



Elfed High School Newsletter
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Elfed is a 'highly effective school'

Congratulations to students, staff, governors and families on the excellent outcome in the new Welsh Government ratings.

Elfed High School is one of only two high schools in Flintshire to be rated in the **GREEN Support Category**. This confirms that the school is well run, with strong leadership. Schools in this category have very good overall performance and are clear about the priorities for further improvement.

This is an excellent outcome for our school and the community of Buckley, with well deserved recognition of our Outstanding Learning Community.

For more information about school standards visit the 'My Local School' website: mylocalschool.wales.gov.uk



Excellent Professional Learning to be shared across Wales

It was lovely to welcome representatives from the Welsh Government Standards Unit to Elfed High School.

They spent a busy afternoon, filming staff and students as a good practice case study for the Learning Wales website. They were interested in professional learning at Elfed High School and how our good practice supports students to be the best they can be.



Students give back to their community

Year 10 students have trained hard to build their skills to help out in their local community. They will take part in the Pyramid Project for primary school pupils, supporting them as they learn through a range of fun activities. This is an excellent project that builds on the partnership with our primary schools.



BBC News features excellent learning in literacy at Elfed

Year 8 students and their teachers were featured on the popular BBC News programme, 'Wales Today'. The news item showed Elfed students learning literacy skills in their history lesson. Estyn inspectors selected learning at our school as good practice in their report on Literacy in Key Stage 3.



**Well done to all involved.
Da iawn.**



Generous gift will change the lives of vulnerable children

Students who supported the Save the Children appeal were congratulated by Mr Roberts for their generosity and care for others. Many students and staff were involved in the festive jumper event, through sponsorship and donations. The money will be used by the charity to help change lives across the world.



Link with Airbus benefits the workers of tomorrow

Elfed's team of Science teachers visited Airbus as the guest of Community Governor, Mr M Evans. They had a warm welcome from staff at the factory and learnt about opportunities for our students in this sector leading industry.



Young writers' work is published

Three students have been successful in the Young Writers Creative Writing competition. Their mini monologues will be published in a publication featuring original work by the best young writers across the country.

Well done! Da iawn!



Young recorder players excelled in the Elfed High School Concert

It was lovely to welcome Year 4 pupils from Drury and Westwood to perform in the Concert. After only ten weeks of lessons, these pupils put on a stunning performance for families and friends. Thank you for taking part.



Students learn new skills in Italy

A group of students spent a week in Italy, learning new skills on the slopes of the Alps. They were quick to learn and soon found themselves enjoying a new sport.

Listening to your views...



'Elfed has exceeded our expectations. Our child has excelled. The school provides a happy, relaxed learning environment. The quality of teaching is excellent.'

Parent comment

'Elfed High School is really amazing. I enjoy every day here.'

Student comment

Thank you for your replies to the questionnaires. Your feedback will help us to plan for the future.

You are always welcome to contact us and to visit the school. Please call the school office on **01244 550217** for an appointment.



Heroes benefit from the memorial football match

Students and staff played a football match in honour of the fallen heroes of the Great War. To pay their respects, the young people wore the names of men and women who had fought and died in World War I. The event was organized by Mrs Woosey, Mr Lewis Jones and the Sports Council.

"We really enjoyed working together to put on this event. The support for the students taking part was amazing, with every single ticket for the match sold. Donations were in aid of Help for Heroes. Thank you to everyone who has supported this appeal."



Keeping Learners Safe

We enable all our students to have optimum life chances by:

- protecting them from abuse and neglect;
- preventing impairment of their health or development;
- and ensuring that they receive safe and effective care.

We have reviewed our safeguarding policies and practices in line with the latest advice from the Welsh Government, 'Keeping Learners Safe'. You can read more on our website or contact the school for the latest policy.

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.



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Ada's Time

An original drama, written and performed by members of the Elfed Youth Theatre.

Thursday 5th March 2015.

Tickets are available from the School Office at **£3.00**, no charge for children.

Estyn Inspection

Monday 23rd February to Friday 27th February 2015

All parents and carers are warmly invited to meet the Estyn inspectors on

Monday 23rd February at 5.00pm

Elfed News

News about Elfed High School is available on our website, together with policies and updates.

www.elfedhs.co.uk

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School is closed for the half term holiday from Monday 16th February to Friday 20th February 2015