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 Headteacher/Pennaeth: Mr Simon Ellis



EASTER 2016

Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome to our new look Maelor School Magazine. I am proud to read about all the extra activities taking place in the school particularly the charity fundraising.

Please make sure you are aware of our new uniform rules (page 4).

**Simon Ellis**  
**Headteacher**

*Annwyl Rieni/Ofalwyr*

*Croeso i Gylchgrawn Ysgol Maelor ar ei newydd wedd.  
 'Rwy'n falch cael ysgrifennu am y gweithgareddau ychwanegol i gyd sy'n digwydd yn yr ysgol - yn enwedig codi arian at elusennau.*

*Sicrhewch eich bod yn ymwybodol am ein rheolau gwisg ysgol newydd (tudalen 4).*

*Simon Ellis*  
*Pennaeth*

## P.T.A. PRESENTATION



The Maelor School PTA Chairperson, Mrs Ethna Norris, along with other PTA members presented our Headteacher, Mr Simon Ellis, with a cheque for £4,000!

The money had been raised over the last 12 months and they would like to express their thanks to everyone who supported them. Their efforts have enabled the school to fund a considerable portion of the money that was needed for the mobile computers and customized trolley.

They are hoping that within the next 6 months they will be able to complete the funding.

The cheque was presented on Friday 18 March at the PTA fundraising Ceilidh Evening which raised a further £306.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2016

- 15 April - PTA Golf Fundraising Event
- 28 April - Yr 7 & 8 Junior Maths Challenge
- 2 May - SCHOOL CLOSED FOR BANK HOLIDAY
- 3 May - School re-opens 8.55am
- 10 May - Yr 7 Parents' Evening 4.30pm to 6.30pm
- 13 May - External Exam Period Starts
- 27 May - SCHOOL CLOSURES FOR HALF TERM
- 6 June - School re-opens 8.55am
- 14 June - Yr 8 Health Day
- 28 June - Yr 6 New Intake Evening 6.30pm - 9pm
- 29 June - External Exam Period Ends
- 30 June - Common Transfer Day for Yr 6
- 1 July - Art Exhibition of GCSE & A Level Pupils
- 7 July - Yr 11 Prom
- 8 July - Step Up to Sixth Form Day
- 11 July - Yr 8 Parents' Evening 4.30pm - 6.30pm
- 14 July - Sports Day
- 15 July - Trip to France Departs
- 19 July - SCHOOL CLOSURES 3.30PM FOR SUMMER

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Holly Hallmark-Jones who has been awarded a Blue Peter Badge. She wrote to tell them all about her 'Geocaching'.

*Geocaching is an outdoor activity a bit like crossing treasure hunting with orienteering to find items using GPS. You can find out more at [www.geochching.com](http://www.geochching.com).*



## Number Cruncherz with Year 8

Yr 8 students were privileged to take part in the Sale Sharks, supported by MBNA, Number Cruncherz programme.

**The day's activities are based on the fictional 'Sale Sharks' Touch Rugby Club** and students took part in a carousel of financial education tasks which involved looking at Income & Expenditure, Budgeting and Needs & Wants. Pupils

worked in groups to break down the tasks, discuss ideas and come up with solutions. They then went on to take part in a Touch Rugby session to introduce new skills and challenges.

Yr 8 students enjoyed themselves whilst applying their numeracy and problem solving skills to a real life situation bringing maths to life.

Our thanks go to the coaches and representatives from MBNA for their time, enthusiasm, professionalism and good humour!



## Maelor Sixth Enterprise Challenge-



Above are our Sixth Form Welsh Baccalaureate Students at the launch of The Enterprise Challenge with James Harper from Principality Marketing, Cardiff.

Students were learning how to develop a business opportunity and will present their ideas at a 'Dragon's Den' style Challenge later this spring.



## A Hair Raising Money Moment



On Thursday 4 February 2016 student Imogen Jones and teacher Mr Dan Jones took part in a hair cutting charity event during lunch break. Both had their hair cut to raise money.

Imogen, a Year 11 student, donated her hair for the Little Princess Trust who provide real hair wigs to boys and girls across the UK and Ireland who have sadly lost their own hair due to cancer treatments. Mr Jones, teacher of History, had his very short haircut done in support of MacMillan Nurses who specialise in the care of cancer patients in hospitals and the community.

The money raised was split between the two charities.

## SUMMER EXAMINATION INFORMATION -

### Exams from Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May to Wednesday 29<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 2pm 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 18<sup>th</sup> August 2016.

'GCSE' results available from 9am Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2016.

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 2016 exams will be available in school from January 2017. 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 2015 exams are now available from the Exams Office.

## Art Trip to Liverpool

Earlier in February our Art Department organised a trip to Liverpool. Mrs Hartigan, Miss Swanton and Mr Griffiths took 32 pupils to develop their own art history studies for their



GCSE, AS and A Level exam units.

Pupils had the opportunity to have contextual conversations after absorbing and understanding a wide range of art work at the Walker Gallery and the Tate Gallery.

The behaviour was outstanding with many positive comments from staff of both galleries.

## Love Bug Co.



The Love Bug Company was formed to give students the experience of delivering good customer service in different scenarios eg as a shop assistant and post person. This year the Year 12/13 students provided this service as part of their community service needed for their Welsh Bacc A level.

Pre-design printed postcards were sold for only 10p and then addressed to friends and put in the Business Studies internal postal system. They were then sorted out and delivered during morning registration. £19.15 was raised and donated to MIND Cymru, a charity chosen by the students.

## Music Winners

Music pupils from our school took part in the Oswestry Youth Music Festival during the last week of February this year. Well done to all who participated and congratulations to the following pupils who were placed:



### 1st place in — Beginners Instrumental (on percussion)

*Henry Marina, Year 8*



### 2nd place in — Percussion Ensemble

*Maelor pupils from mixed year groups*

### 1st place in - Vocal Duet, 'Commended' in Vocal Solo and 2nd place in Musical Theatre.

Age 12 & Under

*Natasha Allcock, Year 7*



## School Uniform

School uniform is now available from

**Sarah's Embroidery.**

You can visit their showroom in person, phone or buy on-line.

Unit 21B Penley Industrial Estate, Penley

01978 798024

[www.sarahsembroidery.co.uk](http://www.sarahsembroidery.co.uk)

Reminder regarding the changing over to the new 'Blue' uniform:

**Current Years 7, 8 & 9 (Yrs 8, 9 & 10 from Sep 16)** should **all** be wearing the new 'Blue' uniform from September 2016.

**Current Year 10 (Yr 11 from Sep 16)** are permitted to wear the old 'Black' uniform until they finish school.

Details of our new uniform can be found on the school website. Just click **SCHOOL INFORMATION** and select **UNIFORM**.

# SPORTING NEWS



## FOOTBALL

The most exciting sports news is that the boys in Year 10 have reached the semi-finals of the Welsh Schools Cup. They beat Ysgol Brynhyfryd 3—0 with goals from James Parry, Tomos Williams and Harry Massey.

They are due to play Ysgol Brynrefail from Caernarfon on Friday 18 March at TNS Stadium.

Well done to everyone involved and good luck.

**Rugby:** Congratulations to the Yr 9 rugby team for reaching the North East Wales final. They narrowly lost to Ysgol Brynhyfryd (Ruthin). Good luck to Yr 8 rugby team as they begin their fixtures against Ysgol Morgan Clwyd, Darland and Dinas Bran.

**Athletics:** Both Yr 9 and Yr 10/11 groups will be taking part in the Wrexham Schools Athletics Championships on 28 April.

**Netball:** Netball practice and matches have now re-commenced after the winter break for Yr 7 & 8 on a Wednesday and Yr 9 & 10 on a Thursday after school. Yr 7 & 8 had a great start by beating Clywedog.

**Reminder:** Community Athletics takes place in the sports hall after school on a Thursday at 3.30pm to 4.45pm.

£1/session. All welcome.

: Community Hockey is on a Monday 3.30pm to 4.45pm in the sports hall. £1.50/session. All welcome.

## Art Vend

Art has been a hot topic during January and February 2016. The first exciting event that has happened was a big vending machine was wheeled into the school and appeared in the LRC. The machine came from Oriol Wrexham, which held one-off pieces of art made by local and national professional artists in round capsules. Pupils have the chance to have their own unique piece of artwork for just £1. They have loved the chance to own a piece of artwork they can keep forever.



Linking in with Art Vend, Year 10 have had a brilliant opportunity to work with Sarah Jane Harper over the past three weeks. Sarah is a local Wrexham artist who works in a variety of media from ceramic to painting to sculpture. They have created outstanding large ceramic masks and small pieces that will be placed into capsules and put in the Art Vend machine. This vending machine will move to other sites in the UK so someone will end up with our very own pupils' artwork.

Over the forthcoming weeks Year 10 will be curating and exhibiting their work in the LRC so look out for announcements soon on our website.

## Defibrillator

The Maelor School and Madras School are working together to raise funds to purchase two defibrillators for the schools

The School Council members from Year 7, 8 and 9 met with the School Council members from Year 5 and 6 from the Madras School to discuss idea for raising funds. The meeting was very successful with lots of interesting ideas put forward by the pupils. Refreshments from our school canteen helped and were much appreciated by all!!



*School Council members come together from both schools.*

All schools are being encouraged to have one defibrillator on site for those rare occasions when it is needed and could save a child's life.

The defibrillators cost £900 each so we have a lot of fund raising to do. Members of the local community are hoping to support us in our efforts.

The first fundraising event will be a Non Uniform day in both schools on Friday 22 April 2016. Pupils will donate £1 and wear an item of clothing that is red.



*Madras Primary pupils put forward their ideas.*



Later on in the summer term we are also planning to hold a sports tournament with mixed teams involving pupils from Years 5, 6 and 7.

Keep a look out for more information about this and other activities at both schools as we approach the summer term.



*The Maelor School discuss fundraising.*

## The Man in the Moon

I found something special by the river,  
Something magically out of this world.  
The Man from the Moon, no bigger than a teacup,  
Looked sadly up at me.

I tried to talk to him but there was silence,  
I fed him berries, washed down with morning dew.  
He reached over the flowing waters to grasp,  
The rippling reflection of the crescent moon.

I sat in the leaves, he sat on a small rock,  
We watched the stars, they were his children playing.  
We jumped and clambered and stretched and climbed,  
But we couldn't touch his lunar home.

The kind-hearted moon saw our desperate attempts,  
And shot down a glistening moon-beam ladder.  
As my friend ascended the stairs to his home,  
He quietly whispered, a smile on his face,  
"Thank you, my friend."

**By Natasha Allcock, Year 7**