

It has been a busy year for staff and pupils at Prestatyn High School. The changes that have been implemented since September are making a real difference and as a school we are making good progress to achieve the best outcomes for all our young people. Indeed, during the recent Estyn visit they praised the school for the rapid progress we are making in achieving our goals. Working together we will ensure Prestatyn High School becomes an outstanding school and that all pupils fulfil their potential.



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On way back from a great trip! Pupils behaviour, attitude and manners were fantastic throughout! A pleasure to take away! #madrid2017



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Record of Achievement 2017

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Award Winner
Spencer Wilding presents Luke Davies with the Headteachers Award.

The traditional end of year school Oscar ceremony welcomed two stars of both the small screen and silver screen Hollyoaks and X-Factor contestant Rachel Adedeji and Star Wars and Guardians of the Galaxy actor Spencer Wilding were on hand to present the awards.

House winners included: Jupiter - Euan Millar, Saturn - Jenna Bagnall, Mercury - Matthew Lamb, Neptune - Matthew Rowlands Jones, Orion X - Nina Hyland, Orion Y - Erin Shanks, Pluto - Cory Simcock, Mars - Emily Edwards and Venus - Niamh McCormack.

The first ever Headteachers award was presented to Luke Davies who tragically suffered a spinal stroke on new year's eve 2015 and inspired his friends to fundraise towards lifesaving treatment. The award was presented by big screen star Spencer Wilding for his grit, determination, inspirational return to school and desire to succeed.

The glittering evening featured performances from Katie Sheridan, Bethan Tomkins, India Jamieson and Jack Wynn. The school staff played and sang their own rendition of Glastonbury Headliner Ed Sheeran's Castle on the Hill.

Rachel Adedeji said "This has been a fantastic fun evening and such a warm welcome by Prestatyn High School and it was great to be a part of this celebration".

Spencer Wilding said "what a fantastic and positive night after all the hard work these kids put into their GCSEs and school work it's great to celebrate their success".

For Prestatyn High School's Headteacher this event marked the end of his first full year at the helm of the high school and said "I'm so proud of the achievements of this year 11 and I know that they will have bright futures ahead of them. This year I've started to implement a raft of changes which will continue in the future and ensure that success will be a great part of this top achieving school".

EXTENDED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Transition Activities

The transition process for the Year 6 pupils starting Year 7 in September has been another exciting and busy year.

The transition phase started back in October, when the school held their annual Open Evening with record numbers attending. Since then the pupils have taken part in various activities to prepare them for their move to primary school to high school, including attending the Christmas Fayre and School Production of Monstrum. They also participated in the PE Transition Day, Transition Picnic, MAT English, Maths and MFL and Transition Activity Day. The process with culminate with the 3 Induction Days on 11th, 12th and 14th July.

Mrs Roberts is delighted with how the year has gone and is very much looking forward to being their Head of Year in September.



Year 6 Pupils Ysgol Clawdd Offa attend Transition event.



"I've met some of the inspiring bright stars of the future."

Rachel Adedeji - Actress and Singer



French Trip

In June, the French department took a group of 38 year 7&8 pupils to Northern France, staying in the Boulogne area. Visits included a trip to the picturesque market port of Boulogne taking in a tour of the city walls, an aquarium, ice-skating rink, high ropes course and the beach. On the last day of the trip pupils visited a snail farm where they heard a lot about escargots and gave pupils the opportunity to sample the French delicacy. Most tried the dish with many returning for more.



French trip Pupils visit the picturesque market port of Boulogne.

This trip gave the opportunity to very enthusiastic pupils to immerse themselves in a different culture and learn new phrases. It was a brilliant experience and we would like to congratulate these pupils on their brilliant attitude and manners.

Pluto House enjoy Sports day success

After days of unpredictable weather, the event managed to attract some glorious sunshine. A highly competitive day saw increased numbers of pupils participate from Year 7 to 10. The afternoon saw the track events cheered on by an enthusiastic crowd. Pluto became the champion House. Well done to all competitors!

Results Overall – 1st Pluto, 2nd Neptune, 3rd Orion



Sports Day double record breaker
Roman Hodgson beat the 800m with a record of 2.35.42 and the 200m with a time of 27.34.

Duke of Edinburgh's Award

On 23th/24th June, 57 pupils from Year 10 took part in their practice expedition to Penisar Mynydd in Rhualt. Their assessed expedition is on the 13th/14th July. This was the highest number of pupils that have undertaken the Award. Over the next few months, they will complete their other three sections of the award; voluntary placement, skill development and physical activity.