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# Grease



Based on the film version, Grease: School Edition is a family-friendly adaptation of the classic musical, tailored for young performers and audiences, featuring all the beloved songs while removing mature content. Adapted for schools by Young@Part.

During March, The Neuadd at PHS was transformed into a 50's American high school, diner and garage complete with car. The show ran for 3 nights with one matinee performance for primary cluster schools.

It is clear how much time and effort our Subject Lead for Drama, Miss Southall, and Head of Music/Creative Arts, Mrs Bennett, dedicated to the musical, as the acting, choreography (Mrs MacGillivray), and singing came together at the final performance to encapsulate the hard work of several weeks.

The students' opening number, Grease is the Word, set the tone for a show to remember. The students impressed the audience with well-loved Grease hits, including Grease Lightning and You're the One That I Want.

Sandy, played by Emily Davies, Rhiannon Thomson, and Danny, played by Oliver Hughes, led the T-Birds and Pink Ladies in a lively performance compared by the 'King of Cool' Johnny Casino aka Mr Glen Vernon.

To those who attended, thank you for your support. We hope you had as much fun watching as we did performing. Grease truly is the word at Prestatyn High.



Mr Glen Vernon as 'Johnny Casino'



## World Book Day Celebrations.

Prestatyn High School library celebrated World Book Day with new graphic novels with a medieval vibe.

## Enrichment Opportunities

This term we have seen over **1,250** students access the sessions and activities, which is fantastic! We are looking forward to seeing students returning and hopefully see new faces coming to participate and explore what's on offer this term.

The sessions this term range from Art Club, Enterprise Club, STEM Racing, Lego Club, VR & Retro Games Club so there are plenty to suit all ages and interests. This term we have added Dance for year 7,8 & 9 and we have continued to have the popular Pokémon, Crochet and Film & Craft so there will be lots to do afterschool.



## Easter Egg Collection

Thank you to Prestatyn High School staff for donating Easter Eggs for our local families.



## Safeguarding

Signs of anxiety in children and young people: understanding and supporting them.

It's hard watching your child struggle with anxiety. Whether they're nervous about school, friendships, or something they can't quite name, you might be wondering how best to help them and when you should seek further help.

### What is anxiety?

This is a natural emotional response when you feel threatened, worried, or under pressure. Everybody experiences it from time to time. Anxiety can feel overwhelming as it is not just in the mind but a full body experience.

### Practical ways to help

1. Create a supportive environment
2. Talk about their worries
3. Don't dismiss their concerns
4. Gently discourage avoidance
5. Support healthy routines

## Key Dates

16th April

Awards Evening

23rd April

Year 10 Parents' Evening

7th May

Summer Exams Start

21st May

Year 9 Parents' Evening

11th June

Year 8 Parents' Evening

25th June

Year 7 Parents' Evening

**Annwyl Rhieni / Gwarcheidwiaid / Dear Parents / Carers,**

It has been a busy and exciting spring term here at Prestatyn High School. Our pupils have embraced every opportunity, and the range of activities taking place has been nothing short of inspiring.

One of the standout moments of the term was our annual Festival of Culture, which proved to be an overwhelming success. We welcomed a wide variety of providers into PHS to deliver enriching cultural experiences—not only for our own pupils, but also for all of our cluster primary schools. Their pupils gained so much from the day, and it was wonderful to see our wider community come together. In a year marked by division and upheaval across the world, this festival felt more important than ever. It continues to grow each year, and I would like to extend my sincere thanks to Kirsty Garside for her dedication and leadership in making this event so special.

We are also looking ahead to our PE trip to Valencia in May, where pupils will have the chance to develop their footballing skills while experiencing the vibrant culture of Spain.

Our Year 11 and Year 13 learners are now approaching the final stretch before their examinations. The Easter school timetable has been published, and we strongly encourage all Year 11 pupils to take advantage of this valuable additional revision and preparation time.

I would also like to take a moment to congratulate Mrs. Claire Turner on her appointment as my successor from September. This is a thoroughly well-deserved achievement, and I have every confidence that Claire will continue to drive the school forward. She will be the first permanent female headteacher in PHS history—a milestone worth celebrating.

I hope you all enjoy a restful Easter break. School reopens for students on Tuesday 14th April (with Monday 13th April designated as a staff training day). As always, attendance remains essential, and we expect to see all pupils in school every day.

Yr eiddoch yn gywir / Yours faithfully,

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**Neil Foley** B.Sc. MA.  
Pennaeth Headteacher

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Day one of our Festival of Culture. Learners got to experience, junk percussion, salsa dancing, Chinese calligraphy, Chinese art, discrimination sessions and an amazing show from Sammy Angelo. Diolch to all of our amazing performers and visiting primary schools.

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