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# OPEN EVENING

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 and the Head of Year 7, Mr D North. Guests were welcomed into the school by pupils. There was a live band performing throughout the evening. Staff members were 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 plus many more engaging activities within the subject areas. Mr Dave North, Head of Year 7, concluded the presentation with a Q&A session from the Year 7 pupils. A treasure hunt helped pupils find out more about Prestatyn High School by answering questions about the school, subjects and departments.



## STAFF & STUDENTS HELP SAVE LIVES

Blood donations- PHS would like to thank all pupils and staff who donated blood in September. 35 donations were made which results in 105 people that they have helped or 210 new born babies. Well done everyone!



Gwasanaeth Gwaed Cymru  
Welsh Blood Service





## THEATRE TRIP

The touring theatre company, 'Story House', visited school in October and performed their adaptation of A Midsummer Night Dream to over 600 students, staff and Y6 transition pupils. It was an amazing experience for all involved.



## EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES

Staff and pupils celebrated European Day of Languages on the 26th September. European food was served in the canteen. Year 7 and 8 pupils were involved in competitions and staff wore outfits to represent different countries.



## WELSH INTERNATIONAL KARATE STAR

A YOUNG karate star from Prestatyn was named in a Wales international squad ahead of the World Championships.

Francis Curtis, 15, was named in Wales' special selection team ahead of the WSKA World Shotokan Karate-Do Championships 2023, due to be held in Matosinhos, Portugal, from September 22-24.

Francis, who is a member of Rhyl and Prestatyn Shotokan Karate Club, has already had huge success at the Welsh National Championship, where he won the Boys' Kata (patterns) and came second in the Boys' Kumite (fighting). Well done Francis!



## PUBLIC SERVICES SESSIONS & EVENTS

The Public Service students have taken part in many activities this half term. Visits were arranged from the British Army, North Wales Police, RAF and St Johns Ambulance Service. Students had the opportunity to take part in team building activities and to develop their knowledge about first aid.

## SPORTING EVENTS

There has been lots of success amongst the school football teams this half term. The Year 10 boys beat Rhyl High School 5-1 in the Welsh Cup and both the U13 girls and boys teams are through to the next round of the Welsh Cup. Well done!

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 I hope all pupils and students are looking forward to a much deserved half term break next week.

The whole school community are delighted that our results in the summer exam series were excellent once again, allowing students to access the next stage of their journey. We are exceptionally proud of all pupils and staff and these amazing results reinforce our belief that what we are doing is the right thing to do and that the high standards we hold have an impact. Well done to the class of 2023 and we look forward to working with the class of 2024!

This half term has seen our annual trip to Glan Llyn, led by Miss Macgillivray and we are currently finalising arrangements for the upcoming History visit and ski trip in December. I am sure all students will have an amazing experience on their visits.

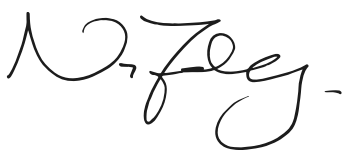
Alongside the progress pupils make in lessons, Mr Williams and Mr Fuller have put together an enrichment programme for learners of all ages to get involved in. If you are not yet taking part in after school sessions, please make sure you sign up to one of our great clubs. There is something for everyone.

On 20th October, staff and students supported the 'Show Racism the Red Card' day by wearing something red.

Rehearsals are now underway for our school production, Matilda: The Musical. We look forward to seeing our amazing pupils perform on stage in 2024.

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

Best wishes,




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**We are excited to share that Dr Panos Athanasopoulos has been awarded a 2023 Teacher of Physics Award from the Institute of Physics.**

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