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 Elfed High School  
 celebrates outstanding  
 exam results.

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## Elfed High School Outstanding Learning Community

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### Superb results at GCSE and Advanced Level

Elfed High School is celebrating another very successful year as standards of academic achievements soar even higher.

Year 11 and Year 13 students, supported by their parents and the school's excellent staff, have been rewarded with outstanding results this summer. Standards at Elfed High School are among the very best in the county and in Wales. We are proud to congratulate the students on their achievements.

85% of students achieved 5 or more A\* to C grades and 76% of students achieved at least 5A\* to C including English and Mathematics.

Outstanding standards in both Mathematics and English resulted in this very impressive achievement, with performance at Elfed High School 11% above the Flintshire average of 65%\*. This exceeds the school's previous best performance.

The dedication of our Year 13 students has also been rewarded with some brilliant results. The pass rate was an impressive 100%, for the third successive year. 36% of grades are at the highest level (A\* and A), 16% above the average for Flintshire (20%)\*. Well done! We wish the students every success as they progress to prestigious universities, training and employment.



#### Congratulations to Year 11 students

**85%**

achieved 5 or more A\* to C grades  
 5% above the Flintshire average

**76%**

achieved 5 or more passes A\* to C including English and Mathematics  
 11% above the Flintshire average

**85%**

achieved A\* to C grades in Mathematics  
 14% above the Flintshire average

**80%**

achieved A\* to C grades in English  
 6% above the Flintshire average

\*based on provisional data August 2013

#### Llongyfarchiadau

Outstanding achievement at **Elfed High School**

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# Superb GCSE Results



'We are very proud of these superb achievements and the very high standard of the year group as a whole.'

We are delighted with the excellent progress that every individual student has made here at Elfed High School.'

Students have worked steadily to prepare for the controlled assessments and examinations and have been very positive about learning and the wider school activities. Thank you to the parents and school staff for their support and encouragement that has helped the students to achieve standards of personal excellence.'

Rosemary Jones,  
Headteacher

## Key figures

Percentage of students achieving at least 5A\* to C grades including English and Maths is 76% (Flintshire average is 65%\*).

Percentage of students achieving at least 5A\* to C grades is 85% (Flintshire average is 80%\*).

Percentage of students achieving 1 A\* to G is 100%.

Among the many outstanding students is Julie Markvartova who achieved 10 A\* grades. Julie's first language is Czech and she mastered English as a second language to such a high standard that she now excels across the curriculum. Julie attended Southdown Primary School before transferring to Year 7 at Elfed High School.

Megan Bellis achieved all A\* across 7 subjects alongside A grades in the remainder of her full course GCSEs. Megan is an ex pupil of Mountain Lane Primary School.

Sophie Mills, also a former pupil of Mountain Lane Primary School is also celebrating straight A\* and A grades in her full course GCSEs. She is planning to return to Elfed High School sixth form, along with Julie and Megan.

Paige Bedford has attended Elfed High School as a guest student from Ysgol Maes Hyfryd, the special school in Flint. She is a former Belmont School student and her success in gaining 7 GCSE qualifications is a credit to her and the staff of the Cyswllt resource who have worked with her.

# Fantastic A Level Results

## Congratulations to Year 13 students

**36%**

A\* and A grades  
16% above the  
Flintshire average of 20%\*

**100%**

achieved 2 or more  
A Levels

**88%**

A\* to C grades  
14% above the  
Flintshire average of 74%\*

\*based on provisional  
data August 2013

## Llongyfarchiadau

We are delighted with the success of Year 13 students, who have achieved at a level far higher than the Flintshire average and other schools in the county.

36% of all the examination grades were A\* and A, showing that the dedication and hard work of the students has resulted in qualifications at the highest level. With a 100% pass rate, the young people of Buckley really do have something to celebrate.

Jake Jones secured straight A\* grades in Chemistry, Maths and Physics. He is looking forward to studying Physics at Manchester University. Jake was 6000 miles away in Japan when the news of his outstanding achievement broke. His visit to Japan was part of Flintshire County Councils Optec Japanese Youth Exchange. Jake spent the nervous wait for his results at Disneyland in Tokyo.



Other top achievers include former Mountain Lane pupils Michael Ludden whose 2 A\*s, A and B grades will take him to Sheffield University to study Chemistry and Leanne Evans who gained four A grades across the sciences and Maths. Leanne hopes to take a gap year before following her ambition to study medicine. George Ashton, Conor Boyle, Haf Whitley and Charlotte Whiting each have a collection of top grades.

Director of Post-16, Sally Jones, said she was immensely proud of the students' exceptional achievements.

'We are incredibly proud of our young people. Once again, we have shown that our sixth form is an outstanding learning community. The results speak for themselves and truly demonstrate our shared vision of academic excellence for the young people of Buckley'.





## Best wishes to Year 13 students whose destinations include the top universities in the UK.

Chemistry **Sheffield University**  
 Primary Education **Bangor University**  
 Accountancy **Manchester University**  
 Science **Lancaster University**  
 History **Liverpool University**  
 Education & Childhood Studies **Glyndwr University**  
 Music **Leeds College of Music**  
 Human Geography **Aberystwyth University**  
 Physics **Sheffield University**  
 Physics **Manchester University**  
 Physical Education & Sport **Manchester Metropolitan**  
 Law & Criminology **Lincoln University**  
 Events Management **Manchester Metropolitan**  
 Media with Theatre **Bangor University**  
 Ancient History **Liverpool University**  
 Mathematics **Chester University**  
 Marketing **Chester University**

## Calling Parents of Pupils in Year 4, 5 and 6

We welcome you and your child to Elfed High School, an outstanding learning community where staff and students are passionate about learning.

**Comparison of our results with other schools shows that Elfed High School is a top school in Flintshire and among the best in Wales.**

You are welcome to visit Elfed High School to see for yourself and find out more about learning here at Elfed. We looking forward to meeting you.

Please call **01244 550217** to make an appointment at a time to suit you.

## Thursday 3rd October 2013

### Open Day

Tours of the school all day  
 Call **01244 550217** to book.

### Open Evening

Open school event 5.00pm to 7.30pm  
 Headteacher's address 6.00pm  
 All welcome.

## Working in partnership

Our partner primary schools support learning at Elfed High School by setting high standards from the start. Thank you to the staff of Drury, Mountain Lane, Southdown and Westwood Primary Schools for your support.



*'I can never thank this school enough for the fantastic opportunities that it has given me'*

*Former student*