



THE MAELOR SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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As the festive season draws near, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the wonderful achievements of our school community this term and to share in the excitement and joy that Christmas brings. This is always a special time of year, filled with celebration, kindness, and the spirit of togetherness that makes our school so unique.

It has been a delight to see pupils coming together to take part in festive activities: rehearsing for the school Carol Concert and Services, donating to Wrexham Food Bank and sharing our 'Kindness Cards' with staff. Each of these remind us of the importance of generosity and goodwill.

In this newsletter, you'll find highlights from the term, updates on some recent events, and a few reminders to help ensure a smooth and joyful holiday season for everyone.

Thank you for your ongoing support. Wishing you and your family a peaceful and happy Christmas.

Mrs L Eyre, Headteacher



Maelor Photographers Display their Talents

As a result of some rather unexpected snowy weather in November, pupils were challenged to share their best 'Snow Day' pictures with Mrs Eyre and Mrs Davies, via social media. Here are some of our favourites...

Emily Tranter, Sixth Form



Grace Hughes, Y8



Gabriella Forder-Stephens, Y9

Charlotte Roberts, Sixth Form



Finley J, Y8



Ava Mainwaring Y7

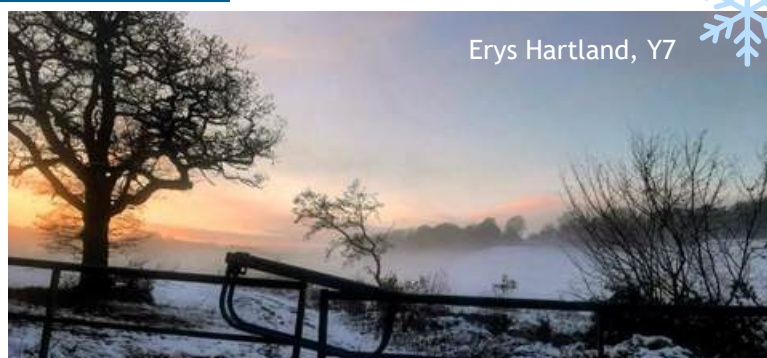


Polly, Neave and Emily, Y9

Matthew W, Y11



Erys Hartland, Y7



Bromcom and 'My Child at School (MCAS) App

As you know, we have been spending time moving from our previous school computer system SIMS onto a cloud based system called Bromcom.

This has been a huge undertaking and we are very proud to be a 'pilot' for this system, and one of the first ever secondary schools in Wales to introduce it.

Thank you for your patience during this transition period, where we have not been able to email achievement and behaviour details as usual.

After Christmas, we will start to roll out with the 'My Child At School' (MCAS) app, which will allow parents/carers to view a range of data about their child(ren).

Details of how to sign up will be sent out in the new year.



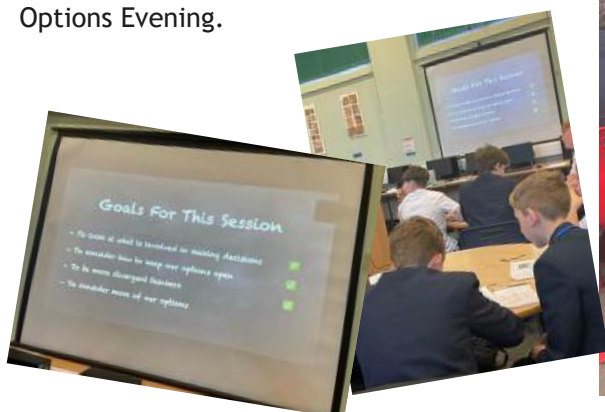


YEAR 9 OPTIONS AND NEW GCSE COURSES

Year 9 recently attended a 'Decision Making' workshop hosted by Matt from Learning Tricks. The workshop was designed to support pupils in considering their future life choices and informing their next steps.

The Options process, where pupils decide on the courses that they will study for GCSE, starts after Christmas. Our Options Evening will take place from 5pm on Wednesday 8th January, with Year 9 Parents' Evening taking place online the following evening: Thursday 9th January.

Pupils across Wales will start studying the reformed GCSEs from September 2025; further details will be provided at the Options Evening.



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, 10GT, 7CD, 7GD, 7PS (all 96%)

Best Year Group Attendance:
Year 7

Most punctual form: 7GT 7CD



Maelor Sixth APPLICATIONS

OPEN

Friday
13 December 2024



Realise Your Potential
To join our successful sixth form please use the link/QR Code below to complete your Application Form.

<https://forms.office.com/e/eybK7PyZH0>
www.maelorschool.org.uk





Reward Events and Pupils of the Term

The outstanding successes of our pupils have been recognised through a range of celebration events. Heads of Year have identified their 'Star Pupils of the Term', and have used our Achievement Point system to invite pupils to their half-termly 'Praise Parties'. The well-deserving invitees got to enjoy hot chocolate and a Christmas film. Meanwhile, Year 11 got to display their karaoke talents! Alongside this, more of our Year 7 pupils enjoyed a breaktime treat with Mrs Eyre, where they compared their experiences of their first term at our school.

Regular followers on social media will also note the impressive successes of our pupils outside of The Maelor School - please continue to share these with us by messaging us on Instagram or Facebook.



Forthcoming Dates for your Calendar

6th January 2025: Staff Training Day
 7th January 2025: School reopens to all pupils
 8th January: Year 11 English Literature GCSE examination
 8th January: Year 9 Options Talks (5pm & 6pm)
 9th January: Year 9 Parents' Evening (online)
 14th & 15th January: College Course Options Evenings
 4th February: Year 9 immunisations
 5th February: Sixth Form Progress Reports sent home
 6th February: Year 12 & 13 Parents' Evening
 13th February: Year 11 Mock Interviews
 14th - 20th February: Year 11 English oracy examinations
 Thursday 20th February: Year 10 Parents' Evening
 Thursday 20th February: School closes for pupils
 Friday 21st February: Staff Training Day
 3rd March: School reopens for all pupils



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 9: Thursday 9th January 2025
 Year 12/13: Thursday 6th February 2025
 Year 10: Thursday 20th February 2025
 Year 8: Thursday 8th May 2025
 Year 7: Thursday 3rd July 2025

