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Schools, Families, Community

Working in partnership
in Buckley and Drury

Lesley Griffiths, Minister for Communities and Tackling Poverty, visited Elfed High School to find out about our 'Working with Parents' project.

The Minister was welcomed by Cllr Bernie Attridge, Deputy Leader of Flintshire County Council, Cllr Ian Peters, Mayor of Buckley. She met staff, parents and governors from Elfed High School, Drury, Mountain Lane, Southdown and Westwood and presented them with certificates to celebrate the partnership between 'Schools, Families and Community'. The Minister was impressed to hear about the positive difference the project has had already on the lives of children and their families.

She said, *"I was particularly pleased to see and hear about how your staff are supporting parents to enhance their children's development and ensure that they reach their full potential"*.



Please contact us for more information about our work with families, or visit the website www.elfedhs.co.uk



Elfed's Cricketers are Champions

Llongyfarchiadau! Congratulations to the Year 8 students who played exceptionally well in the Lady Taverners Under 13 Cricket Championship. They have trained hard and developed their skills, with excellent support from Mr Moss. They played brilliantly in the tournament and deserve to be the County Champions. **Well done! Da iawn!**

Members of Elfed Youth Theatre gave an outstanding performance of the original drama, 'Ada's Time'.

Students had researched the drama and developed the story with the help of Mrs Heap and Miss Pennington. The audience were captivated by the story which was both humorous and moving, brought to life by the young cast.

Elfed Youth Theatre is one of many Elfed Extra activities. Everyone is welcome to come along after school on Wednesdays to prepare for the next performance.





The Buckley Society

The Buckley Society has presented Elfed High School with a very special gift, a framed copy of a post card signed by Elfed and dated 1884. The card was sent to a Buckley resident by Dr Elfet Howell Lewis, the minister and poet after whom Elfed High School is named. It was donated to the Buckley Society last year and a copy has been presented to students by Mr Shone (Chair) and Mr Davies (Secretary).

Dr Elfet Howell Lewis took the pen name 'Elfed' when writing hymns and poetry. He was delighted to hear that the new high school in Buckley would bear his name when it opened in 1954.



Students in Year 9 are busy planning their Individual Learning Pathways, selecting the subjects they wish to study for their GCSE options.

Mr Stubbs, Key Stage 4 Learning Director, explained some exciting changes in the curriculum to parents and families in a packed Theatr Elfed as part of the Year 9 Progress Evening.

The colourful Key Stage 4 Prospectus provides information about what is on offer.



Crime and Safety Awareness Day

Crime and Safety Awareness Day was a great opportunity to learn about road and internet safety and the consequences of committing a crime. The workshops included a session with magistrate in which they learned about the court of law. The students also met an ex-offender who provided them with real insight into the consequences of committing crime. The course director, said:

"The students were extremely well behaved and respectful to the visitors. They can be proud of their efforts."



Smooth Move to Elfed

Pupils from Drury, Mountain Lane, Southdown and Westwood are enjoying the opportunity to learn in a high school setting as part of the Elfed Extra Smooth Move programme.

Year 4 pupils spent a whole morning in the school's gyms, learning new skills and having fun.

Year 5 pupils developed their skills in Numeracy and Science. The pupils learnt about the universe in the Stardome, provided by Techniquest, Glyndwr.

Please contact is on 01244 550217 for more information about the Smooth Move to Elfed Transition Programme, or look on the website www.elfedhs.co.uk.



Premier League Reading Stars

Football star, Graeme Sharpe, visited Elfed to share his experiences with students from Year 9. The former Everton player met the students as part of the programme to promote excellent literacy skills through the link with sport. The programme is organised by the Literacy Trust.

All the students involved in the project were later invited to watch a match at Stoke City. The Elfed logo was proudly displayed on the big screen and the students were invited onto the pitch before the game in recognition of their excellent achievements in the classroom.

I am very proud my child is at the Elfed High School. He has said more than once that the Elfed is great because 'you can be yourself and everybody is looked after'.

Year 9 parent



Comic Relief

The School Council has raised money to support vulnerable children by holding a cake sale in aid of Comic Relief.

Elfed News

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Tennis Club for Buckley

Staff and students are looking forward to the opening of the new Tennis Club to be based at Elfed High School. This will be an opportunity for school and community to work together to provide some great new opportunities for the sport. More information will be available soon.

World Skills Show

Llongyfarchiadau. Congratulations to a former student on winning gold in the World Skills Show. Year 11 students welcomed the successful student and listened intently as she outlined her many achievements since leaving Elfed High School for Coleg Cambria two years ago.

Well done! Da iawn!



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.

Estyn Inspection

Diolch yn fawr. Thank you to everyone for their support during the successful Estyn Inspection week, Monday 23rd February to Friday 27th February 2015. The Inspection report will be published at the end of April.

School is closed from
**Monday 30th March to
Friday 10th April 2015.**

We reopen for students on
Monday 13th April 2015.