

3rd July - 9th July 2026

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

As we come to the end of another fantastic week at Ysgol Bryn Alyn, I would like to take a moment to recognise the outstanding achievements, effort and determination shown by our students. Our word of the week, Tenacity, has been evident in so many aspects of school life, from sporting competitions and educational visits to enrichment activities and community projects. Our learners have approached every opportunity with enthusiasm, resilience and a desire to succeed.

This week has showcased the very best of YBA. Year 8 enjoyed an exciting STEM experience, developing their scientific knowledge through practical investigations and problem-solving activities, while students in Málaga have been exceptional ambassadors for the school, embracing new cultures, languages and experiences with confidence and maturity. Across our Gala Days, students demonstrated incredible teamwork, sportsmanship and determination, making us proud both on and off the field.

Enrichment Week has also provided some unforgettable experiences for our learners, including canoeing on the River Dee, creative projects in the Big Shed, visits to Chester Zoo, Drayton Manor and the North Wales coast, as well as activities that supported our local community. It has been wonderful to see students challenge themselves, support one another and create lasting memories.

I would also like to congratulate Mandy Townson and Tracy Thompson on their well-deserved national recognition as Outstanding Conservation Educators – Secondary. This remarkable achievement reflects their passion and commitment to providing transformative opportunities for our young people through outdoor learning and conservation.

Thank you to our staff, families and wider community for your continued support. Together, we continue to provide opportunities for our students to dream, reach and achieve, and I look forward to celebrating many more successes as we approach the end of the academic year.

CONSERVATION EDUCATION AWARDS

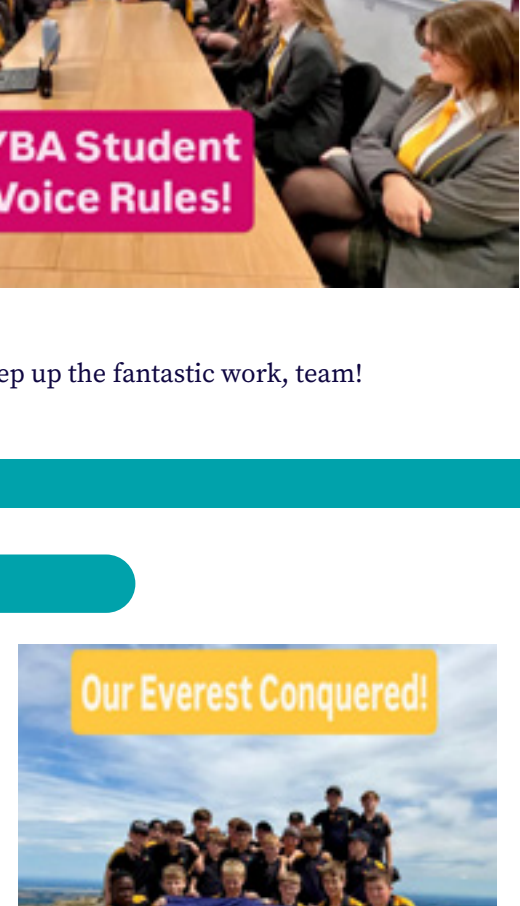
What an unbelievable evening for Team YBA – we couldn't be prouder!

Our very own Mandy Townson and Tracy Thompson have gone and WON it!

They are officially the Outstanding Conservation Educators – Secondary. This achievement is a true testament to the incredible work they do with our young people and the beautiful, nature-rich space they have created within our school.

The Big Shed has become a truly transformative outdoor learning environment where so many of our learners have flourished. Through conservation-focused activities, pupils have developed leadership skills, confidence, and a youth-led approach that empowers them to take ownership of their environment.

We are so grateful that Mandy and Tracy are part of Team YBA. Their passion, creativity and dedication shine through everything they do. Our sincere thanks to the National Conservation Education Awards and Chester Zoo for recognising their outstanding impact.



SCHOOL COUNCIL

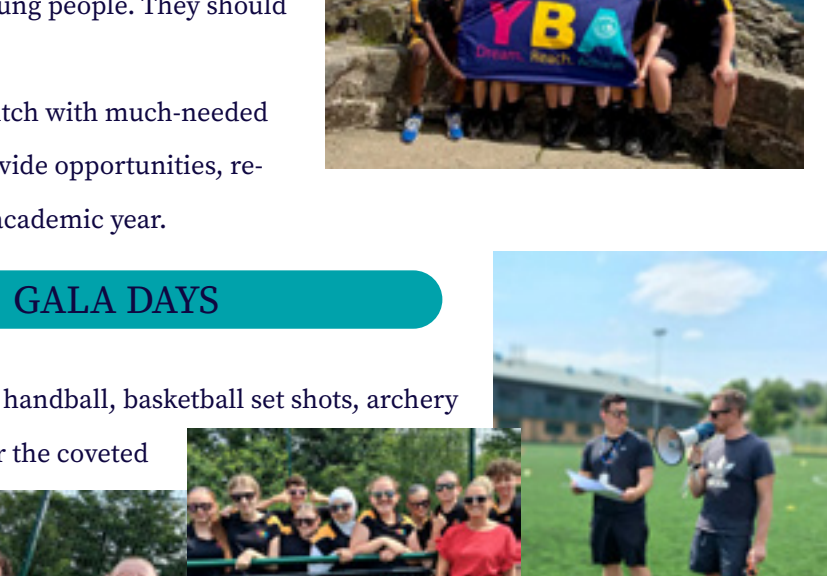
Our amazing School Council has been incredibly dedicated to making sure our pupils' voices are heard.

Today it was Year 9's turn for our School Council drop-ins, and they absolutely excelled. They shared ideas, challenged thinking, and demonstrated real leadership before heading into their final School Council meeting of the year to finalise their exciting plans for next year.

And trust us... those plans are big, ambitious, and inspiring – the kind of ideas that make a school buzz with possibility.

We cannot wait to see what you bring to life. Year 9,

you are helping to shape the future of our school, and we are so proud of you. Keep up the fantastic work, team!



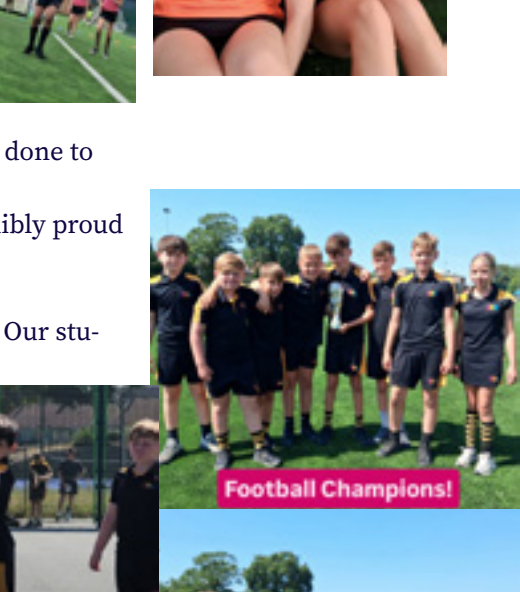
ENRICHMENT WEEK

SPONSORED WALK

What an incredible afternoon celebrating our amazing students as they pushed themselves to the limit on their sponsored walk up Moel Famaul! They dug deep, kept going, and absolutely conquered their own Everest with determination, resilience, and true teamwork.

From supporting one another to staying positive all the way to the summit, they showed exactly what makes them such outstanding young people. They should feel incredibly proud of their achievement.

Funds raised will go towards supporting our new 3G pitch with much-needed equipment, as well as helping our PTA continue to provide opportunities, resources, and support for our students throughout the academic year.



GALA DAYS

Year 8 - Showed fantastic team

spirit and determination as they competed in football, handball, basketball set shots, archery and athletics. Every pupil gave their all in the battle for the coveted House Cup, demonstrating incredible effort, resilience and sportsmanship throughout the day.

Final Results

Campbell House – Champions!

Llywelyn - 2nd

Cadwaladr - 3rd

Morgan - 4th

Glyndwr - 5th

Gwenllian - 6th

Congratulations to all students for their outstanding effort and enthusiasm. Well done to

Year 7 - What an unbelievable Gala Day for our brilliant Year 7s – we are incredibly proud of you all!

The energy, the courage, and the teamwork were evident in every single activity. Our students showed bravery, resilience, and true team spirit throughout this special day.

They competed in football, handball, athletics, relays, basketball, and archery, with every event filled with determination and pride as they battled for the coveted House Cup.

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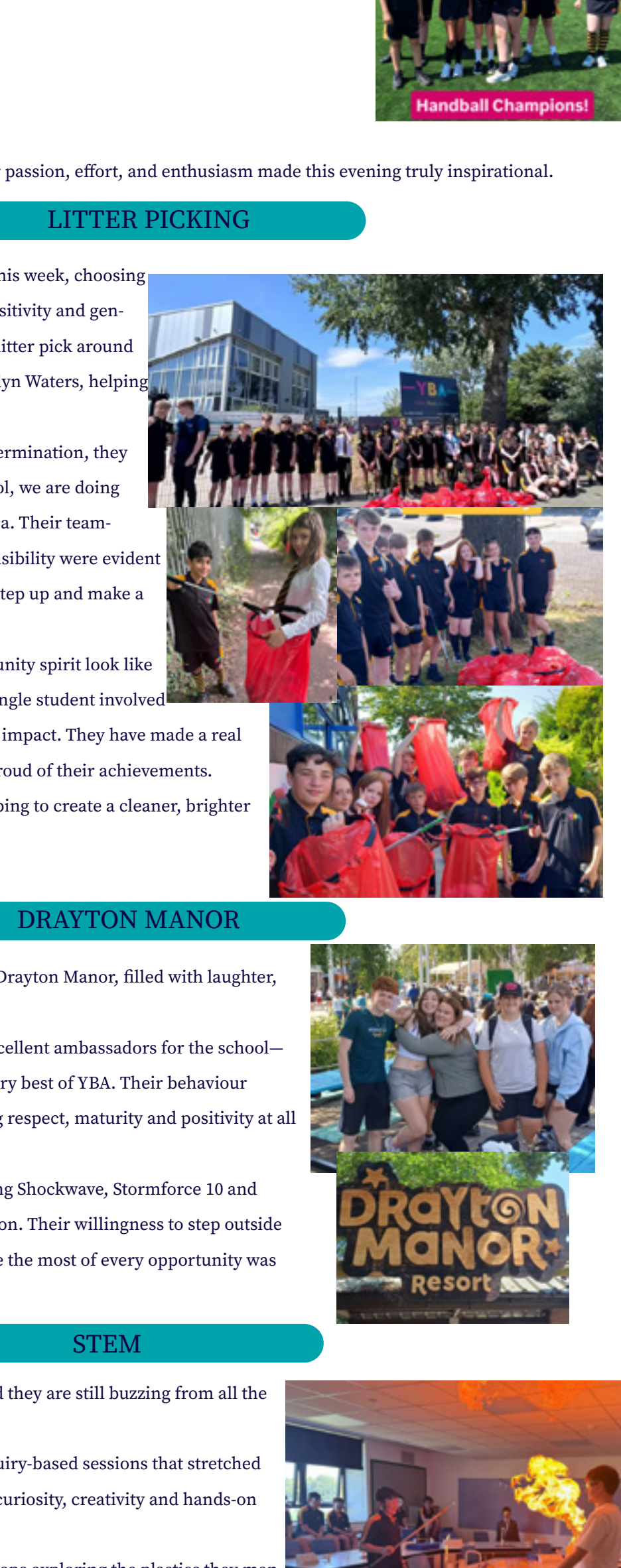
Glyndwr - 2nd

Cadwaladr & Gwenllian - joint 3rd

Llewelyn - 4th

Morgan - 5th

Every single student gave their all today. Your passion, effort, and enthusiasm made this evening truly inspirational.



LITTER PICKING

Our students have been absolutely amazing this week, choosing to give back to our community with pride, positivity and genuine dedication. They headed out for a large litter pick around Gwersyllt village and through the beautiful Alyn Waters, helping to keep our local environment clean and tidy.

Equipped with bags, gloves and plenty of determination, they worked together to make sure that, as a school, we are doing our part to care for and improve our local area. Their teamwork, enthusiasm and strong sense of responsibility were evident throughout the day, and their willingness to step up and make a difference is truly inspiring.

This is what leadership, kindness and community spirit look like in action. We are incredibly proud of every single student involved for showing that small actions can have a big impact. They have made a real difference today and should feel extremely proud of their achievements.

Well done to everyone involved – you are helping to create a cleaner, brighter and kinder community for all.

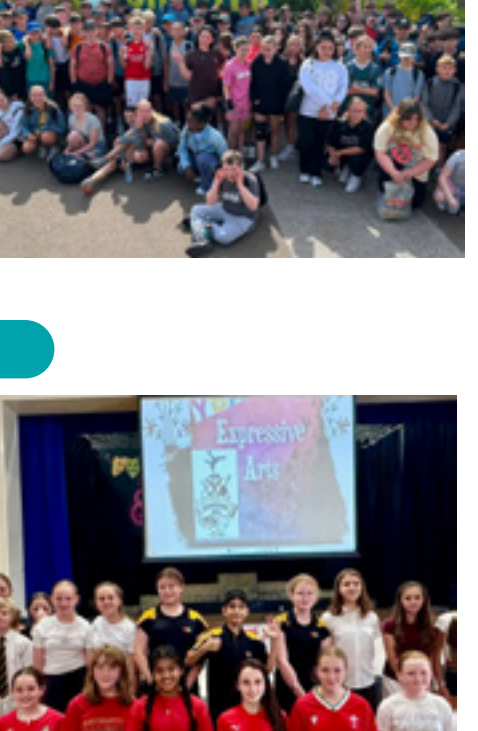


DRAYTON MANOR

Our Year 9 students had an incredible day at Drayton Manor, filled with laughter, challenge and unforgettable experiences.

From the moment they arrived, they were excellent ambassadors for the school – polite, enthusiastic and demonstrating the very best of YBA. Their behaviour throughout the day was outstanding, showing respect, maturity and positivity at all times.

They tackled the park's biggest rides, including Shockwave, Stormforce 10 and Maelstrom, with confidence and determination. Their willingness to step outside their comfort zones, try new things and make the most of every opportunity was truly impressive.



STEM

Year 8 had the most incredible STEM day, and they are still buzzing from all the excitement!

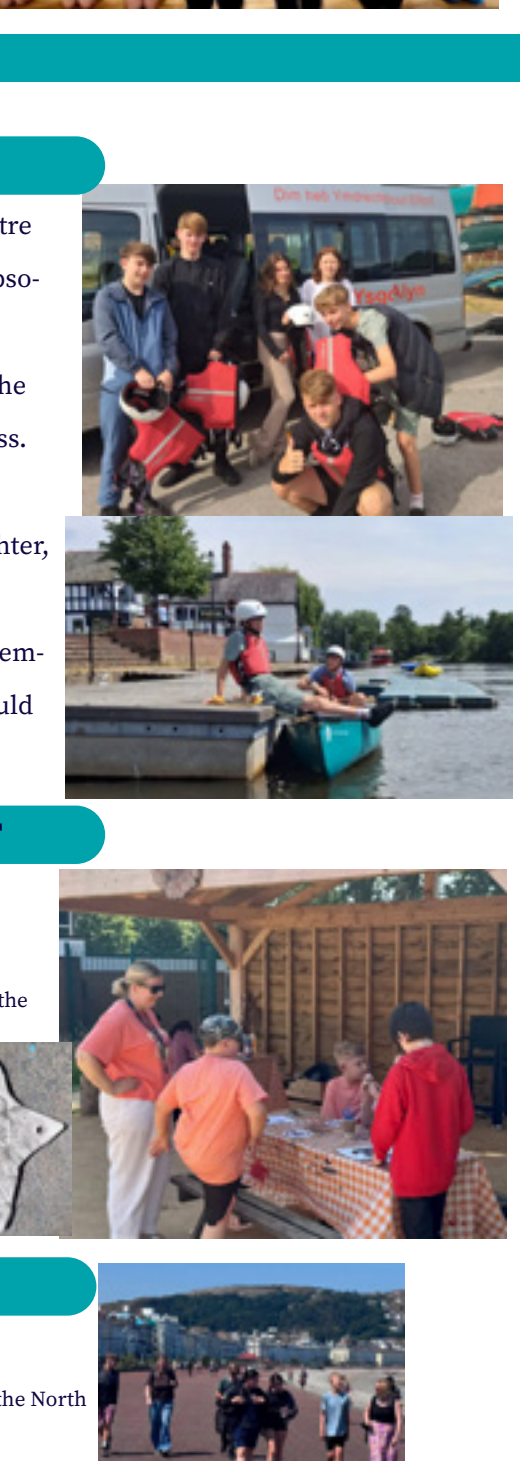
Our learners took part in a full range of enquiry-based sessions that stretched their scientific skills and filled the day with curiosity, creativity and hands-on discovery.

Povrair Filtration delivered fantastic workshops exploring the plastics they manufacture, their real-world uses, and an engaging absorption experiment that had everyone thinking like true scientists.

Students also dived into food science, investigating what makes meringues rise (or not!). There was whisking, predicting, experimenting and plenty of laughter. Then came rocket design and testing, fire safety learning, and thrilling chemistry using hydrogen peroxide and a range of other chemicals. The excitement was off the charts.

To top it all off, Year 8 created their very own traffic lights using CrumbleBots – coding, problem-solving and engineering all rolled into one brilliant session.

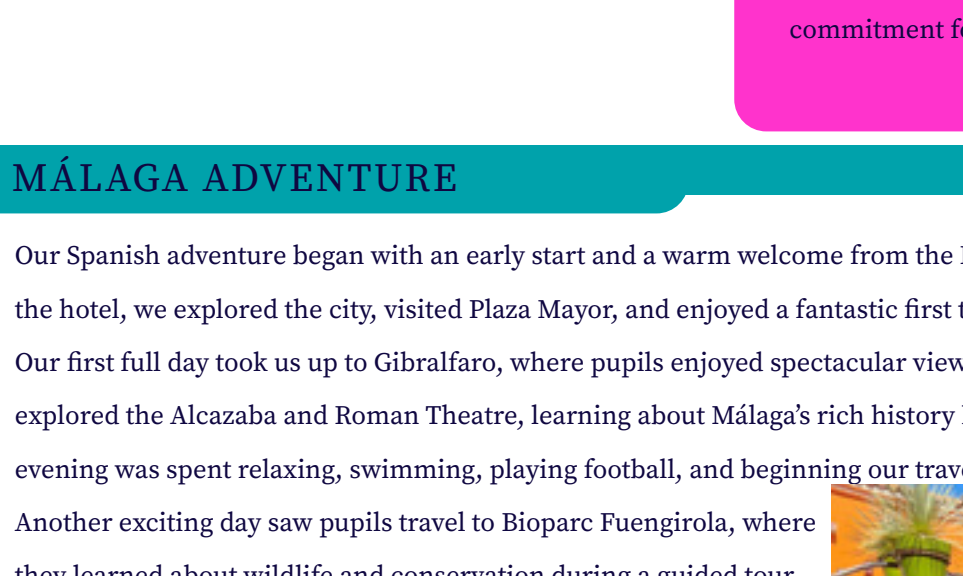
Today was a celebration of curiosity, teamwork and the joy of discovering how the world works. We are unbelievably proud of our budding scientists.



CHESTER ZOO

Year 7 headed off to Chester Zoo today and had a fantastic day. From seeing all the amazing animals to supporting each other and enjoying the sunshine, their enthusiasm has been shining through all day.

The pupils demonstrated excellent teamwork, positivity and outstanding behaviour throughout the visit. We are so proud of the way they represented Ysgol Bryn Alyn.

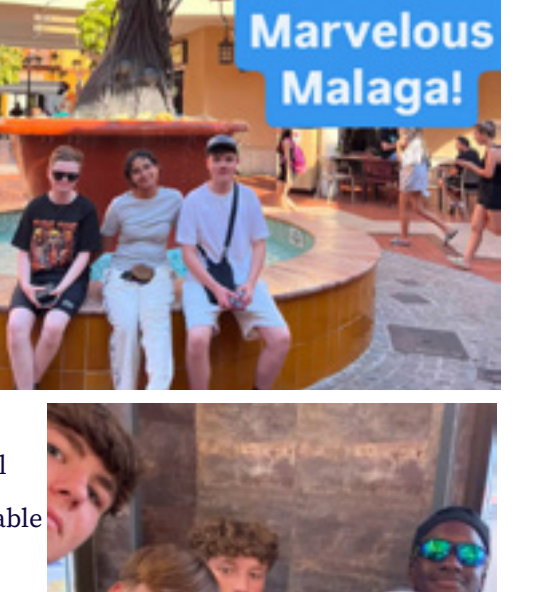


EISTEDDFOD DAY

What an unforgettable Eisteddfod day our brilliant Year 7 students have enjoyed!

Today they truly embraced the rich culture of Wales and absolutely shone. They created beautiful dragon artwork, performed their own poems, crafted and showcased original pieces, learned about the wonders of Wales, and finished with a rousing, heartfelt rendition of the Welsh national anthem. It never sounded so powerful!

Year 7, you have filled us with pride in our country and in each other. Your



ACHIEVEMENT/REACH CENTRE

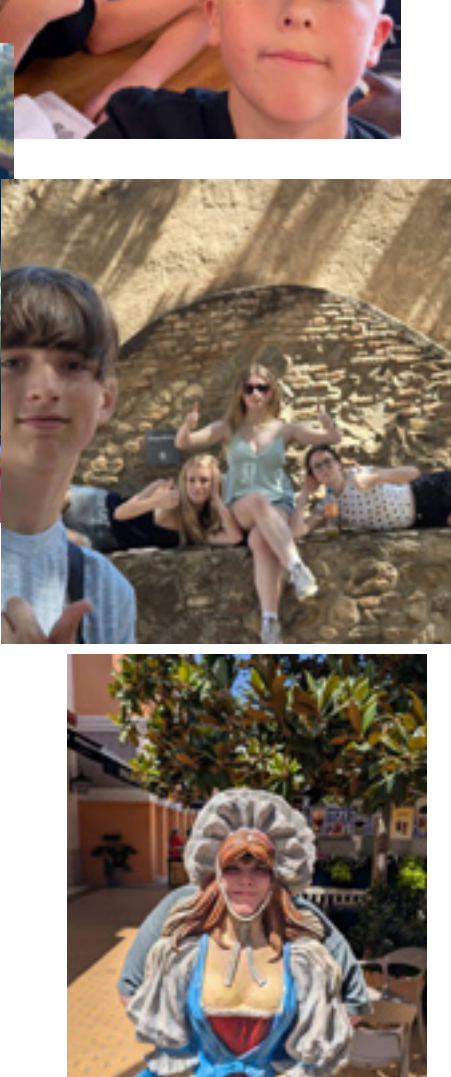
CANOEOING

What an unforgettable day for our incredible Achievement Centre and Reach Centre pupils! They enjoyed a fantastic canoeing adventure on the River Dee, and they absolutely smashed it.

They paddled with outstanding teamwork, supporting one another every step of the way and impressing everyone with their enthusiasm, determination and politeness. Their positive attitude shone throughout the day and was truly inspiring.

And yes... they even took on the weir! With courage, teamwork and plenty of laughter, they made it down safely – a real moment of pride and excitement.

Days like this show exactly what our pupils are capable of when they challenge themselves, work together and believe in their abilities. Well done, everyone – you should feel incredibly proud of yourselves!



CREATIVE ART PROJECT

What an amazing day for our brilliant Achievement Centre and REACH Centre pupils!

In the Big Shed, everyone got involved in a creative art project inspired by nature – exploring leaves, textures, colours and plenty of imagination. The passion and creativity on display were fantastic, and the atmosphere was full of joy, teamwork and artistic flair.

A huge well done to all pupils for their enthusiasm and to staff for supporting such a wonderful afternoon of creativity. It truly captured the spirit of Enrichment Week!



LLANDUDNO

A Fantastic Day on the North Wales Coast

Learners and staff from The Achievement Centre and Reach Centre enjoyed a fantastic day exploring the North Wales coast.

The trip included visits to the Great Orme in Llandudno, the promenade and town centre, and the smallest church in Rhos-on-Sea. The day was topped off with an ice cream in the sunshine.

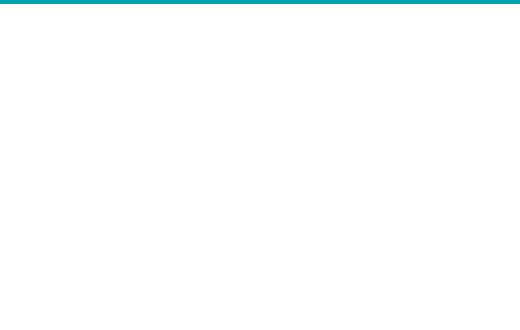
A big thank you to Miss Corfield and all the staff for their support. With great weather, stunning scenery, and plenty of



'SHOUT OUT'

Yr10 Pupils of the Week

Elsa Jones, Lauren Parry, Thomas Randles for going above and beyond and gaining sponsorship towards the school summer fayre.



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Sonia Kukla and Skye Rogers for their dedication and commitment for the school summer fayre and Dragon's presentation!

MÁLAGA ADVENTURE

Our Spanish adventure began with an early start and a warm welcome from the Málaga sunshine. After checking into the hotel, we explored the city, visited Plaza Mayor, and enjoyed a fantastic first taste of Spanish culture and cuisine.

Our first full day took us up to Gibralfaro, where pupils enjoyed spectacular views across the city and coastline. We then explored the Alcazaba and Roman Theatre, learning about Málaga's rich history before stopping at El Corte Inglés. The evening was spent relaxing, swimming, playing football, and beginning our travel booklets.

Another exciting day saw pupils travel to Bioparc Fuengirola, where they learned about wildlife and conservation during a guided tour of the park. After lunch and some shopping at Plaza Mayor, everyone returned to the hotel for a well-earned afternoon of swimming, games, and diary writing.

Throughout the trip, pupils have embraced every opportunity to develop their Spanish, experience a new culture, and reflect on their learning through their travel diaries. Their enthusiasm, effort, and positive attitude have been outstanding.

We also enjoyed a fascinating day exploring Málaga's cultural treasures. Visits to the Museo de Málaga, Roman Theatre, Málaga Cathedral, and Picasso Museum gave pupils a deeper understanding of the city's history, heritage, and artistic importance. The day ended with a stroll through the city, a visit to the iconic Picasso Dove Statue, and another memorable journey back to the hotel.

Our pupils have been exceptional ambassadors for the school throughout the trip. Their curiosity, respect, and willingness to embrace new experiences have made this a truly memorable adventure, and we are incredibly proud of everything they have achieved.



PRIDE CAKE COMPETITION

A huge thank you to all our incredible students who brought in cakes for our **Pride Cake Competition**. Your creativity, colour, and courage lit up the whole school.

An equally massive thank you to everyone who bought cakes from our sale. Thanks to your generosity, we raised an **amazing £169!** This fantastic total will go directly towards supporting student wellbeing.

You've not only baked and bought cakes – you've helped create joy, support, and a stronger sense of community.

You are all absolutely amazing. Keep shining, keep supporting one another, and keep making our school a place where everyone feels proud to be themselves.



UPCOMING NEWS/EVENTS

Week Commencing 13th July 2026

- 13/7/26 - 14/7/26 - **REACH TOUR**
- 13/7/26 - **AUTHOR VISIT (ENGLISH FACULTY)**
- 17/7/26 - **CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES**

WELSH PHRASE OF THE WEEK

Beth wyt ti'n hoffi bwyta? - What do you like to eat?

Dw i'n hoffi bwyta pysgod a sglodion achos mae'n flasus. - I like to eat fish and chips because it's tasty.

WORD OF THE WEEK

Tenacity

The quality of being persistent, determined, and unwavering in the pursuit of a goal, even when faced with challenges, setbacks, or obstacles. It involves maintaining focus, commitment, and effort over time, refusing to give up despite difficulties, and continuing to work towards success with confidence and resilience.

