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PRESTATYN HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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**OPEN EVENING**

The school work hard to provide a caring, environment in which every child is known, nurtured, safe and happy.

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Mr D North Head of Year 7

## **At Prestatyn High School we are committed to providing an outstanding transition programme for our young people which enables Year 7 pupils to settle in quickly.**

The past two years have seen the added challenges of COVID which has meant that we have had to change the way we have done things. We have missed much of the face to face contact with the children in their final years at primary school, but our care and pastoral support for our pupils remains outstanding, and our commitment to the well-being of every child is unwavering.

This year, once again, we are complying fully with Welsh Government and Local Authority Guidance to keep all of our pupils, staff and visitors safe. This does mean that we are unable to run our traditional Open Evening but we have amended our transition planning to allow for the best possible experience.

We have established links with our local primary schools and David North and Julie Jones, Head and Assistant Head of Year 7, work closely with the primary schools to get to know each child. As last year, we will use the power of technology to give our prospective pupils and their families a taste of what it is like in Prestatyn High School. We will also be offering a limited number of in person school visits that are bookable on a first come, first served basis. During the Spring and Summer terms, we hope to resume our face to face transition programme which will include exciting and stimulating activities which, together with the induction days, will give pupils a real experience of secondary school.

To aid transition, Prestatyn High School has a designated entrance for the Year 7 pupils to enter each morning. The Year 7 pupils also have their own designated areas for break and lunchtime. This area provides the perfect place for pupils to socialise during their free time.

During these unprecedented times, everyone at Prestatyn High School will endeavour to provide the right level of support for every child and to make their transition from primary to secondary school at the forefront of everything we do.

THE PHS COMMUNITY

# BOXING GOLD FOR ALFIE LEWIS

The school recognises the sporting achievement of one of its pupils. A fantastic achievement by Alfie Lewis in Y10! He won gold at the Welsh Amateur Boxing Championships in Cardiff 3rd October. Alfie was also named best Schoolboy in the competition!



**Boxing Gold** - Sharon Frobisher, Neil Foley, Alfie Lewis and Dan Lewis

# HEAD OF SERVICE APPOINTMENT

October saw Ameera Ahmed assist the local authority to appoint the Head of Service for Denbighshire County Council Education and Children's services.



**Pictured** - Ameera Ahmed

# BUILDING A BETTER SCHOOL



**Refurbishment projects** - main Gymnasium inset Humanities

This year, saw a huge investment to our Humanities block and gymnasium facilities to support and promote excellence in education. Over the Summer holidays the old metal windows removed and were replaced with new double glazed units. The next phase will be to add new ceilings, lighting and flooring to the aging Humanities block.

# UNIVERSITY NEXT STEPS

Prestatyn Sixth student, Dan North, is celebrating after securing a place at the prestigious Lucy Cavendish in Cambridge. Dan will study Geography at Cambridge University after getting A\* in Geography and Chemistry and an A in English Literature to take the next step on the path to achieving his dream of becoming an Environmental Research Scientist.



# DEDICATED ALN SUPPORT

We are very proud of the work our ALN department does to support pupils across the age and ability range. Currently, the department has three dedicated rooms, as well as a small kitchen for the department's Breakfast Club. The department has a cosy nurturing environment where pupils are made to feel welcome with computer facilities to support the development of key skills.

Our sector-leading Nurture provision in Year 7 allows for a highly structured and supported start to secondary school for those pupils who need it most. Whilst the focus is on literacy and numeracy, pupil well-being, improving confidence, self-esteem and team working are at the core of our practice.



**A LETTER FROM THE HEADTEACHER**

**@PRESTATYN HIGH - SOCIAL MEDIA ROUNDUP**

**We are exceptionally proud of the work that we do with our pupils and students, and I look forward to another excellent year of progress, ensuring that all learners can enjoy their time in education and thrive in this academic environment. I am delighted to be part of such a great school, and I am honoured to be the Headteacher of such a vibrant school that does so much to support our pupils and the community.**

Whilst we are going through such an uncertain and difficult time globally, it is essential that schools remain fully open, safe, and that we deliver high-quality education to our young people. Prestatyn High School has set up every area of the school to ensure the safety of pupils and staff. Protecting all members of the school remains our top priority. Over the past 18 months, we have ensured that all members of our community have been safe, and we have lost very few learning days to the pandemic. Indeed, when other schools across the county were directed to send home year groups multiple times, we only had to isolate one year group for one period of time.

No stone has been left unturned so that we can be sure that we are as bio-secure as possible. When you send your son or daughter to our school, you can do so in the knowledge that we will keep them safe.

Whilst making sure that our school is as safe as possible, we again will be tireless in our pursuit of excellence in teaching and learning and delivering high quality lessons to our learners. Prestatyn High School guarantees an excellent education, extremely high standards, and outcomes that will allow your son or daughter to move onto the next stage of their academic journey. They will be well equipped with the right skills, qualifications and attitudes. We are determined to improve the life chances for all the young people in the Prestatyn area and beyond.

We are exceptionally proud of all of our pupils and staff, and the outcomes we achieve reinforce our belief that what we are doing day to day is effective.



**Neil Foley B.Sc. MA.**  
Headteacher



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Sept 30, 2021

Well done to the Y7 football team tonight vs @DenbighHighSch in @WelshSchoolsFA @PrestatynHigh progressing to the next round! Well done to all players!



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