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YEAR 11 PROM CELEBRATIONS

The Year 11s enjoyed a fun packed evening, on the 20th June, for our now annual PHS Prom celebration. The Prom was held at The Faenol Fawr. It was a huge success and a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the success of our young learners. We wish all Year 11 the very best and look forward to seeing them on results day in August.



YOUNG PEACEMAKER AWARDS FOR PHS TEACHER

Emilia Johnson, one of our amazing teachers, was awarded Young Peacemakers Award at the Llangollen International Eisteddfod. Since March this year, seven undergraduate students of Philosophy, Ethics and Religion, and one PhD student of Philosophy and Religion, together with a former student of Philosophy and Religion, Emilia Johnson, have created brand new learning resources for Key Stage 3 teachers so that students can learn more about peace.



MELIDEN BOXER WINS SILVER MEDAL AT BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIPS IN SCOTLAND



Alfie Lewis, a student at Prestatyn High School, was runner-up in his 60kg weight class after two bouts at the Motherwell event.

FOOTBALL TRIP TO BENFICA

In May, a group of PE pupils visited Portugal to visit the incredible training facilities at the Benfica training grounds and campus. The trip was a huge success with pupils enjoying the Portuguese culture and even a bit of surfing!



VARIETY SHOW

In July, the Creative Arts department put on a variety show, showcasing the very best singing and dancing. The audience were treated to over 30 note-perfect and foot-tapping numbers.



Dear Parents / Carers,

I do hope this newsletter finds you well and that you are looking forward to a nice summer break with your families, a time to rest and relax after a very busy and successful year for all connected to Prestatyn High School.

It has been another positive and rewarding year with so much going on. I am immensely proud of all of our pupils and staff, who have risen to every challenge this year and performed so well. I look forward to the results days in the summer and I am sure our Year 11s and 13s will, once again, achieve outstanding examination results. Staff work tirelessly to ensure that every child reaches their potential and we need to celebrate this effort. I would also like to thank all parents and carers for their support this year, without which we would not be able to achieve the things we do.

The Year 11 end of year celebrations at the ROA and the Prom were an excellent way to send off our pupils in style. The class of 2024 looked amazing and truly showed what a wonderful group of people they are. I wish them all well for the future, whether they come back to us for 6th Form or choose a different next stage of their education. Our leavers celebration for the outgoing Year 13s was also a great event and it was enjoyed by students and staff alike.

This academic year has been filled with trips abroad, enriching activities in school, and also very hard work in lessons. We try at every opportunity to make sure that the learning experience of your child goes far beyond the classroom, whether it is skiing in the Alps or taking part in our production of Matilda. Next year, we have even more things planned to enrich the lives of our learners.

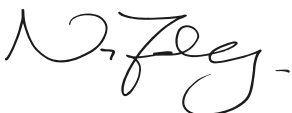
Our attendance increased slightly this year which shows that we are recovering after the pandemic, but I urge all parents and carers to make sure that next year our pupils' attendance to school improves even further. Pupils must only have a day off school if it is totally unavoidable.

Next year, we will be asking all pupils to place their mobile phone into a secure designated holder at the start of each lesson. We are not banning mobile devices, but we want all pupils to focus on learning whilst in lessons. As I am sure you all agree, educational attainment and progress must be our top priority. This is a simple solution to a difficult issue, allowing us to avoid banning these devices completely, a decision that some schools have taken.

During the hot weather, we have relaxed the uniform rule and suspended the blazer rule. In September, our high standards of uniform will be back in place. We will also expect high standards of PE kit for all PE lessons. Further details and reminders on uniform will be sent out before the end of the year. Uniform grants are also available via Denbighshire County Council.

Staff return after the summer break for 2 INSET days on the 2nd and 3rd of September and the new school year begins for pupils and students on Wednesday 4th September. I look forward to seeing our Years 13, 12 and 11 during the summer holidays as they collect their examination results; more information will be available on our website.

I would like to wish everyone a lovely and relaxing break, and I look forward to welcoming our students back in September in full uniform, refreshed, and ready to achieve.



Neil Foley B.Sc. MA.



Prestatyn High @PrestatynHigh JUNE 2024
A group of Y7 and 8 pupils enjoyed a writing workshop with a local author, @huwlangridge. Huw shared his passion for writing and coached the pupils through the creative process, resulting in some fantastic writing. More local authors in the making!



Prestatyn High @PrestatynHigh JULY 2024
Y8 pupils on a stem visit to @Ifor_Williams in Corwen. One of our pupils impressed by managing to assemble the components of the trailer suspension in 26 seconds. Faster than a professional fitter!



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