



Elfed High School Newsletter
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Wales Quality Award
Winners 2016

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Ennillwyr 2016



Wales Quality Centre's Gold Award

The Senior Students were presented with the Wales Quality Award at the School's Presentation Evening. They received the award from Mrs Phillips, Vice Chair of the Welsh Quality Centre, who said,

"Assessors also found Elfed High School to be an exemplary model of a supportive environment, encouraging a progressive culture of learning for its students and staff."



Elfed High School is in the 'Green' category for support

For the third consecutive year, Elfed High School is in the 'Green Support Category' in the Welsh Government's Categorisation of Schools. Schools in the 'Green' category are described as 'Highly effective schools with a track record in sustaining a high level of learner outcomes.'

Categorisation takes account of the School's standards and the potential for future improvement. This confirms that the school has very good overall performance and clear priorities for future development.

Recognition for Services to Education

Congratulations to Mrs Rosemary Jones, Headteacher, on being named in the 2016 New Year Honours. Mrs Jones has been rewarded with an OBE for Services to Education.

She says, "This honour reflects the contribution of everyone in the Elfed High School team in providing excellent learning opportunities for the young people of Buckley and beyond." Mrs Jones has been invited to Buckingham Palace to receive the award in March.



'Find your Voice'



Theatr Clwyd @ Elfed

Our school became the stage for a week, as the Theatr Clwyd @ Elfed team entertained and inspired with bespoke performances all around the building. Scenes from classic literature, break dancing, folk music and rock inspired students to write their own dialogues, monologues, poetry and stories, which the actors then performed at the end of the week.

As a school community we gained in confidence as the week progressed, not only as an audience but also as participants.



Elfed's 'Writing Room'

Students have loved working in the 'Writing Room' with the guest writers from Theatr Clwyd. Everyone was welcome to join the lunchtime sessions, sharing ideas and learning from one another.



Engineering

Llongyfarchiadau. Congratulations to the Year 11 students who have completed their controlled assessments in Engineering. Your positive attitude to learning is a real credit to you all.



Presentation Evening

We welcomed former student, Rhian Taylor back to Elfed High School as the Guest of Honour as this glittering event. Rhian is now working on her doctorate in Mathematics, having been inspired to study the subject by her teachers here at Elfed.

Rhian presented GCSE certificates and a range of prestigious school awards to former and current students. Well done to all who attended. Da iawn pawb.





Winter Concert

Families and friends enjoyed some outstanding performances at Elfed High School's Winter Concert, with students of all ages taking part. Talented musicians were joined by readers, taking the audience on a winter journey across the countries of Europe.



Students donate to the Flintshire Foodbank

Students in 8L decided they wanted to help to feed families and asked their peers to donate to this worthy cause. Many donations were made, with foods ranging from cupboard basics to tasty treats. All of the food was collected by Flintshire Foodbank who will ensure that families in Flintshire are well-fed this winter.



Quiz Night

The Library was packed with staff, students and their families on Quiz Night, having some fun and testing out their knowledge and problem solving skills. Mr Green found some tricky questions to keep everyone thinking. Congratulations to the winning teams and thanks to all who supported this 'Elfed Extra Families' event.



Science Prize Winner

The annual Synthite Science Prize has been awarded to an aspiring physicist based on some outstanding achievements in Year 10 Biology, Physics and Chemistry GCSEs. In an interview for the Chronicle newspaper, the student explained that she has always had an interest in the subject and hopes to progress to a degree in physics or astrophysics, saying, 'It's a brilliant feeling to have won this award'.



Supporting the Homeless

Homeless people have received shelter and support, thanks to the generosity of Elfed students, staff and the wider community. We raised over £300. Thank you to the Leading Lernerers for organising some very succesful fundraising activities and to everyone who supported the appeal.



Smooth Move to Elfed

Congratulations to pupils from Drury, Mountain Lane, Southdown and Westwood Primary Schools who have been involved in the Smooth Move to Elfed activities. They have been learning about the high school environment and preparing for the change of school at the end of Year 6. Activities this term includes the Sports Festival for Year 5 and a Science themed workshops about light and sound.



Learning new skills in Andorra

The snowy slopes of Andorra became the classroom for a group of students for a week at the end of January. They replaced their usual school routines with ski lessons and enjoyed sledging, iceskating and other winter sports in their spare time.



Elfed News

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**School is closed for the holidays from:
Monday 20th February to
Friday 24th February 2017**



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.