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Mrs K Garside PSE Corordinator



ANTI BULLYING

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These lessons have focused on mutual respect, being kind and having compassion for others. Lessons have been interactive in line with the new curriculum for Wales. Sessions have also been delivered in line with the new curriculum by the local police liaison officer and Denbighshire County Council Youth Workers. Hopefully, learners have been coming home and discussing these lessons and their importance.

Alongside this, year 7 took part in a series of Anti-Bullying Workshops. These workshops were conducted by Denbighshire County Councils Youth Work Team. Each workshop was based on; how to treat others, confidence building, mental health, wellbeing and kindness. Year 7 were exceptional and enthusiastic on both days. It was excellent to see our students actively involved with members of the local community, dealing with vital messages that we all should uphold.

As a school we regularly seek guidance from our students, in order to do this we have an active student council group, an anti-discrimination group and whole student surveys. A survey we have completed this term is the SHRN report. This report informs schools on the issues that young people face, these issues range from mental health, wellbeing, substance abuse and relationships. The results from the survey will be returned in the new year. We will use this data to inform our PSE scheme of work and Social Responsibility lessons.

When we return to school in January the Social Responsibilities lessons will have a new focus. We will be delivering sessions from the 'Getting on Together' scheme of work created by the Welsh Government. This will give our learners an opportunity to explore current and relevant issues that are happening around the world. An example of this is the impact of social media on our lives.

Basketball Wales

On the 23rd November 2021 the 32 competing schools went to Aberystwyth University to take part in the draft day event. The day was packed with fun basketball drills that let the players develop their skills and get to know the others taking part in the competition. The highlight of the day was the draft event where each school found out which NBA basketball team they were representing. Prestatyn High School will be representing the Sacramento Kings and each pupil taking part will get a basketball jersey to play in and keep.



The top four teams from each conference will qualify for the Finals Day which will take place at Aberystwyth University on 8 June 2022 where the winning school will get their own Jr.NBA championship ring just like the pros.

Carol Service

The Creative Arts Department has had a busy Autumn Term entertaining in school and within the local community. The Annual Carol Concert entitled 'Christmas Reflections' took place at the Parish Church in Prestatyn on December 16th. The concert included performances from the choir, orchestra, soloists and Year 10 GCSE Drama/Dance students. The performance was recorded and posted online. It is available to download or stream as audience numbers needed to be limited due to Coronavirus restrictions.



Uniformed Services Day

Thank you very much for supporting the Uniformed Services Day we raised **£202.85** for the campaign.

Children in Need

Prestatyn High raised over **£376.31** for Children in Need appeal.

Extra Curricular Sports

Over 300 pupils attending extra curricular clubs this week! Football, rugby, netball, badminton, gymnastics, fitness and basketball. Well done all!

FORMER PRESTATYN MAYOR RAISES FUNDS FOR PRESTATYN HIGH SCHOOL

During November the ALN Department received a generous donation of £1,500 from School Governor and former Mayor Cllr Tony Flynn. Cllr Flynn managed to raise this amount with many small events including: 60s 70s and 80s nights; breakfast including guest speakers and also a charity concert at the Nant Hall Hotel.

"Our town is so privileged to have such a high achieving High School educating our children. Our town has every reason to support and be proud of this marvellous school, from the Head Teacher to every member of staff." - Cllr Tony Flynn



A LETTER FROM THE HEADTEACHER

@PRESTATYN HIGH - SOCIAL MEDIA ROUNDUP

Dear Parents and Carers



As we start a new year and term, looking forward to a less restricted and infection reduced future, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents, carers, staff and governors for their help and support over the last term and previous 2 years. The last few weeks in December were also not easy and January will also come with significant COVID-19 challenges in school and in the community.

The planning days for COVID-19 measures were arranged and carried out successfully so we were fully ready for the pupils returning safely at the start of January 2022. The changes had no impact on when the pupils returned to school, but did allow us to be safe and ready whilst also planning for any future shift to remote learning. These planning days have replaced the INSET days in the calendar and we will organise these for later on in the year.

A very important change announced for this term is that all staff and pupils are now asked to LFD test three times a week. This testing regime began before pupils returned in January. The Welsh Government have asked for all pupils to test Monday, Wednesday and Friday every week. All staff and pupils are to continue to test three times a week until further notice. This is to ensure that the school is as safe as possible, now and into the future. If any pupils or students do not have enough test kits, please contact your head of year or form tutor and we will arrange for them to be collected from the year room.

As soon as I have further information on arrangements for Alert Level Zero that will come into force on the 28th January, I will write to you as soon as possible. We know that face masks in classrooms and communal areas are to continue until at least February half term.

Please ensure that pupils and students continue to follow the government guidance on social distancing, COVID-19 rules and testing inside and outside of school.

Please stay safe and best wishes

Neil Foley B.Sc. MA.
Headteacher



Can we help?

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