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EXPANDING THE CURRICULUM



ICELAND TRIP

The Geography Department at Prestatyn High School took 37 pupils to Iceland on the 6th October 2022. Conditions could not have been better for the trip, boasting clear blue skies for most of the visit.

Trip leader Head of Geography, Kelly Skeffington said *“The trip was successful; pupils enjoyed visiting the recent lava flows at Fagradalsfjall and walking through Raufarhólshellir lava tunnel (created by flowing magma). The interactive Lava Centre and visits to the UNESCO Thingvellir National Park developed pupils’ depth of understanding of the tectonic forces that have created Iceland’s spectacular scenery, this and observing the landforms created by Iceland’s rivers and the ocean will benefit pupils when they sit their GCSE and A-Level Geography exams.”*

The trip was enhanced on the first evening by a wonderful appearance from the Northern Lights following dinner at ‘The Greenhouse’ which is heated and powered by Iceland’s renewable energy sources. The second day of the trip included visits to the Hellisheiði Geothermal Power Plant, Strokkur Geysir, the tectonic plate boundary at Thingvellir and the largest waterfall in Iceland at Gullfoss. An hour was spent in the Secret Lagoon, where everyone basked in the geothermally heated pool.

Mrs Skeffington also acknowledged her staff team of: John Roberts, David Durham and Sian Reed, without whom the trip would not have been possible.

“Once again, the trip was extremely successful. The pupils learnt a huge amount from the geographically rich environment that Iceland offers and pupils have made memories that will last them a lifetime.”

Head of Geography - Kelly Skeffington



THE PHS COMMUNITY

OPEN EVENING

A record turnout of prospective parents and pupils attended the Open Evening at Prestatyn High School. Visitors came to the school to view the facilities and listen to the school's vision, delivered by the Headteacher, Mr Neil Foley. Guests were welcomed into the school by pupils. There was live singing in the foyer and departmental members on hand to answer questions and to guide visitors on a tour throughout the building. Highlights from the evening included the Headteacher's presentation and some impressive live demonstrations from the Science Department and many more engaging activities within subject areas.

Mr Dave North - Head of Year 7, concluded the presentation with a Q&A session from Year 7 pupils. A treasure hunt helped pupils find out more about Prestatyn High School by answering questions about the school, subjects and departments.



ARMY DAY

The Vocational Department organised an army day for 43 Public Service pupils. The pupils completed a range of activities to demonstrate their team working, leadership and problem-solving skills. All the activities were organised by the army and supported the learners in completing key elements of their BTEC coursework



NANT BH Trip

The Sixth Form Public Service pupils visited Nant BH last month to take part in an adventurous activity. Twenty three pupils participated in caving, this involved abseiling and navigating through the caves in very bleak conditions.



SCHOOL COUNCIL

This year we will be representing you and listening to your opinions. We are currently working on some exciting projects that we cannot wait to share with you.

- Year 11 - *Alex Williams (Vice), Aimee Roberts*
- Year 10 - *Kayden Garner, Sophie Davies, Evie Pemberton*
- Year 9 - *Jake Glenn, James Cumberlidge (Deputy Vice) Libby Aston (Secretary)*
- Year 8 - *Bobby Davies, Bret McDonough, Aishlee Soni, Tanya Begum*
- Year 7 - *Finlay Urquhart, Gracie Carter*



A LETTER FROM THE HEADTEACHER

@PRESTATYN HIGH - SOCIAL MEDIA ROUNDUP

To all Parents and Carers,

I do hope you have enjoyed our first newsletter of this new academic year. We have had a very successful first half term and I hope all pupils and students are looking forward to a much-deserved break next week.

The whole school community is once again delighted that our results in the summer exams series were excellent and once again we improved our results compared to the last time our school sat exams. This is even more impressive when you think of all the disruption our pupils and students have had to their learning over the last few years. Our latest results at both GCSE and A-level have been some of our best ever, and they are especially pleasing when you consider the upheaval of recent years. Nearly one third of all grades for our 6th formers were at an A or A* grade or equivalent, this is truly exceptional and this has allowed our outgoing students to access their University of choice. Well done the class of 2022. For our pupils to face these obstacles head on, embrace these challenges and overcome them is a true reflection of our school and our community.

We are exceptionally proud of all pupils and staff and these amazing results reinforce our belief that what we are doing day to day is the right thing to do and that the high standards we hold have an impact.

This half term has also seen our amazing trip to Iceland take place, led by the Geography department and we are currently finalising arrangements for the upcoming ski trip. I am sure all pupils and students will have a fabulous time on the slopes.

Alongside the progress pupils make in lessons, Mr Williams and Mr Fuller have put together an action-packed enrichment programme for learners of all ages to get involved in. If you are not yet taking part in after school sessions, please make sure you sign up to one of our great clubs.

I look forward to another very successful year, working in partnership with all members of our community.

Best wishes



Neil Foley B.Sc. MA.
Headteacher

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Pupil/s of the Week - Pupils recognised as the highest praise point scorers in their year group for the week commencing 10th October. A fantastic achievement. Well done to our pupils of the week.



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