

## Elfed High School Outstanding Learning Community

### Flintshire Champions

The Year 10 football team are the Flintshire county champions after coming top in a challenging tournament.

After qualifying from the group stage against Argoed, Maes Garmon and Mold Alun they went on to win 2 – 0 against Flint in the semi finals. The final round saw a 2 – 1 victory for Elfed against Hawarden High School.



### Year 11 students celebrate their achievements



Llongyfarchiadau! Congratulations to Year 11 and Year 13 students who leave Elfed this term. You have contributed so much during your time at Elfed and are a true credit to our school. We will miss you!

Diolch yn fawr! Thank you to all parents and carers for supporting learning at Elfed High School in 2012–2013. We are very grateful to all the teachers and support staff for their commitment and support for the students and to Mr Ian Collins, Mr Martin Evans and the members of the Governing Body for their leadership and guidance during this outstanding academic year.

School closes for summer on **Friday 19th July 2013**  
and opens again for students on **Wednesday 4th September 2013**

# Be the Best You Can Be

## Elfed students are outstanding



Rhys Jones won the Flintshire U15's multi event athletics tournament. He came 1st in the county for long jump, shot putt, 800m and hurdles. He will now represent NE Wales in this event. Daniel Fredrikson and Arron Davies Year 8 have also qualified to represent NE Wales. Daniel Fredrikson and Michael Bishton have been selected to represent Flintshire in the NE Wales athletics tournament.



The Orienteering team (pictured below) came first in the Flintshire Championship and Year 10 rugby team were runners up in the Flintshire county rugby tournament.  
Well done! Da iawn!

## Year 8 Skills Week 2013



Who would have thought that a group of actors could transform a body of teenagers into breathtaking performing artists?

Well, that's exactly what happened, courtesy of Theatr Clwyd Cymru's

'The Hub', directed by Mr Tim Baker. We were no strangers to this fantastic project, although this time, they offered us an experience that sent us all into excitement.

Over the week, we developed our skills in drama, writing, music and art to produce a show-stopping exhibition of our new found talents.

Each student took part, behind the scenes or in the spotlight. The art specialists created a flabbergasting, jungle-themed tunnel to take primary pupils to 'The Centre of Elfed'. Angharad Davies, one of the many Artists in the group said "I really enjoyed it. It was fun to do something different,

I've never done something like that before!"

The musicians formed bands, wrote and performed their own song around the topic of moving up to Elfed. There were guitarists, bassists, drummers, pianists and singers in each of the four groups. Rebecca Blackwell, the guitarist of Pink Pears says 'It was fun, people got to try new instruments.'

The actors and writers spent the week performing and writing dialogues, monologues, poems and soundscapes for the young pupils to enjoy. And enjoy it they did, as Year 8 students received raving reviews from teachers and primary children all around Buckley.

So we say a belated 'thank you' to Tim Baker and the Hub, for offering us this opportunity of a lifetime.



*By Owen Jones and Bethan Bellis*

# A Shocking Experience for 7F



Students in Mrs Norris's science class were treated to a lesson of sparks and shocks when Mr Lydiate gave a fantastic demonstration of exciting electricity experiments using our new Van der Graff Generator.

India Dollery was a brave volunteer who had her hair sticking out at right angles. Luke Griffiths was only too happy to receive a little shock. Good fun was had by all while learning about electricity.

## Year 5 show off their skills in Team Work, Thinking Skills and Perseverance



Numeracy Puzzle Day was a great success with the Year 5 pupils from Mountain Lane, Westwood, Southdown and Drury solving puzzles, balancing chairs and penguins and much more. Team work, thinking skills and perseverance were essential for the day with all the Year 5 students having a wonderful time.

## Enterprise

at Elfed High School

Year 9 students learnt to work with others whilst completing the first part of their Welsh Baccalaureate Qualification. They set up their own companies to promote tourist attractions in North Wales. In the final event the judges congratulated Connor Jones and Molly Griffiths on being the most enterprising students.



## Football and Literacy Project Linking football with reading has helped Year 7 students' literacy skills

Sixteen Year 7 students have taken part in the successful Football and Literacy scheme run by Wrexham Football Club Development Officer, Tony Merola.

As part of the course, students had a tour of Wrexham's ground and saw the latest trophy won by Wrexham.

The final outcome of the course will be for the students to make a sports presentation for the rest of Year 7.





School Council members have elected Senior Students for 2013—2014 Elenya Buscombe, Mark Roberts, Kate Jones, Amira Mattar, Chris Ashton and Laura Barr are leaders of School Council.



## Elfed High School is making the News

BBC Wales reporters chose Elfed High School as the focus of a news item about numeracy skills in Wales. Mrs A J Preston, Head of Mathematics Curriculum Area and

students spoke on Radio Wales about their success in numeracy.

Estyn praises Elfed High School's provision for numeracy across the curriculum and in particular the way computer based programmes are used to inform planning at the level of individual students. The impact is clear in the significant improvement in students' achievement in Mathematics at the end of Key Stage 4. 84% of Year 11 students achieved A\* to C grades in Mathematics in 2012, compared to the Wales average of 59% and the Flintshire average of 69%.

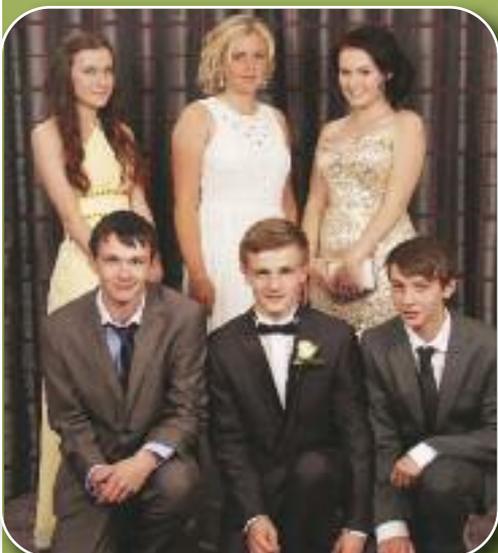
Our success was featured on BBC Wales News, with interviews with staff and students and several schools are visiting to share our good practice in this respect.

## Designing the Eisteddfod Chair for the 21st Century



Designer Gafyn met with Eisteddfod winners from the past 3 years to help him design an Eisteddfod chair for Elfed High School. This will be a bespoke piece of contemporary furniture, reflecting the culture and heritage of our school and looking forward to the future. The chair will be commissioned by the family of the late Beatrice Barker, Senior Mistress of Elfed High School when the school opened in 1954.

## Congratulations! Llongyfarchiadau!



Year 11 students enjoyed a night of celebration at their Prom in June. With the GCSE exams over, they were keen to enjoy the company of their friends and remember the good times over the last five years. Students voted Megan Bellis and Dave Humphreys as prom King and Queen. Induction for Elfed Sixth Form is on Tuesday 3rd September at 1.30pm. There are places available so please contact Mrs S A Jones, Director of Post 16, for more details of our courses.