

HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

MAY 2024

As another half term comes to an end and the exam period has already started, I am writing to share a little about the events and successes of the past few weeks, together with details of some exciting events to come during the last half term. It has been a period of bidding farewell with Years 11 and 13 finishing their formal lessons before starting their exams and Mr Arwel Owen our Assistant-Caretaker moving to a new job after the holidays. The Music Department is very busy rehearsing and preparing for the Grand Summer Concert which will be held in The Cathedral in Bangor at 7:00pm on the 25th of June - see details below. There is also a lot of looking forward and preparing for the Year 12 trip to Japan.



Farewell to Mr Arwel Owen



At the end of the half term we will say goodbye to Mr Arwel Owen, our Deputy Caretaker. After leaving Year 11 at Ysgol David Hughes he soon started as a deputy caretaker becoming 'the youngest caretaker in Wales'. We sincerely thank him for his service and special work over the past 6 years. We wish him well in his new position at The University in Bangor.



Congratulations to Mrs Meinir Davies on her appointment as the new Deputy Head for September 2024. We wish her well in her new post.



We say goodbye to Years 11 and 13 – All the best with your exams



Success with the Beaumaris Band

Many of our current and former pupils flew over to Palanga, Lithuania in May to compete in the European Youth Brass Band Championship. This was an unforgettable opportunity for everyone who was lucky enough to go there, with the band coming 3rd. This opportunity arose as a result of the band's success at the National Eisteddfod in Boduan in 2023. Osian Maloney from year 13 performed a special solo from the piece 'Carnival of Venice'. We are also very proud of the success of Erin, Osian's big sister, who has won a place as the principle cornetist of the European Youth Brass Band. Big congratulations to the young stars and good luck to the band in the future!

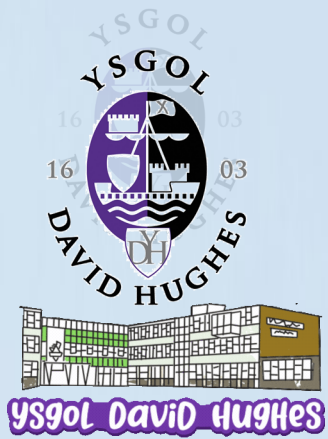


Year 7 Siarter Iaith

Cerdd-Amdani have been working for a day with every single registration class in Year 7 as part of the Siarter Iaith activity. The pupils composed words and a melody about the school and performed it. We are really looking forward to being able to share the songs on a Youtube channel soon. A big thank you to Gethin Tomos for all the hard work.



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ROWND A ROWND

The crew from the Welsh TV programme 'Rownd a Rownd' recently came to the school to work with 7C1 pupils. The pupils had been working hard to write "Efan's monologue" which highlighted Efan's feelings following an accident with John and the time in court.



A warm welcome to Mr Huw Eurwyn Hughes



At the beginning of the Summer Term we welcomed Mr Huw Eurwyn Hughes as the school's Head of Digital Technology. We wish him well in his new position.

Visits to Bangor University

The GCSE French group visited the University in Bangor for a day where they had the opportunity to create a French cartoon. Formidable! Two Maths MAT teams from Year 9 also had the opportunity to take part in mathematical competitions and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.



Preparation for the trip to Japan



The Year 12 Japan Tour crew collaborated online with HIGA Hiroshima pupils. There is a lot of looking forward to a trip which I'm sure will be an unforgettable experience for the 20 students and the staff. The adventure is funded through the Welsh Government's TAIH scheme. Special thanks to Mr Daron Harris who made the successful application and is leading the trip with Mrs Manon Davies, Mr Ellis Hughes and

Miss Nia Davies. They start their journey soon on the morning of Tuesday, June 4th and it will continue for 10 days. We wish them well on their journey.

日本への旅行も頑張ってください

Election on the way

Some of Anglesey's prospective candidates for the general election, which will take place on July 4th, held hustings with Sixth Form students.



Thank you to all the pupils from Year 8 and 9 who took part in the Young Peacemaker Awards competition





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Welsh Bake Off

A large number of pupils and staff baked as part of our Urdd Message of Peace and Goodwill Day celebrations this year. The theme of the day was Peace and Welshness and Elin Fflur, a former pupil of the school, was with us as a guest judge. There were a large number of winners across the categories and the prize for the Star Baker was shared between Cara-Lou and Ania from Year 9. The Tinopolis company was there for the morning filming the whole thing for an item on the Prynhawn Da programme on S4C. A big thank you to the Cymreic-tod Group for all the organising work and for ensuring an excellent bake off again this year. Thanks also to all the local businesses who gave very generous prizes: Ann's Pantry, Hootons, Panton Arms, Harela, Green Olive, Bulkeley, Victoria Hotel, Sage, +39, Mercado and Halen Môn.

Important Dates:

- June 3rd:** New season begins
- June 18 – 20th:** Visit of Year 6 pupils
- June 20th:** Year 6 Parents' Evening (Primary)
- June 25th:** Summer Concert — Bangor Cathedral
- June 26th: (Wednesday) INSET Day — no school for the pupils**
- June 24 or 28:** Sports (weather dependent)
- July 8th :** Year 10 Work Experience
- July 9th:** Activities and tours
- July 15th:** Year 12 Work Experience
- July 19th:** Last day of the Term



Mount Everest

We are very proud of the success of Ioan Jones from Year 13 after he reached the base camp of Mount Everest raising over £5000 for the Shout charity which helps men with their mental health. Quite a feat!



Big congratulations to Eli on winning her 1st vest to represent Wales



During the last few weeks the school has successfully renewed our accreditation as a NACE school which rewards our commitment to nurture and develop more able and talented pupils.

Thank you to Mrs Meinir Davies for leading the staff to gain this important accreditation.



Zander cycles 245 miles to raise money

We are also very proud of Zander from Year 9 who has cycled all the way from Llanbadrig on Anglesey to the Vale of Glamorgan - a journey of 245 miles. Zander tries to set himself a challenge himself every year and this year he wanted to raise money for the Music Department in order to buy equipment. Zander himself is a successful composer and we are looking forward to seeing how he and Mr. Dafydd chooses to spend the money raised.

Enjoy the holiday

H. Joy Williams

