



This Christmas, students from Hawarden High School chose to support the charity Teams4U with their Christmas shoe box appeal. Students were asked to fill a shoe box with items such as toothbrushes, sponges, socks and fun gifts like books, cuddly toys, notebooks, pencils etc.

The response to the appeal was overwhelming and we would like to thank pupils, parents, staff and the wider community for their support in donating shoeboxes.

On 26th November, 245 shoeboxes were collected by @Teams4u and are now on the way to vulnerable children and families through schools, nurseries, hospitals and orphanages in Belarus, Bosnia & Georgia.

Written by Nanci, Year 9



ESU - Churchill Public Speaking Competition!

We are incredibly proud of our fantastic team who won the first heat of the ESU - Churchill Public Speaking Competition.

Our Speaker from Year 10 delivered a thought-provoking address debating the concept that 'Selfies are a legitimate form of art'. She then defended her speech from rigorous questioning by the opposing team.

Our Chairperson from Year 10 and Questioner from Year 11 were both outstanding in their roles. They thoroughly deserved their awards of 'Best Chair' and 'Best Questioner' as nominated by the team of judges. Congratulations! Very well deserved!

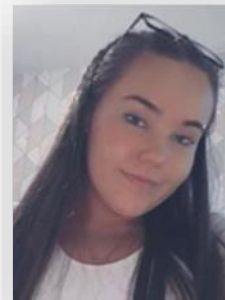


Welsh Youth Parliament - Alyn & Deeside

Congratulations to Leola who has been elected as a member of the Welsh Youth Parliament.

"I am extremely happy to be elected as a member of the Welsh Youth Parliament. For part of my role, I need to gain an understanding of the issues facing the young people in my area and then put this forward to the rest of the Youth Parliament and be part of the change needed. I look forward to this two yearlong role and working on behalf of the young people in my area".

<https://youthparliament.senedd.wales/people/Leola-Roberts-Biggs/>



Read2Dogs

We have been delighted to welcome back Dot and Alan from the Read2Dogs Scheme with their beautiful Ihasa apsos. Our students thoroughly enjoy spending a happy half hour with gorgeous four-legged reading companions Tilly and Molly.



"Molly and Tilly were the best of company. The dogs were excited, fun and adorable. Reading the play to the dogs, and acting our parts was a lot of fun. The Support Dogs were quiet when it came to the story, but the energy before that definitely lifted us and we were feeling happy. It was great to be around Support Dogs Molly and Tilly, and I really enjoyed it."

Written by Carys Year 7

Sixth Form Halloween Bake Off 2021



Congratulations to the winners of the Sixth Form Bake Off 2021:

Bone Brownie: Nia Atkinson

Pumpkin Cake: Eleanor Wimbush and Harri Evans.

All proceeds for MacMillan Cancer Support.

Well done!!

6th Form Mock Interviews

Thank you to all the employers, universities and volunteers who supported the Year 13 digital Mock Interviews. The students enjoyed the sessions and were grateful for the opportunity to learn about interview techniques, experience answering questions and how to process feedback.



Remembrance Sunday



Our Head Boy, Kristian, and Head Girl, Ruby, represented the Hawarden High School Community at the Cenotaph in Hawarden Village by reading a poem on Remembrance Sunday. [#WeWillRememberThem](#)
[#RemembranceSunday](#)





Nuffield Research Project

Ruby and Tilly, Year 13, completed a research project for which they had to collect secondary data on their topic and write a scientific report using it. They each had a mentor from a university, these were people who were researching something in the same field as their own research projects. The programme is sponsored by Nuffield.

“We had the opportunity to attend an awards evening in Cardiff following the completion of our Nuffield research projects where we were presented with certificates from Noble Laureate Professor Sir Martin Evans. We were able to discuss our research projects on wearable technology and it’s relation to health and environment modelling and it’s importance in current and future climate predictions with other delegates”.



Completion of the research project has enabled Ruby and Tilly to qualify for the industry recognised, prestigious gold crest award.



British Karting Championships

Due to Covid the first half of the 2021 race season was cancelled but Charlie still managed to finish 2nd in the UK Superone Karting Championship making him Vice Champion. He had many hard battles along the way and showed great resilience and maturity when things didn’t quite go his way.



For 2022 Charlie is looking to compete in the British Karting Championship along side the fastest drivers in the UK and he will also be living his dream of racing in Europe.

British MX Championships

This year, Louie has raced in 3 British MX championships - 27 races in total ! He finished 3rd In the British Enduro Championship, 2nd in the Nett MX championship and 2nd in the Nora MX Championship!



Healthy Minds Haven

Senior staff from Hawarden High School are attending a Healthy Minds Haven Showcase Event to learn about mental wellbeing in schools from students’ perspectives and to see how the school can be involved with the Healthy Minds Haven Resource & Award. There will also be several guest speakers sharing their perspectives on mental health support for students, including:

- *Sophie Gorst, North Wales CAMHS School In-Reach Service*
- *Karen Evans, Wrexham County Borough Council*
- *Jack Sargeant, Member of the Senedd for Alyn & Deeside*

TCC young leaders from Hawarden High School have been talking to Leaderlive about the Healthy Minds Haven. [You can read the article here.](#)



CRAFT

In the Dyslexia Resource pupils have been having fun getting ready for Christmas using multisensory learning to create salt dough alphabet Christmas decorations.



Business Club



Hawarden High School's Year 7 Business Club have been busy producing and selling a range of festive and tasty treats this week. The festive goodies, including reindeer chocolate brownies, marshmallow snowmen, reindeer hot chocolate cones, festive biscuits and cards have been on sale during form time and during lunchtimes. The Year 7's have raised over £125 for Catts (Cancer awareness for teens and twenties.) Catts spread awareness for young people ensuring they know the signs and symptoms of cancer, as well as the support available. A worthy local cause. A huge well done to all the Year 7's involved, for all of their hard work in planning, producing, marketing and selling these goods for such a fantastic cause.

weareCatts.co.uk



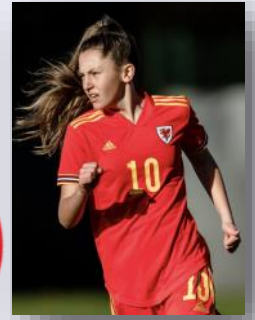
Christmas Concert

Congratulations to all those students who took part in our virtual Christmas concert! Thanks to everyone who joined the live streaming! The students worked extremely hard to prepare for the evening and, despite the challenges of the pandemic, they showcased some incredible talent by performing a variety of popular, modern and traditional musical pieces. Well done!



Football

Some excellent news for Annie (Y11) who has just gained two caps for Wales! Annie represented the Welsh U16 football team against the Republic of Ireland (2 games!) Annie was one of 4 selected from North Wales to take part in the camp! A brilliant achievement!!!!



Sport Representatives

Good to get the sport reps together (most of them!!) and for them to meet each other as a full team! We value pupil voice so please catch up with your sport reps/captains if there is anything you would like to raise. Some great ideas already from the first half-term!



Congratulations, Callum for winning the u17's Fencing Youth Series in Liverpool.

Welsh Basketball Junior NBA Event

A group of Year eight pupils recently attended a junior basketball event at Aberystwyth, put on by Welsh Basketball in partnership with the NBA. An early start and long journey did not stop the pupils enjoying a fabulous day of activities, including a basketball skills workshop led by Welsh basketball coaches and an interactive lecture on all things basketball. The day ended with "the draft" and we learned that we would represent the Los Angeles Clippers in the Welsh basketball championships, which will be held in March, 2022. The team are taking advantage of the basketball on offer within the PE department's extra-curricular timetable and are busy practicing their skills ahead of the tournament. Year eight pupil Noah said "I loved it, I'm getting a basketball hoop for Christmas and I've joined a local basketball club".



A student's account of the autumn term in School Council

This term has been busy for students in Tŷ Gladstone. It's been a happy return to normal as I remember. In September I was nominated to represent my tutor group and have now been selected to represent Tŷ Gladstone on the school council which is an honour and a privilege. During our meetings, we discuss issues that have been raised by students and we try to find and offer a solution. An example of this is that students can now use room 22 during Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday lunchtime. Several members of Tŷ Gladstone have represented the school in a wide range of sporting competitions with great success. Congratulations and I'm sure there will be more success to follow in the new year with House competitions and the Eisteddfod. To date students in Tŷ Gladstone launched, organised and contributed to the Teams4U Shoebox Appeal. Their mission is to help vulnerable, less privileged children in war-torn countries. As a school we donated 245+ boxes and a £50 financial contribution. At present Tŷ Gladstone are leading the House point league table, this is down to our hard-working students. I'm sure Mr Rodgers and his team would like to achieve 25,000 by end of January and continue to lead. 2021 has been a successful year with lots of happy memories, yet it has been a very challenging one for us all. I wish all Tŷ Gladstone members a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Hall of Fame

A grand round of applause to the following students who have all worked incredibly hard to exceed their **Accelerated Reader Points Targets** for the autumn term. Congratulations! We are immensely proud of you!

Year 7

Benjamin H
Carys W
Daniel L
Liam R
Aled P
Olivia J
Matthew J
Hugo B
Oliver P
Isabella I

Year 8

Oliver S
Thomas P
Lily B
Chloe D
Abigail P
Abigail R
Arun C
Sophia W
Oliver T
Jessica M
Kaydon
MS
Alan F

Year 9

Seren JE
Seren W
Ruby W
Joshua S
Paige E
Patrycja D

Well Done!

ONE MILLION words

One million words and counting!

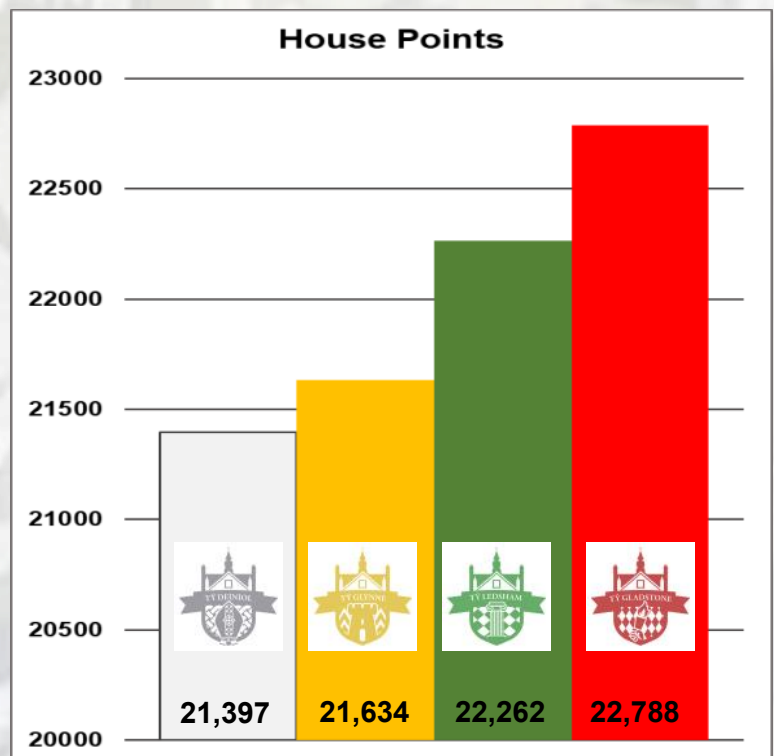
Many congratulations to **Daniel L 7GD2** who has read **1,941,781** words with the Accelerated Reader programme during the school year so far.

Welcome to our Millionaires' Club!
What an incredible achievement!

DIARY DATES

Thursday 6th January 2022	Staff Training Day
Friday 7th January 2022	Staff Training Day
Monday 10th January 2022	School opens for pupils
Wednesday 26th January 2022	Key Stage 4 Information Evening
Thursday 27th January 2022	Year 11 Parents' Evening
Thursday 3rd February 2022	6th Form Open Evening
Thursday 10th February 2022	Year 9 Parents' Evening
Friday 18th February 2022	School closes

HOUSEPOINT LEADERBOARD UP TO 15 DECEMBER 2021



STUDENT LEADERBOARD

1	Nicholas D	7GN2	231
2	Freja M	8GD1	229
3	Louisa E	7GD1	229

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS and Happy New Year!