

# THE MAELOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER CYLCHLYTHYR YSGOL MAELOR



## Sovereign Art Foundation Award Winner

Sophie Hughes in Year 12 has been celebrated for her outstanding artistic achievement after winning a major award at the prestigious Sovereign Art Foundation exhibition, held at Chester Cathedral on Tuesday 5 May.

Sophie was awarded the People's Choice Award, a significant accolade voted for by members of the public, recognising the impact and quality of her artwork and she received £400 to support her future artistic development. Maelor School were also awarded £1,000 to help inspire and encourage more pupils to succeed in the visual arts.

The evening also saw Eden Carpenter in Year 11, named as a finalist in the exhibition, exhibiting her work alongside other outstanding young artists from across the region.

It was such a privilege to see the talents of these young women recognised. I wish everyone a restful half-term and look forward to seeing everyone return on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June.

*Mrs L Eyre, Headteacher/Pennaeth*



## Show Racism The Red Card



Our four Year 10 'Show Racism the Red Card' Ambassadors presented to other schools from the local area, staff from Healthy Schools from Wrexham and Flintshire, and Wrexham FC. The pupils presented all of the amazing work that we have been doing this year in raising awareness of racism and tackling racism in our school with confidence and maturity. They were a credit to the school. We are now looking to recruit students to become 'Show Racism the Red Card' Ambassadors from Years 8 and 9. Please see Miss Cheers if you are interested!

## PGL Netball Trip

Miss Cheers, Mrs Williams and Miss Davies took 40 pupils from Year 8, 9, 10 and 11 to Boreatton Park for the PGL Netball Tournament weekend. The girls played netball on Saturday and Sunday against teams from all over England and also took part in a variety of other outdoor activities such as archery, climbing, zip wire and axe throwing.



## Football Champions



Congratulations to Louie, Sam and Lewis who have been crowned the Welsh Schools Under 15s Champions after representing Wrexham School Boys FA in the Welsh Schools FA finals held at Park Hall Stadium. They beat Caerphilly Schools FA on penalties after drawing 3-3 at full time.

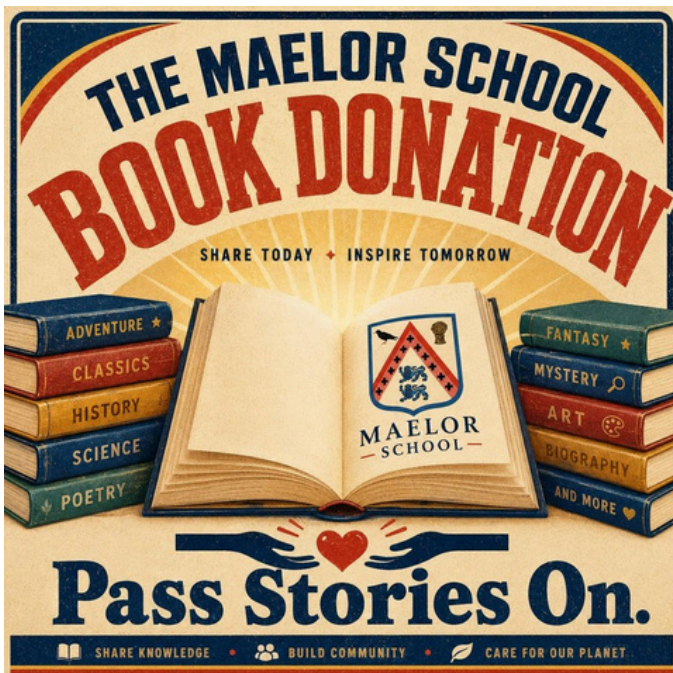


## Duke of Edinburgh Award Expedition

We had 36 Year 9 and 10 pupils taking part in their Bronze practice expedition based at Bryntysilo Outdoor Education Centre. Arriving on Friday afternoon, they practised map reading and campcraft and camped in tents overnight. On Saturday, pupils walked a route around Valle Crucis Abbey and on Sunday walked a route up to Dinas Brân castle - finishing with a well-earned ice lolly at the Pontcysyllte Aqueduct. In total pupils walked 20km!



## Pass Stories On



Ready to turn your old books into new stories for our school? Help us fuel the next generation of readers at The Maelor School by contributing to our exciting library revamp!

We are looking for fantastic reads in good condition, suitable for ages 12+, to stock our shelves!

Simply drop them off at reception at a time that suits you and we'll do the rest! Every donation helps us ignite imagination, so thank you very much in advance for your kindness.

**The more that you read,  
the more things you will know.  
The more that you learn,  
the more places you will go.**

**-- Dr. Seuss**

## PUPIL REWARDS

The recognition of outstanding efforts is a regular aspect of life at The Maelor School.

At the end of a busy half term, Heads of Year acknowledge some pupils who deserve a particular mention. Da iawn!

### Pupils of the Half Term

Year 7 - Lilo Williams

Year 8 - Erya Hartland

Year 9 - Millie-Jane Whittingham

Year 10 - Lily Bateson and James Roberts



## MAELOR SIXTH

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### YEAR 12

AS Exams finish - Monday 1st June  
Futures Evening - Wednesday 10th June  
PSE Day 5 - Tuesday 7th July  
Last Day of Term - Friday 17th July  
Results Day - Thursday 13th August

#### YEAR 13

Study Leave begins - Friday 22nd May  
Half Term - Monday 25th to Friday 29th May  
A2 Exams finish - Wednesday 17th June  
Celebration Evening - Thursday 18th June  
Results Day - Thursday 13th August

As we come to the end of a very busy half term, it has been great to see such a positive start to the exam season. Students have approached their exams with maturity and determination, and it has been especially encouraging to see their continued hard work and commitment to revision during this important period. We are incredibly proud of the focus they have shown and the way they have supported one another. We wish all students the very best of luck as exams continue - keep going, you are doing brilliantly!

GOOD LUCK IN YOUR EXAMS

## Year 13 Leavers' Celebration Day



A fun morning was had by all. Many thanks to Aaliyah for all the amazing photos she took to capture the day. The *Pwrettiest Pwincesses* secured a landslide victory in the quiz - well done boys - and then we all enjoyed a superb buffet lunch in the library.





## Year 11 Leavers' Day



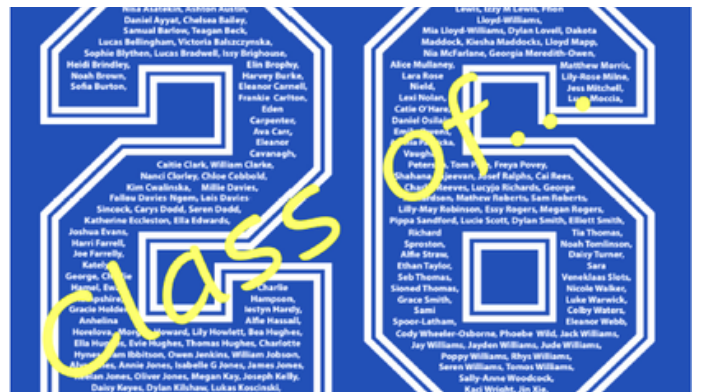
Year 11 - you've finally written the last chapter of your second book. From those first days walking through the doors of Maelor, unsure of where to go or who anyone was, to now moving around with confidence and familiarity, you have come such a long way.

You've faced a wide range of challenges, managed pressure, supported one another, and most importantly, kept going through it all.

I wish you all the very best for the future - you have been an incredible year group, and you will be truly missed.

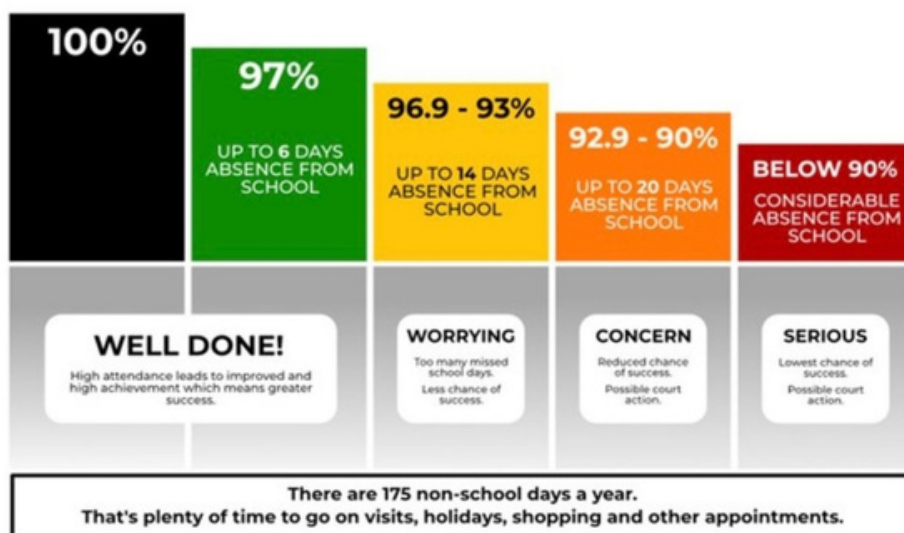
Mrs Williams







## WHAT IS YOUR ATTENDANCE?



### Parents' Evening Dates

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June 3.30pm - 6pm: Year 8 (online)

Details for how to book online evenings will be sent out in advance of each event.

We are starting to collect parents'/carers' views about Parents' Evenings, to inform our planning for next year. Look out for a link to a survey soon.

- Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June: Pupils return to school
- Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June: Year 11 Prom, Lion Quays
- Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June: Year 6 Transition Evening
- Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June: Year 6 Transition Day
- Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June: Sports Day
- Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July: Summer Concert, 5.30pm
- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July: PSE Day 5
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July: Last Day of Term



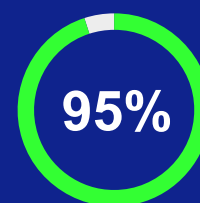
Forthcoming Dates for your Calendar

## 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.

Whilst people think that 90% attendance is good, this actually means you are missing a day of school every fortnight.

Our whole school attendance target is 95%.



Best Tutor Group Attendance for Each Year Group:

- Year 7 - GD
- Year 8 - CD
- Year 9 - CD
- Year 10 - GT
- Year 11 - GD

Best Year Group Attendance - Year 9



## Have a lovely Half Term break!