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## Eisteddfod Elfed 2016

Eisteddfod Elfed 2016 was a showcase for talented students in Year 7 and Year 8. Every student participated on the stage during the morning, with many also competing off the stage in subjects such as Art, History, Geography and Religious Studies. Longyfarchiadau. Congratulations to everyone. Bendigedig!



## Elfed Apprenticeship Fair

The Elfed Apprenticeship Fair helped Year 11 students to find out about a range of career options and to prepare for the workplace. Mr Stubbs welcomed the visitors, who came from many different organisations, including the Airbus Group, Coleg Cambria and representatives from Public Services. This event provided learners with the opportunity to ask questions and to learn about the choices that lie ahead. Diolch yn fawr. Thank you very much everyone who made this event a success.

## Key Stage 4 Prospectus

Year 9 students are making choices about their subjects for next year. The Key Stage 4 Prospectus has been issued to all the students, giving detailed information about the courses on offer. Students and their families were welcomed to find out more at the recent Progress Evening.

You can view  
the **Key Stage 4  
Prospectus**  
on the website  
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# Smooth Move to Elfed

Pupils from Drury, Mountain Lane, Southdown and Westwood have enjoyed a taste of excellent learning at Elfed High School this term. Pupils from Year 4 took part in the Gymnastics Festival, with Elfed's Sports Leaders helping them to learn new skills. Pupils received medals for their effective communication skills and some great teamwork.



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Year 5 pupils were developing their problem solving skills, supported by former pupils of their primary schools, now students at Elfed. Once the puzzles were solved, they went on to be enthralled in the Techniquest Planetarium, viewing the night sky as never before.

These activities are part of the Smooth Move to Elfed programme, designed to provide regular experiences of learning in the high school environment, prior to moving on at the end of Year 6.





## Connecting Classrooms

### CROESO! Welcome!

Staff and students welcomed visitors, Indu-mala and Senedhera, who travelled from Sri Lanka to visit Elfed High School.

Our special visitors were from St Joseph's College, Sri Lanka, as part of the Connecting Classrooms project, funded by the British Council. They spent a week observing lessons and talking with our learners to find out about life at Elfed High School.



## Immersion in Nature

Owls joined our classrooms during the Immersion sessions this term. Year 9 students were fascinated to find out about these impressive birds of prey.



## Drama Special

Talented actors helped students to a greater understanding of the issues facing migrants in the UK. Their drama, entitled 'Scattered', triggered an interesting discussion during the workshop sessions and some very perceptive contributions by Elfed students.



## Welsh Rugby

Cymru am byth! Supporters of the Welsh Rugby travelled to Colwyn Bay to watch the U21s play at Parc Eirias. This opportunity is provided as one of the many Elfed Extra activities, enriching learning out of school hours.



## Elfed Youth Theatre

Members of Elfed Youth Theatre excelled in the recent performance of 'Our Journey'. This original drama was created and performed by students from Year 7 to Year 10, supported by Mrs Heap and Miss Pennington. All are welcome to take part in our summer production. Practices are every Wednesdays after school.



## Leading Learners

'Leading Learners' were the experts at the recent Health and Fitness information event for parents and carers. This was an informal Coffee Morning, organised by the PE team, with excellent presentations by students of all ages, informing the visitors about activities here at Elfed.

Look out for information about similar events planned for next school year.



## Excellent Teamwork

Theatr Elfed echoed to the sounds of the Hakka during Eisteddfod Elfed. This ritual chant, originally from New Zealand, provided our students with a chance to develop their skills, working in coordination with others.



## Netball

The 'dream team' of netballers from Year 11 have played their last match of the season. They have worked really well together and supported one another over the last five years, building on their experiences as representatives of Elfed High School in sport.

## Elfed 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 on Friday 25th March for the holidays and re-opens for students on Monday 11th April.**

## 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.

