



Head Teachers Introduction



Welcome to our third Newsletter for 2017-18. I hope you enjoyed and made the most of the half term holidays. We have a very busy 5 weeks ahead with Year 9, 11 and 13 pupils making important decisions regarding their learning pathways and of course this is the last half term before the 'exam season'. We look forward to numerous activities during the term which allow our pupils to showcase their various talents and of course to have fun!!!

Thank you very much for your support over the past half term as we look forward to Achieving Excellence Together over the next half term.

Mrs Bethan Cartwright

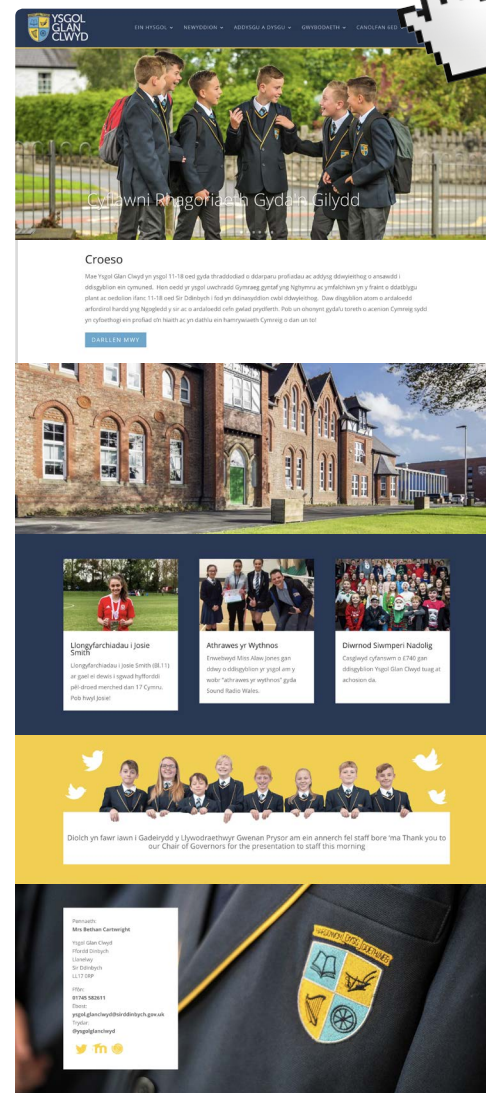


Miss Alaw Jones was nominated by two Ysgol Glan Clwyd pupils for the Sound Radio Wales "teacher of the week" award. Alex Hudson from Sound Radio Wales surprised Miss Jones at the school with the great news. She was presented with a certificate by Alexa Taylor 7E and Maddison Taylor 9Y. The event was broadcast on the radio at 3pm on Friday (02.02.18) and throughout the following week.

Council Forum for Denbighshire County Secondary Schools

On Thursday 8th of February the Glan Clwyd School Council hosted a council forum for Denbighshire Secondary Schools. We had a very successful morning discussing the council's work over the term with pupils from different schools. We also had the company of Mr Dylan Jones who gave a discussion on pupils' health and wellbeing. The schools present were St Brigid's School, Prestatyn High School, Blessed Edward Jones Catholic High School and Denbigh High School.

Our New Website!



We launched our brand new website on the last Friday before half term. The website contains various information about our school life – from calendars and prospectuses to the latest news.

We hope you find it useful.

CLICK HERE TO VIEW!
www.ysgolglanclwyd.co.uk



St. Valentine Disco

On Thursday 8th of February, Ysgol Glan Clwyd held a St.Valentine disco especially for Ysgol Pengwern pupils. Thank you to the Year 12 pupils who had the extremely busy task of organising the evening. 4 representatives from Ysgol Glan Clwyd; Iwan, Ben, Masey and Elinor attended a meeting with a pupil at Ysgol Pengwern to discuss ideas, before spending the afternoon shopping for food, decorations and roses for the disco. Thank you to Brannon for arranging his band to play during the evening, we all enjoyed the evening dancing and singing a few songs on the karaoke. The school would like to thank the 6th form pupils for organising a very successful evening.



Congratulations to the 7 girls (left) from Ysgol Glan Clwyd who will be representing Wales in the dance competition in Spain, in June 2018.

Also, a huge congratulations to Emily Davies (top right in the picture) for achieving first place in the North Wales/ England round. Good luck in the finals!



On Monday 5th February, Year 13 had the opportunity of watching the Karen Owen show – Saith Llais. It was a great experience for the students to meet one of the poets included in the Welsh specification and to get an insight into her new poem on the theme 'Meaning of Life'.



Years 12 & 13 also attended a day course at Deeside College, listening to lectures from Swansea University about elements of their Welsh course.

Attendance!

As a school we are committed to working with you as parents/guardians to encourage attendance and punctuality of our pupils. We believe that ensuring a high attendance rate gives the best start possible to the lives of our young people.

We have set an attendance target of 96% for all pupils. There is a clear relationship between attendance and the standards that pupils meet.

If a pupil has an attendance of 95% they will have missed two weeks of education in a school year, which also has an affect on their ability to learn, their welfare and their feeling of belonging.

Understandably, there are some cases of absence which are out of anyone's control. We would like to take this opportunity to remind you that no holiday will be authorised, and that you can receive a fine if your child loses 10 or more days as a result of going on holidays during school term.

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YGC Students on S4C

On Sunday night 25th of February, the year 7 choir singing "Ni yw'r Plant" was broadcasted on Dechrau Canu Dechrau Canmol. The TV company, Rondo visited the school in November to record the choir as part of the program which followed the theme "health" while visiting Glan Clwyd Hospital and the area. The audience participation was from St Margaret's Church (The Marble Church), Bodelwyddan.



Please see below a link to the iPlayer clip (12 minutes in): or simply **CLICK HERE!** to view <https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/p05wf6w7/dechrau-canu-dechrau-canol-iachad>



Year 9 and 10 Girls who reached the FA Welsh Cup Final



Year 7 Boys who reached the FA Welsh Cup Final

A huge congratulations to the year 7 and 8 girls' football team for reaching the quarter finals and to the senior girls' football team as well as the year 7 football team for successfully reaching the last 16 in the 'WSFA' Welsh Cup final after winning at county level.

Denbighshire Football teams have had a successful season so far, with 6 pupils from Glan Clwyd representing the under 12's and 6 representing the under 13's. Congratulations for winning against Flintshire schools (8-0) and Wrexham Schools (11-1)

Players under 12:

M EDMUNDS, S BADDELEY, L EVANS, M SENIOR, K HALLIDAY, ALED R WILLIAMS

Players under 13:

B HESKETH, E EDWARDS, E TURNER, G EVANS, M FRICKER, R WILLIAMS



Congratulations to the under 13's girls football team for winning against Llanfair Caereinion 5-1 in the Welsh schools football cup. Good luck in the quarter finals!



Congratulations to the pupils who have won the opportunity to compete in the FLL (First Lego League) final and represent North Wales in Bristol on Saturday the 24th of February.