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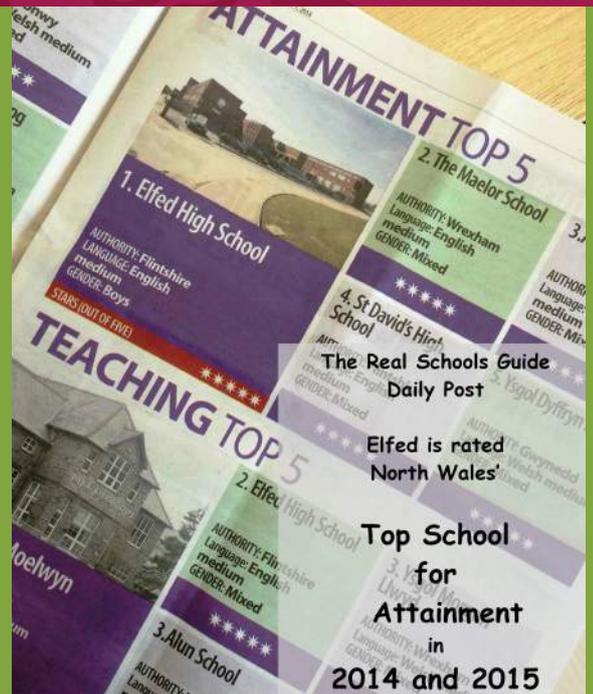
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## 'Top School for Attainment'



Once again, Elfed High School is the top school for attainment in the 'Real Schools Guide'.

In 2014 and 2015 this survey of secondary schools has identified Elfed as being in the best ten schools in Wales overall and top in North Wales for the important 'Attainment' indicator. The survey is published on the Daily Post website.



## Students praised for their love of sport



A recent report from Sport Flintshire shows that Elfed High School students exceed national expectations in terms of their involvement in sport.

Members of the Sports Council get involved in choosing and organising activities, supported by the 5x60 Officer. The strategy works, with 90 percent of Elfed students attending five or more sessions, compared with the Welsh average of 65 per cent.



## Visiting our Outstanding Learning Community

Families filled Theatr Elfed on Open Evening, taking advantage of a chance to visit the school and meet students and staff. Exciting activities around the school attracted children and adults alike, including a chat with some familiar book characters in the school's Library. If you missed Open Evening please contact us on 01244 550217 to arrange a visit at a time to suit you.



## Adventurous Activities at Glanllyn

A range of exciting adventurous activities provided an excellent opportunity for learning new skills at the Glanllyn Outdoor Centre on the shores of Llyn Tegid. Students from Years 8 and 9 had fun abseiling, canoeing, bowling and daring to tackle the high ropes.



## Love to read!

Books by Anthony Horowitz are exceptionally popular again this year, especially with Year 9 boys. Our Library has an excellent choice of books by this and many other authors. Please support reading at home, with at least fifteen minutes of reading every day.



## A bright future for Elfed students

Key Stage 4 students and their families attended the popular Careers Fair event. They were welcomed by employers and educational providers from across Flintshire and beyond. The information they gathered will help them to make well informed choices about their next steps following their education at Elfed High School.



## Sports Leader Awards

Congratulations to all the Year 11 students who have received their Sports leaders awards recently. Llongyfarchiadau!





## Library Committee News

Congratulations to the members of the Library Committee on some excellent plans for Elfed Extra activities this year. Activities this year will include the popular Film Club and Creative Writing Club and many more. The Library Committee is one of many groups of 'Leading Learners' set up across the curriculum to develop even better links between students and staff.



## Pizza and pasta event

Year 7 students were the hosts at the very popular Pasta and Pizza event. Families met up with new friends, tutors and key staff, enjoying generous portions of Italian cuisine in the School's Dining Room. Feedback from the families was excellent, with praise for the school's brilliant Smooth Move to Elfed transition programme.



## 'Friendship' service

A warm welcome awaited former students when they returned to their primary schools. Ex-pupils of Drury, Mountain Lane, Southdown and Westwood Primary Schools took part in a service about 'Friendship'. They spoke confidently about their experiences since joining Elfed High School in September.



## Open Evening

Thank you to the Leading Learners who supported our excellent Open Evening. In Food Technology and across the school our students were busy helping with the activities and chatting to children and their families. Diolch yn fawr.



## Learning Directors for literacy and numeracy



Elfed High School has adapted its leadership structure to respond to national priorities. New Learning Director posts have been created, for literacy and for numeracy, the post holders delivering learning opportunities to develop literacy and numeracy skills and supporting staff to consolidate these across the curriculum. There is now increased confidence in planning and delivering effective activities.

## Estyn praise for Elfed High School's 'Best Practice'

Estyn's recent 'Best Practice' guide describes Leadership of Literacy and Numeracy here at Elfed High School. "The impact of co-ordinated leadership on the provision for Literacy and Numeracy has been immense, with performance at Key Stage 4 has been well above the expectations for many key indicators in the past two years". A copy of the report is on our website [www.elfedhs.co.uk](http://www.elfedhs.co.uk).



## Shortlisted for a prestigious writing competition

Congratulations to the students who have been shortlisted for the prestigious Daniel Owen New Writing Competition. Their work will be performed by professional actors in Theatr Clwyd. Llongyfarchiadau.



## Learning in Liverpool's Tate Gallery

GCSE Art students from Year 10 learnt from the work of contemporary artists on a recent trip to the Tate gallery in Liverpool.



## Netball Club

Netball club is one of the many clubs on offer at lunchtime and after school.



## Film Club

Have some fun at Film Club. We meet in the Library every Wednesday lunchtime.



## 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.



## Extending and enriching learning at Elfed High School



Visit the Elfed Extra pages of our website for full details of all the clubs and activities. [www.elfedhs.co.uk](http://www.elfedhs.co.uk)



## Art Club

Come along to Art Club to develop your skill and have some fun.

## 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 for the half term holiday from:

**Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October 2015**