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Elfed High School's outstanding achievements are in the news.



"Joy over inspectors' 'excellent' report"

Flintshire Chronicle



"Elfed High School praised in inspection"

Daily Post

"Buckley School rated as 'excellent' by inspection report"

Evening Leader

Newspaper reporters have focussed on Elfed High School's excellent inspection report, with some lovely photos and comments praising the whole school community on this outstanding achievement.

Headteacher, Rosemary Jones, is quoted as saying, *"We are very proud of the outstanding achievements of Elfed High School students. The 2015 Estyn Inspection report is full of praise for the school's many strengths and we are delighted with the 'excellent' judgements that put us among the very best schools in Wales."*

The school has now been chosen by Estyn to be an 'excellent practice case study' for the provision of leadership in literacy and numeracy. Copies of the report are available on the Estyn website and from the School Office.

School is closed for half term from Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May 2015





Quick Thinking Students Help Save Injured Neighbour

The Chair of Governors visited school to congratulate students from Year 10 and Year 11 on providing life saving support for an elderly neighbour who fell whilst putting out her washing. The neighbour's family wrote to all the students involved to thank them for their quick thinking.



Sports Council Cylothon

Llongyfarchiadau. Congratulations to everyone who supported the Sports Council Cylothon. Students and staff cycled a total of 1,110km in just five days to raise funds for the Macmillan Cancer Support Charity. A raffle with some star prizes helped to boost the total raised.



Diolch yn fawr

Pob lwc. Good luck to all the students who are leaving us this summer.

Thank you to the parents, carers and families for all the support you have given the school over the years. Our partnership has given these young people the confidence and skills they need to take up the best opportunities in further education and the world of work.

Thank you to this year's Senior Students, Zack Arrowsmith, Megan Bellis and Julie Markvartova. They have taken on some challenging tasks, including welcoming Huw Lewis, Minister for Education and Skills, assisting in staff interviews. They have also represented the students on the Governing Body as Associate Governors. School Council members gave the three role models a vote of thanks at the recent School Council meeting.

Film review of the week

Llongyfarchiadau.

Congratulations to a talented Year 8 student on gaining national recognition for his excellent writing skills. His film review was selected as the 'review of the week' by this national organisation. He received a DVD and certificate in recognition of this achievement. Well done! Da iawn!





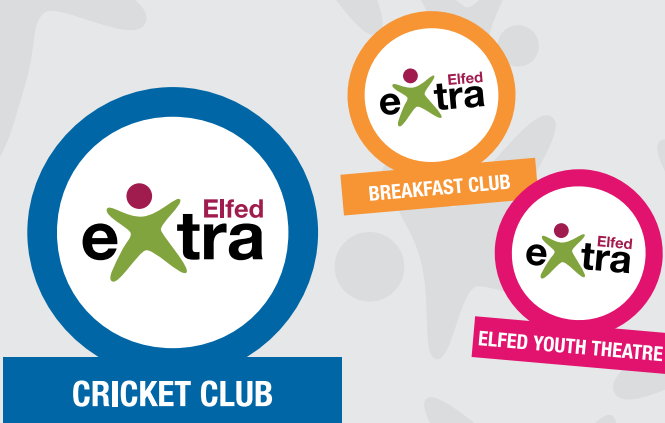
Mock Interviews

Year 11 students have excelled in the recent mock interviews. They impressed representatives from business and industry who helped them to prepare for future college and job interviews. The interviewers were very impressed with the detailed CVs and excellent interview skills. Well done. Da iawn.



Elfed Cricket Club

Cricket Club is one of the many Elfed Extra activities taking place this summer term. See the website for more details.



House of Commons Visit

Students from Year 9 spent a day in the heart of London, finding out about how the United Kingdom is governed. They visited the House of Commons and the House of Lords to learn about how legislation is passed. Their visit also included walking to Downing Street and Buckingham Palace in the beautiful spring sunshine.



Levi Tavari Workshop

Year 5 pupils from Drury, Mountain Lane, Southdown and Westwood Primary Schools enjoyed exploring their identity during a workshop session with poet, Levi Tavari. The pupils met up with some familiar faces on the day as they were supported by Year 7 students from Elfed High School. Our next Elfed Extra Smooth Move event for Year 5 pupils is Puzzle Day on 1st July. The whole family is welcome to the evening event at 6.00pm in Theatr Elfed.



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.



Elfed Egg Hunt

Year 6 students and their families received a warm welcome at the Elfed High School Egg Hunt. The visitors solved some egg themed puzzles and navigated their way around the school building to collect the Elfed Extra stickers. This is one of several welcome events designed to make the move from primary school to Elfed High School a positive experience for all.



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