

REWARD TRIPS

In what has again been an extremely challenging school year, the vast majority of our learners have continued to focus and engage with their studies to the best of their abilities, whilst demonstrating resilience, respect and responsibility inside and out of the classroom.

To reward our learners for their efforts, we arranged a variety of school trips for Years 7-10 to Park in the Past, Cheshire Oaks Cinema and Chiquito's, Alton Towers, Chester Zoo, Chill Factore, Hawarden Castle, LFC Anfield Tour, Liverpool City and Museums, Llangollen White Water Rafting, Snowdonia Adventure Park and the Trafford Centre.



COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT

This year, pupils in Year 9 have planned and participated in community activities in the local area. Students took part in a range of activities in all weather conditions from pruning apple and pear trees in freezing temperatures in February to creating an adventure trail with dens at the Hawarden Farm Shop in the sunshine during June.

"I really enjoyed the day and the activities which we took part in. It was a great experience to visit the Gladstone estate and help with the maintenance work on the estate." - Joe, Year 9.

"We thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated your teams' hard work. Thank you." - Mrs Gladstone.



Since January 2022, Year 10 students have planned and participated in volunteering activities. This is part of the Community Challenge assessment students undertake as part of their National Baccalaureate studies. This year, students completed a range of environmental maintenance activities at Talacre and the Dell. The tasks included sand patching, dredging ponds, painting and ragwort weeding. To date, Year 10 have completed 1710 volunteering hours.

"I enjoyed taking part in the activities and learned so much about how to look after different parts of the Dell". Aled, Year 10.

"Planning and taking part in these activities improved my confidence and helped develop my skills such as problem solving, team work and communication". Tamsin, Year 10.



What a glorious day for a carnival! It was wonderful to see our 6th form helping the local community with the Hawarden Carnival! Thank you and well done to all involved.



COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT

We are so lucky to have our very own environmental area, the Dell... Students benefit in so many ways from the work that they undertake there.

SCIENCE



Digging and weeding the soil beds... and collecting environmental data (soil pH, exposure to sunlight, humidity and moisture levels)... Year 7 pupils enjoying the Dell Experience alongside Year 12 Applied Science students, all hard at work in The Dell Happy days!

Breaking up the soil ready for spring planting...clearing out dead leaves, debris, old roots...discussing edible and medicinal properties of herbs...debating whether or not nettles are a richer source of vitamin C than an orange... what an afternoon! What a team!

POND DIPPING

Y7 pond dipping as part of their science environment topic.



Greetings! We are the Eco Committee that actively try to make Hawarden high school more eco-friendly. During our discussions every week we make decisions on how we will make our school more environmentally stable. Whether this ranges from combating pollution by recycling to increased biodiversity in the dell. Our action plan is to achieve the green flag award! We need you to play your part around the school, put your rubbish in the bin, don't overuse paper and most importantly preserve our school's wildlife! – written by Romain – Eco Committee Chairperson

ECO COMMITTEE



RECOMMENDED READS

"A Life on Our Planet" by David Attenborough

When I was younger, probably 10, 11 or even 12, I loved to read about nature. I would save my pocket money, and my wages from my paper and milk rounds, yes two jobs (probably illegal nowadays)! Anyways I would go to the bookstore in Shotton (yes, they actually had a bookstore in Shotton, ssshhh), and I would buy all sorts of books about dinosaurs, the ocean, sharks, birds, insects, whales, dolphins, rainforests, gorillas. I also enjoyed watching nature programmes on TV, especially those hosted and narrated by one of my biggest inspirations in life, Sir David. He sparked my interest in Biology and the natural world around me.



A great read, following Sir David through his career as a naturalist, presenter, researcher, and my generations adopted grandfather. Travelling across the globe, visiting different countries, different habitats, from alpine forests, mountainous peaks, freezing arctic tundra to the darkest depths of the oceans. He takes you on a journey through time over the last near 100 years and describes how the Earth has changed through his eyes. The advice he has on how we can protect this majestic blue and green ball of life, should be listened to by all.

Mr Dobson



The one book I always come back to, is *Great Expectations* by Charles Dickens.

The colourful mix of characters and rollercoaster storyline are brought to life by Dickens' vivid descriptions.

Great Expectations is a story filled with humour and sadness, love and regret. It depicts the life of young orphaned Pip and his journey to manhood. He experiences love and rejection, poverty and prejudice but successfully navigates his way through life with great expectations. It is a timeless classic that appeals to everyone and one I highly recommend.

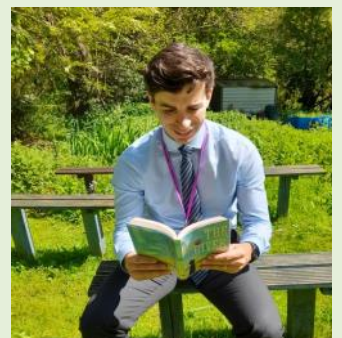
There are copies in the library, so dive in and discover another world! Mrs Hughes

The book I would like to recommend is 'The Giver' by Lois Lowry.

The Giver is a story about a young adult called Jonas who lives in a society free of crime and sadness. At the age of 12, citizens are assigned their jobs, which they will train for and do for the rest of their lives. Everything is chosen; from your parents to your partner. 'The Giver' is an excellent introduction to the dystopian genre, tackling important themes such as memories, power and control.

There is a copy available in the library, give it a go and let me know what you think.

Mr Robertson



"The Little Prince" by Antoine de Saint-Exupéry

I absolutely love reading a book called "The Little Prince", in fact I have read it quite a few times. It was originally written in French ("Le Petit Prince"). Believe it or not, it is actually available in over 301 different languages and dialects. Though it is a short book of just under one hundred pages (something known as a novella), it packs a punch and is full of excitement.

The Little Prince is a story of the encounter of a pilot, who has crashed in the African desert, and a little prince, who himself has landed on earth far away from his planet which can be seen above as a small star. Over the course of the next few days, the little prince tells the narrator about his life.

Key themes include loneliness, friendship, love and loss...

...and most importantly that wisdom comes through being open-minded and having a willingness to explore the world around you. Let your imagination run wild!

Mr Washington

THE BOOK HOUSE



THERAPY DOGS

Happy times in the Book House..... our gorgeous Therapy Dogs, Tilly and Molly, enjoying a great read with a fabulous group of students from Mrs Coleman's Year 7 class!

SILENT ZONE

We have reached the end of the three-week "Love It or Lose It" trial for a Silent Zone in the Book House. The students have voted. The verdict? "Love It" won by a huge majority. Silence now reigns in the non-fiction room. The fiction and PC rooms remain available for group work & conversation.



TRIPS AND VISITS

PSYCHOLOGY

6th Form students made a wonderful journey (literally and psychologically) to the Sigmund Freud Museum in North London last week.

The museum is located in the last residence of this influential man who settled in London in 1938. The museum provided a fascinating glimpse into the life, work and tastes of major figure of cultural landscape.



RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Year 10 GCSE Religious Studies GCSE students visited the mosque in Blacon as part of their studies.



6TH FORM

COMMUNITY COUNCIL BURSARIES



Five of our 6th form students have received bursaries from Hawarden Community Council. The bursaries will provide the students with much needed financial support as they embark on their university journeys. Congratulations to Grace, Charlie, Ruby, Leaola and Hayden and thanks to Hawarden Community Council.

HEAD BOY AND HEAD GIRL



Following the submission of manifestos, presentations to peers and interviews by a panel of the Headteacher, Chair of Governors, Staff Governor and 6th form leaders we are pleased to announce the head student roles will be fulfilled by Beth and Jack. Congratulations to them both!



TASTER SESSIONS



Year 11 enjoyed their 6th Form Transition Days and benefitted from having a taster session in the A levels and BTECs they'll be studying next year

YEAR 11 LEAVERS

It was lovely to be able to return to some normal activities with year 11. Shirt signing followed by their prom at Chester Racecourse.



SPORTS DAY



The annual Sports Day returned this year with a wide range of spectacular performances from Years 7–10. Pupils performed to an excellent level and fully supported their houses in an attempt to win the house shield. A very close set of result but in 4th place was Tŷ Deiniol, 3rd place for Tŷ Glynne, 2nd place for Tŷ Ledsham and this year's winner is Tŷ Gladstone! Form winners and individual awards will be presented to pupils in assembly.



#BEFOOTBALL INFLUENCERS

6 pupils attended the Football Association and Youth Sport Trust '#BeFootball' course in May which is a programme that aims to increase the number of girls taking part in football, regardless of experience or ability. The 6 football influencers had the opportunity to develop their coaching, marketing and leadership skills during the day and plan to revamp the girls football programme in September as part of the extra-curricular programme. Well done to the influencers involved in the day.



TENNIS



Year 7 and 8 took part in the Flintshire Schools tennis tournament against Castell Alun and Mold Alun to start off the tennis season in May! Both teams had an excellent time, narrowly missing out on progressing to the next round. Well done to all involved.



SPORTS

ATHLETICS



Congratulations to our U14 and U16 girls' athletics team who took part in the Welsh Schools Cup and Plate Finals in Aberdare on 6th July representing North-East Wales. An outstanding performance from every one of them and they did themselves and the school proud.



Well done to our Year 8–11 individual athletes who were selected to represent Flintshire in the Flintshire Schools Athletic competition. Megan, Gethin, Whitney and Finn went on to represent North-East Wales in the Welsh Schools Athletic Association Championships on 2nd July in Cardiff. A silver for Finn and Whitney, two bronzes for Megan and a personal best for Gethin!

CRICKET

Congratulations to Josh, Year 10, who has been invited to the England Cricket Board National U15 Bunbury festival. 4 teams will take part consisting of the 56 best cricketers in England and Wales. Josh has been selected to represent The Midlands.



YOUTH BRITISH QUAD RACER

Congratulations to Louie who achieved 2nd in his British Championship enduro race in May. Very well done to you, Louie!



DANCEATHON

Well done to Katlyn, Year 7, for taking part in a 12 hour Danceathon in Buckley High Street in support of a local charity. You can read about Katlyn and the Danceathon here:

<https://www.leaderlive.co.uk/news/20269272.buckley-gym-danceathon-aid-womans-battle-anorexia/>



ACCELERATED READER

Hall of Fame

Well done to the following students who have all worked incredibly hard to exceed their **Accelerated Reader** Points Target for the Summer Term. A great achievement.

Year 7		Year 8	Year 9
Seb D	Rhys B	Ava F	Mia H
Penny J	Finn E	Grace P	Lyla T
Carys W	Layla E	Luke T	Imogen B
Lily B	Hannah J	Sophie L	Erin J
Louisa E	Harrison E	Abigail R	Reuben M
Caitlyn J	Austin J	Sophia W	Phoebe W
Eloise J	Sara S	Jorja B	Hope M
Calum K	Kim A	Oliver T	Holly A
Ffion A	Ruby C	Alan F	Paige E
Daniel L	Isabella I	Georgia W	
Hannah M	Elliott M	Ella A	
Liam R	Ollie Y	Amelia P	
Seren P		Killiann P	

MILLIONAIRES' ROW

Many 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! What an incredible achievement!

Year 7

Daniel L - over 2 million words

Liam R - over 1 million words

Isabella I - over 3 million words

Year 8

Lily B - over 1 million words

Sophie L - over 1 million words

Freja M - over 1 million words

Abigail R - over 1 million words

Alan F - over 1 million words

Year 9

Seren W - over 1 million words

ACCELERATED READER HOUSE CHALLENGE WINNERS



**Year 7
7GD2**

7GD2 win the Year 7 *Accelerated Reader* cup, the Gladstone Gladiators passing 392 quizzes and reading an incredible 7,801,694 words! Congratulations!

Well done to 7LD2 on coming second, and 7DE1 third.



**Year 8
8GD1**

Ty Gladstone also claim the Year 8 *Accelerated Reader* cup. Congratulations to 8GD1 on passing 162 quizzes and reading 7,481,339 words in total!

8DE1 made second place, and 8LD1 third.



**Year 9
9DE2**

The Deiniol Saints scooped the Year 9 *Accelerated Reader* trophy, 9DE2 reading 4,303,272 words and passing 134 quizzes. Congratulations!

Well done to runners-up 9DE1 and to third-placed 9GN1.



Word-count - the Grand Total!

Students in Years 7, 8 and 9 have read an amazing 82,163,713 words and passed 4,097 quizzes on *Accelerated Reader* this school year! Congratulations everyone!



NATIONAL NUMERACY DAY

Students, sixth formers and staff rose to the challenge of performing in a highly competitive Numeracy Rap competition, solving wall puzzles and using their maths skills to identify the culprit in a Maths Murder Mystery on National Numeracy Day.

A great day, lots of fun! Thank you to everyone who entered into the spirit of the day, enjoying the wonder of number!



CONGRATULATIONS

This year a team of 7 year 9 students achieved their Bronze Industrial Cadet and Bronze Crest Awards. They worked hard as a team to design a new recycling bin for the school, which would reward students for what they recycle. They had a good day out at Liverpool University where they were presented with their certificates.



MUSIC CONCERT

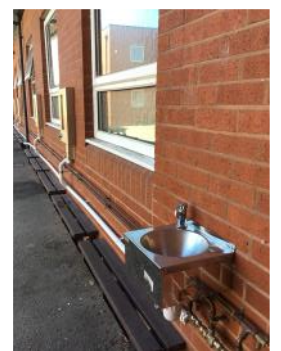


Thanks to Mr Sant and students from Years 7-13 who took part in an end of term music concert. The genres of music ranged from classical to rock, with performances from soloists, the band and the school choir. A brilliant showcase of talent and a very enjoyable evening! Well done.

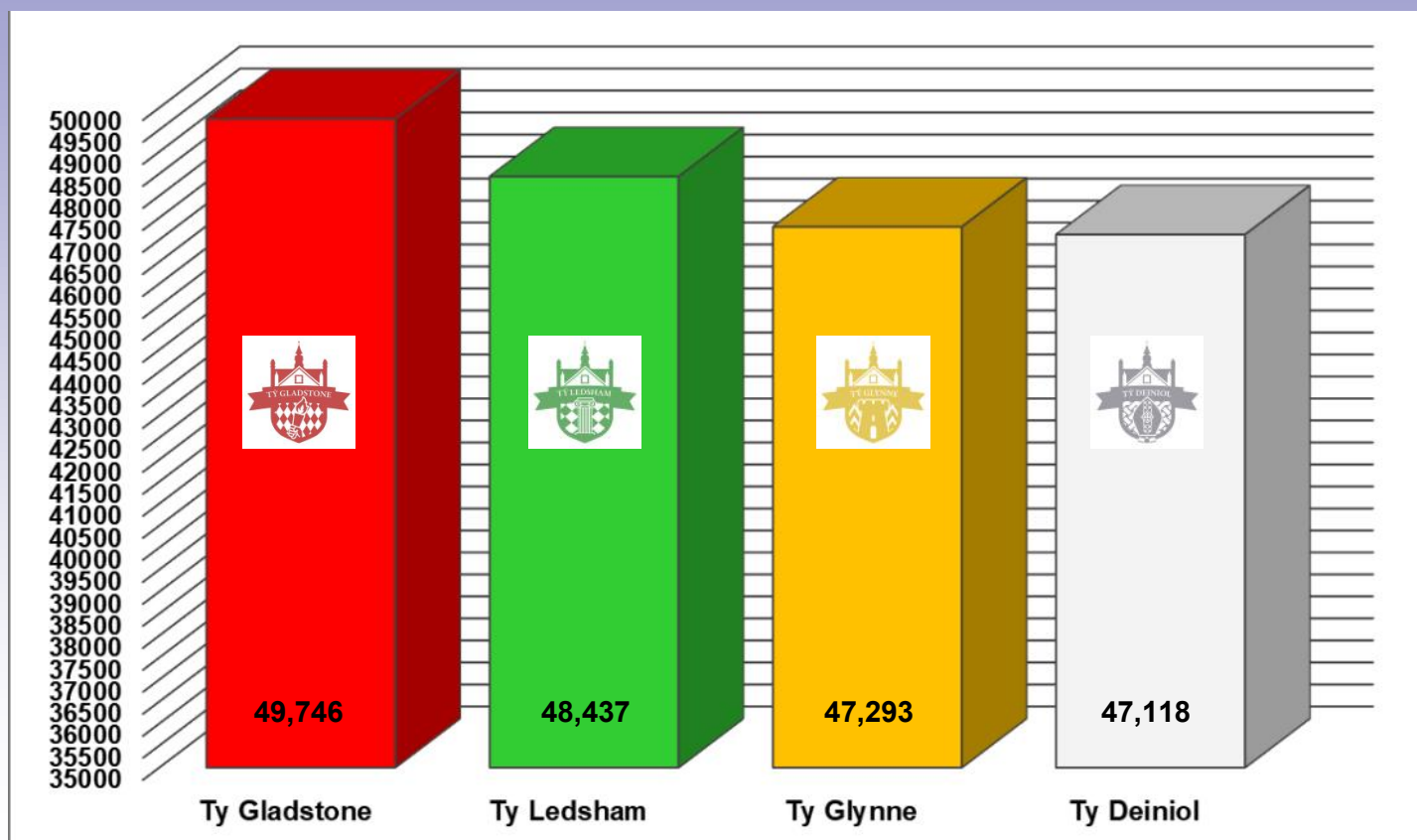


WATER FOUNTAINS

We have recently converted the sinks installed during Covid into bottle-filling water fountains. The Student Council are keen to promote hydration and hope this is a way for more students to get access to water around the school.



HOUSE POINTS UP TO 14 JULY 2022



STUDENT LEADERBOARD

Freja	8GD1	541
Liam	7GD2	528
Lucy	7GD1	511
George	7LD2	502
Layla	7GN2	496
Hannah	7GN2	493
Niamh	7DE1	485
Will	7GD2	485
Isabel	7DE1	482
Nel	7GD1	480

TUTOR GROUP LEADERBOARD

7GD2	9751
7GD1	8378
7DE1	8185
7GN2	8165
7GN1	8038
8GN1	7862
8LD1	7851
7LD2	7799
7LD1	7727
8DE1	7132

WELL DONE!

IMPORTANT:

PLEASE REMEMBER TO NOTIFY THE SCHOOL IF YOU MOVE HOUSE, CHANGE YOUR CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBER OR EMAIL ADDRESS. INCORRECT CONTACT DETAILS MAY RESULT IN YOU MISSING IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING YOUR CHILD.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 1st September 2022	Staff Training Day
Friday 2nd September 2022	Staff Training Day
Monday 5th September 2022	School opens for pupils
Thursday 6th October 2022	Open Day and Evening
Friday 28th October 2022	School closes
Monday 7th November 2022	Staff Training Day

