

BLOG

5th June - 11th June 2026

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

As we move through another busy and rewarding week, I continue to feel a strong sense of pride in our school community. Every day, our pupils demonstrate determination, kindness and a real commitment to making the most of the opportunities available to them. It is this collective spirit that makes our school such a special place to learn and grow.

A particular highlight this week has been the fantastic attitude shown by our Year 10 pupils. Their enthusiasm, resilience and consistent effort have been clearly reflected in our WOW Card nominations. These recognitions are not just about achievement, but about character, commitment and the positive example they set for others. Year 10, you are truly embodying what it means to be role models within our community, and we are incredibly proud of you.

Across the school, it has been inspiring to see pupils engaging in such a wide range of enriching experiences. From developing confidence and building trust through the H.A.C.K Horse Sanctuary programme, to expressing creativity through art, photography and clay work, our pupils are embracing opportunities that stretch them beyond the classroom. Our Wellbeing Wednesday activities have once again shown the value of providing space for curiosity, creativity and personal growth, with pupils fully immersing themselves and thriving in new and exciting challenges.

Our 'Word of the Week' – Attempt – perfectly captures the mindset we are encouraging in school. True success is not simply about outcomes, but about having the courage to try, to take risks and to persevere even when things feel difficult. I am continually impressed by the way our pupils are rising to these challenges, showing resilience and supporting one another along the way.

We are also incredibly fortunate to have such a committed and passionate staff team, who work tirelessly to create memorable and meaningful learning experiences. Their dedication ensures that every pupil is supported, encouraged and inspired to achieve their very best.

As we look ahead to the coming weeks, I encourage all our pupils to continue setting high standards for themselves, to embrace every opportunity and to believe in their potential. Together, we will keep striving to ensure that everyone in our school community can truly dream, reach and achieve

YEAR 10

We are bursting with pride for our incredible Year 10 pupils. Each week, our amazing form tutors nominate one superstar to receive a WOW Card - a little shout-out for being absolutely brilliant in school. And today, we get to celebrate our very first recipients... and wow, they've set the bar high!

Holly - always punctual, always in perfect uniform, and always an absolute delight to have in school.

Evie - consistently on time, beautifully presented, and unfailingly polite.

Finley - 100% attendance and the highest achievement points... talk about commitment!

Emil - polite, cheerful, and brightens every corridor Miss Curtis sees him in.

This is what happens when effort meets attitude - you inspire others, you lift the room, and you show what being part of our school community truly means. Keep shining, Year 10. We can't wait to see who gets nominated next week. The journey is only just beginning... keep pushing, keep believing, keep being YOU.

Thank you for being such a fantastic group to teach. We are extremely proud of you all.



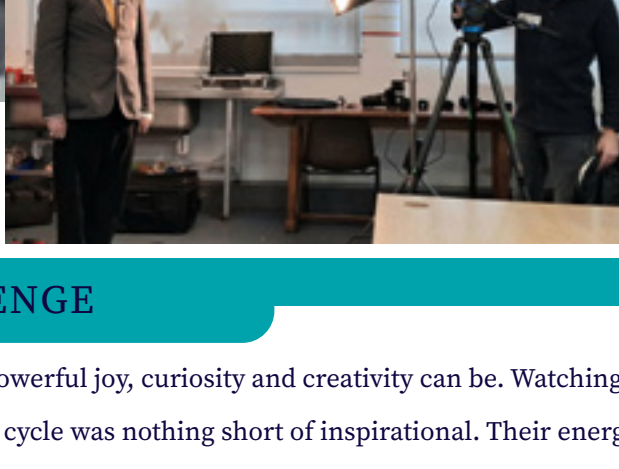
YEAR 10 ART STUDENTS

What an epic creative afternoon for our Year 10 Art students! We welcomed the amazing photographer and filmmaker Leon Bowen Photo Film for a workshop bursting with ideas, inspiration and hands-on creativity.

Leon talked about his journey in the arts, his photography and film projects, and his ambassador role for Wrecsam2029 - showing our students how passion can become a career. His story had the whole room buzzing!

Students then got to experiment with Leon's professional media kit, exploring lighting, composition and creative techniques to boost their GCSE portfolios. They wrapped up with a fantastic Q&A full of curiosity and ambition.

Massive diolch o galon to Lesley Lloyd from Careers Wales for making this happen and to Leon for giving our students a truly unforgettable experience.

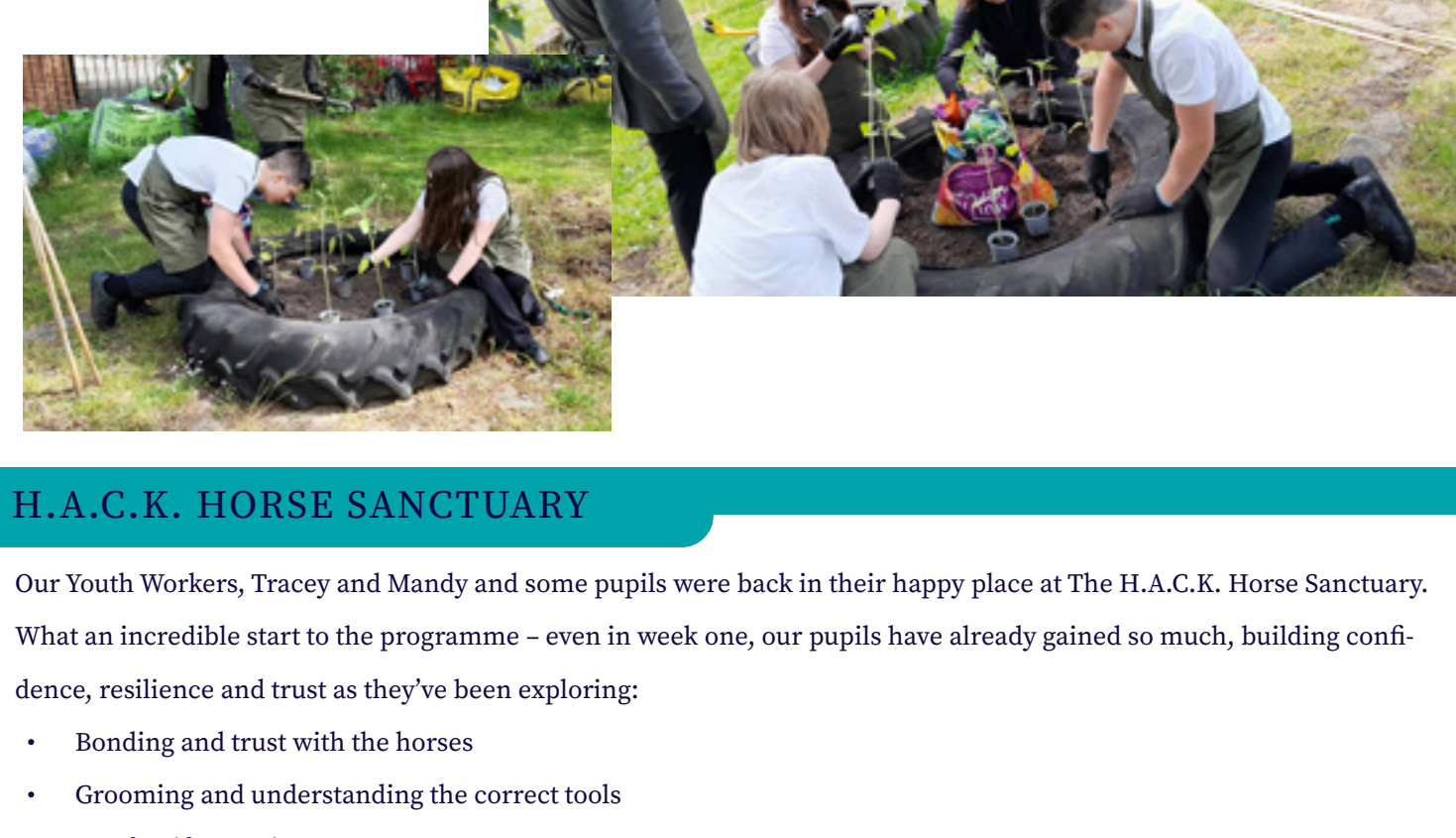


SUNFLOWER CHALLENGE

Yesterday reminded us just how powerful joy, curiosity and creativity can be. Watching our pupils back embrace their final Wellbeing Wednesday of this cycle was nothing short of inspirational. Their energy lit up the whole place, proof that when young people are given space to explore, amazing things happen

From samba drumming to knitting, from sugar craft to upcycling, from Photoshop magic to tennis — every activity became a moment of growth, confidence and pure hwyl. They didn't just take part... they thrived.

This is what learning looks like when hearts are open and minds are brave. This is what community feels like when everyone lifts each other up. And this is why we can't wait to see what next week brings, because if tonight is anything to go by, the future is seriously bright



H.A.C.K. HORSE SANCTUARY

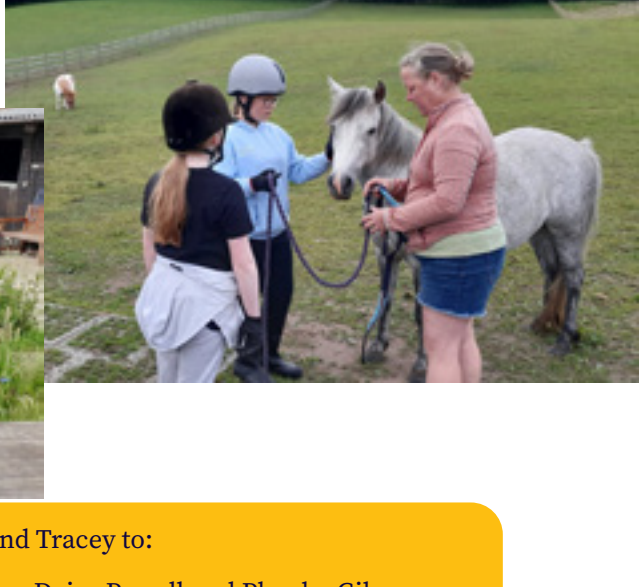
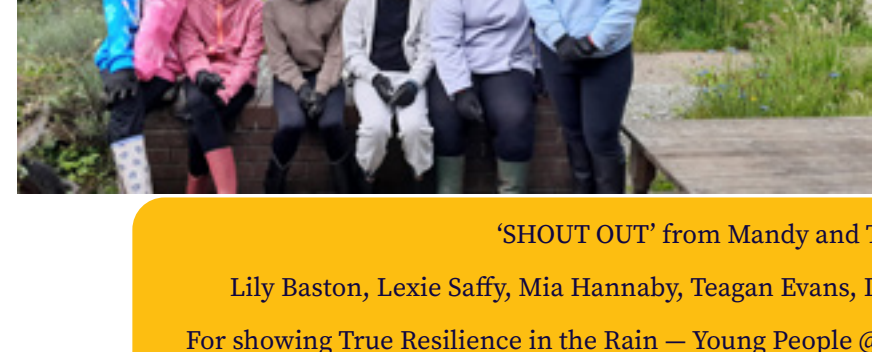
Our Youth Workers, Tracey and Mandy and some pupils were back in their happy place at The H.A.C.K. Horse Sanctuary. What an incredible start to the programme – even in week one, our pupils have already gained so much, building confidence, resilience and trust as they've been exploring:

- Bonding and trust with the horses
- Grooming and understanding the correct tools
- Hoof welfare and care
- How to safely approach and handle a horse

It has yet again been brilliant to see pupils step out of their comfort zones, support each other and engage so positively in such a unique and powerful learning experience.

A huge thank you to The HACK for delivering such an impactful programme, and to Gwersyllt Council for their continued support in making opportunities like this possible for our young people. This is what being a community school is about!

We're really looking forward to seeing this journey continue over the coming weeks!



'SHOUT OUT' from Mandy and Tracey to:

Lily Baston, Lexie Saffy, Mia Hannaby, Teagan Evans, Daisy Powell and Phoebe Gibson

For showing True Resilience in the Rain — Young People @ The HACK with the Youth Workers

There's nothing better than watching young people surprise you with how amazing, capable, and resilient they can be, even in the pouring rain.

HACK is a truly amazing place — it lifts your spirits, fills you with purpose, and reminds you how good it feels to be out in nature, doing something that matters.

'SHOUT OUT'

Mr Holden

Mr Holden for organising and establishing the funding for the new basketball hoops. A fantastic addition to the school, and I'm sure they'll get plenty of use from pupils (this has already started).

The basketball hoops will now be informally know as Holden's Hoops!

Mrs Morgan and Miss Roberts

For all that they do every day!

Miss Bourhill

For a fantastic English session for the enhanced transition students!

Mrs Curtis

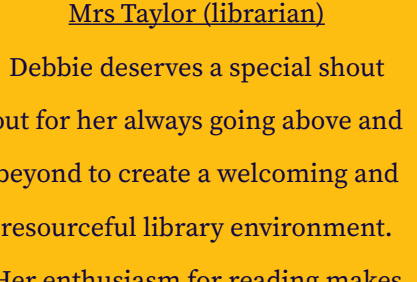
Alison Curtis for a fantastic Maths session for the enhanced transition students!

Mrs Roberts, Miss Corbett and Mrs Hayes

For a fantastic cooking session for the enhanced transition students!

Mr Ransome

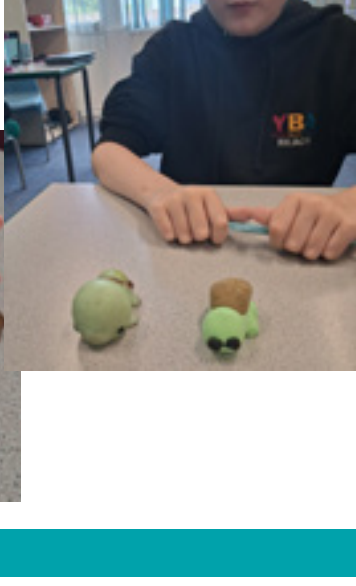
For a fantastic PE session for the enhanced transition students!



CLAY CREATURES IN THE RC

The RC students had a fantastic time creating their very own clay creatures—choosing colours, designing unique features, and giving each one a special name. This engaging activity encouraged imagination, creativity, and communication. Clay therapy also provides a trauma-informed and supportive outlet where every student can express themselves safely.

We are very proud of their creativity and effort.



LIVE LESSON WITH TOM PALMER

Year 9 Enjoy Inspiring Live Lesson with Tom Palmer!

Today, our Year 9 pupils had an exciting opportunity to take part in a gwers fyw (live lesson) with renowned football author Tom Palmer – and what a fantastic experience it was!

Tom spoke honestly about how, as a young person, he was reluctant to read. With encouragement from his mum (diolch i'w fam!), he discovered a love of reading through football. He began with football magazines before progressing to epic autobiographies and detailed football histories.

He also shared how football opened doors to wider interests, including history and politics, which have gone on to influence many of his later books. Most importantly, Tom explained how football gave him the confidence – first to read, and then to write – a truly inspiring message for our learners (ysbrydoledig iawn!).

The session was interactive and engaging throughout, featuring a brilliant World Cup and reading quiz (cwis gwych!) followed by a lively question-and-answer session where pupils asked thoughtful and interesting questions.

If this session has inspired you – and Year 9 certainly seemed inspired (roedden nhw'n llawn brwdfrydedd!) – there are plenty of Tom Palmer books available in the school library ready to be discovered.

Da iawn, Year 9!



UPCOMING NEWS/EVENTS

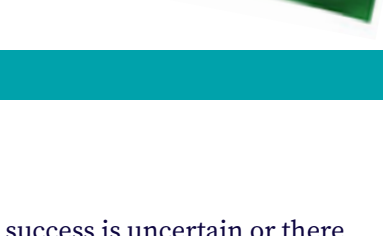
Week Commencing 15th June 2026

- 16/6/26 - Year 10 Art Workshop- Liam Stokes-Massey
- 17/6/26 - Yr8 Trip with Mrs Noon
- 18/6/26 - YBA Cluster Primary Numeracy Challenge Event
- 18/6/26 - ALN Enhanced Transition Day 3

WELSH PHRASE OF THE WEEK

Beth wyt ti'n hoffi darllen? - What do you like to read?

Dw i'n hoffi darllen... - I like to read.....



Attempt

An act of trying to accomplish something, often involving effort and intention, even when success is uncertain or there is a possibility of failure. It represents the willingness to take action toward a goal despite challenges, risks, or a lack of guaranteed results.