



Newsletter Spring 2022

"Learn to succeed" - "Dysgu i lwyddo"

PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

We are incredibly proud of our ESU-Public Speaking Team for representing HHS at the highest level in Cardiff at the end of March.

Earlier in the year, the team won the first heat of the competition and were awarded "Best Chair" and "Best Questioner". In round 2 they were joint winners and also won the Best Speaker award. Although the team did not win the national competition this time, our Speaker was exceptional, our last-minute Chair was brilliant & our Y11 team member, James, scooped the prestigious Best Questioner Award. Many thanks to Mrs Coleman and Dr Young for coaching the team.



DIARY DATES

School closes
Friday 8th April

School opens
Monday 25th April

May Day Bank Holiday
Monday 2nd May

School closes
Friday 27th May

School opens
Monday 6th June

MENTOR MAGAZINE

Congratulations to Head Girl, Ruby, for writing an article which has been published in

Medic Mentor's magazine. Mentor is a national publication which is dedicated to students who are applying to study healthcare at university. The magazine contains wider reading to inform and inspire aspiring medical, veterinary and dental students. Ruby's article was about multilingualism and whether it is advantageous for health.



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to our Head Boy, Kristian, who has been appointed as a Clwyd Lord-Lieutenant cadet 2022. Kristian is one of the Regional nominations for the Dacre Sword: Best ATC Cadet of the Year. He's one of two nominations from Wales and West England who have been put forward for to the national stage of the award. You can watch the ceremony here: <https://youtu.be/yi5KMcjVjs>



Well done to 2 of our fantastic pupils who recently achieved the illustrious gold certificate for the national UKMT Intermediate Mathematical Challenge. Both pupils have now gone through to the elite Kangaroo stage of the competition! Gwaith bendigedig! Congratulations!



WORLD BOOK DAY



The first World Book Day in the UK and Ireland took place in 1997 with the aim of encouraging young people to discover the pleasure of reading. It is now celebrated in over 100 countries around the globe. Here are some of our staff and students getting in to the spirit of things and dressing up as their favourite book characters for this year's World Book Day.

INSPIRATION & MOTIVATION



Andy Grant, a motivational speaker, recently addressed some of our SEREN most able pupils. He inspired us all with an engaging presentation that described his experiences as a

Royal Marines Commando and overcoming the loss of his lower leg as a result of an IED in Afghanistan. Andy has gone on to compete in The Invictus Games, climb mountains and run a marathon. He is also the fastest one-legged athlete over 10,000m.



Thanks to "Tales to Inspire" for speaking to our 6th Form students about inspiration, motivation and dealing with exam stress.



DRAMA

GCSE, AS and A' level Drama students have all been working hard towards their practical exams this term. GCSE students have been performing extracts from a range of plays such as 'The Caretaker' by Harold Pinter to 'A Taste of Honey' by Shelagh Delaney, following devising their own work.

AS students have been devising their own performances based on the play 'Blue Remembered Hills' by Dennis Potter, while A' level students are working on an extract from 'A Streetcar Named Desire' by Tennessee Williams and a devised performance based on the case of Louise Woodward.



Left to right: Ella, Grace, Annie, Front: Hannah



Left to right: James, Milly, Ellie, Lili, Adam



Left to right: Jack, Daisy, Beth



Left to right: Ellie, Grace



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Left to right: Maisie, India

We are extremely proud of the hard work and commitment shown by all students this year and wish them all the best as they approach their final exams.
Mrs Jarvis and Mrs Coppack



DRAMA



'Abigail's Party' - From left to right: Lili, Milly, Annie

'A Streetcar Named Desire'



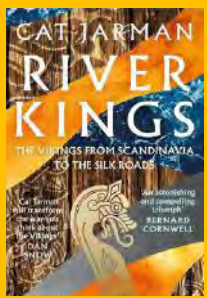
Left to right: India, Maisie



Left to right: Adam, James



BOOK OF THE WEEK



"I like these books because they are a simple way to understand the way our mind works and how it can affect the way we think and react in different situations.

By taming our "chimps" we can change our behaviour and hopefully be happier and more successful"

Diane Bellis
Counsellor (YPCS)



"The book's name is 'River Kings'. From a single bead found in a Vikings grave, the author - Cat Jarman - traces it back to Constantinople in modern day Turkey. This discovery added information to British history from after the Saxon invasion to before the Norman invasion." Mr Gheorghiu



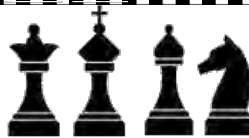
"I have dreamt in my life, dreams that have stayed with me ever after, and changed my ideas; they have gone through and through me, like wine through water, and altered the colour of my mind" Emily Bronte (1847) Wuthering Heights.

And so it was for me after my first ever reading of Wuthering Heights. A lucky happenchance introduced me to this book, my first relationship with the world of literature. I was undone. Wuthering Heights is an exploration of the soul. The intense moments of emotion that transcend logic. An expression of the nontangible. I have read it almost every year since, each time gaining something new and forever captivated by Bronte's language and creation.

This book set me upon a traverse I have never regretted. A road of poetic language both written and seen. The wonderful world of the imagination and the freedom felt amongst spirits who can express the previously unarticulated.

Miss Johnson

CHESS



Students have been taking part in a highly enjoyable after school 3 Day Open Chess Tournament. Matches have been close and competitive, with players from Year 7 through to Year 12. Many thanks to our Year 9 Chess Club leader for organising the competition.

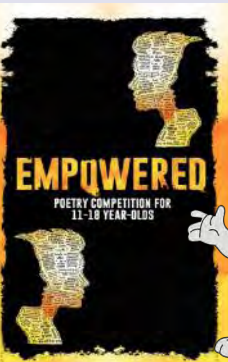
Dan (Year 9) and Alex (Year 12) made it through to the final and Finlay (Year 10) took 3rd place.

Congratulations to Dan for winning an exciting and intriguing final match and becoming our talented 3 Day Open Chess Champion!



YEAR 6

We recently invited year 6 pupils from Penarlag CP to take part in a rugby coaching session on the astro-turf. Many thanks to Miss Robinson and our sports coaches Hannah and Emma.



YOUNG WRITER

Congratulations, Daisy Year 8! Daisy's poem 'Acting' was published in the book 'Empowered, This is Me' as part of the Young Writers Competition.



#BEKINDONLINE



Our students took part in Flintshire County Council's #BeKindOnline campaign. The aim is to raise awareness of responsible use of the internet and social media and end cyber bullying in our communities by making a pledge. You can read more about it on their website: <https://www.flintshire.gov.uk/en/Resident/Be-Kind-Online/Flintshire-FCCBeKindOnline-Pledge.aspx>

FOOD BANK



Well done to our Head Girl, Ruby, and the 6th Form Student Leadership Team for organising a collection for Flintshire Food Bank. Thanks to everyone who donated, the response was amazing. [#community](#) [#kindness](#) [#share](#)

MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

Students (and staff!) nominated their favourite songs for our virtual "Feel-Good Jukebox" during Children's Mental Health Week 2022. Many thanks to our top DJs from Year 7. They worked incredibly hard, leading discussions on the links between music and mental wellbeing.



YEAR 7 BUSINESS CLUB

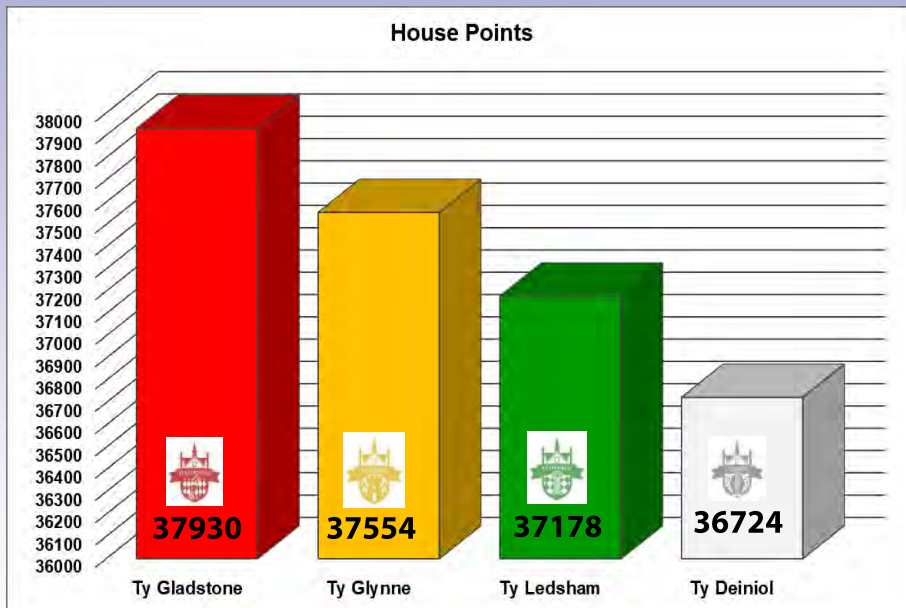


We held a collection for essential humanitarian supplies on behalf of PISC Wrexham. 3 lorries containing supplies left PISC for the Poland-Ukraine border. Thanks to everyone who donated items, the support was tremendous. [#support](#) [#ukraine](#) <http://pisc.uk>

The Year 7 Business club held an Easter stall and sold lots of sweet treats - a 'guess the sweets in the jar' competition, brownies, biscuits, cakes and sweets and a raffle. Proceeds of £174 will be going to two charities, chosen by the students themselves including CATTs (Cancer Awareness for Teens and Twenties) and the Red Cross Ukraine Crisis Appeal. Well done to Lily, Layla, Isabel, Isla, Hannah and Eva! Mrs Wright, Head of Business, is very proud of how hard they have all worked.

HOUSE POINTS

LEADERBOARD UP TO 8 APRIL 2022



STUDENT LEADERBOARD

Freja	(8GD1)	(422)
Niamh	(7DE1)	(387)
George	(7LD2)	(381)
Will	(7GD2)	(375)
Layla	(7GN2)	(373)
Louisa	(7GD1)	(370)
Isabel	(7DE1)	(368)
Lucy	(7GD1)	(367)
Liam	(7GD2)	(366)
Austin	(7LD1)	(359)

TUTOR GROUP LEADERBOARD

7GD2 (7096)
7DE1 (6624)
8GN1 (6407)

ACCELERATED READER



Well done to the following students who have all worked incredibly hard to exceed their *Accelerated Reader* points Targets for the autumn term.

YEAR 7

Isabel 7DE1
Megan 7DE1
Harry 7DE1
Carys 7DE1

Louisa 7GD1
Calum 7GD1
Isla 7GD1
Louise 7GD1
Ffion 7GD2
Kobi 7GD2
Daniel 7GD2
Hannah 7GD2
Hayden 7GD2
Aled 7GD2
Liam 7GD2
Heather 7GD2
Isabella 7LD2
Isabella 7LD2
Will 7LD2
Ruby-Louise 7LD2

YEAR 8

Lily 8DE1
Oliver 8DE1
Lucie 8DE2
Liam 8DE2
Chloe 8DE2
Tiffany 8DE2

Ffion 8GD1
Lexi 8GD1
Poppy GD1
Sophie 8GD1
Freja 8GD1
Abigail 8GD1
Sbu 8GD1
Jayden 8GD2
Sophia 8GD2

YEAR 9

Owen 8GN1
Oliver 8GN1

Aimee 8LD1
Rhys 8LD1
Freya 8LD1
Harrison 8LD2

Charlotte 9DE1
Mia 9DE1
Isobel 9DE1
Joshua 9DE2
Seren 9DE1

Nanci 9GD2
Imogen 9GD2
Laila 9GD2

Phoebe 9GN1
Cecilia 9GN2
Leah 9GN2
Evie 9GN2

Emma 9LD1



Congratulations to the following students who have each read at least **ONE MILLION** Words with the *Accelerated Reader* programme during this school year.

Welcome to our **Millionaires' Club!** We are immensely proud of you!

Daniel 7GD2:
over 2 million words

Liam 7GD2:
over 1 million words

Isabella 7LD2:
over 3 million words

Sophie 8GD1:
over 1 million words

Seren 9DE1:
Over 1 million words



SPORTS

Excellent news that our Year 8 striker Henri signed his contract for Everton this term. A great achievement for him and his family. Such a talent with an eye for goal ahead of his time. Well done Henri - top scorer in our Year 8's run in the Welsh Cup this year, a key player and most importantly a great team mate. Well done!



Our Year 9 and 10 netball team have enjoyed a successful season! We are very proud of your hard work girls!



Congratulations to Deeside Netball Club for their win 49-36 against Ribble Valley and well done to our 5 students who were part of the squad.

Thanks to all those who chipped in 20p for a shot at goal to raise money for **Sport Relief**. Over £30 raised and a huge thanks to our Sport Council for organising it and also to guests of honour, Mr Roberts and Mr Lewis.



Wonderful campaigns for school football teams

The school's year eight and nine boys football teams ended their respective seasons with defeat in the Welsh Cup semi-final but we are extremely proud of their achievements this year. Year nine enjoyed a grand occasion at Llandudno Football Club but despite goals from Louis and Ben, were beaten by Ysgol Syr Hugh Owen. Year eight played at the beautiful setting at Newtown Football Club but were unable to advance against a strong side in Ysgol Plasmawr. Both teams have won many games this season and enjoyed wonderful moments throughout the competition. Next season we will enter the Flintshire Cup as well as the Welsh Cup with all of our teams, and we are optimistic of picking up some silverware. Well done to all the players and we look forward to seeing all of our teams in action again in the next school year. Many thanks to all of the parents who support our pupils in turning out for the school teams, it is greatly appreciated.



Congratulations to Callum for being selected to represent Wales in both the Cadet & Junior foil team's for the upcoming Commonwealth Championship's in London in August and also for achieving bronze at the Lancaster spring open which was held at Lancaster University.



Congratulations to two of our Year 10 pupils who were selected to represent RGC (North Wales Rugby) A huge achievement for both and we are so pleased for you! Hard work pays off!

Megan & Seren (yr10) represented North East Wales under 16s in the Inter Counties Netball earlier this month. Well done, both!

