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## Qualified for Life

High achieving Elfed High School students and staff were interviewed by the BBC News.

We were all thrilled when BBC News reporters arrived to interview Miss K Jones and Year 7 students about learning at Elfed High School. The reporters focussed on excellent teaching and learning at Elfed, in the context of the Welsh Government Launch of 'Qualified for Life'. This document sets out the vision that every child in Wales should be inspired to succeed in schools that aspire to be great.

We were very proud that our Year 7 students were featured in this context, learning History here at Elfed High School.



## Open Evening showcase for Elfed's Outstanding Learning Community

Primary pupils and their families loved learning at Elfed during the recent Open Evening. Staff and students greeted the visitors and made them welcome in subject areas across the school.

Mrs Rosemary Jones, Headteacher, welcomed the new parents and their families to the school during a presentation in Theatr Elfed. She described the partnership between families and Elfed staff, working together to encourage and support children as they move from primary school to secondary school. The Smooth Moves to Elfed programme of activities supports families during the move to High School.

Mr A Stubbs, Learning Director, showed how Elfed's excellent standards of academic achievement are high above the Flintshire and Wales averages. The culture of continuous improvement continues. More information is available from the school (call 01244 550217) and on the website [www.elfedhs.co.uk](http://www.elfedhs.co.uk)



A warm welcome in the Food Technology area

Excellent artwork on display



# Reading and Numeracy scores are in the top 25% of schools

Students are making excellent progress in developing their reading and numeracy skills at Elfed High School.

Three tiers of support ensure that all students are challenged and encouraged to achieve at the highest levels. The Welsh Government analysis of our students' achievements in this year's National Tests show Elfed High School in the top 25% of schools in Wales for these crucial skills.



# Careers Fair

Key Stage 4 students and their families explored a range of employment and learning opportunities at the Elfed High School Careers Fair.



Representative of employers, colleges, schools and training organisations visited the school to share their knowledge and experience with the students.

The event helped students to focus on developing their employability skills during their time in Key Stage 4 in preparation for the world of work.

# Commonwealth Games Champion launches Elfed Extra activities

Sally Peake visited Elfed High School to launch the Elfed Extra programme of out of school hours learning.

Sally, winner of the silver medal in the Pole Vault at the 2014 Commonwealth Games, was welcomed by Megan Bellis and Zack Arrowsmith, our Senior Students.

Sally Peake told the students her story of perseverance and achievement. She encouraged the students to take advantage of all the opportunities to learn and develop their skills in the Elfed Extra activities outside their normal lessons.

Students are now busy collecting stickers from the various clubs and activities to fill their Elfed Extra record cards. A full record card shows a positive attitude to learning and can be exchanged for 100 Vivo points.



Sally Peake with members of the Sports Council and Beach Club after the launch.

Sally Peake said that it was a pleasure and an honour to launch Elfed Extra.

Information about Elfed Extra activities are displayed on the screen in the main corridor and on the school website [www.elfedhs.co.uk](http://www.elfedhs.co.uk)

# Learning Opportunities Outside the Classroom



## Year 11

Year 11 students visited Broughton and Chester to investigate retail patterns and their impact on the economy.



## Year 8 & 9

Students from Years 8 and 9 experienced a myriad of outdoor activities during a three day visit to Glanllyn near Bala. Activities included canoeing, high ropes, swimming and raft building. The staff at Glanllyn were very impressed by the students' enthusiasm for trying new activities.



## Year 10

Year 10 Art students exchanged their classroom for learning at the Tate Gallery in Liverpool as part of their GCSE course. Students spent the morning researching Mondrian, exploring the images by drawing the artwork and gathering facts.



**Congratulations to the football and netball teams on a brilliant start to the 2014 – 2015 season.**

# Elfed Extra Families activities support the partnership between school and home

Year 7 students and their families enjoyed the Pizza and Pasta Welcome Evening, sampling the delights of Italian cooking in our Dining Room.

Staff served an impressive 150 Pizza and Pasta meals and spend time getting to know the new students and their families.

Feedback from the event was brilliant, with many parents commenting on the warm welcome they had received.



**Congratulations!**

**2014**

**Llongyfarchiadau!**

**87%**

of students achieved A\* to C  
in GCSE Mathematics

**89%**

5 or more A\* to C  
GCSE grades

**85%**

of students achieved A\*  
to C in GCSE English



“Top School for attainment” Daily Post



## Coming Soon...

### Coffee Morning

Friday 21st November 2014

11.15am - 12.30pm

Hosted by the Mathematics Curriculum Area. Come along and find out about how students learn in Maths and Numeracy.



### Festive Cup Cakes

Thursday 4th December 2014

6.30pm - 8.00pm

A practical demonstration followed by a ‘hand on’ session for the whole family to enjoy.

Tickets £5.00 per family, including six cup cakes. Icing and decorations are available from the School Office. Tickets are available in advance.



### Family Quiz

Thursday 13th November 2014

6.30pm - 8.00pm

A challenge for the whole family. Tickets £5.00 for a team of four.



### Remembrance Service

Tuesday 11th November 2014

1.45pm

Held at Bistre Church, all welcome.

