THE MAELOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER
CYLCHLYTHYR YSGOL MAELOR



Stepping Up

Our Open Evening at the beginning of October was the busiest one yet.

Our wonderful pupils are exactly what make our school so unique, and therefore it makes sense that they played a key role in the event.

We were overwhelmed with the amount of pupils who gave up their evening to act as tour guides, helpers in subject araes and we even had some of our Maelor Sixth students support with parking coordination outside.

A special thank you to Maya Fernando and Romily Sanson in Year 7, and Jessica Rowley and Abi Griffiths in Year 13, for being part of the Headteacher's presentation to parents.

I felt extremely proud to hear their perspectives on life at The Maelor School: an experience that is just beginning for Maya and Romily and one that will come to an end more quickly than we dare to think for Abi and Jessica.

This half term, we have been focusing on settling into new classes and new timetables. Our Year 7 pupils have embraced secondary school life with confidence and gusto, and staff who accompanied them on the Condover trip said that their conduct was exemplary. I have to say, the pupils were definitely braver than me! Seeing the photos of them taking on the high swings and ropes, it was fantastic to see them challenging themselves and giving everything a go.

Likewise, some of our older pupils have been getting to grips with GCSE life, in particular Year 11, who after a set of excellent results in the summer, are back into examination preparation, with exams immediately after half term. This is the first year group to experience these 'new' GCSEs, which include more frequent assessments.

A huge well done to all of our pupils and we look forward to seeing them return to school on Monday 2nd November.

Mrs L Eyre, Headteacher/Pennaeth

Year 7 Welcome their Year 6 Teachers

Our Year 7 pupils have had a busy few weeks settling into life at The Maelor School, so it was lovely to welcome their former Year 6 teachers back for a special catch-up. There was plenty to talk about as pupils proudly shared stories of their new friendships, teachers and experiences, and reflected on how much has already changed since starting secondary school.

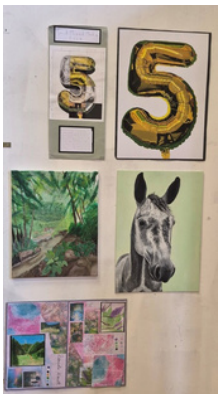




Art Exhibition

Our annual Art Exhibition was a great success and celebrated the fabulous artworks created by our students from Years 11, 12 and 13. Pupils, staff, parents and the wider school community were given the opportunity to come and see the wonderful exhibits. Da iawn!







Make Some Noise for our Newest Production!



← Rehearsals are well underway for this year's school production of High School Musical.

Pupils across the school had an entertaining morning with 'Make Some Noise' who came in to school to encourage children to engage with music and unlock their musical potential. →



Dates for your Diary: 7th and 8th December

Head of Year Pupil Awards

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
Exceeding Expectations **Dawson Windsor, 7PS** **Most Consistent** **Srikirthi Baburaja, 7GD**	**Exceeding Expectations** **Pippa Lee, 8PS** **Most Consistent** **Ewan Jones, 8DD**	**Pupil of the Half Term** **Jenna Pugh, 9PS**

Year 10	Year 11
Pupil of the Half Term - Joshua Carpenter, 10CD **Most Improved - Archie Lee, 10DD**	**Exceeding Expectations - Isabella Carnell, 11PS** **Most Improved - Harry Jones, 11CD**

CSU

We are delighted to open our renovated CSU building. The designated study areas are light and airy, and the sensory room provides a calming space. This facility is a huge benefit to our ALN students and we are thrilled with the transformation that happened to the unit over the summer.







Admissions into Year 7 for September 2027





Applications for Year 7
for September 2027 entry
close on **31st October 2026**.

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



Year 7 Condover Trip

The annual Condover trip has been a great success, with our Year 7 pupils pushing themselves out of their comfort zone and enjoying some great activities. They faced some indoor and outdoor challenges and enjoyed a not-so-silent silent disco in the evening.











MAELOR SIXTH OPEN EVENING

Thursday 12 November 2026
4.00pm - 6.00pm

A talk by the Headteacher and Head of Sixth Form at 4.00pm (repeated at 6.00pm) outlining what to expect in Maelor Sixth.

An opportunity to visit subject areas to talk to our staff and students for subject specific information.

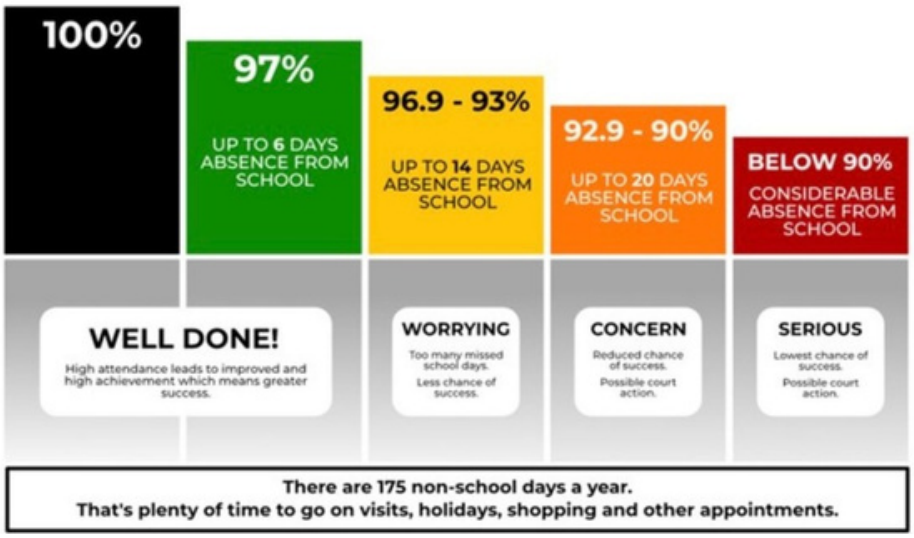
Visit the Sixth Form Centre and complete our Expression of Interest form and we will keep you up to date with important information and dates for application and enrolment.

We look forward to seeing you there.





WHAT IS YOUR ATTENDANCE?



Friday 23rd October: Staff training day (school closed to pupils)
Monday 2nd November: Pupils return to school
Thursday 12th November: Sixth Form Open Evening, 4.00-6.00pm
Friday 20th November: PSE Day 2
Monday 23rd November: Y11 Mock Examinations start
Friday 4th December: Y11 Mock Examinations finish
Monday 7th and Tuesday 8th December: High School Musical performance, 5.00-7.00pm
Thursday 17th and Friday 18th December: Christmas assemblies
Friday 18th December: Pupils finish for Christmas
Monday 4th January 2027: Pupils return to school

PARENTS' EVENING DATES
Thursday 3rd December 3.30-6.00pm: Year 13 (online)
Wednesday 6th January 2026 3.30-5.30pm: Year 9 Options Evening (in school)
Thursday 14th January 3.30-6pm: Year 9 (online)
Thursday 4th February 3.30-6pm: Year 11 (online)
Thursday 18th February 3.30-6pm: Year 10 (online)
Thursday 8th April 3.30-6pm: Year 12 (online)
Thursday 20th May 3.30-6pm: Year 7 (online)
Thursday 1st July 3.30-6pm: Year 8 (online)

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

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 for Each Year:

Year 7 - 7PS
Year 8 - 8GD
Year 9 - 9CD
Year 10 - 10PS
Year 11 - 11DD

Best Year Group Attendance: Year 7