

This half term has been a very successful time at PHS. As you all know, just before Christmas, Estyn judged the school to be making good progress in all areas.

Now the Welsh Government has ranked our school as a yellow category school, up from the amber ranking we have held for several years. This is fantastic news and clearly demonstrates the great work that pupils, students and staff are doing within our rapidly improving school. It is good for the school, the community and especially our learners to receive this form of recognition.

We also had a visit from Estyn early in January, who inspected our 6th Form provision. This visit was a great success and the feedback we received fully supported and recognised all the hard work we are putting in to improve outcomes at KS5. Mr Vernon and his team were delighted with this result and deserve special mention for the preparation they put in prior to Estyn arriving.

We are also excited about the current Year 11 and Year 13 results in the summer, as all indicators show that we are on track to achieve even better results than in 2017. Our early entry results in many subjects are very good and we look forward to the successes of our young people over the next five months. For the pupils and students sitting GCSEs and A-levels, this is not a time to relax, this is a time to try even harder and do what you can to achieve your goals. The school is here to support you and do what we can to help you reach your potential.

The uniform working party is working hard to finalise the new uniform and I am confident that the outcome will be a uniform that is smart, aspirational and one that will set us apart in the community, now and in the future.

Once again, may I thank all parents and staff for their unwavering support. We are working as a team to give the young people of Prestatyn the education they deserve.



Neil Foley B.Sc. MA.
Headteacher



History Department PHS
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Congratulations to Mrs Davies for being recognised and given a 'Teacher Hero Award' from Aberystwyth University! @PrestatynHigh #Historyisthebest!



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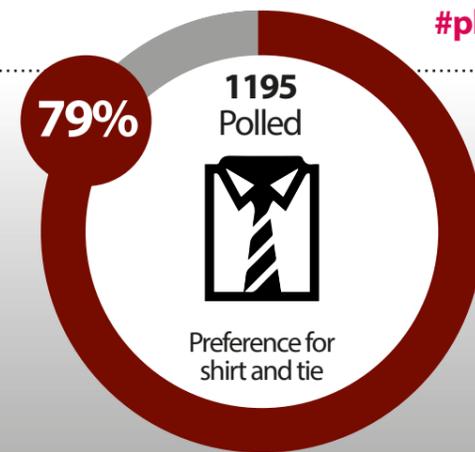
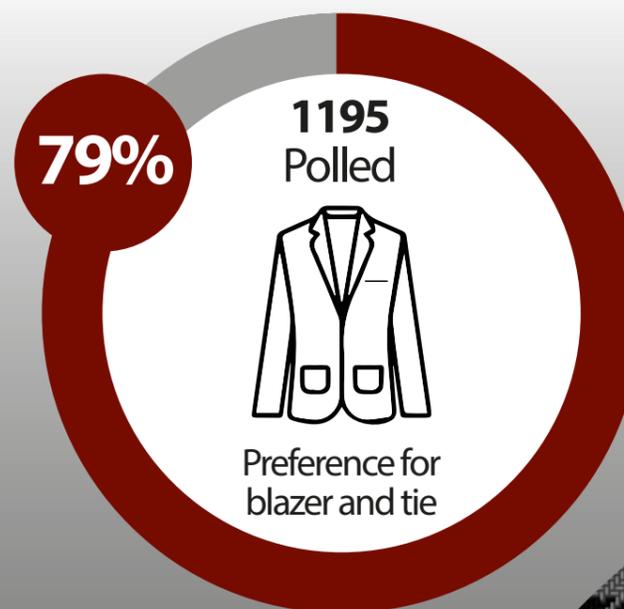
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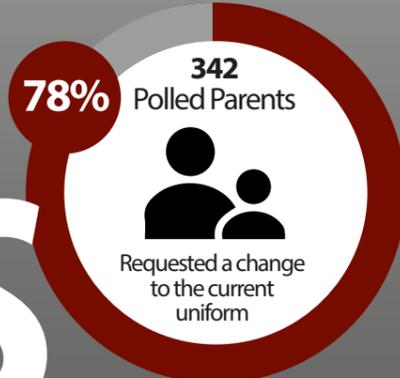
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Prest 6tyn Sixth

Welcome and Taster Evening

Tues 27th February
5.30-7.30pm

70% of our students gained at least a 'C' in their A levels

97% achieved at least a Merit in all BTEC courses,
with 79% gaining a Distinction or Distinction *

Move onto the next stage of your education or career

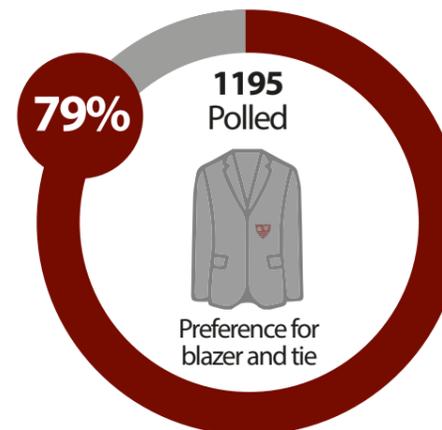
This taster event will give you the chance to see how the lessons are taught at advanced level and for those who are still unsure, it will allow learners to make a more informed choice. It is crucial that students get the right information at the right time. The evening will give you and your son/daughter a flavour of what 6th form life is like and will allow you to meet representatives from all subjects as well as student ambassadors and the student management team in the classes you will be taught in.

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PHS UNIFORM CONSULTATION RESULTS

Following our recent consultation with parents, pupils and staff regarding the school uniform, we are pleased to share with you the latest developments and the next steps. The consultation process showed a clear desire amongst all stakeholders to change the school uniform and the outcomes are available to view on the school website. In broad terms, 60%, 78% and 99% of pupils, parents and staff respectively, indicated that they did not wish to retain the existing uniform, with the majority of each of these groups showing a preference for a blazer and tie. In addition, the majority of each group questioned preferred introducing the uniform into all year groups in September 2018. The School Uniform Working party is now developing the design, style and colour of the new uniform and a meeting will be arranged in the near future with all parents and stakeholders to share all information.

Next Steps

- The Working Party will meet regularly to develop the new uniform options.
- In the next few weeks there will be a meeting for all parents and stakeholders to go over the findings of the consultation and display the possible uniform that the Working Party have recommended.
- This meeting will be followed by assemblies for all pupils share this information and latest developments.

The full results of the survey can be found on our website at:
www.prestatynhigh.co.uk



PHSPE@PrestatynPE Jan 31

Tough win away at @agcreuddyn
in the @WelshSchoolsFA U14 Cup.
2-1 to @PrestatynPE. Diolch am y
gem. Next National Finals 

“ PHS has worked tirelessly to improve in all areas and this has been acknowledged by the school moving from Amber to Yellow. ”

Neil Foley - Headteacher

PHS GAINS WELSH GOVERNMENT YELLOW RATING

THE Welsh Government have released ratings showing how schools are performing. The system aims to provide support and resources to improve the school system and raise standards and performance in Wales. A coloured support category is given for each primary, middle and secondary school. Colours for band gradings include green, yellow, amber and red.

The colour shows the level of support the Welsh Government and the four school improvement consortia think each school needs with the best performing schools ranked green. This year, for the first time, instead of just looking at areas such as performance, including GCSE results, schools are judged on wider issues including wellbeing and the quality of teaching and learning.

PHS Yellow Band Grading

With most schools in Wales and England seeing their GCSE results decline, the results at Prestatyn High have improved significantly. Pupils achieving a A*-C in English language have risen by 20% to 69% which is unprecedented and is a real sign that the changes we are making are having a big impact on improving the life chances our young people.

ATTENDANCE

Every Day Counts! Attend today - Achieve tomorrow
At Prestatyn High School, we consider GOOD attendance to be over 97%. We think this because research says that students who have attendance at 95% or below are at risk of underachieving. The school's target for attendance is 97%. In helping your child achieve that target, you are helping them achieve their full potential.

Please help your child have the best possible chances at school. Students must be in school for 8.30am so that they are in Registration by 8.40am ready to start their learning at 9am.

