

Autumn Newsletter - September 2017



Dear Parent/Carer,

I am pleased to announce the students of the Maelor School continue to shine with their examination results and I would like to thank the pupils and staff for their hard work as well as the parents for their continued support.

We are extremely proud that The Maelor School has been graded GREEN by the Education Department (GwE), the only secondary school in the Wrexham area to achieve this top grading. GwE inspected the school during the summer term and they stated "Pupils have an excellent attitude to learning and have a high level of engagement, resilience and interest in their work." They also wrote, "Behaviour both inside the classroom and in their free time is excellent and there is a positive and co-operative atmosphere in the school."

I would like to welcome our new Year 7 and 12 pupils to the school. We also have ten new members of the teaching staff joining us this year, Mr Baur-Science teacher, Ms Cheers- PE teacher, Miss Gleave – Science teacher, Mrs Kelly – Maths teacher, Ms MacDonald – English teacher, Mrs Peters – English teacher, Mr Rogers-Science teacher, Mr Sarnowski – Maths teacher, Miss Simister –Art teacher and Miss Stockton-Maths teacher.

Other School news:

Sixth Form Open Evening – Thursday, 26th October 6:30-8:30pm – You are welcome to join us on this evening. Staff will be available to discuss 'A' level options available for your child's next step in their education.

Governors – We have a new Chair of Governors, Mr Kenn Palmer and two new Parent Governors, Mrs Sian Jones and Mrs Sarah Jones.

PTA – Our PTA support the school by organising fund raising events, without their help many projects which we so vitally need would not be available. If you would like to join the Maelor School PTA come along to the next meeting on 10th October (the AGM) held in the school library 6:30-8:30pm.

Lesotho – Our visitors will arrive on Friday 13th October, several events are planned during their stay with us. (Please see the school website for more information.)

Lunchtime Play Project – After the summer half term break with the help of funding from Wrexham County Play Scheme we purchased a shed and £1,500 worth of sports/play equipment for pupils to use freely during lunchtimes. Pupils have had great fun using equipment such as space hoppers, leg skips and footballs. We would like to purchase more play equipment to further develop this exciting new initiative. However no more external funding is available at present. If anyone would like to donate to this scheme, please contact my P.A. Mrs Minshall at the school.

Improvement to the School Facilities- During the Summer term we refurbished two of the Science classrooms to create modern, up-to-date Science laboratories. We also improved the condition of other classrooms with new flooring, lighting and blinds.

Attached is a **Data collection sheet** for your child. Can you please update if required and return it to the school reception. This will enable us to have up-to-date contact details for your child in case of an emergency.

Please remember to check our school website for information about everything that is happening at the Maelor School – www.maelorschool.org.uk

I look forward to seeing you at one of our events over this academic year.

Simon Ellis, Headteacher