



Dear Parent/Carer/Students

Welcome to our Easter edition of the school magazine.

This term has been a battle against the elements at times with plenty snow, ice and high winds around. I would like to thank you all for your patience and support with the decisions that were made when deciding whether to open school or not. It seems we were luckier than some and managed to stay open for most of the time.

Looking ahead to the Summer Term we see the start of the GCSE, AS Level and A Level exams. I would urge all pupils involved to take advantage of the revision classes that are taking place during the Easter holiday and after school.

Wishing you all a Happy Easter and looking forward to seeing you all back refreshed on Tuesday 10 April 2018.

Yours sincerely

**Simon Ellis, Headteacher**

## Reminders

- ◆ Aerosols in School - The use of deodorant/hairspray from aerosols can cause serious health issues for students or staff who have asthma. As has always been the case, aerosols are NOT permitted to be used even after PE sessions, in order to maintain the safety of all. Other alternative non-aerosols are available.
- ◆ Visits to the shop - visits to the shop are strictly forbidden during break time and lunch time for students in Years 7 to 11. This is also the case in the morning once pupils have arrived by bus or dropped off by car/taxi. Local pupils who have a lunchtime pass to go home at lunchtime will be allowed to be served but only once they have shown their pass.

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

School closes on Friday 23 March 2018 for the Easter break and all pupils return back on Tuesday 10 April 2018.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT MONDAY 9 APRIL 2018 IS A TRAINING DAY FOR STAFF ONLY.**

### **APRIL 2018**

10 to 13 - GCSE Art Exam  
23 to 25 - A Level Art Exam

### **MAY 2018**

7 - MAY DAY school closed  
8 - Year 11 External Exams begin  
9 - Year 7 Academic Parents' Evening 4.30pm to 6.30pm  
14 - PTA Meeting at The Hanmer Arms 7pm  
- Year 12 & 13 External Exams begin  
25 - 3.30pm School closes for half term





The Maelor School PTA would like to thank all those who have supported them so far this academic year.

In October they held their Annual General Meeting and a few new members came along to offer their help. All parents/carers are welcome to come along to any of the meetings and get involved. ALL the proceeds the PTA make go towards providing the 'extras' that benefit every child at the school. **The next meeting is on Monday 14 May 2018** in The Hanmer Arms (Hanmer), 7pm to 8.30pm. They would be delighted to see you there. For more information please contact Mrs Audrey Stewart at the school Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday.



It seems we all love BINGO! This event was held a few weeks before Christmas and was very well attended. A fantastic **£1130** was raised on the night. Special thanks must go to all the local companies and shops who donated prizes, Karen Griffiths who ran the whole event and the PTA members who came along to help.



**The Easter Raffle** tickets have now gone out to all parents/carers. If you would like to be included in the draw then please return your completed counterfoils, with payment, **by Monday 19 March 2018**. The draw will take place at the school on Wednesday 21 March 2018. Good luck everyone!

**1st Prize - EGGStravaganze Easter Hamper**

**2nd Prize - EGGsclusive Easter Hamper**

**3rd Prize - EGGStraspecial Easter Hamper**



**Coming soon.... The Summer Quiz!**  
**LOOK OUT FOR MORE INFORMATION**  
**ABOUT THIS EVENT AFTER EASTER.**



## !! Homework Club !!

Got homework to do?

**Need to 'catch up' on homework?**

**Do your homework or 'catch up'**

on homework in school time.

Help available.

Every lunchtime

12.30pm - 1.10pm

In the PLC (next to the Library)



Laptops and printer  
available

Please come along!

USE YOUR TIME  
WISELY!!

## Lost Property

Lost something eg Blazer, Tie, PE Kit,  
Swimming Kit or even Shoes??

Ask at the Main Reception  
or the PE Office.

**REMEMBER**

**TO HAVE YOUR NAME ON**

**EVERYTHING!**

That way we can help reunite you  
with your belongings.

## Peer Mentoring at The Maelor School

### What is a Peer Mentor?

*A Helping hand – someone who can help another student in any number of ways...*

Eighteen months into our Peer Mentoring scheme and the current Year 10 Peer Mentors are proving once again to be a resounding success in terms of their commitment to the Year 7's and their form tutors. Activity days, 1:1 time and general help with planners, organisation and anxiety are top of the Peer Mentors' agenda.

Please feel free to refer your Year 7 to speak to their allocated Peer Mentor should you or they feel they need any extra support (non-academic) in school. Remember Homework Club is another resource available to all students every lunchtime. Again, the Mentors can assist in this area.

*Peer Mentoring provides positive influences by way of mentoring our younger fellow students; ultimately showing them the way to succeed at school, getting the most out of school and themselves, through the provision of support, encouragement and being a friend.*

# SONGWRITING AND GUITAR PLAYING

Open to all Year Groups

Girls and Boys



Want to learn how to write your own songs and  
play guitar around it?

Bring a guitar or a ukulele down to D2

MONDAY LUNCHTIMES 12.30pm to 12.55pm

This club is run by Mr M Griffiths from PLC.

# SUMMER EXAMINATION INFORMATION

Exams from Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May to Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June.

Information for all Year 10s, 11s, 12s and 13s.

Each pupil is given 2 timetables. The first one (on yellow paper) shows the examinations and the level for which you have been entered. Please check this VERY CAREFULLY to make sure that you are entered for all the exams you are expecting to take. If you have any queries, please come to the exams office.

The second timetable will be given out as early as possible after that (on green paper). This timetable shows the exam, the TIME, the ROOM and your SEAT allocation.

- All morning exams start at 9 am.
- The afternoon exams can start any time between 1pm and 1.30pm so PLEASE CHECK - please do not use the time on the yellow timetable since it is likely to have changed.

It is YOUR responsibility to:

- Know the exams you are taking, the time you are expected to be there & where you are taking the exam.
- BE PREPARED - have all the correct equipment for each exam. A clear pencil case, writing equipment - BLACK pens only - pencils, maths equipment as required, rubbers, pencil sharpener. These can be purchased from the PLC Department for only £1.
- Ensure you have NO MOBILE PHONES or OTHER DIGITAL EQUIPMENT on you.
- **Read the candidate information forms on the 'dos' and 'don'ts' of examination. YOU have all been given one and there is a copy on the Exam Notice Board in the Main Corridor.**
- If the bus is late, DO NOT PANIC. We will know this in school and will start your exam as soon as possible after you arrive.
- If there is no good reason for you not turning up for an external exam, you will be charged for the entry.

## RESULTS DAYS - IN THE SPORTS HALL.

'GCE' results available from 9am Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2018.

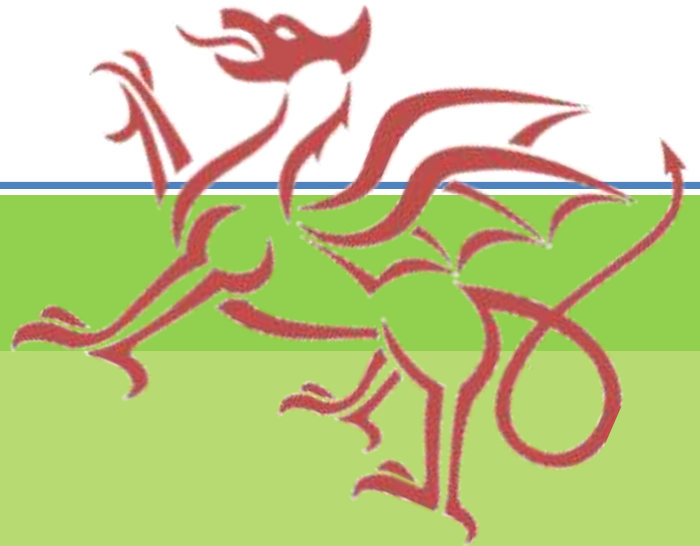
'GCSE' results available from 9am Thursday 23rd August 2018.

If you are not able to collect the results yourself and you would like someone else to collect them, we need a signed letter confirming who that person will be. Please hand this into the Exams Office before the end of the Summer Term. Should you require your results to be posted, please provide a self addressed, stamped envelope and bring it to the Exams Office before the end of term.

CERTIFICATES for the Summer 2018 exams will be available in school from January 2019. If you have left The Maelor School, please come and collect your certificates. You need to ring with the following details:- your name; Date of Birth; the year you left the school. The certificates will then be available in Reception for you to collect and sign for. Certificates from the Summer 2017 exams are now available from the Exams Office.



# Lesotho Link



For the last 10 years the Meolor-Leribe link has joined two schools, two cultures and two nations together in the most heart-warming of ways. This year, the 11th year, is certainly no exception.

After a shaky start to the trip - missing our first day due to delays and having to spend a day in a Madrid hotel - we arrived in Lesotho during torrential rain but received a very warm welcome. We were blessed with opportunities to visit Saint Saviour's School (as well as various local primary schools to meet the most appreciative of students), Ha Kome Caves (where three generations of families have made their homes for over a hundred years), the impressive Katse Dam (which provides water for Lesotho's neighbour, South Africa), the local craft centre (from whom we buy the items we sell at fundraiser events—made by women suffering with HIV and AIDS) and much, much more.

Before the trip we were advised to accept that our nations are very different. Wales is a *developed* country and Lesotho is a *developing* country. Since coming home we have all reflected and thought about how everyone in Lesotho smiled at us in the street, welcomed us into their homes, showed pride in their nation and their culture, sang and danced like no one was watching—in many ways, it is us who are the developing nation.

Trip to Llandudno October 2017



I am confident I speak for all who went this February when I say that our incredibly humbling trip to Hloste (Hl is pronounced as LL in Welsh) has taught us so much..... Not least that appreciating and doing the little things in life can be extremely self-fulfilling.

In as much as the link will continue, finances are becoming more of a problem, so much so the exchange of students is in jeopardy. For this reason it is more important than ever that we can succeed in raising as much money as possible.

There are many fund raisers coming up in the near future so please join our Facebook group (link below) to keep up with the latest updates regarding events and our wonderful link in general:-

[www.facebook.com/groups/walesotho](http://www.facebook.com/groups/walesotho)

Kea leboha/Diolch/Thanks to everyone involved with the link from the first pioneers over a decade ago, to anyone who has thrown 20p in a collection bucket. From personal experience I can honestly say that every penny makes an incredible difference to the lives of so many people.

Lesotho February 2018





# SPORTS NEWS

## GIRLS FOOTBALL

Our Year 7, 8 & 9 girls football team really enjoyed taking part in the Wrexham School Football Festival at Colliers Park. They all played really well and finished 3rd out of the 8 secondary schools attending.

## CROSS COUNTRY

A mention to Izzy Bennett in Year 7 who represented Wrexham Schools at the North East Wales Cross Country championships at Dinas Bran. Also, Megan Davies in Year 11 who went to Brecon for the National Cross Country Finals.

Fantastic achievements from both girls.

## NETBALL

Netball continues to thrive with fantastic numbers turning up to the club and some much improved performances in school matches.

## GYMNASTICS

Miss Cheers is delighted with the progress of the pupils who regularly turn up to the new school gymnastics club. This takes place after school on a Wednesday up to the Easter holidays. Pupils have been using apparatus, learning how to do pairs balances and using the trampettes etc.

## FITNESS SESSION

Good news— the popular after school Fitness Session every Thursday has started up again with Liam Jones, the schools' 5x60 officer, running the session.

Open to all years (including 6th Form) 3.30pm to 4.30pm every Thursday during school term time.

## YEAR 11 RUGBY UNION

The Year 11 boys rugby team came first in the Wrexham Schools competition and qualified as Wrexham winners to play against Newtown School who won the Powys area. Despite a brave fight back in the second half we lost the game by 7 points.

Disappointing but a great effort.

## YEAR 8 RUGBY UNION

Year 8 rugby team were outstanding against Ysgol Morgan Llwyd in the Wrexham Schools tournament in January and came first.

Congratulations to all who took part!