

# Newsletter / Cylchlythyr

King Henry VIII 3-19 School  
January 2024 / Ionawr 2024



## Academic Success



### Year 11 GCSE Maths and Numeracy Results

Some of our Year 11 pupils sat their Maths and Numeracy GCSEs in November 2023. They achieved 36A\*, 24As, 2Bs and 2Cs. This is a fantastic set of results which demonstrates the effort and determination of our pupils. Well done to you all.

### Year 11-13 Mock Examinations

Congratulations to all our pupils with their mock examination results. These great results highlight the positive attitude to learning and the ambition you have to be successful.

### National Youth Orchestra of Wales



Congratulations to Monty, Erin and Kiera who have all been accepted into the National Youth Orchestra of Wales, and to Ethan who has been accepted into the National Youth Choir of Wales. Each pupil had to prepare an audition for a panel of adjudicators. Competition was extremely high to be offered a place in such a prestigious ensemble. Congratulations to all four pupils.

Merits awarded in January:-

10,744

Value of the month:-

### Curiosity / Chwilfrydedd

Having a strong desire to know or learn something.



### Key Dates for February

- 8<sup>th</sup> Careers Fair
- 8<sup>th</sup> SLT Open Door Session 4-6pm
- 9<sup>th</sup> Training Day (Primary Phase)
- 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> Half Term
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Year 9 Parents' Evening/Options Evening

### Welsh in the Workplace



Year 10 participated in a "Welsh in the Workplace" workshop. Contributors included Dŵr Cymru, Network Rail, Monmouthshire building society, Prifysgol De Cymru, Aneurin Bevan Health board and Careers Wales. They were given an insight into different roles that use Welsh and why Welsh is a valued and desirable attribute in different work places.

**Accelerated Readers:** Pupils have read  
131 books  
7,920,028 words  
for 48 minutes/day (pupil average)

**Sparx Maths:** Pupils have answered  
432,223 questions correctly,  
Completed 7,347 hours of personalised  
learning,  
and 216 pupils have improved their times  
tables

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## Anti-Bullying

As part of our ongoing Anti-Bullying work, all staff have received updating training around anti-bullying actions. Pupils from all phases have received Peer Supporter training. Governors have also scrutinised plans and helped us identify key areas to focus on moving forward.

On our website you can now find the Report a Bullying Incident button which enables pupils and families to report any incidents online. [Please click here.](#)

## Newport Mind Wellbeing Ambassadors



Our Year 10 and Year 11 Wellbeing Ambassadors have been working with Newport Mind regarding volunteering for a wider Wellbeing Ambassadors project across Gwent. They are going to take their skills learnt in their time as Wellbeing Ambassadors to get involved in governance, content creation, raising awareness, and supporting young people.

It was great to see so many Year 10 and 11 pupils putting themselves forward to volunteer in this great project. The project is new to the Monmouthshire area, so our pupils will be helping to drive its development across our county.

## Future First Careers

The school held an alumni event organised by Future First. The alumni worked with 120 pupils from Years 9-10. The pupils were all very engaged in each of the sessions and asked lots of interesting questions.

The sessions will help our Year 9 pupils as they get ready to choose their GCSE options. They have given Year 10 pupils further ideas for their own career paths, whilst they continue with their GCSE studies.



## 'Rag Couture' and Photography Workshop

Hereford College of Art delivered two exciting workshops to some of our Key Stage 4 and Sixth Form pupils. Pupils explored the fashion industry and created 'Rag Couture' fabric samples. Other pupils explored emotions and expressions through photography, using dramatic coloured lighting and movement.





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## Outdoor Education

In a joint partnership with Gwent Outdoor Partnership, Dalen Newydd & Inspire, a group of pupils took part in a five day outdoor education course to increase positive social interactions and self-esteem. Pupils got the opportunity to experience the great outdoors in a fun and interactive manner, experiencing a number of different adventurous activities including climbing, canoeing, caving and mountain climbing. The pupils overcome fears, completed problem solving tasks, worked well in a team, and conquered Pen Y Fan in stormy weather conditions.

## Engineering and Construction visit

Year 10 pupils visited Hydro Aluminium in Cheltenham to see their state-of-the-art manufacturing facilities. Pupils were treated to a tour of the facilities and then took part in a creative challenge to design a product for school, manufactured from extruded aluminium. Pupils had a fantastic day and all commented on how much they learnt about global manufacturing.



## Geography Field Trip

Year 12 Geographers visited a sunny Liverpool to undertake fieldwork. We visited the main city centre, Liverpool One, and the historic Albert Dock. The pupils collected data to determine whether 'media representations of Liverpool are accurate'. They also studied how the city has been regenerated through music, culture and entertainment. The pupils enjoyed exploring the city and experiencing its rich cultural heritage.

## 6th Form Parliament Trip

Our journey through the Houses of Parliament was both enlightening and fascinating, delving into the core of British governance and its historical significance. A highlight of our tour was the House of Lords, distinguishable from its counterpart, the House of Commons, by the inclusion of crossbencher seats and a regal throne used by the monarch.

After finishing the tour, we met our local MP David TC Davies, the Secretary of State for Wales.





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## Dydd Santes Dwynwen



Love came early at Ysgol 3-19 Brenin Harri! We celebrated Dydd Santes Dwynwen (the Welsh saint of love), the Cymraeg did a brilliant job at helping deliver the assembly to their year group. Da iawn Criw Cymraeg! Year 11 prom committee and the Welsh department hosted a disco for year 7. The atmosphere was brilliant and there was some very enthusiastic dancing. A great time was had by everyone. Diolch yn fawr iawn bawb! Thank you everyone!



Dosbarth Ellifant and Dosbarth ArthWen celebrated St Dwyhwens Day by making Love Monsters, playing domino hearts, and drawing roses.



## Curiosity in Primary phase

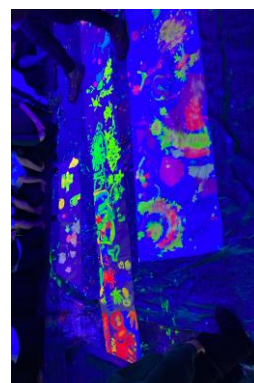
Years 3 and 4 have been busy this term being scientists. We started with a curiosity box which led to lots of curious questions regarding the items inside. The pupils have been studying forces. They have found out what forces are, and have carried out experiments with cars, to investigate the effects of friction.



Dosbarth Teigr Bird watching and exploring the use of real binoculars at Forest School.



Dosbarth Llew have started the Lead Creative Schools project. The class have been practising lots of different skills from acting to drawing in preparation for our show finale.





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## House Swimming Gala

Our school's first ever Inter House Swimming Gala took place this month. The morning consisted of fifty two pupils taking part to achieve points for their houses in a number of races. Well done to all pupils that took part a Special Mentions go to: Seren, Seren, Amelia, Caitlin and Ursula that were the top individual points scorers for the females, and Rhys, Dewi, Charles, Owen Bell, Harry, and Brady who were the top individual points scorers for the males.

## Be Football influencer training

Six pupils have volunteered to work with the PE department to grow the game of Football for girls in school. The girls attended training to become 'Be Football' influencers. The training gave them lots of ideas on how to get more girls involved in Football. They will be meeting monthly to make plans to provide more opportunities for girls

- A huge well done to Tomos in Year 7 placed second in the Welsh Alpine Ski Championships in the giant slalom.
- Well done to Yasmin on her selection to represent Wales playing darts in the up and coming National competitions.
- Goodluck to Joe in Year 11 travelling to Apeldoorn, Netherlands to compete in the International Junior Championships.
- The under 14 girls Football have started 2024 with a good win against Brynmawr and looking forward to up and coming games this year.
- Well done to the year 8 Football team with a great start in the Gwent Cup with a great win, and an excellent team performance.

