

TEACHING AND LEARNING

## Changes to the school day

In accordance with the Changing of School Session Times (Wales) Regulations 2009 No 572 (W.54) and on behalf of the Governing Body of Prestatyn High School to inform you of proposed changes to the timing of the school day with effect from September 2017.

Prestatyn High School is committed to improving the outcomes and life chances for all young people no matter their starting point or background. A fundamental part of raising standards is having a modern and fit for purpose timetable and school day. The proposed new school day will allow the school to achieve its aims and accelerate the progress for all of our learners.

The proposed changes are summarised at the end of this letter but the main points are listed below:

- The students will continue to have 5 one-hour lessons each day over a fortnightly timetable
- The time at which the day begins will be 8.40am
- The school day will end at 3pm
- Registration will be at the start of the day
- Lunch is now split - KS3 have early lunch and KS4 pupils have late lunch
- No year 11s will be allowed off site during lunch
- KS4 pupils will only have 1 lesson after lunch

**The advantages of the proposed system are:**

- Registration is now at the start of the day so that tutors can check that all pupils are ready and equipped to learn
- It is statistically proven that pupils learn and engage better earlier in the day
- Reducing the number of lessons after lunch will improve behaviour and engagement
- Having an earlier end of the day will encourage more pupils to attend extra-curricular events or interventions after school. The school will invest in far more enriching activities after school for our pupils
- A split lunch time will allow our pupils to be more relaxed and less rushed in the diner leading to a calm environment
- The school will now take responsibility for Year 11s over lunch time ensuring that their focus is maintained right until the end of the academic day

There will be a meeting open to all parents/carers and staff to discuss the proposal at 6.00pm on **Tuesday 25th April** in the main hall. If you are unable to attend, you may submit written comments to me for consideration before the meeting.

We are pleased with the progress our young people are making and look to your continued support.

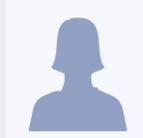


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Mrs Jones via FaceBook  
re: PE Outreach programme



22nd March

My son absolutely loved it, he thought it was great fun and wanted me to thank you - so thank you!



MrD@CreativeartsPHS · Apr 01

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FOCUS ON COMMUNITY AND TRANSITION

# PE OUTREACH 2017

Pupils from 7 local primary schools were invited to take part, aimed at enriching their PE curriculum.

Transition Coordinator **Kate Roberts** getting to know some of the pupils from Bodnant Primary School



“ All pupils were engaged and highly motivated. I look forward to welcoming them to our school in the near future

Mr Neil Foley PHS Headteacher



PHS Engineering students  
L-R Steve Carney, Laith Khsib, Samuel Roberts, Evan Edwards and Rhys Lloyd.

## EESW Engineering Awards

Prestatyn High School's Design and Technology Department had success once again, in the Engineering Education Scheme Wales this week.

The team of 6 Year 12 students, working with Toyota, were praised for their engineering knowledge and prowess when they were awarded the 'Most Innovative Solution to The Project Set' by The Institution of Engineering and Technology. Working alongside Steve Carney from the Toyota plant in Deeside, Laith Khsib, Evan Edwards, Abigail Carter, Rhys Lloyd, Samuel Roberts and Paige Williams designed a self-sifting bin that uses a series of sensors to automatically detect the material of drinks packaging and recycle it into the corresponding receptacles. The team, competed against 23 others from schools all across North Wales at the EESW North Wales final which was held as part of the regional Big Bang event at Venue Cymru, on March 28th 2017. As well as winning the award from the IET, the team was nominated for 3 other prestigious awards from varying professional institutions. Each member of the team has won a £50.00 prize, with £200.00 being awarded to the school's Design and Technology department. The school was also represented at the event by another team of 4 working in conjunction with local company Knitmesh Awards 2017.

EXTENDED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Over 220 Year 5 pupils recently participated in a PE event at Prestatyn High School. Pupils from 7 local primary schools were invited to take part, aimed at enriching their PE curriculum.

The event was highly successful; with pupils, primary school staff and parents commenting on the enjoyable experience had by all. A parent of one of the pupils attending from Bodnant Community School had the following to say 'My son absolutely loved it, he thought it was great fun and wanted me to thank you - so thank you!' Pupils were able to take part in activities such as dodgeball, climbing, matball, benchball, table tennis and 'Just Dance' fitness. The day was directed by Transition Coordinator, Mrs Kate Roberts and all activities were organised and delivered by Prestatyn High School's outstanding Sports Council.

New Headteacher, Mr Neil Foley was extremely impressed with all the pupils that attended 'All pupils were engaged and highly motivated. I look forward to welcoming them to our school in the near future. The Sports Council also need to be highly praised on their tireless efforts to run a well organised and successful event. They continually meet and exceed the high expectations we have of all our pupils.'



PHS pupils at the Gullfoss waterfall Reykjavik Iceland.

## Iceland educational visit

An early morning start for us 40 GCSE and A-Level Geography students off to Iceland for a few days. The first stop when we got to Iceland was the bridge between two continents, where we stood between the Eurasian Plate and the North-American Plate, which move about one inch per year. The last stop for the first day was the much anticipated Blue Lagoon, which lived up to it's expectations. The Blue Lagoon relaxing in a 38 degree C mineral-rich lagoon which was formed from geo-thermally heated water. Day two was another early start as we wanted to get on the road because we had lots of activities planned. The first stop was Thingvellir Rift Valley where we learnt about how the plates moved apart and how the layers of the rocks were layers of lava from all the previous eruptions. We visited the Geysirs, which is a geo-thermal area of steam vents and hot springs. We also visited the Gullfoss waterfall and the Hellisheidi Power Plant, which provides electricity to the city of Reykjavik. **Erin Shanks**

## Eisteddfod

Y flwyddyn yma cynhalwyd yr eisteddfod ar Ddydd Gwener Ebrill y cyntaf. Roedd yn brynhawn anhygoel gyda mwy o ddisgyblion nag erioed yn cymeryd rhan, o chware'r drymiau i'r gystadleuaeth rapio. Llongyfarchiadau mawr i dŷ Mercher a wobrwyyd y gadair am ennill y rhan fwyaf o bwyntiau yn ystod yr eisteddfod.



## World Book Day

To celebrate World Book day, the Library Department at Prestatyn High School held a number of book based activities and quizzes. Over 50 pupils took part in a quiz based on books that have been made into films. 1st prize - Madeline Griffiths 2nd prize - Kieran Small. Madeline spoke about her love for books and her favourite author Jennifer Donnelly. Madeline reads around six books a month.



“I was excited to work out the answers and complete the challenge”

Madeline Griffithh

## The Monstrum on tour

After a phenomenally successful school run of *The Monstrum*, the company headed to Aberystwyth on Saturday 1st April to the National Theatre Connections Welsh Festival.

After a busy and technically challenging 3 hour staging in the Aberystwyth Arts Centre the cast waited eagerly for their performance time. Two other schools were also performing different National Theatre plays to an expectant audience but Prestatyn High School were confident in their highly original and creative production.

The pupils showed true professionalism, talent and commitment as they masterfully performed the play in the new space. As the curtain closed and the final song dissipated through the audience, the cast could do no more. Our chances of making the final 12 productions to show at the National Theatre Festival 2017 in London in July lies with the judges.....

