

Clebran Clywedog

Dear Parent / Carers,

Annwyl Rieni / Warchodwyr,

Welcome to the Easter edition of Clebran. As usual we have a full range of stories highlighting the varied achievements of the students here at Ysgol Clywedog. Staff and students are working tirelessly to prepare Year 11 for the crucial final GCSE examinations. The Easter School will run again this year between 29th March 2016 and 1st April 2016. I am sure that all of the Year 11 students will grasp this opportunity.

On a different note, I am pleased to inform you that Mrs Harrison has secured a promotion and will become the new Principal at Winsford Academy with effect from 1st June 2016. Our lose is most certainly Winsford's gain and we wish her well in her new challenge. Mrs Harrison, will of course, continue to ensure that Year 11 are fully prepared for their examinations over the next few weeks. I will communicate more fully on this topic in May.

Have an enjoyable Easter break. Thank you for your continued support.

Martin Hulland

Gorymdaith Dydd Gwyl Dewi / St David's Day Parade

On Tuesday the 1st March 2016 the following year 7 students represented the school at the St David's Day Parade in town:



Holly Ash, Grace Worrall-Davidson, Carys Dunlop-Lloyd, Zoe Salisbury, Catrin Parry, Skyla Hope, Luis Grigore, Megan Jones, Tomas Jack Evans.

The pupils were very enthusiastic and very proud to be there. Well done! Da iawn chi! Visit the school website to see more pictures of the students.

Mrs S Pritchard, Welsh Department



Art Department News

We have been really fortunate to have Cheshire artist **Christine Oliphant** working in the art department with our talented year 9 students. The students worked on mixed media abstract landscapes with fantastic creative results. Well done to all those year 9 students who were involved.

Mrs C Jones, Art Department



*Music
Success!*

Kian Paddock of year 8 has recently been selected to join the prestigious **Four Counties Orchestra**. Kian plays the Tuba and practices for over an hour each day. His hard work has paid off and he will now represent Wrexham in various concerts around Wales. His music teacher Mrs Claire Snaith said "it is a huge achievement to be accepted into this orchestra, Kian has worked very hard to get to this level."



Easter School revision sessions are offered to all year 11 students during the first week of the Easter break.

- Timetables are on the website and have been provided in a letter home to all year 11 parents.
- Students do not need to wear school uniform.
- Students are advised to organise their own food for lunchtime as there will be no canteen facilities.
- **There is no charge for any of the sessions but students are expected to behave appropriately as staff are giving of their time voluntarily.**




eat. sleep. revise. And repeat.

ADMIT ONE

Prom Night

Arrangements for the year 11 Prom are well underway. The event will take place at the **Ramada, Wrexham** from 7.30 to 11pm on the evening of **Thursday the 23rd of June 2016**.

- The event is by invitation only. There is an expectation that all students who attend will behave appropriately, with no drinking of alcohol, smoking or leaving the site without prior agreement.
- The criterion for invitation is strict, but if met students can expect to be invited to attend the Prom. However, the invitation can be revoked at any time up to the date of the Prom if a student's behaviour or attendance is considered to be unacceptable or dangerous. Any expenses already paid will not be the responsibility of the school.

Exam timetable and drop down timetable

There is no study leave for year 11 students. They are expected to maintain the drop down timetable (which can be seen on the website) until the last examination has taken place.

- Students are expected to bring to school every day during this period, revision materials. Until the final examination has taken place in a subject, teachers will be ready to receive and deliver revision sessions. Once the examination has taken place in that subject teachers will supervise students whilst they revise for another subject.
- We have found that this is a much more effective way to ensure that students are regularly revising and would appreciate your help to reinforce this process. No year 11 student is permitted to leave the site unless signed out by a senior member of staff.
- A full examination timetable has been given to all students and is also available on our website.



Finally, I will be leaving the school to take up a Headteacher post at another school on May the 27th 2016. I want to assure you that my priority until I leave is to ensure that all year 11 pupils have the best opportunities they can, in order to achieve their potential. They are a very special year group and I am very fond of them. I wish all of them the very best for the future and thank you for all your support and patience over the past three and a half years.

Amanda Harrison, Deputy Headteacher.

Year 7 news

We took 16 year 7 students to compete in a **Dragons Den competition**. **Ysgol Clywedog won!** The students all won book tokens.

Year 7 went on a trip to Abernant and it was a huge success. All students were excellent and behaved impeccably.

Mr G Wilson, Progress Manager Year 7



Clywedog Girls show Airbus how it's done!



Eleven Clywedog girls, two great ideas, two Airbus mentors and one teacher showed everyone what they could do in the realm of Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths on the 10th March 2016. At Airbus, Broughton they put on an excellent display of ideas to save the planet's precious water supply, save money for the school and, as a wonderful side effect, generate electricity for Wrexham.

The first idea, presented by Team Einstein, involved collecting the rain water off the roof of the school to use to flush the toilets and so save many 1000s of litres of expensive mains supply. The water gushing off the roofs around the quad would generate electricity as it passed down the downspouts through a series of cunningly designed turbines.

The second idea targeted the use and abuse of the girl's toilets making them into a better environment for all. Installation of 21st century technology in the form of combined soap, water and hand dryer zones instead of the older sinks would not only save energy but also improve the function of the whole toilet area for all users.

The girls had to make models of the ideas, collect evidence, write a portfolio and present to a panel of judges taken from industry. To support them we had the help of Vick Williams and Maddi Williams of Airbus UK. Maddi used to attend the school and particularly enjoyed the chance to catch up with some teachers who remembered her as Maddi Hughes from the early 2000s.

After all the hard work it was good to be awarded one of the top prizes on the day. The girls won the 'Teamwork' Award which was presented to them with beautiful certificates and presentation framed documents to remember the day.

Thank you to Vicki and Maddi, to Mr Hulland, Headteacher, and Mr Flanagan, Site Manager, but mostly thank you to the girls. You did us proud, you really did.

Mrs P Booker, Teacher & STEM Co-ordinator



PE Department News

Seren Walklate year 10 and Reiss Moore Year 10 have represented the county at the **North East Wales Cross Country Championships in Brecon**. Congratulations!

Congratulations to Kai Evans year 7 who has been chosen to represent **Stoke City FC Development Squad** in a tournament in Spain over the Easter holiday

Congratulations to Rhys Hughes year 9 who went over to Dubai to play in a tournament for **Everton FC over Christmas**.

Huge congratulations to Morgan Taylor Year 8; Ethan Taylor Year 10; Megan Owen Year 10, they all won the Area Triathlon competition which was held at Ysgol Bryn Alyn. Also a fantastic effort was made by all students who entered the competition.

Maisie Hughes ~ Year 7 who came 4th

Elen Tennant ~ Year 7 who came 3rd

Jacob Rowlands ~ Year 10 who came 4th

Yanni Ianaddis ~ Year 8 who came 4th

Mr. G Wilson, PE Department

Physical Literacy ~ Mountain Biking Project. A small number of year 9 and 10 students have been mountain biking at Llandegla One Planet Adventure. The students have been taken on guided tours and learnt how to handle a bike! They have found some of the courses a challenge but enjoyable. Mrs H Roberts, PE Department



Visit from the **IOP** Institute of Physics

Graham Perrin from the Institute of Physics made a return visit to the school on Tuesday 2nd February to work with year 10 and 11 GCSE students.

His work with year 11 involved investigating circuits using rope and salt dough. Year 10 were treated to popcorn being made using all three methods of heat transfer. Mr Perrin will be coming back into school next term to help with the final GCSE revision sessions.

For further information visit <http://www.stimulatingphysics.org/stimulating-physics-network-schools-summer-schools.htm>

Primary Schools Visit to the Science Department

In March, year 5 pupils from Ysgol Bwlchgwyn, St Giles, Rhostyllen and Victoria schools visited Ysgol Clywedog's science department to experience some high school science lessons. They learnt about sound waves using the exciting Rubens Tube, and they saw their favourite songs dance in the flames! They also saw how much energy was in their favourite snack food by setting fire to crisps.

Miss A Murray, Science Department



Lab in a Lorry

The IOP's famous Lab in a Lorry came back to Ysgol Clywedog in March. Students from year 7 and 8 were able to go on board and try out scientific experiments based on light and sound. They worked with volunteers from scientific backgrounds and really enjoyed the experience. It was lovely to hear their enthusiastic questions and see them participate. It was also great to have two of our year 11 girls, Esther Abelian and Becky Thomas working as STEM assistants on the lorry.

Mrs M Flanagan, Science Department

Mock Interviews

Year 11 pupils had the opportunity to take part in a mock interview. Although many pupils were apprehensive about taking part they found it to be an extremely worthwhile experience. The feedback that the pupils were given was very positive. Many thanks to the members of Rotary Club and employees from a number of local businesses who gave up their time to carry out the interviews.

Careers Fair

Earlier this term Years 9, 10 and 11 pupils had the opportunity to attend Ysgol Clywedog's Careers Fair. It was a really successful afternoon with over 20 different business organisations being represented. This included hair and beauty, higher education establishments, the new Prison, voluntary organisations, engineering and many more.

Bank of America

If any parents work in Bank of America I would be grateful if you could let me know in order to be able to discuss possible fund raising initiatives for the Student Council.

Mrs M Kane, PSE Department

Year 11 Poetry

To Kill a Mockingbird

We witness on this stage,
An atrocity done by those of white or beige.
Oh, but this is not an isolated tale,
That's what makes the mind so utterly—stale.
Those birds! How they flutter and they fly,
Only to choke on their singing,
And to die.

So let me show you what you're killing:

To Kill an Owl,
Graduation cap clad fowl,
Is to kill Knowledge.

To Kill a Hummingbird,
Puzzling nature as it whirs,
Is to kill Invention.

To Kill a Peacock,
Rainbow colours you may mock,
Is to kill Beauty.

To Kill a Mockingbird
He who is truth in a word,
Is to kill Oneself.

By Esther Abelian



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