



Elfed High School Newsletter July 2016 Cylchlythyr Ysgol Uwchradd Elfed Gorffennaf 2016

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School Council 2016-2017

Elfed High School's Senior Students have been chosen for 2016 – 2017. They will lead the School Council and represent the students at Governing Body meetings. Congratulations! Llongyfarchiadau.

Open Day 2016

You are welcome to our Open Day on Thursday 6th October 2016. Working Day Tours are taking place throughout the day, please call us to book your place on 01244 550217. The school is also open for informal visits from 5.30pm to 7.00pm. Mrs Rosemary Jones, Headteacher, will address parents and carers in Theatr Elfed at 6.00pm. All welcome. Croeso i bawb.



2016 Prom

Friends celebrated together at the 2016 Prom to mark the end of their five years at Elfed High School. A thoroughly enjoyable evening was had by all. As a school we are very proud of everyone in Year 11 and best wishes to the students for the future.

Alun Roberts of AJAR Photographics

Smooth Moves to Elfed

Many Year 6 families supported the 2016 Smooth Move to Elfed sessions this year. Four sessions prepared families for the move from primary to secondary school, with tips and advice from staff and students.

"Smooth Move has benefited my child because it built confidence and familiarity with the school and teachers."

"It was useful to see the way the teachers encourage the children and the consistency of the message."



Outstanding Learning Opportunities



Year 8 students have designed and made their own cushions as part of their Design and Technology course.



“Learning about Religious Studies using these Google boxes was fun.” Students were finding out about the Sagrada Familia in Barcelona!



Year 7 students have been learning about programming using BBC Microbits, with some help from the Leading Learners for ICT.

Raising Aspirations



Year 9 students had an inspirational experience when they visited Cambridge University. They stayed in student accommodation at Churchill College and attended a talk at Newnham College about the benefits of going to university.

The students enjoyed learning new skills on the trip.

“It was the best experience of my life. I felt really independent and I learned so many valuable life lessons which I will definitely use.”

Another student loved learning about life at university. She said:

“I had an amazing time and an unforgettable experience. I have learnt so much about university life and I can’t wait for the future.”



Smooth Move to Elfed



Primary school pupils have loved taking part in this term's Smooth Move to Elfed programme of activities. Pupils from Year 5 in Drury, Mountain Lane, Southdown and Westwood spent a morning orienteering in the school grounds and testing their problem solving skills in the gym. Younger pupils from Year 4 loved the challenge of Puzzle Day, showing some excellent team working skills. Well done! Da iawn!



Skills Week



Skills Week 2016 has provided opportunities to develop skills such as team work and problem solving, outside the usual timetable. Working together was the key to success on the challenges faced by Year 7 on their camping trip.

Year 8 students developed their communication skills through drama, music, dance and art. They put on a brilliant final performance for families and friends.

'Money Matters' was the theme of the week for Lloyds Bank and other business partners who helped Year 9 students to learn about personal finance in the real world.

The focus for Year 10 was their Welsh Bacallaureate challenge, preparing for the world of work.

Science lessons came out of the lab this summer, with a visit to Chester Zoo for Year 9 students. They spent the day researching, looking into the animals' habitats and living conditions.

2016 Summer of Sport



Athletes from all year groups excelled on Sports Day, with some outstanding individual and team achievements.



Congratulations to a Year 11 student (on the left in the photo) on a superb run at the Welsh Cross Country finals in Cardiff. As runner up in the competition he will go on to represent Wales. Llongyfarchiadau!



Year 8 Rounders team enjoyed competing against teams from other schools.

Elfed News

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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.



The last day of term will be Tuesday 19th July 2016. School will be closed for the holidays from Wednesday 20th July 2016. We are open for students on Monday 5th September 2016.