

BLOG

1st May - 7th May 2026

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

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MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Achievement Centre Coffee Morning Success!

Pupils in our Achievement Centre proudly held a lovely coffee morning on Friday in support of Macmillan Cancer Support. The pupils were involved every step of the way – from baking a wonderful selection of tasty cakes to welcoming staff and serving tea and coffee with confidence and enthusiasm.

The atmosphere was warm and cheerful, and their hard work truly paid off. Thanks to everyone's generosity, they raised an incredible £95 for this amazing charity.

This event was a fantastic example of teamwork, life skills and community spirit. Miss Corfield, Mrs Bowen, Mrs Parker and Ms Plack were incredibly proud of the pupils and all they achieved.

A huge thank you to everyone who supported the morning and helped make it such a success. What a brilliant effort from all involved!



ELECTION READY

What a brilliant day with our incredible Year 11s. Today they've been getting election ready and sharpening those all-important English Language GCSE skills. As part of their prep, they explored each political party's manifesto written for babies, children and young people – yes, really! A proper taith dysgu for them.

They worked on their synthesis skills, reading across multiple texts, identifying key ideas, and then presenting their findings confidently to the class. Watching them engage so thoughtfully – mor falch o'u hym-drechion – was genuinely inspiring.



Da iawn, blwyddyn 11! Keep that momentum going, you're showing exactly what you're capable of.



BIG SHED

It was so lovely to enjoy yet another Wellbeing Wednesday session in our Big Shed this week, led by not just our Youth Worker Mandy but also welcoming Tracey back after a period of time away. It was so good to see her back with us, where she definitely belongs! As usual, our pupils had a brilliant time getting stuck into a range of outdoor activities, including nature art, shelter building, games, and finishing off with s'mores cooked on the fire pit. It was a perfect way to connect with nature, build teamwork, and support wellbeing. Thank you to everyone involved for making these sessions so special.



2026/27 PREFECTS

We are delighted to announce our new Prefect Team—an outstanding group of students. The standard this year was incredibly high, and everyone who applied or was nominated should feel very proud. Our new leaders will continue to champion student voice and help shape the future of YBA. Congratulations to our Head Pupils, Phathizwe and Millie, and our Deputy Head Pupils, Thomas and Axel—we know you will make an excellent team.



They will lead the School Council, supported by prefects heading key committees: Teaching & Learning, Culture & Diversity, Health & Wellbeing, Cenefin and Community & Enrichment

We look forward to seeing how you help YBA continue to grow.

Da iawn pawb—the future looks bright.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

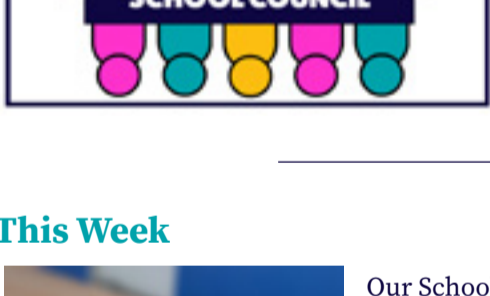
You Asked, We Did: School Council in Action

We value the voice of our pupils, and our School Council suggestion box continues to be a brilliant way for students to share their ideas and help improve school life.

Recently, you told us that having a clock in the canteen would be really helpful at lunchtime. We listened! Thanks to our fantastic caretaker, Kelvin, a new clock is being installed in the canteen today.

To make things even clearer, there will also be a digital clock displayed on the TV screen near the attendance area, so everyone can keep an eye on the time.

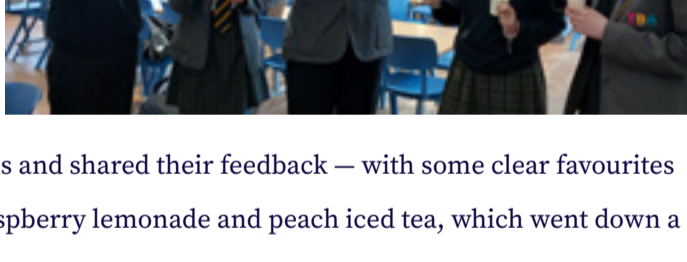
Thank you to the School Council for representing pupil views so thoughtfully – keep those ideas coming!



This Week



Our School Council, along with some very lucky pupils, today took on the important role of official taste testers as part of helping us decide on new drinks for the canteen.



Pupils sampled a range of options and shared their feedback – with some clear favourites emerging! The top picks were raspberry lemonade and peach iced tea, which went down a treat.

The more adventurous 'sour' options, however, didn't quite win everyone over... not a big hit this time!

It was fantastic to see pupils having a real voice in decisions that affect school life. Diolch yn fawr to everyone involved for their thoughtful opinions – a great example of pupil voice in action. Da iawn!

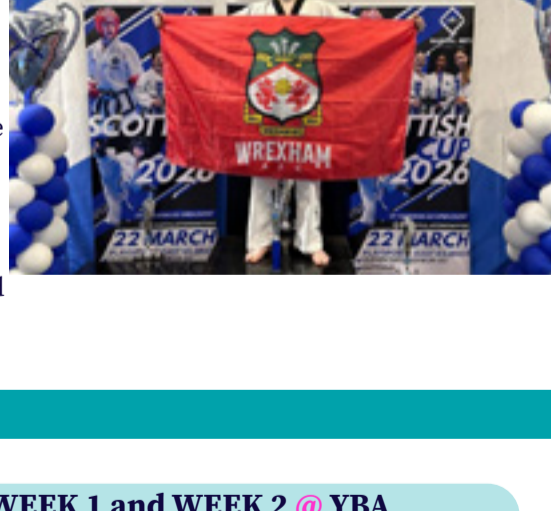


CONGRATULATIONS

Huge congratulations to Lewis Jones, who has officially earned his 3rd Dan black belt in Taekwondo at just 16 years old!

Lewis started this journey when he was only 7, and from day one he's shown nothing but passion, grit, and pure determination. Watching him grow, push himself, and achieve something so incredible has been an honour. His dedication is next level, and this milestone is so well deserved.

We are so, so proud of you, Lewis – dal ati, keep shining and kicking your way to even greater things!



REVISION SESSIONS

WEEK 1 and WEEK 2 @ YBA
BEFORE SCHOOL AND FORM TIME
 All Week - Welsh—arrange with teacher
 Wednesday - Targeted Science
 Thursday - English C/D Borderline Intervention & Revision
 Friday - English A grade Intervention and Revision

WEEK 1 and WEEK 2 @ YBA
LUNCH
 All Week - Welsh—arrange with teacher
 Monday, Wednesday and Thursday - Spanish

WEEK 1 and WEEK 2 @ YBA
AFTER SCHOOL
 All Week - Welsh—arrange with teacher
Monday - Maths and History
Tuesday - Geography and Music/Arts/Media

WEEK 1
Thursday - English
Friday - Intermediate Maths
WEEK 2
Thursday - Science
Friday - Intermediate Maths and A*/A Science

UPCOMING NEWS/EVENTS

Week Commencing 11th May 2026

Mental Health Week

- 13/5/26 - National Numeracy Day

WELSH PHRASE OF THE WEEK

Tyrd Yma - Come here

e.g. **Tyrd yma os gwelwch yn dda - Come here please**



WORD OF THE WEEK

Ambition

A person with a strong desire to achieve something significant, such as success, power, or recognition