

# THE MAELOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER CYLCHLYTHYR YSGOL MAELOR



## Leading the Way

There are many great things about our fabulous school - but without doubt, our pupils never fail to make me feel proud.

We have so many mature and capable young people who are destined for great things. One of our school priorities this year is to further develop our young people by providing them with more structured leadership opportunities.

We are proud to have our biggest ever School Council (pictured above) and are delighted to have a team committed to leading on the 'Show Racism the Red Card'

programme, where our pupil leaders have already delivered assemblies to their peers in all year groups. By the time this newsletter is published, we will also have recruited our Pupil Middle and Senior Leaders, who will play a key role in driving further changes in our school. I cannot wait to see what they do.

I wish all of our families a restful half-term, and I look forward to seeing our pupils return on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

*Mrs L Eyre, Headteacher/Pennaeth*



## The Big Move to Secondary School

The move from primary to secondary school is always a huge change for our young people - and their families! Our new Year 7 have settled into their new school incredibly well. As part of this transition, we were delighted to have Jacob and Felicity talk about their first few weeks of high school, supported by 'old hands' Kendra and Lucas in Year 13.

As part of our enhanced transition process, many of the pupils' Year 6 teachers come back in to see how they have settled in. We are also delighted to have so many Year 7 pupils in our new Student Council. We can't wait for the next half term with this fabulous year group!



Above : Jacob and Felicity  
Below: Lucas and Kendra



and so the  
**ADVENTURE**  
begins



Chloe in Y11 is a keen photographer. Here are a couple of her most recent local shots.





## Make Some Noise: Year 7 Music Workshop

Our Year 7 pupils (and Mrs Eyre) absolutely loved the recent Music Workshop delivered by the Wrexham Music Cooperative: a fun-filled, interactive session with a lot of familiar faces and tunes!



## Rocking Horse Media Workshop



We were delighted to have Rocking Horse Media come into school to talk to our media students about their TV pilot Henry House, followed by a brilliant technical workshop.



## 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 - Iestyn Hughes
- Year 8 - Finley Davies
- Year 9 - Tymon Kowalski
- Year 10 - Evie Earp
- Year 11 - Alfie Straw



*Well done!*

### Estyn

As you will know, we had an Estyn inspection from Monday 6<sup>th</sup> until Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October. The report will be published on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December, and will be shared with all families once it is live.

### Inspection

## Mobile Phone Free Maelor



Following an initial rollout of 'Mobile Phone Free Maelor' before the summer, we fully launched our new approach, where pupils in Years 7-11 are expected to be 'phone free' all day, at the start of the year. A huge thank you for your support with this new approach, which has been fully embraced by our pupils. It is a joy to see our young people talking and interacting without screens - and with each other instead.



## COME AND JOIN OUR SUCCESS STORY

# MAELOR SIXTH OPEN EVENING

**THURSDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2025**  
4-6pm

Talk by the Headteacher and Head of Sixth Form at 4pm and 6pm  
Subject Information and presentations throughout the evening

[www.maelorschool.org.uk/maelor-sixth](http://www.maelorschool.org.uk/maelor-sixth)



## ADMISSIONS INTO YEAR 7 - FOR SEPTEMBER 2026



Applications for Year 7 for September 2026 close on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

The QR code on the right takes you to the Admissions page on our website.





## WHAT IS YOUR ATTENDANCE?



## Parents' Evening Dates



- Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October: Tutor Evening All Year Groups (in school)
- Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November 3.30-6pm: Year 11 (online)
- Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December 3.30-6pm: Year 13 (online)
- Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2026 3.30pm - 5.30pm: Year 9 Options Evening (in school)
- Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January 3.30pm - 6pm: Year 9 (online)
- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February 3.30pm - 6pm: Year 12 (online)
- Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February 3.30pm - 6pm: Year 10 (online)
- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May 3.30pm - 6pm: Year 7 (online)
- 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.

- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October: Staff training day (school closed to pupils)
- Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November: Pupils return to school
- Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November: Sixth Form Open Evening
- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November: PSE Day 2
- Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December: Y11 Mock Examinations start
- Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December: Y11 Mock Examinations finish
- Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Concert
- Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> and Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas assemblies
- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December: Pupils finish for Christmas
- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026: Staff training day (school closed to pupils)
- Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January: Pupils return to school



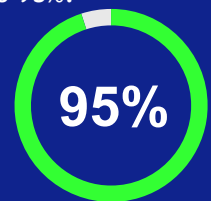
## Forthcoming Dates for your Calendar

## 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 Form Attendance for each year group:**  
 Year 7: PS  
 Year 8: GT  
 Year 9: PS  
 Year 10: GT  
 Year 11: GT

**Best Year Group Attendance:**  
 Year 9

