

BLOG

26th June - 2nd July 2026

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

As we move towards the end of another busy and successful year, I have been reflecting on the importance of community, ambition and belonging. This week, I had the privilege of visiting our cluster primary schools, where I met so many enthusiastic, curious and confident young learners. Their thoughtful questions, positive attitudes and excitement about the future were truly inspiring and reminded me of the incredible potential within every young person.

This week has been a particularly inspiring one as members of our team visited our cluster primary schools. It was a real pleasure to meet so many enthusiastic, inquisitive and confident young learners who will soon begin the next stage of their educational journey. Their thoughtful questions, excitement about secondary school and eagerness to learn were wonderful to see. We were delighted to share information about our upcoming Open Evening on Thursday 24th September and are already looking forward to welcoming prospective pupils and families into our school community. One of the highlights of the week was watching our current Year 7 pupils return to their former primary schools and speak about their experiences at YBA. Seeing them talk with such pride, confidence and maturity was a powerful reminder of how much our pupils grow during their time with us. Their stories and encouragement helped reassure younger pupils that the next stage of their educational journey is something to look forward to.

Across the school, our students continue to demonstrate the values we are so proud of. Whether representing the school at academic events, supporting charitable initiatives, contributing to our School Council projects or simply showing kindness and respect in everyday situations, they consistently make our community a better place. Their achievements remind us that success comes in many forms and that character is every bit as important as academic achievement. Thank you to our staff, pupils and families for your continued support and commitment. Together, we create a school where young people feel valued, encouraged and inspired to achieve their very best. As we look ahead to the final weeks of term, I encourage everyone to continue embracing new opportunities, supporting one another and believing in what they can achieve.

Keep going, keep growing and keep believing in yourselves. The future is full of possibilities

SCHOOL COUNCIL

We are incredibly proud of our School Council, who presented at our final Full Governing Body meeting of the year.

Muneniyasha, Rayyan and Zahraa spoke with confidence, passion and maturity, sharing the fantastic work they have led this year, including:

School Council drop-ins to ensure every pupil has a voice

The Community Cupboard supporting families in our community

A new project to install a path behind the Science Block to improve access and safety

If anyone is able to support with the path installation, we would love to hear from you. Every contribution will help bring this project to life.

The dedication, teamwork and commitment shown by our School Council has been outstanding. They continue to make a positive difference to our school and community, and we thank them for all they have achieved this year.



HEALTH AND WELLBEING

YBA pupils took part in an inspiring workshop with Emily Ruck from Children in Wales, sharing their experiences and ideas about healthcare services for young people.

Our pupils spoke with confidence, maturity and honesty, helping to shape a report for the Welsh Government that will influence future decision-making.

We are incredibly proud of the way they represented YBA and used their voices to help create positive change for young people across Wales.

Thank you to Emily for such an engaging session, and well done to all involved. Your voices matter, and your impact is making a real difference. Care and wellbeing for young people across Wales. Their perspectives are valuable, their voices are important and their contributions are making a genuine difference.



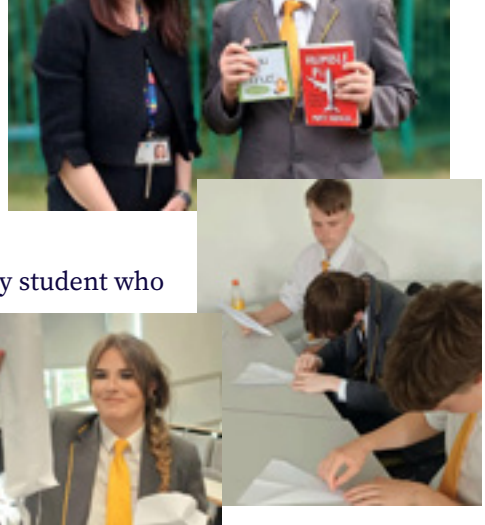
HONOUR STUDENTS

We are incredibly proud of our students today.

Riley has been recognised by Stori Brymbo for his politeness, curiosity and willingness to help without being asked. What an outstanding young man.

We would also like to celebrate Ethan, Henry, Reagan, Rhys and Will, who showed exceptional kindness and compassion by spending over two hours helping a young lady find her phone and ensuring she was safe and supported.

These young men are a credit to our school and excellent role models for others. To recognise their actions, they have been awarded certificates and a small sweet treat as a token of our appreciation.



YEAR 10 STUDENTS

We're incredibly proud of the 10 talented mathematicians who represented us at the Celebrating Women in Mathematics Conference at Wrexham University. More than 100 pupils from schools across Wrexham and Flintshire came together for a day of problem-solving, competition, and mathematical discovery. Our students embraced every challenge, demonstrating determination, teamwork, and impressive mathematical thinking throughout.

A special congratulations goes to Callum-James Plevin, who was crowned overall champion. Longyfarchiadau, Callum-James! We are also immensely proud of every student who took part and represented their school with skill, resilience, and ambition.

Events like this highlight the power of learning beyond the classroom, inspiring young people to develop confidence, creativity, and critical thinking. Well done to everyone involved—keep challenging yourselves and striving for success.

Keep aiming high. Keep challenging yourselves.



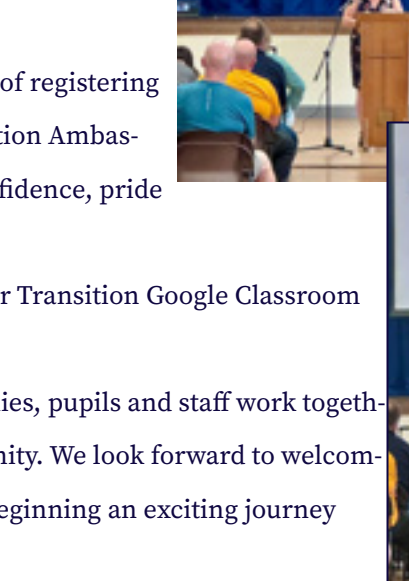
An absolutely fantastic time was had by our incredible Year 10 artists on their inspirational trip to Liverpool's Walker Art Gallery. The importance of seeing first-hand the works of Monet, Rodin and Turner cannot be underestimated – masterpieces that spark curiosity, ambition and a deeper creative passion.

Students explored everything from bold contemporary pieces to breathtaking works dating back to the 15th century, gaining an appreciation of how artistic expression has evolved over time. They even sketched in front of a 17th-century copy of the Mona Lisa – a truly inspiring experience.

Moments like these remind us why creativity matters: it builds confidence, fuels imagination and opens doors to future opportunities that our students are only just beginning to discover.

A bright future lies ahead.

Keep creating



TRANSITION PARENTS EVENING

What a fantastic evening! It was wonderful to welcome so many of our new Year 7 families to our Transition Parents' Evening. Thank you for helping make it such a positive start to your child's journey with us.

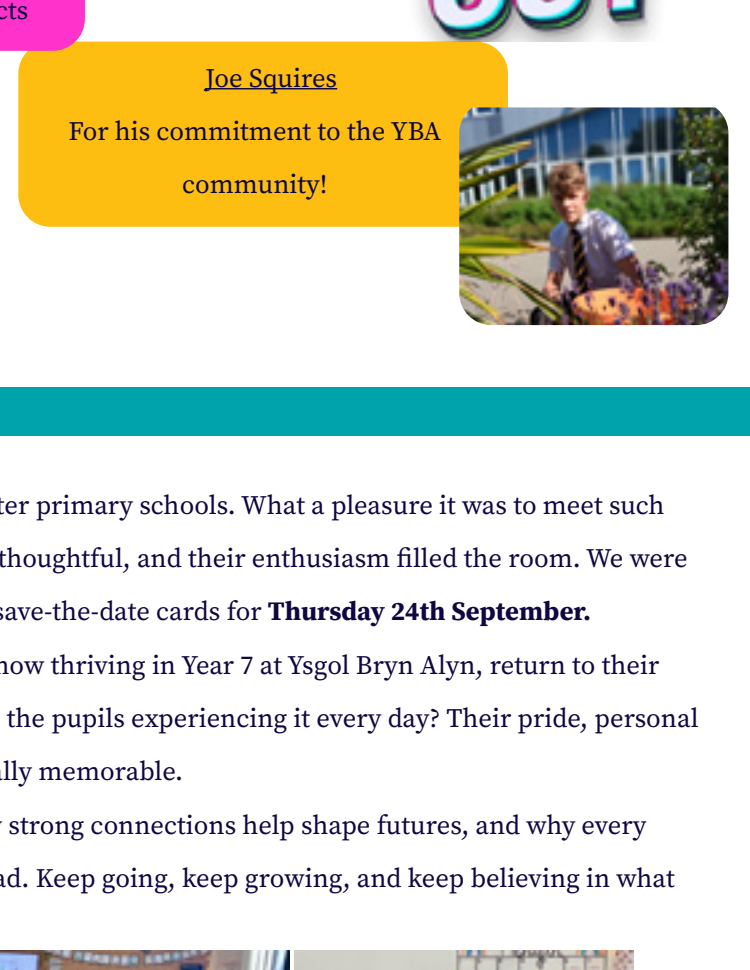
We shared key information about:

- Uniform expectations
- Summer Book Club
- Summer Food & Fun
- School Essentials Grant
- Free School Meals and the wider benefits of registering

A special congratulations to our Year 7 Transition Ambassadors and Prefect Team, who spoke with confidence, pride and enthusiasm.

All resources and links will be available on our Transition Google Classroom for easy access.

Tonight was a great reminder that when families, pupils and staff work together, we create a strong and supportive community. We look forward to welcoming our new Year 7 pupils in September and beginning an exciting journey together.



'SHOUT OUT'

Mrs Edwards

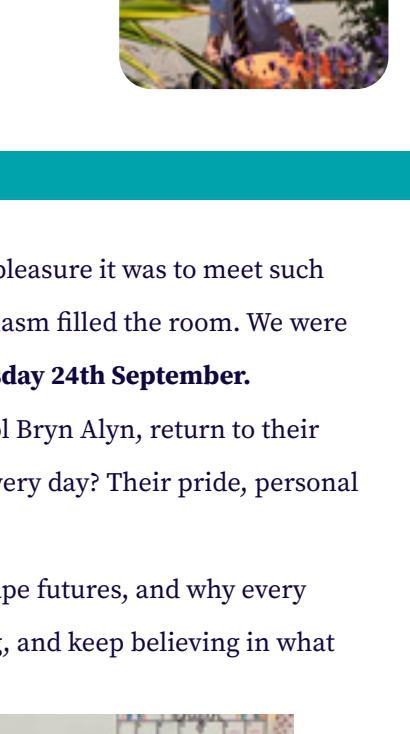
For being an all-round legend

Erle Howell

For resilience and her hard working in all subjects

Joe Squires

For his commitment to the YBA community!

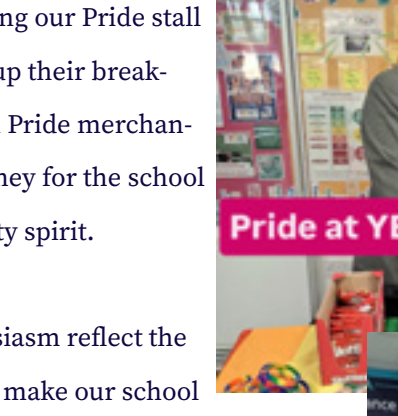
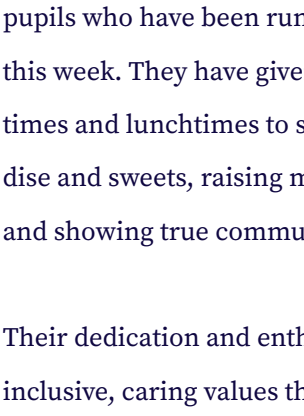
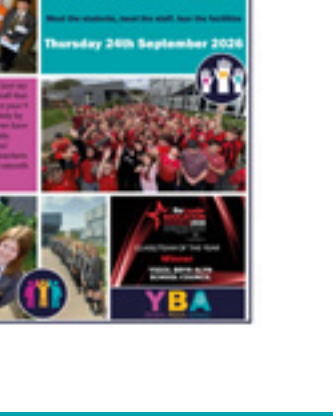
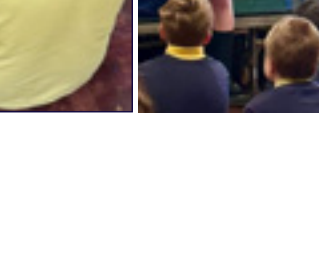
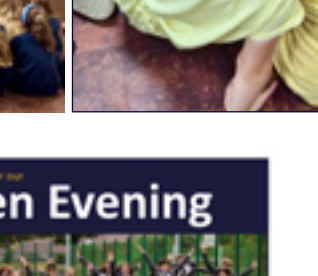


VISITING THE PRIMARY SCHOOLS

We've had an inspiring week visiting our incredible cluster primary schools. What a pleasure it was to meet such curious and confident young learners. Their questions were thoughtful, and their enthusiasm filled the room. We were delighted to invite them to our Open Evening and share our save-the-date cards for **Thursday 24th September**.

One of the highlights of the visits was seeing former pupils, now thriving in Year 7 at Ysgol Bryn Alyn, return to their old primary school. Who better to talk about life at YBA than the pupils experiencing it every day? Their pride, personal stories, and words of encouragement made the visits especially memorable.

Moments like these remind us why community matters, why strong connections help shape futures, and why every young person deserves to feel excited about the journey ahead. Keep going, keep growing, and keep believing in what you can achieve.



PRIDE STALL

We are incredibly proud of our fantastic pupils who have been running our Pride stall this week. They have given up their break-times and sometimes to sell Pride merchandise and sweets, raising money for the school and showing true community spirit.

Their dedication and enthusiasm reflect the inclusive, caring values that make our school such a special place. We stand together and support one another. Keep up the excellent work, team – you are making a real difference.



UPCOMING NEWS/EVENTS

Week Commencing 6th July 2026

- 6/7/26 - 10/7/26 - **NORMAL TEACHING DAY**
- 7/7/26 - 10/7/26 - **ENRICHMENT WEEK**
- 10/7/26 - SUMMER FAYRE

WELSH PHRASE OF THE WEEK

Sut maer' tywydd heddiw? - How is the weather today?

Mae hi'n boeth a dw i'n berwi. - It's hot and boiling.



WORD OF THE WEEK

Integrity

The quality of being honest and having strong moral principles. A person with integrity consistently chooses to do what is right, fair, and ethical, even when it is difficult or when no one is watching. It involves being trustworthy, responsible, and staying true to your values and beliefs.

