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## Celebrating in style

Students from Year 11 celebrated in style at their Prom, sharing happy memories of their time at Elfed High School and looking forward to the future. Families and friends enjoyed the spectacle of the wonderfully dressed young people arriving at the venue, transported in vehicles including a vintage bus, high performance cars and stretch limos.



## Congratulations! Llongyfarchiadau!

Senior Students are looking forward to leading the School Council in September, working alongside representatives from all year groups in the school. They are excellent role models for the younger students, with experience of school life and the ability to support, guide and advise others. Congratulations! Llongyfarchiadau.



## Roll of Honour

Elfed High School has been invited to join the Welsh Quality Centre's Roll of Honour as a Best Practice example from our Journey to Excellence.

This is recognition for excellence, providing an opportunity for Elfed's case study to inspire other Welsh organisations to follow our example.



## Cambridge

High aspirations took a party of ten Year 9 students all the way to Cambridge, finding out about learning in one of the country's top universities. They had a taste of student life, staying over night in halls of residence and learning about learning in a new environment.



## Year 7 Camping

Adventurous activities were the focus of the Year 7 camping trip to Llandegla, providing students with some new and exciting challenges in a beautiful setting. The team of staff helped to set up camp, supervised the outdoor cooking and ended the day with toasted marshmallows by the camp fire.



## Year 7 Forest school

LLONGYFARCHIADAU! Congratulations to the students who attended a six week course at Forest School. Our students developed their team-building, outdoors and communication skills through this superb programme. Along the way, the students learned to cook, build dens and make swings, to name but a few of the activities.



## Learning in Blaenau Ffestiniog

Year 9 students learnt about life underground on a visit to the Llechwedd Slate Caverns. The visit was part of their Key Stage 3 Geography programme of study.



## Work Experience

Thank you to the employers in our community and beyond who provided excellent work experience placements for Year 10 students. We really appreciate the support you provide in helping to prepare these young people for the World of Work. Diolch yn fawr.



## Phoenix Project

Learning for some Year 9 students moved from Elfed High School to Mold Fire Station for a whole week in June. They developed a range of new and valuable skills, while learning about fire safety and how to work as a team. Families joined the formal passing out parade on the final day, congratulating these young people on some outstanding achievements. Well done. Da iawn.

## Smooth Move to Elfed

Over eighty families took part in the Smooth Move to Elfed programme of activities this year. Whole families came along to find out about life at Elfed High School. Activities for the parents and carers focusses on Learning and wellbeing. The pupils made new friends and explored the building, gaining in confidence with every week. We even held a crèche for little brothers and sisters. Well done to all who took part. Da iawn.



## Puzzle Day

Year 4 pupils strained their brains trying to figure out the answers to puzzles during Puzzle Day. Many came back in the evening with their families for more puzzling fun and to receive their awards for the Elfed Maths Challenge 2017.



## Problem Solving

Pupils from Drury, Mountain Lane, Southdown and Westwood were brave in their learning and rose to the challenge of some tricky problems. They developed their skills, working in groups, supported by members of the Elfed High School Sports Council. The event is part of the Smooth Move programme of activities designed to support transition from primary to secondary school.



## Reward Trip

Congratulations to everyone who was invited on the Bowling and Pizza Reward Trip, your attendance and attitude to learning have been excellent this year. Over 100 student in Year 8 and Year 9 met the standard and were invited along for this fun evening.

## Sports Day 2017

Sports Day was highly competitive with so many athletes taking part to represent their tutor groups. The throwing events took place in the morning.

The afternoon took place on the track and all students performed to their full potential. It was great to see how supportive the students were in motivating the other runners during their event. This was such a fabulous day and with great weather, it is sure to be one of the most successful events during this academic year.



## Adlais Elfed Echo: Special Edition

The Adlais Elfed Echo has made Elfed students' voices heard since 2013. Students of all ages have been involved, as editors, reporters, review writers and photographers. Schools from the Buckley and Mynydd Isa Consortium have taken up the invitation to contribute too, making this a true community project. Thank you to all who have developed the project through thirteen editions, from the first edition in 2013 to this terms' outstanding Special Edition. Diolch yn fawr.



## Efed News

News about Elfed High School is available on our website, together with policies and updates. You can also follow us on Twitter.

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**School is closed for the holidays for the summer, starting on Friday 21st July 2017. School is open again for students on Tuesday 5th September 2017.**

## Do you provide your child with a packed lunch every day?

If so, there are some great ideas for healthy lunches on the NHS website [www.nhs.uk/change4life](http://www.nhs.uk/change4life)



## Is your child eligible for free school meals?

The high cost of raising a young family means that everyone could do with some help. Free school meals save you time and money and provide reassurance that your children are eating a healthy, balanced lunch every day. If you are on benefits or unemployed you may be able to claim free school meals for your child. Details are on the website.

## Healthier lunchboxes



School meals are a great choice, but if you do make a packed lunch for your child then we've got it covered. Get hints and tips on what your lunchbox should contain as well as lots of easy-to-prepare ideas your children will love.