



Head Teachers Introduction

Dear parents/guardians,

A Happy New Year to you all. We hope you had a Merry Christmas. Welcome to the 2nd edition of the newsletter for the 2017-18 academic year. As there are so many achievements to report, we have decided to introduce more frequent newsletters during the year.

Firstly, I would like to thank those of you who attended the Question and Answer session with myself and members of the Senior Leadership Team. Your contribution and ideas are invaluable as we strive to 'Achieve Excellence Together'.

This time of year sees year 9 and 11 pupils carefully thinking about their learning pathways for the future. We will have a number of events and presentations over the next term in order to support your child and yourself in this important decision.

We have now spent a whole term in our new school and are beginning to settle in our fantastic facility. Our decision was to get to know the building before putting any pictures or words on the walls. We are eager to choose quotes which inspire our pupils and we would be glad to receive any ideas of possible content through School Comms.

Thank you for your support during the last term and we look forward to a new term of experiences, hard work and achievements.

Mrs Bethan Cartwright



Rouen & Paris

In December, the MFL department had a very successful trip to Rouen and Paris. We had the pleasure of seeing all the main attractions at Rouen such as the Gros Horloge and the Musée des Beaux-Arts. Everyone enjoyed the day trip to Paris, where we went on a boat trip on the river Seine, visited the Latin area and went to Montmartre a Sacré Coeur. Madame Thomas would like to thank all the staff for their support during the trip, but she would especially like to thank the pupils for their excellent behaviour and positive attitude – The rain was not going to spoil our fun! Twitter: @ITMGlanClwyd



Governing Parents

There are two 'Parent Governor' seats available on the board. If you are interested in becoming a member of the board, contact the school's clerk of governors, Mrs Rhian Davies, as soon as possible, for more information.

Foodbank 2017

Thank you to all the pupils from year 7 and 8 who had been busy collecting for the Vale of Clwyd Food Bank, there was an array of food on its way to the food bank this Christmas.



Year 8 students doing their part



Year 7 students displaying (a small part) of their contribution.

Geography Field Work

In November, Year 12 Geography pupils had a very successful three days at Glan Llyn focusing on fieldwork. They successfully collected data on sand dunes in Harlech and on Fairbourne beach in wind and rain as well as surviving Wrexham's busy Mad Friday streets. The pupils were great ambassadors of the school, showing respect towards the

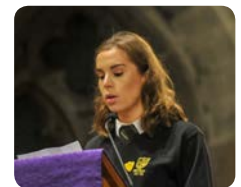
environment and the people, whilst asking questions for their questionnaires. It was a pleasure to see future geographers at work!

We were visited by the lecturer Hywel Griffiths from The University of Aberystwyth on the 29th of November. It was a great opportunity for the geographers to experience a university lecture about the water cycle as well as gaining advice and information regarding the experience of studying Geography further at University.



A Night of Carol Singing

Our successful Christmas Concert which was organised by Mr Tudur Eames and the staff was held at the Cathedral on Thursday night 21st of December 2017. It was a pleasure to see the Cathedral so full of parents and guests. We were welcomed by the Head Teacher followed by a variety of items by the pupils and two items from the staff. The night came to an end with the school choir singing "O Holy Night" and Mrs Eldrydd Dodd singing the solo. The proceeds went towards charities.



Congratulations!

Congratulations to Llinos Jones Yr.11 and Ceri Vaughan and Bethan Denson Yr.12 who have been chosen for the North Wales Hockey Team. Good luck in the games girls.

Congratulations to the Ysgol Glan Clwyd under 16 netball team in winning the Denbighshire tournament. Good luck to the team during the Ann Smart competition in Wrexham.

Congratulations to the Ysgol Glan Clwyd under 18 hockey team who won their game against Ysgol Brynhyfryd and therefore are Denbighshire champions. Good luck to the girls in the next round against Ysgol Maes Garmon.

Congratulations to those pupils from year 9 and 10 who are chosen to represent the East RGC squad who will be competing in the Dewar Shield Competition. A huge achievement for year 9 who will be playing pupils who are a year older.

Congratulations to the year 7 boys' football team, who won the last four consecutive matches and have reached the last 16 matches in Wales. The team will play home against Ysgol Friars next. Good Luck on reaching the quarter finals.



The year 7 football team

A busy term for year 7 boys, who won their rugby game against Ysgol Dyffryn Conwy. It was encouraging to see so many enthusiastic year 7 boys (over half playing their first rugby game) interested, we were able to create two teams.



Year 7 after their victory over Ysgol Dyffryn Conwy



Year 8 finish off in style on the new all weather pitch as the Denbighshire Round winners for the RGC Cup.

Congratulations to the year 8 rugby team who won the Denbighshire round of the RGC cup and who are through to the next North East round.



The year 7 rugby team

Congratulations to the 14 boys and girls from year 10 who have completed their leadership rugby course through their Bacc lessons.



Year 10 boys and girls completing their leadership rugby course

Rugby Courses

Staff from Ysgol Glan Clwyd's cluster schools will attend rugby courses 'tag & tackle' set up by Wales Rugby Union. The aim of the courses are to raise staff confidence in leading lessons/sessions and offer more opportunities for pupils, raise rugby standards across the schools and develop professional development for staff.

Congratulations to the year 12 pupils who participated in the UKMT (United Kingdom Mathematics Trust) competition on their efforts and results.

YGC Media Studies group give a helping hand

Thank you to our 'media studies' pupils who helped Denbigh Rugby Club film the 'Halloween' rugby festival and to create a video to promote the club.

