

BLOG

15th May - 21st May 2026

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

This week, our focus is on integrity, doing the right thing, even when no one is watching, and showing honesty, responsibility, and strength of character in all that we do. It is a value we see reflected daily across our school community.

As we move into the examination period, we would like to wish our Year 11 students the very best as they begin their study leave. They have demonstrated true dedication in their preparation, attending revision sessions and working hard towards their exams. We are incredibly proud of their commitment and resilience. My sincere thanks also go to our amazing staff, who have supported and guided them every step of the way throughout their time at Ysgol Bryn Alyn.

This week also provided important opportunities for learning beyond the classroom. We were grateful to welcome PC Reeves, who delivered powerful knife crime awareness assemblies, reinforcing essential messages around safety and making positive choices.

It has also been wonderful to see our Wellbeing Wednesday sessions continuing to support students in creative and meaningful ways, including a fantastic sugar crafting session that was thoroughly enjoyed.

Finally, a huge well done to Felicity in Year 10, whose outstanding artwork is being exhibited at Sea Life Zoo, an incredible achievement and a testament to her talent and dedication.

YR11 GCSE PE CLASS

THE END OF AN ERA FOR OUR GCSE PE CLASS!

Today marked the final practical PE lesson for our incredible Year 11 GCSE PE Class of 2026.

From muddy winter pitches to achieving personal bests in the sports hall, it has been an unforgettable journey.

Mr. Jones and Mrs. Phillips would like to say a huge congratulations to every one of you. Over the past two years, we have been consistently impressed by your dedication, teamwork, and the excellent way you have conducted yourselves throughout the course. You have pushed through challenging fitness sessions, developed your skills, and supported one another every step of the way.

Now it is time to bring that same determination to the theory component. We wish you all the very best of luck in your upcoming GCSE PE written exam.

You have worked incredibly hard, so go in with confidence and give it your all.



YR11 SATURDAY REVISION

What an afternoon to celebrate some absolute champions.

Huge well done to our amazing yr11 pupils who braved the cold, the wind, and the sideways rain this Saturday to complete a full revision session in preparation for their Chemistry GCSE on Monday. That kind of grit is what makes success happen.

A massive shout-out to Mr Eames for running the session – diolch o galon for giving up your Saturday to help everyone push that little bit further.

You showed up. You put the work in. You proved to yourselves that you're capable of more than you think. Keep that momentum rolling into Monday; you've got this.



KNIFE CRIME AWARENESS

This week we have hosted Knife Crime Awareness Assemblies at YBA.

We have been pleased to welcome our School Liaison Police Officer, PC Stu Reeves (North Wales Police), who has delivered impactful assemblies to Years 7, 8 and (today) Year 9 as part of Knife Crime Awareness Week.

Knife Crime Awareness Week is a national initiative designed to highlight the risks, consequences and realities of

carrying knives, while empowering young people with the knowledge and confidence to make safe choices. It also encourages open conversations about peer pressure, personal safety and how to seek help if needed.



PC Stu spoke honestly and clearly about the law, the serious consequences of knife crime, and most importantly, how young people can keep themselves and others safe. His sessions provided valuable, real-world insight to help our pupils make informed decisions as they grow up.

ANYONE FOR CHESS!!

During Tuesday's wet weather break, resident chess fan Rhys set up shop in the library and challenged anyone brave enough to take him on. Little did he know...

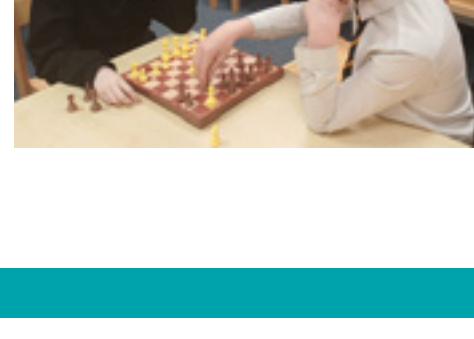
we have a former North Wales chess champion in our midst!

Seren, our very own U11 chess champion, proved unstoppable, beating Rhys in all three games!

Da iawn, Seren!

Now the question is... do you think you can beat Rhys?

He'll be waiting in the library — pwys yn ddigon dewr? (who is brave enough?)

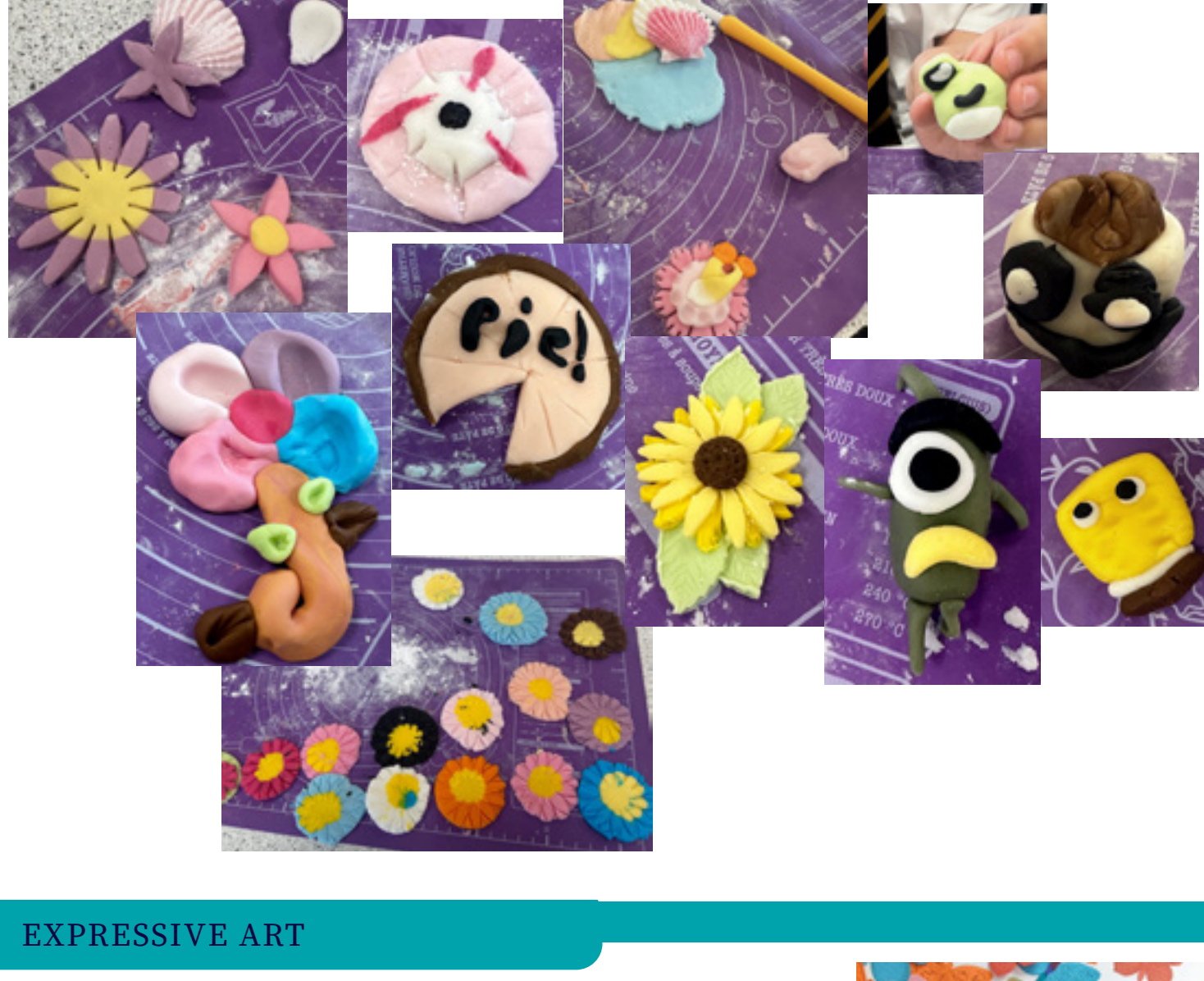


WELLBEING WEDNESDAY

During Wellbeing Wednesday some pupils got creative with a fantastic Sugarcraft session led by Mrs Taunt, and what a treat it was. The pupils showed incredible focus, patience, and flair as they carefully shaped and decorated their own edible masterpieces.

Sugarcraft is a wonderful skill that combines creativity with precision. From delicate detailing to careful handling of materials, our pupils demonstrated real care and craftsmanship throughout the session. It was brilliant to see their confidence grow as their creations came to life.

We are so proud of all the fabulous designs – amazing work everyone.



EXPRESSIVE ART

Da iawn to Felicity in Year 10, whose outstanding artwork has attracted the attention of Anglesey Sea Zoo.

After seeing Felicity's GCSE mixed media piece inspired by sea life, the zoo contacted her to ask if she would be willing to loan them her work. The piece will now be displayed alongside their live turtle exhibit, helping to promote awareness of their important marine conservation efforts.

It is wonderful to see Felicity's dedication, creativity, and talent being recognised in this way, as she becomes our very own YBA exhibiting artist.

This is fantastic news and a well-deserved achievement.



'SHOUT OUT'

Mr D. Eames

For giving up his Saturday to deliver a Chemistry Revision session for Yr11.

Mr Jones

For donating so many books to the school library.

Thank you so much Mr Jones!

Mrs Morgan

For diving with sharks, it was a truly unforgettable experience—made even more special because she shared it with her grandad to celebrate his 80th birthday.

Yr7 Pupils from Mrs Cooper

For working hard on their commentaries and press releases for the Wrexham Schools Tennis Literacy Competition: Sophie Green, Cali Brooke, Cerys Andrews, Hannah Williams-Braithwaite, Ifan Stanworth, Tomas Jones, Lydia Sebesta, Elizah Fisher, Lydia Dolan and

Meghan Fletcher.



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 1st June 2026

End of Year Assessment Yr7 - 10

- 1/6/26 - Prefect Meeting

WELSH PHRASE OF THE WEEK

Cau's drws - Close the door

e.g. Cau's drws os gwelwch yn dda - Close the door please



WORD OF THE WEEK

Integrity

The quality of being honest and having strong moral principles; doing what is right even when no one is watching.