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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. 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 through answering questions about the school, subjects and departments.



SUMMER HOLIDAY PODCAST PROJECT

This is a story of collaboration amongst young people working to make change for the benefit of all young people. The project was initiated by a former pupil who started the work of the Breakfast Co-ordinating Committee. The pupils involved in the summer holiday podcast project were Ben Walker, James Cornelius, Tiernan Deeds and Rochelle Ravadan. During the summer holiday, they produced a podcast to help young people in poverty.



BLOOD DONATION DAY

The Welsh blood service visited school on the 4th Oct. Thank you to all the staff and sixth form pupils who donated blood, every donation can save a life.



NATIONAL TA DAY

We celebrated National Teaching Assistant Day on the 27th September. Staff and pupils wrote thank you cards to TAs for their amazing support and dedication. We are also extremely proud of Louise Devine who won Teaching Assistant of The Year in the recent North Wales Education Awards. Well done, Louise!

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

We held a very successful Macmillan Coffee Morning on the 25th September. It was hosted by the Year 11 Hospitality students. Lots of refreshments and cakes were sold and we raised £315. Thank you to all the staff for their kind donations.

EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES 2024

Well done to the MFL department for organising fun activities for the Year 7 and 8 students to take part in to develop their love of languages.

THE HALLOWEEN FAYRE

Our amazing parents' group arranged a Halloween Fayre on the 17th October. They recruited 20 stall holders from the community to come and sell their products in the school hall. Stalls included cakes, sweets, arts and crafts, and many more. All money raised at the event was donated to the school. Thank you for supporting the school. Look out for the next event before Christmas.



Annwyl Rhieni / Gwarcheidwiaid / Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you have enjoyed our first newsletter of this autumn term. As we conclude the first half of the term, I would like to express my appreciation for your continued support and engagement in our school community.

We have had a very busy and successful first half term, and I am sure that all pupils, students and staff are looking forward to a well-deserved break. A reminder pupils to return to school on Tuesday, 5th November.

I am delighted to share that our results from the summer exam series were excellent once again, allowing many students to progress to the next stage of their educational journey. We are exceptionally proud of all our pupils and staff; these remarkable results reaffirm our commitment to maintaining high standards, which undoubtedly have a positive impact on our learners. Congratulations to the class of 2024, and we eagerly anticipate working with the class of 2025!

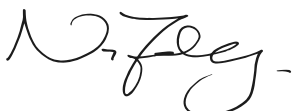
This half-term has also seen a number of Year 8 and 9 pupils participate in a Modern Foreign Languages (MFL) trip organised by Madame Vick. We are currently finalising arrangements for the upcoming trip to Morocco in November, ski trip in December, History trip to Rome, and a PE trip to Spain. I have no doubt that all pupils and students will have an amazing experience during these exciting visits..

In addition to the academic progress made in lessons, Mr Williams and Mr Fuller have designed an enriching programme for learners of all ages. I encourage all students who have not yet signed up for after-school sessions to consider joining one of our several clubs; there is something for everyone to enjoy. A copy of our enrichment timetable can be found online.

On 18th October, both staff and students demonstrated our commitment to social responsibility by participating in 'Show Racism the Red Card' day by wearing something red. This initiative has provided a significant opportunity for our community to stand together against discrimination.

Additionally, I am pleased to inform you that rehearsals are now well underway for our school production, "The Addams Family." We look forward to seeing our talented pupils shine on stage in 2025. As we look ahead, I remain optimistic about another successful year, working in partnership with all members of our school community.

Thank you for your continued support and engagement.
Yr eiddoch yn gywir / Best wishes,



Neil Foley B.Sc. MA.



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Headteacher's Gold Praise Postcard for a Year 7 pupil. Given for a powerful and creative poem that she wrote for the poetry competition.

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A productive gardening lunch in the school garden. This week @phs_go pupils learnt how to take gooseberry cuttings. Pupils filled pots with compost (from kitchen waste) to plant the gooseberry cuttings.



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