

BLOG

27th March - 16th April 2026

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

This week, our focus word is Honour, and it has been a genuine pleasure to see this value lived out across our school in so many ways.

It has been incredible to celebrate so many students achieving 100% attendance and, just as importantly, those who have shown significant improvement in their attendance over last half term. These achievements were very rightly rewarded. Attendance plays a vital role not only in academic attainment, but also in students' wellbeing, sense of belonging, and connection to school life. Being present matters, and we are proud of the commitment our students are showing. Let's keep this momentum going for our last term.

Students really have hit the ground running this term. The quality of work produced across all subjects this week has been outstanding, but a special mention must go to Year 9 Art. Their identity portraits demonstrate phenomenal creativity, skill and depth of thought. The talent on display has been truly inspiring and a real credit to both students and staff.

I would also like to congratulate both students and staff for the excellent commitment shown during our Easter revision sessions. Staff generously gave up their time, and students demonstrated focus and determination, an approach that we know will serve them well in their final examinations.

Our Wellbeing Wednesday's programme has continued to go from strength to strength, with this week marking the final session of the current programme. Students have fully embraced the challenges and experiences on offer, approaching them with enthusiasm and openness. From next week, we look forward to introducing new experiences, continuing our commitment to supporting student wellbeing in meaningful and engaging ways.

What an honour it was to see our Year 9 Netball Team represent the school so brilliantly at the Wrexham Schools Netball Tournament. They were a credit to our school, demonstrating teamwork, resilience, respect and determination, truly embodying all of our REACH values.

Our School Council students have also shown real honour this week by sharing the important work they have been doing with the wider student body. Their leadership, teamwork and commitment to improving our school community reflects the very best of what honour looks like in action.

We have now opened nominations for next year's Prefects. This is a role that demonstrates true honour, supporting others, leading by example and contributing positively to school life. If you know a student who is ready to take the baton and work as part of our team to make our school the very best it can be, further communication home will explain how nominations can be made.

Finally, a reminder about our amazing enrichment offer and late bus provision, available Monday to Thursday. Please encourage your child to take advantage of these opportunities, which play such an important role in developing confidence, skills and interests beyond the classroom.

This week has been filled with examples of honour, and I am incredibly proud of our school community.

ATTENDANCE AWARD

Well done to all our pupils who work hard to ensure they attend school every day!

On the last day of term, we celebrated this commitment with our 100% attendance draw. There was only one prize worthy of the occasion – a delicious Easter egg! To be in with a chance, pupils simply needed to be in school every day for the final two weeks of term. A fantastic way to recognise dedication and end the term on a high!

During period five, Miss Kipping and Mrs Ebrey whizzed around lessons to make sure our lucky winners received their prizes. It was lovely to see so many smiling faces as the eggs were delivered.

Congratulations to our winners:

- Emma Stanescu – 7CM
- Stanley O'Brien – 7MO
- Darcey Vernon – 8MO
- Zac Jones – 8LL
- Liv Baker – 9CM
- Mia Whitlam-Becket – 9LL
- Jack James – 10GW
- Gethin Millington – 10GL
- Ruby Read – 11MO
- Ben Diamond – 11GW



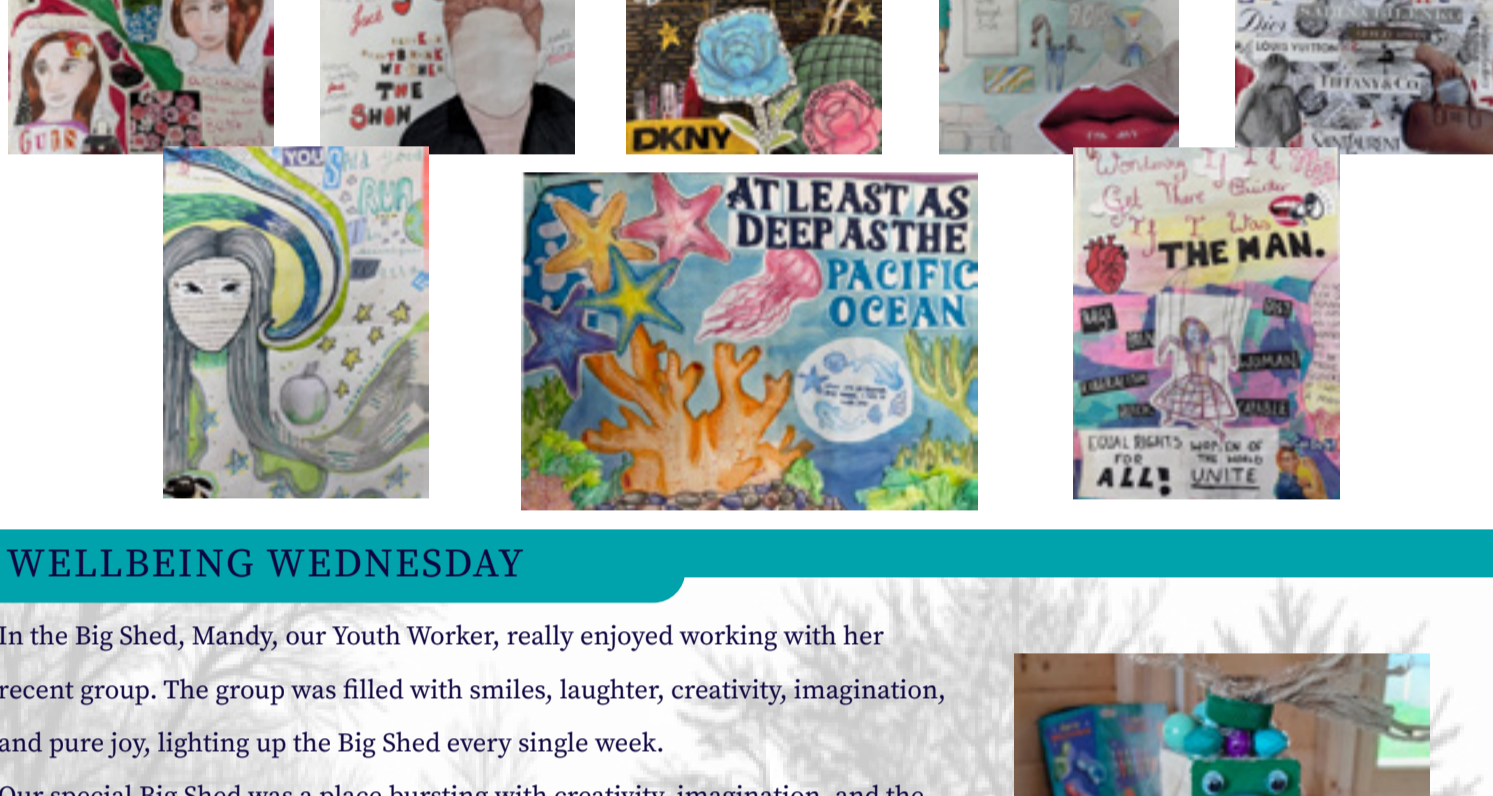
What a positive way to end the term and a fantastic reminder of how important good attendance is.

EXPRESSIVE ARTS

Art

Our very talented year 9 artists have completed their spring term assessment by producing these amazing Identity Portraits! The students have focused on composition, typography and personal themes, inspired by the work of the artist - Teesha Moore. With brilliant outcomes!

Mrs Da Silva absolutely loved seeing the wide range of ideas and experimentation that all of the students produced in their pieces!



WELLBEING WEDNESDAY

In the Big Shed, Mandy, our Youth Worker, really enjoyed working with her recent group. The group was filled with smiles, laughter, creativity, imagination, and pure joy, lighting up the Big Shed every single week.

Our special Big Shed was a place bursting with creativity, imagination, and the kind of energy that made every session feel brand new.

This round, there was so much fun to be had.

The group created magical nature art, toasted marshmallows on the fire pit and built the yummiest s'mores, and took on an Easter challenge filled with quizzes, storytelling prompts like "once upon a time" and "they lived happily ever after," along with positive messages.

They also built quirky robots and fidgets from recycled treasures, with imagination levels that were truly legendary.

Every group was unique. Every activity felt fresh. And every week, Mandy learned something new from the brilliant minds who joined her. Even when activities were repeated, the creativity always took them somewhere completely unexpected – and that was the magic.



YEAR 9 NETBALL

On Tuesday, our Year 9 Netball team proudly represented the school at the Wrexham Schools' Netball Tournament, competing against secondary schools from across the local area. It was a fantastic opportunity to showcase the high standard of netball being played.

We were extremely proud of our girls, who more than held their own against strong opposition. Their teamwork, determination and sportsmanship were a real credit to themselves and to our school.

A special mention goes to Elsey O'Brien and Lillia Eyke, who were named 'Players of the Tournament' by their teammates – a thoroughly deserved achievement.



All of the girls were excellent ambassadors for the school, demonstrating commitment and skill throughout. A huge thank you to Mrs Phillips for organising the tournament, and to Saint Joseph's Catholic & Anglican School, Wrexham, for hosting the event.

Well done to all pupils involved.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

You Asked, We Did:

As part of our ongoing You Said, We Did work, pupils shared that they would like more opportunities to take part in non-uniform days. They told us these days allow them to express their individuality, feel comfortable being themselves at school, and come together for shared causes.



In response, we are delighted to say that we have now planned several non-uniform days across the year. These days will allow pupils the chance to express themselves, but also to raise money for charities chosen by our pupils. It has been fantastic to see students taking an active role in decision-making, showing generosity and supporting causes that matter to them. This is a great example of pupil voice shaping positive change in our school community.

PREFECT NOMINATIONS

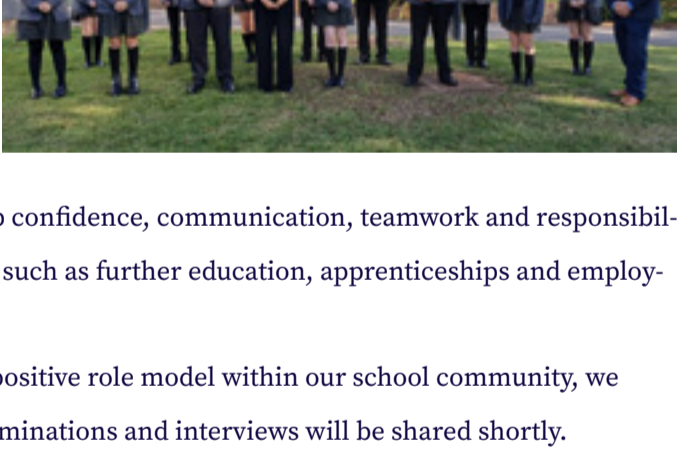
Y10 Parents – Prefect Nominations Now Open

At Ysgol Bryn Alyn, pupil voice and leadership continue to go from strength to strength. We are inviting Year 10 parents to nominate their child to be interviewed for the role of Prefect.

Our current Prefect Team and School Council have shown excellent leadership this year, including organising a successful Easter Bingo fundraiser and being recognised as School Team of the Year at the Leader Awards.

Becoming a prefect is a valuable opportunity for students to develop confidence, communication, teamwork and responsibility, while gaining leadership experience to support future pathways such as further education, apprenticeships and employment.

If you feel your child would benefit from this opportunity and be a positive role model within our school community, we would encourage you to put them forward. Further details about nominations and interviews will be shared shortly.



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

EASTER REVISION

Year 10 Easter Revision at YBA

It was great to see Year 10 pupils making the most of the Easter revision sessions on offer.

Miss King and Miss Bourhill supported students in English, focusing on exam technique and building confidence as pupils continued their preparation for future assessments.



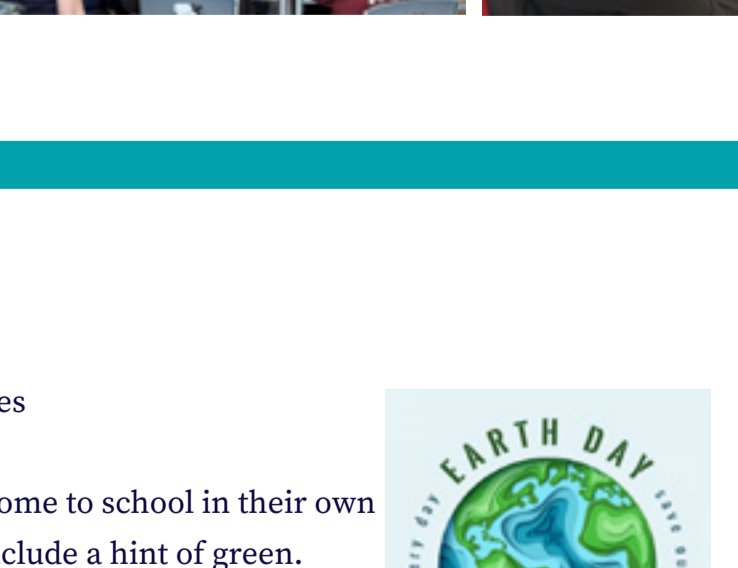
Year 11 Easter Revision Sessions at YBA

Year 11 pupils continued to show excellent commitment by attending Easter revision sessions across a range of subjects.

In Spanish, Mr Brookes supported pupils with focused revision and confidence-building activities. In Maths, Mr Scragg helped students consolidate key topics ahead of their exams.

Mrs Cooper delivered a specialist English masterclass for pupils aiming for the highest grades, while Mrs Godwin worked with another Year 11 English group.

All sessions were marked by strong focus and determination.



UPCOMING NEWS/EVENTS

Week Commencing 20th April 2026

- 20/4/26
- 21/4/26 - 'Have A Go Lesson' @ YBA - Humanities
- 22/4/26 - **EARTH DAY** - pupils are welcome to come to school in their own clothes, but, if possible, please make sure to include a hint of green.
- 22/4/26 - Year 7 and 8 Wrexham Netball Tournament
- 22/4/26 - Read, Write Exam practice for Year 11
- 22/4/26 - **YR 7 PARENTS EVENING**
- 23/4/26 - GCSE Spanish Oracy
- 23/4/26 - 'Have A Go Lesson' @ YBA - Humanities
- 24/4/26 - GCSE Spanish Oracy
- 24/4/26 - Andrew Ranger MP visiting the school council.



WORD OF THE WEEK

Honour

A strong sense of what is right, ethical, and morally proper, shown through integrity, honesty, and respect for others.

