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PHS AWARDS 2019

Pupils achievements recognised and rewarded



Ameera Ahmed picks up the Headteacher's Award

PHS Awards

On Tuesday, 19th March, Prestatyn High School hosted their annual awards evening. The event was simply magnificent and a true celebration of the successes and achievements our pupils have had across the curriculum this year. As well as recognising the success of our pupils excelling in different subjects, the evening also included 3 special awards. Ameera Ahmed won the 'Headteacher's Award', Paige Hutchinson picked up the 'PHS Enrichment Award', and Roman Hodgson crossed the line to lift the 'Sporting Achievement Award'.

Guests were treated to complimentary refreshments provided by Amy Jones and were entertained by pianist Joseph Tully. Singer Precious Brown sang a song from 'The Greatest Showman'. Well done, PHS award winners - we're so proud of you all!

Y11 Mock Exam Results

As a prelude for the GCSE Results in 2019, Y11 pupils received a taste of success by receiving GCSE mock exam results. Reflecting on the results the Headmaster, Neil Foley, explained 'We're privileged to teach wonderful children at PHS, and they have worked hard to produce some really impressive results. Headline figures are good, but individual stories are even better, and I am delighted with what this cohort of pupils have achieved and the potential of pupil success in summer 2019.'



Pupils celebrate mock exam success

Y8/Y9 Options Evening Success

On Tuesday, 19th February, Y8 & Y9 parents and pupils attended a combined parental and options evening, giving our young people the opportunity to discuss with all staff what courses are available to them as they prepare to pick their GCSE courses. We had a very positive turn out. It was encouraging to see so many pupils having prepared questions and discussing their future prospects, whether it be higher education, apprenticeships or potential future careers.

Our pupils will now have the time and opportunity to discuss options with Senior teaching staff, throughout March, before making their final decisions.



Options Evening at PHS

EXTENDED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Y7 Achievement Rewards Event

In March, Taith yr Iaith visited the school and presented a Welsh interactive theatre show about the history of the Welsh language.



F1 in Schools

A team of 4 boys representing Year 7, Year 9 and Year 10 from Prestatyn High School have recently achieved success in the 'F1 in Schools' competition at the North Wales Regional Finals. The competition was to design, manufacture and race the fastest car possible based on a Formula 1 race car. Led by technician Mr Gwyn Price, the team of 4 boys achieved 'Best Engineered Car' and the fastest track time of the day in the development class. The team, who consisted of Charlie Parker, Mohammed Jahed Hussain, Jordan Roberts and Joshua Roberts, was awarded two glass trophies and a metallic cup to recognise their achievements. These now stand proudly in place in the main entrance of the school.



Our Day Out cast during rehearsals

School production

Prestatyn High School's production of 'Our Day Out' by Willy Russell, which tells the story of a group of school children leaving Liverpool for a day in North Wales, proved a huge success for their Creative Arts team and all the students involved. Headteacher Mr Foley, said: "We were delighted to have some of our ex-students co-directing alongside our Head of Performing Arts, Mrs Wilson. There were three very well attended evening performances supported by family, friends and members of the school's governing body. The show was a great success and enjoyed by all.



PHS visit Washington DC

History USA trip

During the February half term, a group of pupils and staff visited New York and Washington DC for 6 days. The main emphasis was visiting a wide range of museums and institutions. There was also the opportunity to see some of the main attractions such as the Empire State Building, Ellis Island, the 9-11 Memorial in New York, the White House, the Pentagon, the Supreme Court and Old Senate Chamber and the House of Representatives.

Iceland Trip

The Prestatyn High School 2019 fieldtrip contained twenty-two young geographers and two teachers. Our guest house was surrounded by beautiful scenery, sunsets and, for what is the main purpose of visiting Iceland for many, the Northern Lights. We spent several jam-packed days travelling across Iceland, exploring and putting into context all our knowledge. Our time in Iceland truly inspired us as young geographers and also as active citizens. Our fieldtrip contained several days of thermals, walking and exploring the geography of Iceland. We visited many fascinating locations such as 'Bridge Between the Continents', Secret Lagoon, Thingvellir National Park and Sólheimajökull Glacier.



Fieldtrip to the Sólheimajökull Glacier in Iceland

What a rewarding term we have had here at Prestatyn High. There has been an overwhelming focus on rewarding our amazing pupils, topped off by our Year 7 to 10 Awards Evening. Congratulations to all pupils who were nominated and to those who received an achievement award.



If the truth be known, we could have given out five hundred more awards to the brightest and the best in our school. Our Year 7 to 10 Awards Evening will now be a permanent fixture in the calendar and one we will look forward to each year. We now firmly fix our eyes on the R.O.A. celebration of achievement event which will take place in June for all of our Year 11 pupils.

Whilst we as a school community are looking forward to rewarding our Year 11 pupils for the great work they have put in over the past 5 years, their attention is focused 100% on the upcoming exams which will begin in May. I would like to take this opportunity to thank and congratulate our staff and Year 11 pupils on their dedication and determination at this crucial part of their lives. They must continue this effort and drive until the final exam in June, attend every day, access all interventions sessions after school, and also make the most of the Easter and half-term school. We are keeping the school open with specially arranged lessons throughout the holidays so that our pupils are ready for all of their qualifications.

Once again, I would like to extend a big thank you to all parents and carers for your continued support in what we are achieving here at Prestatyn High.

Have a lovely Easter break.

Neil Foley B.Sc. MA.
Headteacher



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