

I would like to make you aware of an exciting development here at Prestatyn High School.

In a meeting held on 7th November 2017, the Governing Body approved proposals to undertake a review of the current school uniform. A working party has since been established to lead a consultation with stakeholders, and this group represents a cross-section of the Prestatyn community, comprising staff, parents, pupils, governors and local uniform suppliers.

We hope to ascertain the views of all pupils in order that they are active participants in deciding if there is a need to change, and if so, in shaping the uniform of the future. We also recognise that the views of parents are critical, and to this end we held a parental event on 14th December. Presentations and discussions provided parents with the opportunity to share their views. During this meeting we asked for some parents to join the uniform consultation Working Party. Following this event all parents have been invited to complete an on-line survey.

This has been a very busy and successful first term at Prestatyn High School. We have achieved an awful lot and we are now in a great position to improve and progress even further. We continue with a single aim, to improve the life chances of the young people of Prestatyn. If all parents, pupils and staff work in partnership, showing the same continued effort and dedication, we can achieve anything.

Thank you for your support during this academic year and I would like to wish you all a pleasant and safe Christmas.



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Headteacher



Ysgol ClawddOffa @ClawddOffaYsgol - Dec 7

Year 6 had a great time visiting @PrestatynHigh today.



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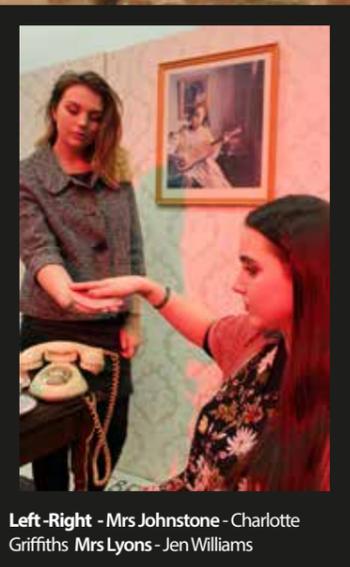


SCHOOL PRODUCTION 2017

Blood Brothers has left audiences stunned at the depth of talent in the school.



Left-Right
Young Eddie - Kieran Small, Young Linda - Edi Fogg & Young Mickey - John Pumford.



Left-Right - Mrs Johnstone - Charlotte Griffiths Mrs Lyons - Jen Williams

Prestatyn High School's latest spectacular production of Willy Russell's play version of Blood Brothers has left audiences stunned at the depth of talent in the school.

From lead actors in Y7 to experienced Y13 performers, the whole production truly highlighted the schools ethos of a Community Achieving Together.

From the moment the lights went up on stage, the actors had the audience in the palm of their hands. This show had everything: quick witted Scouse humour, 80s nostalgia, the heart-warming performance of Charlotte Griffiths as Mrs Johnstone and the professionalism and timing shown by the younger cast. Dan Mitchell had the audience in hysterics with his tremendous portrayal of the grumpy Milkman.

Special mentions go to both John Pumford and Matt Douglas for their heart-warming and emotional portrayal of Mickey. Both actors brought the character to life in a unique and delicate performance of the troubled brother, whilst Kieran Small and Elliott Williams' portrayal of the privileged but venerable Eddie captivated audiences.

This production really highlighted the depth of talent we have here at Prestatyn High, not just in the form of our spectacular actors and actresses but also the set designers, costume creators and back stage management who all added the essentials that made this production truly impressive and a massive success.

John Pumford won the Sue Pierce Award for Best Newcomer in a School Production, particularly impressive as he is in Year 7, and Matthew Douglas won the Phil Pierce Outstanding Performance in a school production.

EXTENDED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES



ESTYN REVIEW

All teachers and governors are delighted that the school has now been recently judged as having made **GOOD** progress on all recommendations since the last inspection by Estyn in their latest review. This is great recognition for all the hard work over the last year and excellent results we have achieved. Estyn have now judged the school to have made good progress, recognising all this hard work and the fantastic results the school, staff and most importantly our year 11s achieved last summer.

We are extremely pleased and proud that 53% of our cohort of 240 pupils achieved 5 high grade passes (grade C or above) including English Language and Maths. This bucked the national trend with many Welsh schools seeing a significant reduction. This outcome places PHS in the top 50% of schools nationally. Pupils achieving 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 significant impact on improving the life chances of our young people. Results in the 6th Form have also seen a significant improvement, which has allowed more students than ever to not only access university, but access their first choice university.

Improving attendance is still of major importance for the school and we have set ourselves a challenging target of 97% for all pupils. We would like to achieve our new target within the next two years, but we will only achieve this with the help and support of all parents in all year groups.

This judgement by Estyn is a great endorsement of what the school is doing well and we will now have the time to make sure the school achieves its full potential, becoming the outstanding school the community, parents and most importantly the pupils and students of Prestatyn deserve.



Marika Stanway@MHStanway Dec 7

This was absolutely stunning! Hats off to all the young performers and everyone involved!

PHS XMAS FAYRE

On Wednesday 6th & Thursday 7th December 2017, the Year 10 Welsh Bacc Students organised a superb Christmas Frost Fayre. There were 60+ wonderful stalls ranging from beautiful shortbread, sweets, crepes, games and a very popular candy-floss machine. The students all worked very hard with their preparation, as did their parents who worked tirelessly, baking and dressing their stalls. This year pupils from local primary schools were invited to attend the fayre. Year 6 pupils from Ysgol Melyd and Clawdd Offa Primary school attended. The fayre was a great success and a member of SLT commented that Year 10 pupils involved were a credit to the school and absolutely wonderful with both the Year 6 pupils and staff: polite, patient and kind. Acknowledgment and thanks go to our Transition Co-ordinator, Rebecca Wood, and all the Y6 pupils for attending and creating a real buzz around the hall. A big thank you to all the Welsh Baccalaureate pupils and teachers who made the event/s such a great success. The Fayre made over £1000. The fayre is supported by Ty Gobaith/ Hope House, who provide the school with the money to run the fayre, which is where all profit will be donated.



Xmas Fayre

LOVE, PEACE, HOPE & JOY

The Music Department has had another busy autumn term, entertaining in school and within the local community. The annual carol concert, entitled 'Love, Peace, Hope & Joy', took place at the Parish Church in Prestatyn on December 7th. This year, 35 students performed to a packed church! The concert included performances from the Music Department's choir, orchestra and band, soloists and readers. Thanks go to all the performers for their hard work and dedication to rehearsals throughout the autumn term and also to the staff who assisted and sang in the choir. Congratulations also go to Joseph Tully, who received the 'Joe Irving Young Musician' award for exceptional musical skills!



Inset
Joseph Tully - Winner of the 'Joe Irving Young Musician' award.