiniol's Church, Hawarden on Wednesday 11th December 2019. Thanks to Mrs O'Hare, Mr Sant and the school choir for a wonderful evening.

DIARY DATES

Monday 6th January 2020	Staff Training Day
Tuesday 7th January 2020	School opens for pupils
Wednesday 15th January 2020	Key Stage 4 Information Evening
Thursday 23rd January 2020	Year 11 Parents' Evening
Tuesday 28th January 2020	Friends & Parents' Meeting
Thursday 30th January 2020	6th Form Open Evening
Thursday 6th February 2020	Year 9 Parents' Evening
Friday 14th February 2020	School closes

*Season's Greetings and Best Wishes for
the New Year*

*Cyfarchion yr wyl a Dymuniadau Gorau am
y Flwyddyn Newydd*





NEW YORK

"It was an incredible experience to go to New York with the school, above and beyond what I had expected. There was a story behind every building, monument and street; places we only see in films and hear about in song.

On the first day we spent the morning at the American Museum Of Natural History on the Upper West Side of Manhattan. The museum offers breath-taking exhibits ranging from space and science, to a life sized model of a blue whale. The museum was used during the production of 'a night at the museum' and it is the largest museum in the world. We spent the afternoon in Central Park and were amazed to see just how zoned out the Park was compared to rest of the bustling city. Regardless of the tranquil setting, there was so much to do there; from taking a ride in a horse-drawn carriage to visiting a zoo! There's even a humungous castle there! On the last day, we revisited the park to skate on the iconic Ice Rink. Later that evening, we visited Madison Square Garden to watch the New York Rangers take on Tampa Bay Lightning in Ice Hockey.

The following day we made our way to the Statue of Liberty. Seeing it for myself, for the first time, I could appreciate why it is such a must-visit attraction for anyone travelling to New York. The statue is an icon of freedom and America and was the welcoming sign for immigrants arriving from all over the world in the 19th and 20th century. This history of immigration is completed by a fascinating museum situated on Ellis Island nearby, which was our next destination. Many ancestors of students, including my own, arrived at Ellis Island when migrating from countries across Europe. Later on that day, we walked through the city of New York, taking in the vibe and the iconic sights such as; The Stock Exchange, The World Trade Centre, The Bank of America and Trump Tower. We concluded this walk by arriving to pay our respects at The National September 11th Memorial and Museum which was built following the World Trade Centre bombing. It was a thought provoking and reflective afternoon for us all.

The following morning was spent at the iconic department store Macy's followed by a visit to Grand Central Station in Park Avenue, Manhattan. That evening was spent in the jaw-dropping Times Square which is often referred to as the crossroads of the universe. While we there we saw ABC studios, the iconic blaring billboards as well as Broadway. Later on we dined at the Hard Rock Café.

From the top of the Empire State Building we watched the sun rise over New York. The Empire State Building is a one hundred and two story high sky scraper and, for a long time, was the World's Tallest Building. As we made our way up to the top, we learnt about the history of the building and its references in pop culture in a variety of interesting exhibits. When we finally made our way to the top we took in the amazing view of New York at 1,250 feet high, and walked all the way around it to get a full view of the skyline.

The experience of going to New York with my friends is the maybe the best experience I've ever had. I feel privileged and grateful to have had this opportunity and the visit has inspired myself, as well as many others on the trip, to work hard for more opportunities to see the world such as this one".

Written by Jack, Year 12

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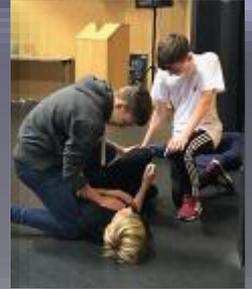


School closes on Friday 20th December 2019 and opens for pupils on Tuesday 7th January 2020





Stratford-upon-Avon



Students visited the birthplace of Shakespeare in Stratford-upon-Avon where they took part in a workshop to learn more about 'Romeo and Juliet' and the works of Shakespeare. The workshop tied in with the English Literature GCSE Controlled Assessment preparation. The Royal Shakespeare Company is a leading workshop provider, delivering educational courses exclusively linked to the material studied by students.

Lili:

"I had a great time on the Shakespeare trip. I had little knowledge on 'Romeo and Juliet' before I went but I came back knowing a lot. My favourite part was definitely his birthplace. It was interesting to see where he grew up and also some of the inspiration behind his most famous plays".

Elinor:

"Going on the Stratford-upon-Avon trip taught me a lot about Shakespeare's work and contribution towards theatre and arts. I think knowing about his work will help me a lot in year 10 GCSE English".

Thomas:

"The trip was actually quite fun, I learnt a lot and gained insight into the hidden messages and the themes of the play that I wouldn't have thought of otherwise. Shakespeare's home was rather interesting and made me think of him as more of a person".

Ethan:

"I really enjoyed our trip to Stratford-upon-Avon. It allowed me to not only look deeper at Shakespeare and his work but also allowed me to improve other things such as drama and performance. I had never realised before how poetically relatable everything he writes is and although some words were very strange, I will understand and empathise with his poetry, the characters' feelings and emotions".

Milly:

"I really enjoyed our visit to Stratford-upon-Avon. I liked the workshop because it helped me learn more about the complexity of the characters in 'Romeo and Juliet'. Visiting Shakespeare's birthplace made me understand where some ideas for his plays come from".

Louisa:

"From the trip I learnt lots more about 'Romeo and Juliet' that I didn't know before. The workshop was very good and I enjoyed performing the different scripts. I think looking around Shakespeare's house gave me a very good idea of what his young life was like. I am sure this trip will help me in the future, like with my GCSEs".



Mathematics Challenge

Well done to Abbie, Yan, Tyler and Callum who represented the school in UK Maths Trust (UKMT) Senior Team Mathematics Challenge. The team did an excellent job against some tough competition from many schools. The team came a respectable 4th place, narrowly missing out on a top 3 spot!



Drama & Theatre Studies

On Wednesday 13th November GCSE and A level Drama and Theatre Studies students went to Castell Alun to see the touring production of 'Dr. Faustus' performed by the 'Splendid Theatre Company'.

Directed by Kerry Frampton, Splendid's Dr Faustus is a travelling show with a multi-rolling cast of three, employing a range of theatrical techniques such as a Brechtian structure, exaggerated characterisation and choral work.

Students were fully engaged in the performance and they felt that it was an ingenious example of a creative adaptation and that it was invaluable for their live theatre questions in their upcoming examinations.



After the performance the students took part in a question and answer session with the actors which was very informative for their written papers, as well as creating their own 'Splendid' theatre performances in a high energy workshop.



Digital Explorers

Year 12 and 13 physics students attended the local Digital Explorer's event hosted by EDT. The event was designed to encourage students to choose careers within the digital industry with companies based around the Manchester area. Students had the opportunity to ask industry experts from a wide range of industries from the NHS to banking questions about how they entered their industry of choice and how the digital economy affects their life. Students had hands on sessions designing a tech start up for a range of scenarios from a mobile device for children to a fitness app for the busy, they also had the opportunity to produce a visual code for a small robot called an ozobot.

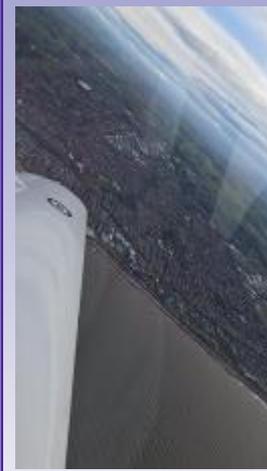


Date for your diary: Wednesday 15th January - Key Stage 4 Information Evening

HOUSE NEWS



Caly has successfully auditioned to represent Team Wales and will compete in the 2020 World Finals for her two solos dances and a few group dances with her dance school Coral Leigh Dance Academy. The Dance World Cup takes place in Rome next summer.



Amelia and Sean, both from Tŷ Ledsham recently took to the skies as members of the local Air Cadet Squadron. Amelia told us "in November, we departed from Formby and flew over Blackpool. We got the opportunity to fly the plane and perform a loop-the-loop. It was a fun and a different type of experience".



Following a successful first term with over 3000 house points awarded to members of 7GD2 tutor group, students planned and arranged their own reward visit to Jade Jones Pavilion for a game of ten-pin bowling and a Christmas party. Thank you to Mr Rodgers and Mr Jones. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year / Nadolig Llawen a Blwyddyn Newydd Dda from 7GD2.



Congratulations to Seren and James, from Tŷ Deiniol, who competed in the Welsh Taekwondo Championships 2019. Both students achieved bronze medals. Seren achieved medals for Individual Sparring, Patterns and Team Sparring. James achieved a medal for Individual sparring. Both students train at Deeside Taekwondo and hold black belts. Well done! Da lawn!



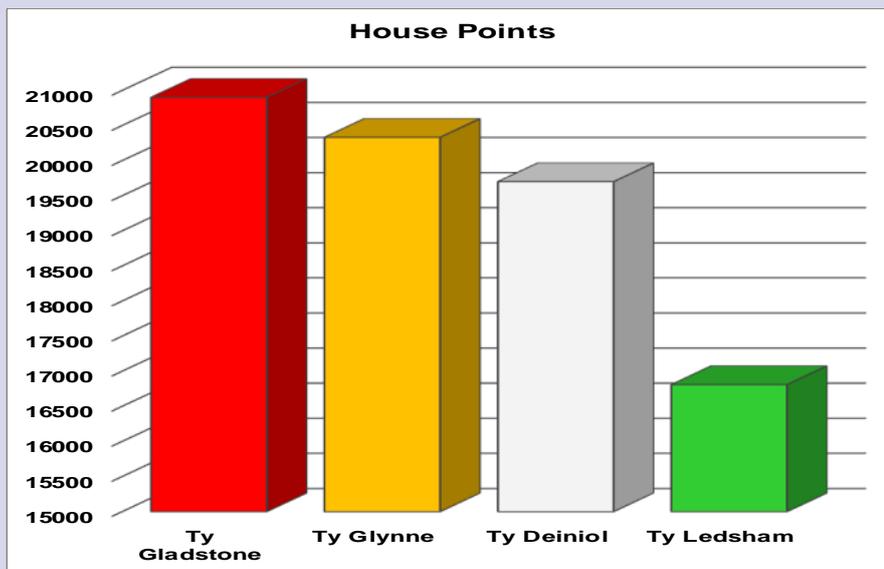
HOUSE POINTS UP TO 18 DECEMBER 2019

STUDENT LEADERBOARD

Izabelle	(7GN1)	250
Callum	(9LD2)	200
Eliza	(9GN2)	195
Ruby	(7DE2)	192
Melissa	(8GD1)	189
Tamsin	(8GD1)	188
Josh	(9GN2)	177
Hannah	(9GD1)	177
Daniel	(7GD2)	177
Louie	(7LD1)	172

TUTOR GROUP LEADERBOARD

7DE2	3171
7GD2	3055
7LD1	3004
7DE1	2993
7GN1	2984
7GD1	2877
7GN2	2820
9GD2	2817
9GN1	2717
9LD2	2695



20,901



20,332



19,700



16,809



Year 10 National Baccalaureate students held a Christmas Fair on Thursday 12th December.

There was a selection of stalls selling a range of products and lots of festive activities including Santa's grotto, a musical café, a raffle and a variety of games.



All money raised from the evening will be donated to Hope House Hospice, a charity providing care for children in the local area.



Geography Fieldwork

40 students visited Colwyn Bay to investigate the impact the new sea defences were having on flood risk along the promenade. Despite the wind and rain the students managed to stay cheerful and interviewed local people who were also braving the weather to find out their attitudes towards how the defences had improved the local area. The visit will enable the students to answer the Non-Examined Assessment which is a component of the GCSE course.



Fireworks: Real Science or Just Bangs

Students attended a Christmas lecture at the University of Chester - Fireworks: Real Science or Just Bangs to learn about the STEM behind fireworks and see how pyrotechnicians create colours, sound effects and perfectly timed bursts to music. The show featured shockwaves, forces, energy pathways, electricity, fire, sparks, smoke and more. Students went behind the scenes with Matthew Tosh as he unpicked the building blocks of modern day firework displays.

Feedback from the students was excellent; *"Today was an amazing experience. Not only did we learn about how fireworks work, we had fun doing it. Thanks to school, and Matthew Tosh from the University of Chester for a superb experience"*



The Dell

What do you do in the Dell?

You go in groups with Mr Chalk and you learn about the history of the Dell. You do different activities such as litter picking and weeding. You help the environment!



Is it fun?

Going to the Dell is really fun because you get to see different animals, insects and bugs. You can make new friends too.

Overall thoughts.

The Dell is such a good experience. When you go you don't want to leave. The Dell is amazing.

By Emmie Year 7

YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE

Well done to all students who have handed in their documentation to Mrs Parry.

Remember to hand your forms in as soon as possible if you haven't already done so!

Merry
Christmas



and targeted both youth and adults. We then visited the second centre which we had originally heard about called The Gauby Centre which primarily targets youths. The centre works with many organisations including a reptile house and sports England in order to provide services to children who need it most. From this experience we have gained much inspiration from both centres and the hard work the staff complete day to day. We would like to thank both centres, Mr O Jones and Mr Karissa for arranging.



Mr Roberts, Head of Computer Science.

When and why did you decide to become a teacher?

I was a swimming teacher when I was 16 and once I had finished my qualifications in 2008 I went to teach English in Taiwan. I really enjoyed teaching so decided to make this my career.

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

If I wasn't a teacher I would like to be a computer programmer or an accountant.

What is rewarding about your job?

I really enjoy seeing students achieve more than they think they can.

Who is your biggest role model and why?

My younger brother is my biggest role model because he has overcome so many obstacles to achieve so much - he has his own house, car and a good job.

What are your hobbies?

In my spare time I enjoy football, rugby, socialising, going to the cinema, skiing and playing squash.

What type of music do you listen to?

I enjoy every kind of music from Michael Bublé to Metallica.

Do you have a favourite film?

I am a massive fan of the original Star Wars films.

What was the last book you read?

The last book I read was 'D-Day Battle for Normandy' by Antony Beevor. I enjoy biographies.

Choose a super power?

I would choose super strength because it would be a useful superpower for helping others!

Describe yourself in 3 words.

Firm, fair and factual

Thanks to Mr Roberts who was interviewed by Matthew (Year 10)



On Monday 16th of December, We visited two community centres in Birkenhead as part of our market research for our AWBQ Enterprise Challenge to generate ideas for our sustainable community centre project. We were given a guided tour of the areas that the community centres serve. First we visited St James community centre which had a community cafe

SPORTING NEWS



Hockey

Congratulations to Ella and Emily who were selected to represent the U16 Flintshire hockey team. Both girls gave an outstanding performance and the team narrowly missed out on the top spot.

Flintshire Netball

Congratulations to a huge number of pupils who were selected for the Flintshire netball teams.

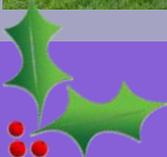
Well done to Izzy, Emily, Lily, Laura and Megan who represented the U14 age group.

Leola, Ffion, Beth, Lexi and Eve all had a great day performing for the U16 Flintshire team.

Maia and Lara both represented the Flintshire U18 team and as always, demonstrated an excellent level of netball.



Pupils from Year 7-11 took to the mud in the annual Inter-Schools Cross-Country competition at Mold Alun. Pupils had a brilliant day and the level of performance made the PE department very proud. Despite the excessive mud, a number of pupils placed in the top 10, securing a place in the next round in January. A particular mention to our Year 10/11 girls who won their age category and well done to Ellie who placed 1st!!!!



If you are a county, national or international athlete please let your PE teacher know so that we can celebrate your success.

SPORTING NEWS



School Netball

A successful set of matches for our Years 7, 8 and 10 netball teams who represented the school. Their performances were outstanding with many wins! In addition well done to our Year 8 team who attended their netball playnight in some very cold (and partly dark!) conditions. A truly dedicated set of netballers!!

Miss Morris would like to highlight how proud she is of all of the girls who attend netball club every week - the level of skill is getting better and better! Netball club will continue after Christmas so please keep coming!



Football

A special mention to Claudia in Year 10 who has been selected for the Wales U15 international fixture against Scotland. A fantastic achievement and an honour to be representing Wales!! Well done, Claudia, we are very proud of you!!

Anna, Year 8, has also had some excellent news! Anna has been selected for the WSFA U13s girls National Representative Squad 2019/20. A great achievement for Anna who was successful in the trials beating some stiff competition.

Gymnastics

A very well done to Isy who came 3rd in the Welsh Tumbling Championships. A huge achievement at national level. Follow the PE departments Twitter page for more information on Isy's success!



Swimming

Congratulations to Imogen who has had a particularly successful swimming season! Imogen gives 100% to everything she does and her hard work has paid off. Imogen scooped up 7 trophies in Buckley Swimming Club's presentation, including the victrix ludorum!

Fencing

Callum continues to step up to the mark in fencing and is currently number 1 in Wales U13 and number 2 in the Leon Paul Youth Series U13. Check out the PE Twitter account to keep up to date with Callum's ongoing success!



Date for your diary: Thursday 30th January - 6th Form Open Evening

SPORTING NEWS



We supported North Wales SuperKids Toy Box Appeal this Christmas. A big thank you to everyone who donated a gift.

<https://www.northwalessuperkids.co.uk/toy-box-appeal>



On Friday the 13th of December, a group of eight 6th formers volunteered at North Wales Super kids based in Mold. During the visit they packaged sweets for children to enjoy on their upcoming pantomime visit organised by Theatr Clwyd, helped stack presents and were made aware of the importance of the organisation, and how this impacts the community. The 6th formers were overwhelmed with the incredible work that takes place within the organisation, by providing much needed presents to those who need it most. As a school we collected an amazing 514 presents, and the 6th formers are still fundraising to further help those in need. The students would like to extend a huge thank you to North Wales Super kids for the opportunity they had.

Written by Ryan
Year 12



YR11 FOOD & NUTRITION ASSESSMENTS

The Year 11 GCSE Food and Nutrition students have been working hard this term on their assessments. Their task was to research, plan, prepare and cook three dishes that showcase traditional Welsh recipes and/or use Welsh. The pupils had to complete their final practical in three hours - some great outcomes were achieved. Here are some examples of last years dishes - these were based on French cuisine.

PARENTS AND CARERS

Please look out for information regarding the following parental engagement activities that will be taking place over the year. A letter detailing these events will be issued in due course and this will contain details of how you can sign up for these activities on our website.

Mindfulness and well-being parent/carer session:

Thursday 16th Jan 6.00 - 7.00 p.m.

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 were delivered to all of our students during PSHE, last year.



Mr Wilson will hold a **science lesson** for parents/carers on: **Tuesday 10th March**

Chester University Outreach:

Workshops for Parent, Carers and students

9th January: General Revision Skills

6.00 - 7.00 p.m.

13th February: Essay Writing/Answering Essay-based questions. 6.00 - 7.00 p.m.



Mother and Father's Day Cooking : Date to be confirmed around 22nd March and 21st June Mrs Evans' Year 10 GCSE Food and Nutrition class will cook for their parents!



Year 7 Parent and Carer Learning Walk:

Monday 20th and Wednesday 22nd January 8.50 - 10.15 a.m.

The walk will provide the opportunity for parents to see, feel and hear what part of a day looks like in Hawarden High School and to also potentially see their child participating in a



Literacy / Reading and Numeracy support for parents:

Thursday 12th March

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



WELSH HEARTS
CALONNAU CYMRU
THE HEARTS CHARITY FOR WALES
ELUSIENY GALON DROG CYMRU



**First Aid for Parents and Carers:
April 23rd 6.00 p.m. - 7.00 p.m.**

Following a successful FREE basic Life Support session delivered by Welsh Hearts last year, we will be delivering another parental first aid session.

Family Quiz evening: Would our friends, families and staff of Hawarden like to take part in a **Family Quiz** evening? Please complete an expression of interest form on our website!

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

Parents and Friends of Hawarden High: We would welcome any new members to join our group. Next meeting will be held at the Glynne Arms in Hawarden on the **28th January - 7.00 p.m.**

HAWARDEN SIXTH FORM 2020-21

JANUARY / FEBRUARY IMPORTANT DATES



FEBRUARY 03

SIXTH FORM
APPLICATION OPEN
APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE
FROM MONDAY 3RD FEBRUARY

JANUARY 30

SIXTH FORM
INFORMATION EVENING

INTRODUCTION TO HAWARDEN SIXTH FORM MAIN
SCHOOL HALL AT 6PM SUBJECT TALKS 6:30-8PM

FEBRUARY 10

APPLICATION
INTERVIEWS

STUDENTS APPLYING FOR SIXTH FORM WILL BE
INVITED FOR INTERVIEW WITH A MEMBER OF
THE SIXTH FORM AND SCHOOL LEADERSHIP TEAM

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