



"Great works are performed, not by strength but by perseverance"

Newsletter

A busy term!

Welcome from Headteacher

Welcome to our new end of term newsletter and what a busy term it has been!

Firstly, I want to thank our students and families for their resilience through some of the disruptions this term; we really appreciate all of your support. I'd also like to give a special mention to our Year 11's who are working incredibly hard preparing for the summer examinations. They are all showing amazing resilience, perseverance and dedication which is lovely to see.

As I write this, the Easter holidays are upon us, and I reflect on another packed term of learning and achievement. There is such a range of events that take place in our school, that this newsletter can only show a small percentage. Please continue

to follow us on the school website, Twitter and Facebook. Thank you to all of our staff who are working so hard to bring excellent learning and teaching and also such a wide range of extra-curricular clubs, sporting activities and trips for students. A big thank you must go to all our support staff for their tireless work behind the scenes providing the support that allows our teachers to focus on teaching, and for carrying out those roles that keep the school running so smoothly.

As Easter approaches, I would like to thank all our students and families for their ongoing support of our school. I hope you have a safe, happy and relaxing Easter break and we all look forward to welcoming everyone back for the summer term.

John Weir - Headteacher

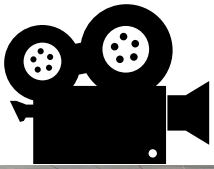


International Women's Day - STEM at Venue Cymru

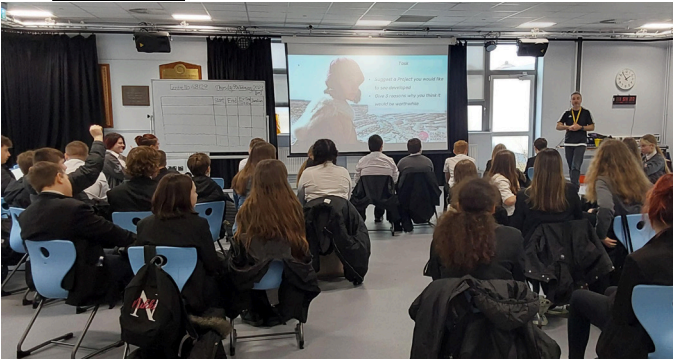
We celebrated International Women's Day at Venue Cymru with a group of Year 9 girls at a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths) event.

They programmed 'Microbits' and completed an RAF Engineering Challenge. We want to inspire more girls to study STEM subjects and continue to bring the new skills and inspiration they gain from events such as these back to the classroom!





"..very excited by the inside scoops..."



Film/TV/Music Industry Workshop

Students from years 7-10 took part in a workshop with Rhys Bebb; Education and Training Officer at Screen Alliance Wales.

Rhys has worked with Bad Wolf studios on some of their most famous productions, including: A Discovery of Witches and His Dark Materials. Rhys shared inside tips on how different characters are designed and created on screen, using CGI etc. He also set the students off on activities that included pitching their own ideas for films and TV shows, as well as thinking about how they could design a time machine using materials from inside the room. He had many examples of how everyday objects were used or manipulated to help visualise or create a physical product in a film or TV show. He also explored with the students lots of examples of career paths they could follow, and how they could gain experience in the industry. The students found it very helpful, were incredibly engaged and were very excited by the inside scoops and revelations that Rhys had to offer!

Non uniform day raising money for Turkey and Syria

Our wonderful school community raised a whopping £672.58, which was donated to the British Red Cross to support with the disaster in Turkey and Syria.

We also collected clothing and items to be donated to the appeal. Miss Burns' Year 9 Geography class created some presentations about the disaster to share with the rest of the school. We are so proud of everyone for the kindness and generosity.



Year 7 RE trip to Liverpool

Our Year 7 students thoroughly enjoyed their trip to Liverpool where they visited a Mosque followed by a visit to the Museum of Liverpool where they watched a play about Roman Soldiers!

They all thoroughly enjoyed the day giving them the opportunity to see their classroom learning in action.



Getting girls into...

Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths Event – Glyndwr University

This time it was some of our Year 10 girls who attended a STEM event in Glyndwr University where they had the opportunity to carry out a number of workshops in water purification, finger printing, qualitative drug analysis and skeletal analysis.



Having our say on School Meals!

Two of our students attended a wellbeing workshop with NEWydd Catering and Cleaning representing our school giving their view on school meals that are served across Flintshire.

They sampled lots of menu options. Following all the feedback, NEWydd have developed a draft menu which they are hoping to roll out next term – we will update you once we have the final menu, so watch this space!

Youth Speaks Competition – County Round and District Round Winners!

Ysgol Treffynnon celebrated a double victory after both the Senior and intermediate teams won the County Round of the Rotary Youth Speaks competition, which was held at the Beaufort Park Hotel, Mold.

It was a fantastic outcome for our students who have been working hard on their presentations since January. The four-stage debate competition is designed to support and encourage the development of effective communication skills. Our intermediate teams presented on “Should school uniform be compulsory?” and our senior debate team presented on “Is data sharing a threat to our privacy?”. Both teams then went onto win the district round, which took place on 21st March at Glyndwr University. We are so proud of the professionalism with which they represented Ysgol Treffynnon and are very excited to see where the competition takes them.



Good Luck to our Intermediate and Senior debate teams as they take on Nationals!!



Industry in Action!

A group of Year 9 pupils visited Airbus this term to experience industry in action.

The pupils were given a guided tour around the A350 factory and watched a really interesting presentation which explained the workings of the business as well as future employment opportunities. A big thank you to Careers Wales for organising this event.

We are looking for **LA/Community Governors with relevant experience**

Ysgol Treffynnon are looking to recruit innovative and committed individuals who share our vision for high quality education to become governors at our school.

Do you have a genuine desire to help improve standards of education within our school in partnership with the Headteacher and Governing Body? We are looking for a Community or Local Authority governor who has knowledge and understanding of modern education issues as well as a knowledge and interest within the community of Holywell.

You would need to commit to regular attendance at full governing body meetings, as well as any meetings of any committees of the governing body to which you are elected. We are seeking new members of the governing body who have relevant skills, knowledge and experience that match the challenges of our school.

The role of a governor would be to drive the school at a strategic level. You will bring an outside perspective to the running of the school, supporting and challenging by asking the what, why, how and when of our senior leadership team. Governors use their own professional skills and life experience to compliment school staff to ensure Ysgol Treffynnon continue to provide exceptional education for our local community and is able to be agile and responsive to our current and future needs.



Be part of the largest volunteer group in the country and gain valuable skills that will have a positive impact on your personal and professional life and you will make a real difference to children, young people, their school and the local community.

The Governor Appointments Panel will consider on the basis of the contribution applicants can bring to a school in terms of their skills and experience.

If you fit the bill, please email S.Salisbury@YT.flintshire.sch.uk detailing your skills and experience and why you think you would be a good fit for our school.



School Council **environmental efforts recognised**

A group of our School Council students worked incredibly hard to plant over 200 trees in one day as part of an ongoing woodland project in an area of land close to the school.

The project is run by Greenfield Valley Heritage Park and Holywell Town Council and the school was delighted to be asked to be involved. Mr Rowlands MS heard about the students work after reading an article on Deeside.com and he thanked each child individually for their achievement and the care they have shown to their local environment and community. What an amazing achievement to be recognised by a member of the Welsh Parliament. Here is Mr Weir giving out certificates to all our children for their hard work and commitment!



Year 11 Prom



Letters have been sent out inviting year 11 students to attend prom for all their hard work and commitment over the past 5 years.

Online payments will be made available from **Monday 27th March 2023** via the School Gateway and the deadline for final payment is **9th June 2023**.



School Uniform reminder

A friendly reminder about school uniform expectations.

- Hair colour and style must be appropriate for school (e.g., no bright coloured hair dyes).
- No facial piercings, long fingernails or false eyelashes
- Coats and other outdoor clothing should not be worn in classrooms or on the corridors
- Ear studs/rings must be removed for PE lessons.
- No hoodies to be worn instead of school jumpers/ blazers.

E Praise Leader board

Our students work hard and earn valuable praise points, which they can exchange for rewards in the online shop.

Here is the form group leader board for this academic year. Which form group is going to come out on top at the end of the year? There will be a reward for the highest scoring form group at the end of term.

No	Form Group	E-Praise Points since Sep 22
1	7TF	5724
2	7RR	5141
3	7MY	3926
4	7SH	3341
5	8CR	3226
6	8SO	3056
7	10MG	2607
8	9HJ	2508
9	8MH	2134
10	8TB	2013

There is plenty of time for the leader board to change next term!

Staff Appointments

Mrs Franklin was successful in securing the Deputy Headteacher position for Curriculum and Learning and started the role in January 2023!

Mrs Croston joined us as our new School Business Manager just before Christmas.

Miss Williams joined the team in January as First Aider and Student Services Admin.

Mrs Owen has joined us as Director of Learning for Pastoral Care after February half term.

And **Miss Craven** has joined us as an apprentice pastoral support coach in March.

After the Easter holidays we are excited to welcome **Mrs Wildsmith** as the Head of Faculty for Languages, Literacy and Communication and **Miss Jones** as the Head of Faculty for Mathematics.

Attendance

School attendance remains a focus for us here at Ysgol Treffynnon.

Please inform school if your child can not attend for any reason, and if you need any support with regards to attendance, please contact the attendance officer in student services.

Why not share your child's good news with the School Community?

We are very proud of our students here at Ysgol Treffynnon and we love to sharing any of their special achievements with everyone in the school community. If you have any news about your child that you are happy to share, please email info@yt.flintshire.sch.uk

Working Welsh in the classroom!

CYMRAEG	SUT I'W DDWEUD	SAESNEG
gweithio	gw-ay-th-ee-o	working
ymarfer	um-ah-r-vair	practice
cyflwyno	cu-vv-loo-ee-noh	present
ysgrifennu	us-gree-venny	writing
darllen	dah-r-ll-en	reading



Extra Revision over Easter



Some additional revision lessons are being planned over the Easter holidays for those who may wish to attend.

Further information to follow.

Curriculum for Wales

The new Curriculum for Wales is a really exciting time for Welsh education.

The ability to devise and deliver a curriculum that best fits our students is a brilliant chance to make positive changes in developing our students as ambitious, enterprising, healthy and confident individuals.

Our staff have been involved in regional and local consortia throughout the past two years improving our understanding of the new curriculum, including planning, teaching and assessing. We are currently working on our new system reporting to parents so, Year 7 parents, look out for a parent meeting in the summer term when we will share this with you!

This term, Year 7 have been working within authentic contexts which means they are learning all about how the subjects they learn in school are used in the 'real world'. This has included measuring for a swimming pool in Maths, developing a 'sustainability stand' in English, testing boats in Science, deciding who killed environmental activist 'Chico Mendes' in Geography and planning and performing a pantomime in Drama.

It's been an exciting term and Year 7 are looking forward to more authentic contexts for learning when we return after Easter!

Primary Transition to Ysgol Treffynnon

Staff at Ysgol Treffynnon always enjoy the opportunity to welcome young visitors from our local primary schools and we have had a very busy term working alongside colleagues and pupils from many of our feeder schools.

As well as staff sharing their expertise and knowledge, these sessions provide the opportunity for the primary pupils to get to know the staff at Ysgol Treffynnon and become more familiar with the school which is so beneficial at the time of transition. We are looking forward to many more activities that are planned throughout the summer term.

Key Dates Next Term

- Friday 31st March** – Break up for Easter
- Monday 17th April** – Staff Training Day
- Tuesday 18th April** – Return to school for all pupils
- April 19th – 21st** – Welsh Unit 1 Oracy NEA
- April 24th – 26th** – Welsh Unit 2 Oracy NEA
- Monday 1st May** – Bank Holiday – School Closed
- Monday 8th May** – Bank Holiday for the King's coronation – School Closed
- Friday 26th May** – Last day of half term
- Monday 5th June** – School opens following half term
- Tuesday 6th June** – Year 9 Parents Evening
- Thursday 15th June** – Year 6 Transition evening
- Friday 16th June** – Primary Transition Day
- Thursday 22nd June** – Year 11 Prom and Progress File Evening
- Thursday 6th July** – Year 7 trip to the Eisteddfod
- Wednesday 12th July** – Primary Transition Day
- Tuesday 18th July** – Awards Evening
- Tuesday 4th July** – Sports Day
- Thursday 13th July** – Reserve Sports Day
- Wednesday 19th July** – Reward trip to Blackpool Pleasure Beach