

THE MAELOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

CYLCHLYTHYR YSGOL MAELOR



Musical Stars Shine

Another busy half term has culminated in our largest scale performance in recent years: Annie JR. The production, which took place on Tuesday to Thursday this week, involved contributions from a wide range of pupils and staff, both on stage and behind the scenes. These sorts of events really highlight the special community that we have here at The Maelor School and we are already starting to plan next year's production!

Easter is incredibly late this year and as a result, 'A' Level and GCSE examinations start almost as soon as pupils return. Much of this half term has been dedicated to supporting our exam-age pupils through their mock examinations and the final preparations, in advance of the actual examinations in May. The maturity and resilience that pupils displayed throughout these practice exams was exceptional and I do not doubt that they will go on to tackle the next stage of this journey with the same determination.

I wish everyone an enjoyable Easter break. I look forward to welcoming our pupils back to school on Monday 28th April.

Mrs L Eyre, Headteacher/Pennaeth

Maelor School Netball Teams Take the Gold

On 3rd April, our Year 9 and Year 10 netball teams attended the Wrexham School's Netball Tournament at St Joseph's school. The teams competed against all schools across the Wrexham area, winning every one of their matches. Miss Cheers reported, "I could not be prouder of our pupils who were exemplary, both on and off the court. They did themselves and the school proud."



Chess Club Success at Ellesmere College

On 21st March, our Chess Team participated in their first ever competition at Ellesmere College. Pupils performed exceptionally well: the A Team came fifth, beating teams from Prestfelde Prep and Ellesmere College. Chess Club is on in the Library each lunchtime.



HEADS OF YEAR CELEBRATE PUPIL SUCCESSES

Pupils of the Term

Year 7: Samuel Brereton

Year 8: Hannah Alby

Year 9: Izzy Perrins

Year 10: George Richardson

Year 11: Olivia Weeks

We've rounded off another busy half term with a range of celebrations of pupil successes. Our Year 9 and Year 10 winners are pictured below. Well done to everyone who had their efforts rewarded this week!



attendance MATTERS

Good attendance at school is the single most important factor to ensure that young people have the maximum life chances - attendance is strongly linked to educational achievement.

Best Form Attendance:
8PS and 7GD

Best Year Group Attendance:
Year 10

Most Improved Form:
9GT (5% increase)



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90% ATTENDANCE – SO YOU THINK THAT'S GOOD?

Average Attendance Percentage	Days missed over a school life
90%	0.5 Days missed a week
EQUIVALENT TO 2 DAYS A MONTH	1 Day missed every 2 weeks
	4 weeks every year
	Half a year over 5 school years

Many people believe that 90% attendance is very good. However, over a whole school year, a pupil with 90% attendance would miss four weeks of lessons. A pupil with 90% attendance would also spend more time away from school over the year than in school. If a pupil's attendance for their whole time at Secondary school was 90% they would have missed 97.5 days of school, that's half a school year.



Our new website is live!

We hope you like it...



Our Curriculum

Curriculum Aims

The curriculum aims at the following:

- ✓ Provide a broad and balanced curriculum
- ✓ Develop and encourage pupils to achieve their full potential
- ✓ Develop and encourage pupils to become responsible citizens
- ✓ Provide a curriculum that is relevant and up-to-date
- ✓ Provide a curriculum that is challenging and stimulating
- ✓ Provide a curriculum that is inclusive and accessible to all



Dining

The Maelor School provides a range of dining options for pupils, including a canteen and a restaurant.

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Purchasing food in the Dining Room

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Realise your Potential at
The Maelor School, Penley

Welcome to The Maelor School

We are delighted to welcome you to the new official website of The Maelor School, Penley.

The Maelor School is a consistently high-performing comprehensive school, welcoming pupils aged 11 to 18. With many of our pupils achieving top results in their GCSE and A-Level examinations, we are proud to be a school that provides a high-quality education.

At The Maelor School, we pride ourselves on providing a supportive, inclusive and welcoming environment where every pupil is encouraged to realise their potential.

Thank you for visiting and we look forward to meeting you soon.



Sixth Form Admissions

Applications for Sixth Form places are now open.

Apply Online

For more information and to apply for a place, please contact the Sixth Form Office on 01691 625111 or email sixthform@maelorschool.org.uk

We look forward to seeing you at school.



'My Child at School' (MCAS)



We hope that absence reporting will go live on the app at the start of May. This will mean that any child's absence can be reported via a button, rather than having to call school.

We will let you know when this feature is live.



Parents' Evening Dates

These evenings are online (3.45pm - 6.15pm.) Details for how to book will be sent out in advance of each event.

Year 8: Thursday 8th May 2025

Year 7: Thursday 3rd July 2025



Forthcoming Dates for your Calendar

Friday 11th April: School closes for pupils

Monday 28th April: School opens for pupils

Tuesday 29th April to Friday 2nd May: GCSE Art Exam

Monday 5th May: May Day Bank Holiday

Thursday 8th May: Year 8 Progress Evening

Thursday 8th May: External Examinations start

Friday 16th May: Year 13 Celebration Day

Tuesday 20th May: Y11 College finishes

Friday 23rd May: Y11 Celebration Day

Friday 23rd May: School closes for half term

Monday 2nd June: School reopens to pupils