

October Arts Festival Gwyl Celf Mis Hydref

The Hub

Elfed High School's students were surprised on Monday 15th October when the Artists@Work team swooped into their school.

Tim Baker, Associate Director at Clwyd Theatr Cymru, headed a team of professional artists to create stimulating, challenging and provocative interactions in the corridors, the grounds, the gates and even the dining rooms.

Tim Baker said: "This is one of the most exciting projects I have ever undertaken. Creating a truly invigorating live artistic experience for and with young people is both exhilarating and challenging! I'm sure it will have a powerful impact on their lives."



The Hub was a 'crossroads' between the artists and the young people releasing their creative energy, encouraging one and all to interact, make a scene and get involved. As young creators their words, ideas and thoughts came to life through our artists each and every day culminating in a huge celebration at the end of the week.

The project was funded by the Arts Council of Wales. Thank you to all involved! Diolch yn fawr!

Open Day / Diwrnod Agored

We were pleased to welcome hundreds of parents, carers, pupils and friends to visit our school on Open Day.

Visitors were impressed by the warm welcome, Elfed's modern facilities and our emphasis on excellent learning.

Our doors are open to visitors at any time, so please contact us on 01244 550217 to arrange a time to suit you.

Vivo is here! Mae Vivo yma!

Every student at Elfed High School now has an account with Vivo Miles. Our students are rewarded with Vivo Miles when they exceed our expectations and collect points that can be redeemed for gifts and activities or donated to a charity.

As parents and carers you are encouraged to support your child by checking the record of all the rewards and details of their successes and achievements. You can log in to the Vivo website www.vivomiles.com using your personal code. Please contact your Head of Learning / Director of Key Stage for more information and advice on how to access your child's Vivo account.

Governing Body Corff Llywodraethol

Sincere thanks to Mr Ray Wells who has stepped down after four busy years as Chair of Governors. Mr Wells has overseen a period of transformation at Elfed High School, with rising standards in every aspect. He has led the governors confidently, always maintaining a positive approach and making some inspired decisions.

Mr Ian Collins now takes over as Chair of Governors. He is a very experienced community governor who knows our school well and shares our high aspirations.

You can contact Mr Ian Collins at any time via the school office on 01244 550217.

We also thank Cllr Neville Phillips OBE for his outstanding support as Vice Chair of the Governing Body. Mr Martin Evans, now takes on this crucial role.

Study Club

The library is open for students from 8.30am to 4.00pm.

Come and use our books and computers.

Miss A Pennington, Library Assistant, is looking forward to supporting and encouraging YOU.

Elfed Parent and Carers' Network

Christmas Flower Arranging and Cookery Demonstration
Thursday 6th December 2012
at 7.00pm. Tickets £5.00
All welcome. Croeso i bawb.

You are invited to the

Governing Body
Annual Meeting for
Parents and Carers
Wednesday
14th November 2012
at 5.00pm

School Modernisation Consultation Wednesday 21st November 2012 7.00pm in Theatr Elfed

Have your say on future learning opportunities at Elfed High School. See Flintshire County Council's website for the latest news on the Mold, Buckley, Mynydd Isa Local Area review.



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Outstanding academic achievement at Elfed High School!

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'outstanding academic achievement' at Elfed High School

Dr Brett Pugh, Head of Welsh Government School Standards Unit visited Elfed High School last month. He chose to visit Elfed High School because he was interested in finding out how the school has achieved such a rapid improvement in standards.

Our visitor praised the staff and students for the progress and gave credit to the parents and wider community for all their support for learning at Elfed High School.

Dr Pugh was particularly impressed by Elfed students' high standards of academic achievement in Key Stage Four, with 83% of Year 11 students achieving five or more A* to C grades in GCSE examinations. He also commented that it is unusual for a school to achieve such a high percentage of grades A* to C in GCSE Mathematics. Well done! Da iawn!

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Be the best you can be!



'Jenna Downing, taught me never to give up and to keep trying to achieve my dreams'
Year 7 student

Elfed High School students were delighted to meet the World Champion inline skater, Jenna Downing. Jenna shared her experiences of aiming high and reaching the peak of her sport. The visit was organised by the 21st Century Legacy group and builds on the enthusiasm and excitement generated by the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Jenna launched the **Be the Best you can Be!** programme of activities that will enable students at Elfed High School to discover their own potential. The programme will inspire, engage and empower the students to pursue and fulfil their dreams.



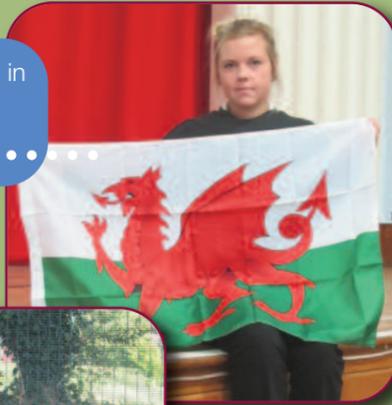
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'Be the best you can be!'
'Byddwch eich gorau!'

'A selection of our achievements
in September and October 2012'.



Elfed outstanding achievement in sport for playing golf for Wales against England



Footballers from Year 10 toured Sweden this summer, playing for the Airbus squad.



Barry Sutton continues as the Chair of Elfed Parent and Carers' Network this year. He is pictured here at the successful flower arranging session last March



5 x 60 Sports Personality of the Month, September 2012: Cricket



Top students have been rewarded with a Cinema Visit for collecting the most Vivos in Year 7



Twelve Spanish students from Vigo were our guests in September. They spent three weeks here at Elfed. 'Elfed is a fantastic school' (Martha). 'I want to stay for a year' (Emiliano)



5 x 60 Sports Achievement Award, September 2012: N E Wales Netball Squad



Elfed High School students were represented as spectators at the London 2012 Paralympic games.



Year 7 students went back to Southdown Primary School to share their experience as Elfed students. They were accompanied by Mr L Weatherley, Pastoral Support Assistant.



The Vivo Shop is open every lunchtime so that students can check their totals and exchange their points for gifts



'The Big Draw' was created by Elfed students and pupils from primary schools and their parents as one of the activities on Open Day.



Arts Fest activities included an opportunity for students to be caught on camera in dramatic poses wearing some surprising costumes!

