



*"Great works are performed, not by strength but by perseverance"*

# Newsletter

## What a year!

### Welcome from Headteacher

*It was a pleasure for me to wish all our year 11 leavers the best of luck with their future endeavours.*

It was certainly an emotional moment for me seeing all our students dressed up and looking so smart to receive their progress files. A fantastic night was had by all at the prom, and I want to thank all our students for their exemplary behaviour. It has been wonderful to see the strength of friendship, love and care our final year students have for one another.

Indeed, the end of the school year is a time of change and transition, so as we said goodbye to our year 11s we welcomed all our new year 6s into school who will be joining us in September for some exciting transition events.



Thank you to those of you that were able to join us at the prize giving event this week. It was a beautiful event and a wonderful opportunity for us to come together to celebrate our students' achievements.

After what has been a really busy term, our students and staff are looking forward to a well-earned break. I hope you enjoy reading this end of term newsletter and that it provides you with a glimpse of all the great things that have happened this term. I look forward to seeing our GCSE students for results day on the 24th of August. Have a wonderful summer everyone!

Stay safe and keep smiling!

**John Weir - Headteacher**

## Sports Day 2023

*Ysgol Treffynnon's highly anticipated sports day took place in school and was a resounding success.*

The rain held off and it brought students together from Year 7 to Year 10, showcasing their athletic prowess whilst fostering a great sense of healthy competition. Overall, our sports day celebrated athleticism, team work and the Ysgol Treffynnon team spirit! A big thank you to NEWydd Catering and Cleaning for providing the "Hydration Station" for our athletes!



## Talk the Talk

*A group of some of our more able and talented Year 10 students attend a "Talk the Talk - Talk about my future" workshop in school on Wednesday 29th March.*



The workshop took place last year for the current Year 11 students who also found the session valuable. The students involved found the workshop really helpful in supporting them in realising their future aspirations. The aim of the workshop has a focus on improving student connections with employers, colleges and universities.

During the workshop students:

- Talk about their life experiences and translate these into a defined set of unique skills
- Talk about their plans for moving on – and how confident they feel about this
- Learn about preparing for an interview and appropriate communication during an interview
- Prepare a set of open questions and undergo mock interviews, both as interviewer and interviewee
- Explore the impact and necessity of personal anecdotes within the interview situation
- Prepare for and undergo a mock interview with their trainer and peers

## Engineering Trip to Toyota

*12 Year 10 students studying Engineering gained behind the scenes access at the world's fastest engine production line during their recent visit to Toyota at Deeside, where an engine rolls off the production line every 44 seconds!*



Students were given an overview of the company and its history, before gaining exclusive access to Toyota's cutting-edge Hydrogen Fuel Cell technology. Students were also treated to a tour of the factory floor, including manufacturing and maintenance sections where they got to see many of the engineering skills they have developed in lessons in a real life scenario. Students then took part in a team challenge where they had to demonstrate many of the values which Toyota look for in future employees before finishing up with a Q&A session and overview of its apprenticeship programmes.



## Getting Girls into Construction & Engineering

*Year 8 and 9 girls visited Coleg Cambria in Wrexham and participated in a Women in Construction and Engineering Day.*

They completed a taster session in plumbing, plastering and automotive studies. They made a pipe structure, a plaster wall plaque and a water powered car. They thoroughly enjoyed the event and were encouraged that the options of Product Design and Engineering, that they have picked in school, can lead to so many varied and interesting careers with vast opportunities for women and girls. Well done girls!!



## Community Coronation Event

*Thursday 4th May 2023 saw a group of young students deliver a coronation afternoon tea in the Holway community centre.*

Entertainment was provided by the school choir, followed by bingo! It was a lovely event to bring people from the community together of all ages providing a sense of purpose. It was an event to be celebrated and fabulous for our students to learn some new skills and give back to our local community.





Welcome!

## Year 6 Transition

*We have thoroughly enjoyed meeting our new cohort of year 7s that are joining us in September!*

It has been a great opportunity for the children to spend some time in school getting to know their new routine and what the school day looks like.

The week was finished off with a 3-day residential trip to Glan Llyn! This was a unique opportunity for students to get to know each other, their form tutors and other teaching staff. A wide variety of activities took place building confidence and developing skills and most importantly new friendships were born!

All the teachers thoroughly enjoyed getting to know the children and we are looking forward to them starting in September.



## We said goodbye to our year 11s

*This term is an incredibly busy term, especially for year 11, who have sat all of their GCSE exams.*

We are incredibly proud of this year group and the resilience they have shown in their preparation for the exams. We hope they are all enjoying the extra long summer and wish them all the best with their futures. We are looking forward to welcoming them into school for results day on Thursday 24th August.

The Year 11 prom was held at the Celtic Arms in Northop County Park Golf Club on 22nd June and was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone that attended. We held a progress file celebration in school before the buses took our wonderful students to their destination!

All the photos can be viewed by clicking on the following link [https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/11x4bk9\\_Gh\\_n8UUMEHBROQisk9QOYBaFe?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/11x4bk9_Gh_n8UUMEHBROQisk9QOYBaFe?usp=sharing)

Farewell!



# Visit to Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod

Year 7 and some Year 8 attended the International Musical Eisteddfod in Llangollen this term.

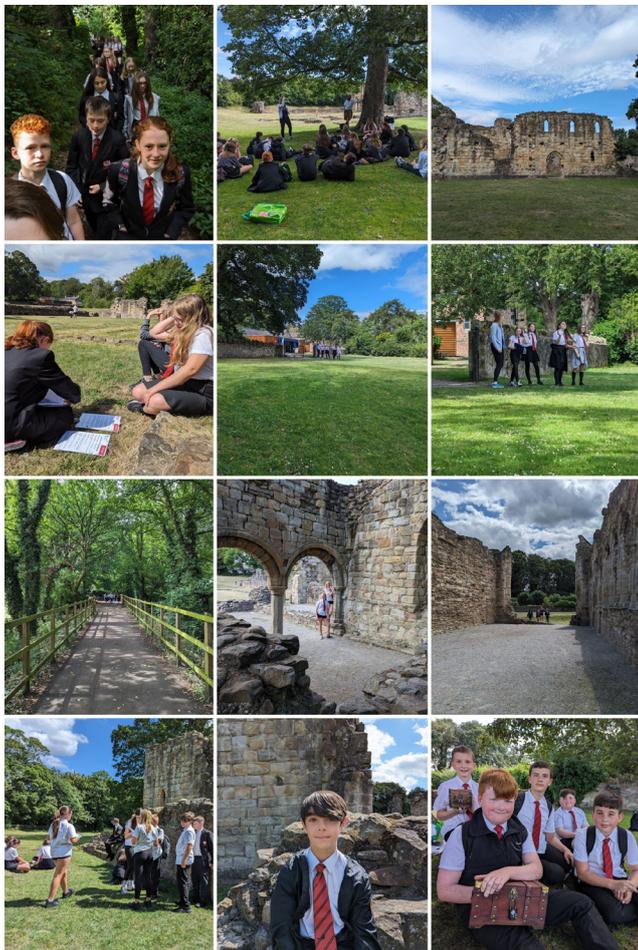
The pupils had a fabulous time integrating into the diversity of the festival, experiencing different cultures and amazing music and dance.



# History Activities in Basingwerk Abbey

On Friday 7th July, all of year 7 History students walked down to the Greenfield Valley.

When we reached Basingwerk Abbey we were met by Lorna and Will from Keystone Heritage who had planned an escape room type activity. Students worked in group to find clues and solve puzzles all around the abbey. We had been learning about the role of Basingwerk Abbey in lessons so it was fun to apply that knowledge in a fun and interactive way. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves, even if it was way too hot!



# Taylor made for a career in teaching

A huge well done to Miss Taylor Burns who won "New Teacher of the Year" award in 'The Leader Education Awards'.



Miss Burns and Mr Hobbs were both nominated in the "New Teacher of the Year" category. We are incredibly proud of them both for their commitment and determination to go above and beyond for our students. Miss Burns was the overall winner, however both of them are amazing and we are thrilled they have been recognised.

# In School Eisteddfod 2023!

We had a wonderful day today celebrating the Year 7 Eisteddfod.

A lovely celebration of music, visual arts and literature. We are so proud of all our competitors who fully encompassed all aspects of arts and culture in Wales.

The overall winners of the event in each category were:  
**Pencampwr Cymraeg - Eylul Acar**  
**Pencampwr Saesneg - Cameron Clark**  
**Pencampwr Ffrangeg - Poppy Pilkington**  
**Pencampwr Y Celfyddydau - Harley Prescott**



## Annual Prize Giving Ceremony

*This week we all attended our annual prize giving ceremony held here at the school.*

It was wonderful to come together as a community to recognise our students' achievements and to celebrate the end of a fantastic year.

We would like to thank all the parents that attended to support our students and would also like to extend our thanks to our wonderful guest speaker, Norma Collin. The evening provided us with the opportunity to gather as a community and reflect on our collective journey as a school over this academic year. There have been so many highlights throughout the year and it was wonderful to celebrate the progress and achievements of our students in all areas of school life.



## Duke of Edinburgh

*Our bronze Duke of Edinburgh group enjoyed both their practice and real expeditions this term.*

Students learned key skills like navigation, camp-craft, first-aid, but more importantly developed intangible qualities such as resilience and teamwork. The trip was a culmination of hard work committing time to physical activities, skills-based tasks and volunteering.

Any pupils moving up to year 10 next year should speak to Mrs Reid if they are interested in completing this.

## New School Website

*Many of you may have noticed that the school website has received a bit of a makeover.*

Keep an eye out for the latest news, where we will share photographs and things happening in the school community throughout the term. All letters will also be uploaded into the letters section under the parents tab.

Visit us here: [www.ysgoltreffynnon.cymru](http://www.ysgoltreffynnon.cymru)

## E Praise Leader board

*Our students work hard and earn valuable praise points, which they can exchange for rewards in the online shop.*

Here is the form group leader board for this academic year. A huge well done to 7TF!

No	Form Group	E-Praise Points since Sep 22
1	7TF	8660
2	7RR	6798
3	7MY	6214
4	7SH	5773
5	8SO	4624
6	8CR	4392
7	9HJ	4185
8	10MG	4060
9	8MH	3408
10	8TB	3184

*Why not share your child's good news with the School Community?*

We are very proud of our students here at Ysgol Treffynnon and we love to sharing any of their special achievements with everyone in the school community. If you have any news about your child that you are happy to share, please email [info@yt.flintshire.sch.uk](mailto:info@yt.flintshire.sch.uk)

## We are looking for Relief Midday Supervisors

*Do you have any spare time in the day and want to support our school?*

We are looking to appoint a couple of relief/supply midday supervisors to support the school during our busy break and lunchtime periods.

Ysgol Treffynnon are looking for committed and enthusiastic individuals to join our friendly school to provide break and lunchtime cover during staff absences.

This is for a relief / supply contract and hours of work are not fixed. Supply staff, if available, would provide cover between the hours of 10.15am and 14.15pm term time only at short notice.

**For more information contact Sian Croston, School Business Manager on [s.croston@yt.flintshire.sch.uk](mailto:s.croston@yt.flintshire.sch.uk) or apply via e-teach.**

## Key Dates Next Term

- 1st September** – Staff Training Day – School closed to pupils
- 4th September** – Whole school return
- 7th September** – School photographer, Year 7, Year 9 and Year 11 including friendship groups for year 11
- 11th September** – Curriculum for Wales Evening for Yr 7 & 8
- 25th September** – Open Evening
- 9th October** – Year 7 settling in Evening
- 16th October** – GCSE Information evening
- 27th October** – Last day of school before half term break
- 6th November** – Staff Training Day – School closed to pupils
- 7th November** – Return to school
- 13th November** – Year 10 parents evening

## Free Summer Holiday Programme 2023



*There are still places available on the Food and Fun Summer Holiday Club 2023.*

6 Weeks can be a long time to occupy the kids in the summer holidays.

Why not register your child for the **FREE** food and fun holiday club based at Ysgol Treffynnon. Breakfast and a hot lunch will be provided together with a packed programme of fun activities, including multi-sports, cooking and games.

The scheme is open to children in Year 6 transitioning to Ysgol Treffynnon and current Year 7 pupils in Ysgol Treffynnon.

### Food and Fun Dates

Monday - Thursday

**24th July - 27th July, 9am - 1pm**

**31st July - 3rd August, 9am - 1pm**

**7th - 10th August, 9am - 1pm**

### Parent Lunch Dates

Thursday 27th July

Thursday 3rd August

Thursday 10th August

A typical day will include:

- Arrival & Breakfast
- Fun Learning Activities
- Physical Activity & Sport Sessions
- Lunch

**To get more information and the registration link email [foodandfun@yt.flintshire.sch.uk](mailto:foodandfun@yt.flintshire.sch.uk)**



## Our Values

- Self-belief** to have the confidence to be the best we can be
- Perseverance** to develop our skills and resilience to achieve our dreams
- Inspiration** to be a role model for others to follow
- Respectful** to treat everyone with kindness and understanding
- Inclusive** to be fair and always try to do what's right
- Trustworthy** to be honest, reliable, consistent and dependable

## Our Vision

*'Excellence in Everything'*

- Excellent Leadership and Management
- Excellent Teaching and Learning
- Excellent Care, Support and Guidance
- Excellent Use of Resources