

YSGOL BRYN ALYN



NEWS

Yet again we have had a busy half term with fantastic opportunities for our students here at Ysgol Bryn Alyn. Year 11 have been working hard and have completed a full set of mock examinations in preparation for the summer. This culminated in a 'brown envelope' afternoon to give them a taste of what the real results day will be like. Students were extremely mature and have started planning their revision in order to achieve the results they want.

Our school council has grown from strength to strength and have discussed many important issues to help make Ysgol Bryn Alyn a better school. They were rewarded with a visit from MP Ian Lucas who discussed many of these issues with them.

A group of our MAAT students have been given an amazing opportunity over three months to have workshops from University lecturers and complete assignments on the topic of anti-social behaviour. Our students graduated at a ceremony celebrating their hard work at the University of Liverpool. Congratulations to all!!

It has been wonderful to welcome students from our feeder primary schools for transition workshops. They have enjoyed a variety of workshops from pizza making to dance workshops. They have been amazing ambassadors for their schools and we have loved getting to know them.

We have also run a variety of careers events to help students think about what they would like to do when they finish their educational journey with us. We have held our options evening for Year 9, World of Work for Year 10, students have visited Coleg Cambria for taster sessions and the 'Choose Your Futures' event.

Finally we have been lucky enough to be the first school to launch 'Given to Shine'. This has enabled all female students access to reusable sanitary products. This amazing opportunity has opened the eyes of our students to a more environmentally friendly option.

It truly has been a busy half term and it is amazing how much students have experienced and achieved in such a short space of time. I am, as always, immensely proud of the students here at Ysgol Bryn Alyn and look forward to another exciting half term.

Mrs. Adele Slinn



Prince's Trust

Year 10 Princes Trust were recently visited by the regional co-ordinator and presented with Princes Trust hoodies to wear when carrying out projects/activities etc.

The Hoodies were a gift from the Princes Trust and all the young people love them.



Very Smart!



Prince's Trust—STEM Session

Yr10 Prince's Trust enjoyed a STEM session from G2G on the 13th February. The workshop involved robot building. It will develop their ICT, teamwork and co-ordination skills. Thanks to Prince's Trust Cyrmu who funded the session



MAAT – More Able and Talented

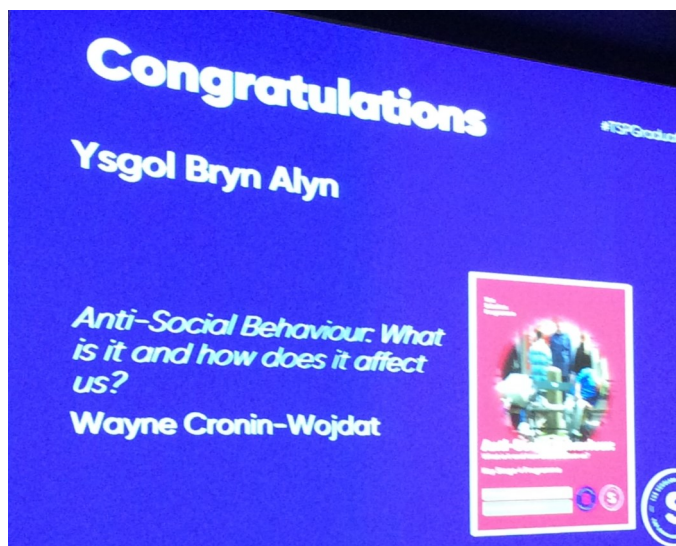
On Tuesday 12th February ten MAT students attended a graduation ceremony at the University of Liverpool.

The event celebrated their hard work, diligence and resilience shown through the three month course.

Each student was tasked with writing two preparatory essays (200 Words) and a final dissertation (2000 words) on Criminality and Anti-Social Behaviour.

Mr. Wayne Cronin, a PhD student from Glyndwr University expertly facilitated discussions and evaluated each piece of work .

WELL DONE ALL



School Council

Our YBA School Council enjoyed a visit from MP Ian Lucas on Friday 8th February. Our School Council representatives prepared questions for our visitor and quizzed him on political issues, local concerns and personal questions. Jack Richardson, our Head Boy posed a question about Mr Lucas' stance on BREXIT, whilst Nathan Parry asked about policies that Mr Lucas' is particularly interested in. Zara and Beau asked interesting questions about careers in politics. The pupils posed questions in particular that concerned them about their local environment; Ruby asked about issues in Bradley, whilst Charlie was particularly interested in Mr Lucas' presence in social media. In response to a question from Bethan Parry, all pupils showed a passion for the issues concerning Wrexham town centre and Mr Lucas shared his wishes for Wrexham town centre to improve in the future. Isaac Goodwin even managed to attempt to get a bit of stand up comedy out of our local MP. Friday's visit was an excellent opportunity for our pupils and it was an enjoyable and interesting experience for all at Ysgol Bryn Alyn!



Student Ambassador

In January our student ambassador Dylan Hall attended the Student Ambassador Conference in Glyndwr University. It was hosted by Sally Holland, the Children's Commissioner for Wales.

Dylan is one of our most dedicated and committed pupils in Yr10.

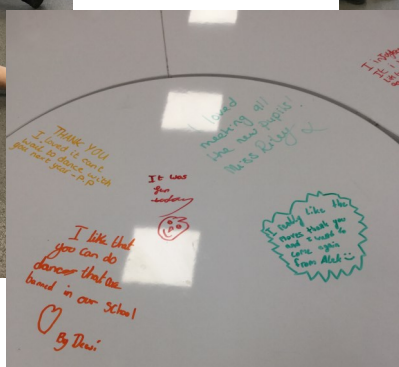


Transition Workshops

The Geography department had the pleasure of teaching St Mary's primary school and Ysgol Heulfan year 5 and 6 pupils for a special transition event. All pupils that took part really enjoyed the transition project. Pupils were given a whistle stop tour of the Physical Geography of rivers learning key concepts and river processes. The tour moved onto focus on environmental geography with a discussion on plastic in our waters. Finishing off with pupils taking part in the river pollution story. Pupils have promised to change their actions in the future by making their own promise fish.



Ysgol Heulfan joined us for a dance workshop. From their comments they had a fantastic day.



Transition Workshops



We welcomed pupils from Tanyfron School on the 29th January. They attended a food technology workshop and had a great time learning how to make pizza.



Blacklane School also joined us on the 12th February for a pizza making transition day workshop. They had a fantastic day and the pizza's looked delicious!



World of Work

Yr10 had a 'World of Work' event on the 12th February. It gave pupils the opportunity to understand pathways to various careers.

Many thanks to Barclays Bank, The Housing Services, Professional Recruitment, The Army and Careers Wales for participating.



Careers Event

Some pupils attended the 'Choose Your Future' event on the 6th February. The event was held at Glyndwr University



Coleg Cambria

Pupils enjoyed their 14-19 taster workshops on the 25th January in Coleg Cambria. They learnt about Tourism and Marketing and Computer Science.



Holocaust Memorial Day

Yr9 students attended the Holocaust Memorial Day at Wrexham Memorial Hall on the 25th January. The theme was 'Torn from Home'



Congratulations



Evan Williams

Evan is one of our Yr11 students, he became the N.Wales Champion for the under17 60M. With a personal best and also breaking his clubs record which has stood since 2009.

Sophie Kocker

Sophie represented NE Wales in the Inter Counties Netball Tournament in Cardiff. She played 6 of the 7 games and her team came second overall.



Well Done Sophie



Gareth Price-Lovell

Gareth is the new N/Wales U17 60M hurdles champion. He also won a bronze medal in the long jump.
Great Achievement



Nathan Parry

Nathan Parry who is our deputy head boy got an A* in his Maths Numeracy

Given to Shine Launch

On Monday 4th February, all YBA female pupils were invited to an Assembly that introduced the 'Given to Shine' initiative. This is a scheme which will allow girls to be given, free of charge, reusable sanitary products so that they can make careful choices about what products to use in light of personal issues of comfort, the hugely topical worldwide issue of plastic disposal (e.g. there are four plastic bags in one single use pad), as well as helping to tackle the problem of 'period poverty' in the area. Following a survey of 500 pupils across the Wrexham Borough, more than a quarter of pupil respondents have taken time off secondary school in the last year because of lack of access to sanitary products.

Support in the form of funding for this initiative has been given by the National Lottery, Skipton Building Society and Lush, to name but a few. All girls in the Wrexham, Denbighshire, Flintshire, West Cheshire and Wirral areas will be given a pack free of charge, we were lucky enough to be the first launch school. The pack included instructions and a selection of different size sanitary towels or, if the girls prefer, reusable 'cups' for those who use Tampons. A speaker from the 'Given to Shine' initiative explained to the girls how to use them and the benefits of use both to them and the environment before handing them out at the end of the assembly.



On the 21st February MP Ian Lucas joined us to discuss the scheme and lend his support

The world is run by those who turn up

Attending school every day = 100% attendance

Attending 4.5 day a week = 90% attendance=4 weeks missed per year

Attending 4 day a week = 80% attendance = more than half a term missed per year of 2 full years missed over the course of their school career.

Attending 3.5 days each week = 70% attendance= more than a quarter of the school year missed

An average attendance of 80% or less across a school career adds up to missing a whole 2 years from school

Being late for school reduces learning time.

If you are 5 minutes late every day you will miss 3 days of learning a year

If you are 15 minutes late every day you will miss 2 weeks of learning each year

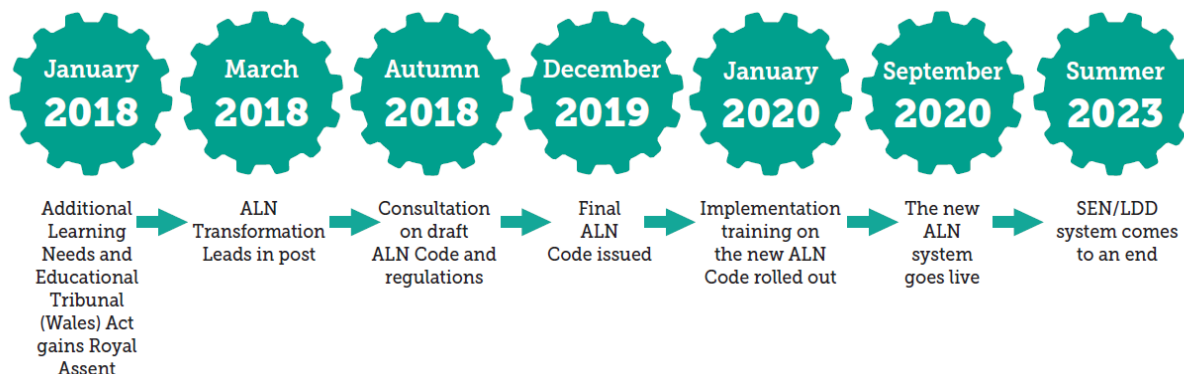
Rule the World !!!!!!!!!!!!!



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Achieve.

ALN Students

The Welsh Government is introducing a new, simpler and more responsive system of meeting the needs of children with special educational needs or disabilities. These changes will happen gradually over the next few years following the timeline below:



The Additional Learning Needs and Education Tribunal (Wales) Act (ALNET) has been passed and will be supported by a new code. This sets out how the ideas from the act will work in practice. The draft code was published in December 2018 and a consultation to gather the thoughts and feelings of professionals, parents, carers, children and young people will last until the 22nd of March 2019.

Look on our website for the key messages

Important Information

As from **5th November 2018**, we will no longer be able to accept cash payments into the school.

Payments can now be made via the WCBC website or by cheque. Please do not send cash to school for trips, visits etc. Your child will still be able to pay for school meals with cash as normal.

How to pay Online

Debit/Credit card payments can be made by accessing the online payment page via Ysgol Bryn Alyn's website. This is in the same way you pay for school meals. You will have previously received your child's Payment Reference Number which you will need when making payments, if this has been misplaced please contact the office.

Please note that payments made by credit card will incur a 2.5% fee. The school has received encouraging comments from both parents and members of the community.

YBA Parent Community Group

Please join us

Learn new skills and help with supporting your child at school in an informal and inviting atmosphere. Drop in for a drink and a chat.

Thursday—1.20pm—3.20pm at Bryn Alyn

Contact Mrs Verona Maddocks—01978720700 maddocksv@hwbmail.net



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Contact details and Child Absence

Parents/Guardians, please ensure that you keep the school informed if you have new contact details. It is important that we are able to contact you in case of an emergency. Please complete the form below and return it to your child's Form Tutor, or contact the school office directly to change your details.

YSGOL BRYN ALYN Change of Contact Details

Name of Child _____ Year _____

New phone number(s) _____ to replace _____

_____ to replace _____

New address _____

Signed _____ (Parent/Guardian) Date _____

There are numerous events that have taken place over the last term.
Why not take a look on the YBA Website for all of the exciting things that our
pupils have been up to.



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