



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, staff participating in a secret 'Elf' acts of kindness - not to mention our delicious Christmas Dinners, served by our catering unsung heroes. Each of these reminds 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

The Maelor School praised for inclusive ethos, effective teaching and strong leadership in latest Estyn Report



We are very pleased to share that the findings of our recent Estyn inspection reflect the hard work and dedication of our staff, pupils and members of the Maelor community. It is particularly pleasing that inspectors' views on the school's strengths and areas for improvement closely align with our own evaluations. This shared understanding gives us confidence that the report will play a significant role in supporting our ongoing progress.

Inspectors describe The Maelor School as a 'welcoming and inclusive community' where pupils are supported effectively and display positive attitudes to learning. Pupils behave well in lessons, contribute eagerly to discussions, and Sixth Form students demonstrate active engagement and enthusiasm for learning.

Teachers show secure subject knowledge, use language effectively, and adapt lessons to meet individual needs. They foster strong relationships with pupils and manage behaviour consistently well. In the report, digital skills are a notable strength, with clear progression mapped across the curriculum.

I am delighted that the inspection team recognised the impact of the recent changes we have implemented in our school and the strength in leadership. The report describes how senior leaders have developed a culture of collaboration, reflection and accountability, and how governors offer effective support and challenge.

All schools are currently operating in extremely challenging circumstances, as you know. Despite this, you have my absolute commitment to do the very best by our pupils, and as the inspection team confirms, we will always place their best interests at the heart of all we do.

I am extremely proud of every member of our school community and feel so privileged to lead our wonderful school. But we do not stop here. Having been in post for just over a year, I know there is so much more we can achieve together - building on these successes and continuing to drive the school forward. I cannot wait to see what else we accomplish as a community.

Diolch and well done everyone, Mrs Eyre 😊

INTRODUCING OUR PUPIL LEADERSHIP TEAM

Following a rigorous recruitment process where pupils had to prepare a presentation for Mrs Eyre, Mrs Garratt-Smith and Miss Cheers, we are delighted to announce our Pupil Leadership Team for 2025-26.

This team of pupil leaders, made up of Sixth Form Associate Governors, four Senior Leaders from Y10 and Y11 and three Middle Leaders from Y7, 8, and 9 will take a leading role in ensuring our biggest ever School Council drive positive change in our school



Associate Pupil Governors: Kai and Abi



Senior Leaders: Ella, Lewis, Emilia and Bryce

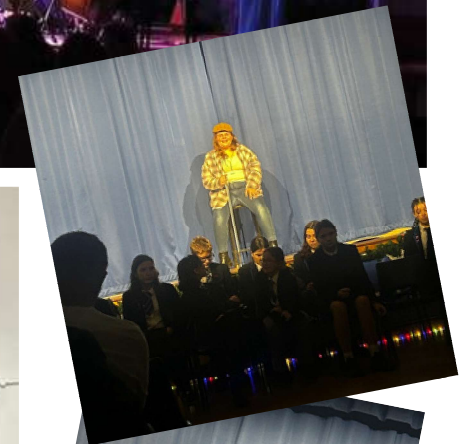


Middle Leaders: Grace, Harry and Aneequa





Christmas Concert



The Music and Drama departments hosted our annual Christmas Concert on Wednesday evening. We had a wonderful evening with a range of performances, including monologues from Keziah, Josh and Sophie, 'Ave Maria' by Megan and Alice, 'Melodia' by Anhelina and 'I Will Watch You Grow' by Ester.

Boccia Tournament

A huge thank you to Mrs Jupp, who organised a full-filled Boccia tournament last week. 18 pupils participated in the event in Brymbo, through Activ8.



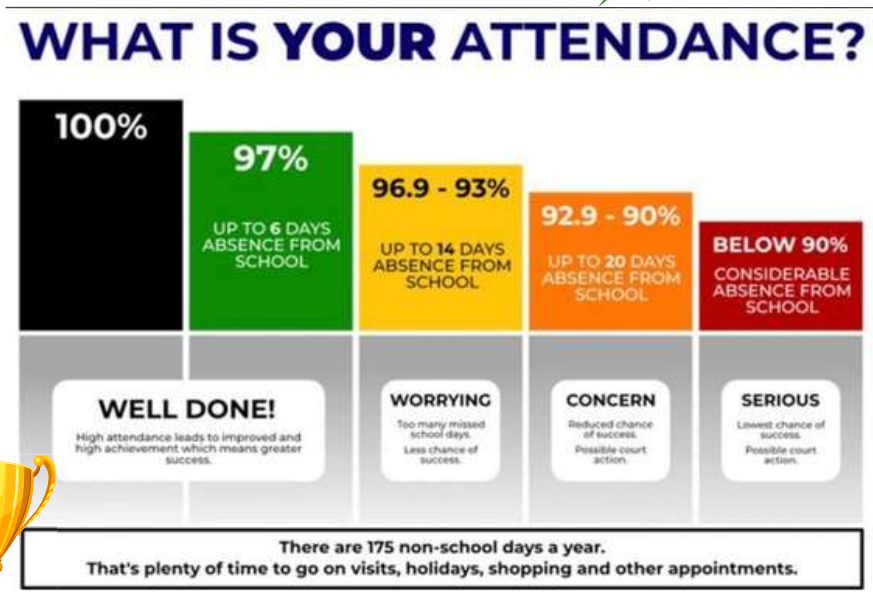
attendance MATTERS

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:
8CD (all 96.7%)

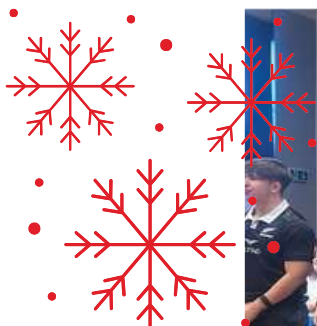
Best Year Group Attendance:
Year 9

Most punctual form: 9PS



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 in Year 7-9 got to enjoy hot chocolate and a Christmas film. Meanwhile, Years 10 and 11 participated in a Christmas quiz and on the last two days, all year groups enjoyed our fun-filled Christmas Concert.



Pupils of the Term

Year 7: Reuben McDonald

Year 8: Nick Eccleston & Esther Theunissen

Year 9: Maisie Blake

Year 10: Harry Bailey-Rogers and Daniela Youens

Year 11: Charlie Hamel and Lily-Rose Milne



Forthcoming Dates for your Calendar

Monday 5th January 2026: Staff Training Day
Tuesday 6th January 2026: Pupils return to school
Wednesday 7th January: Y9 Options Evening 3.30pm
Monday 12th January: Y12/Y13 mock examinations start
Friday 23rd January: Y12/Y13 mock examinations end
Monday 26th January: Y9 Options deadline
Tuesday 27th January: Y7 Crucial Crew
Tuesday 3rd February: Y9 Immunisations
Thursday 5th February: PSE Day
Friday 13th February: Finish for half term
Monday 23rd February: Pupils return to school
Friday 27th February: Y7/Y8 Eisteddfod
Wednesday 4th & Thursday 5th April: School Production
Monday 9th March: Y10 -Y13 mock exams start
Thursday 19th March: Y10-Y13 mock exams end
Friday 20th March: Staff Training Day
Monday 27th March: Finish for Easter



Parents' Evening Dates

These evenings are online (3.30pm - 5.30pm.) Details for how to book will be sent out in advance of each event.

Year 9: Thursday 15th January 2026

Year 12: Thursday 6th February 2026

Year 10: Thursday 26th February 2026

Year 7: Thursday 21st May 2026

Year 8: Thursday 25th June 2026