

Inspiring Learning



Friday 11th May

Message from the Head Teacher

I have been so proud seeing our senior students approach their exams. We have students in years 10, 11, 12 and 13 taking GCSE, AS and A Level exams this year. They are all approaching their lessons with maturity and hard work. Each summer, Year 13 students celebrate their 7 years at our school with a fancy dress day. It is always a lovely day, and it is great to see the creativity and effort that the students put into their planning for the event. This year's costumes were amazing and the make-up alone must have taken hours to complete! This tradition will be followed up our parent leavers' assemblies for year 11 and year 13 and the proms at the racecourse. Our final celebrations will of course be results days in August.

Safeguarding Update

In order to constantly endeavour to improve our knowledge and understanding of safeguarding, I am pleased to announce that we now have an extra 8 members of staff trained in Positive Handling through Team Teach.

We aim to roll out the training over the forthcoming year so that all staff will have the opportunity to develop their safeguarding knowledge.

How can you support your child with keeping safe online?

In their 2017 report, Ofcom found that 74% of 12-15-year olds have a social media profile and that 99% of this age group go online for around 21 hours per week.

The UK Council for Child Internet Safety (UKCCIS), together with the South West Grid for Learning (SWGfL) and the UK Safer Internet Centre have published a curriculum framework to help young people build resilience, develop critical thinking and become responsible users of technology. The 'Framework for Education for a Connected World' covers all age groups from early years to 18, and looks at eight areas of online education:

1. Self-image and Identity
2. Online relationships
3. Online reputation
4. Online bullying
5. Managing online information
6. Health, wellbeing and lifestyle
7. Privacy and security
8. Copyright and ownership

We plan to incorporate this important educational resource into our forthcoming PSHE programme. If you would like to have a browse yourself, please see the link below.

You can download the framework here:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/683895/Education_for_a_connected_world_PDF.PDF



Summer Camp

Year 9s were delivered an assembly on Thursday by Andrew Woolley the Duke of Edinburgh development Office at Monmouthshire Youth Service. They are offering a wonderful opportunity for our year 9 students to get a taster of what Duke of Edinburgh is all about at a summer camp on 10th-11th July. The aim of the camp is to develop pupil's independence, team working skills and to introduce them to outdoor activities and to have some fun they will get the opportunity to take part in activities such as using a bouldering wall, archery, a walk in the local area, various sporting activities, face painting, an outdoor cinema in the evening and of course a camp. Students were given letters on the day and they have also been sent out via parentmail, however copies are also available on reception.

Revision Packs

On Tuesday Year 11s had a motivating assembly during which each were given revision pack containing revision and exam essentials as well as a personalized message from a subject teacher and a good luck message from the Head Teacher.

Revision sessions are ongoing in all subjects areas so if you are unsure please ask your subject teacher to find out what sessions will best help you.

This week also saw the last days in full uniform for our year 11s. They are now proudly sporting their '2018 Leavers' polo shirts and hoodies as they embark on their first exams. Good luck in all your exams!

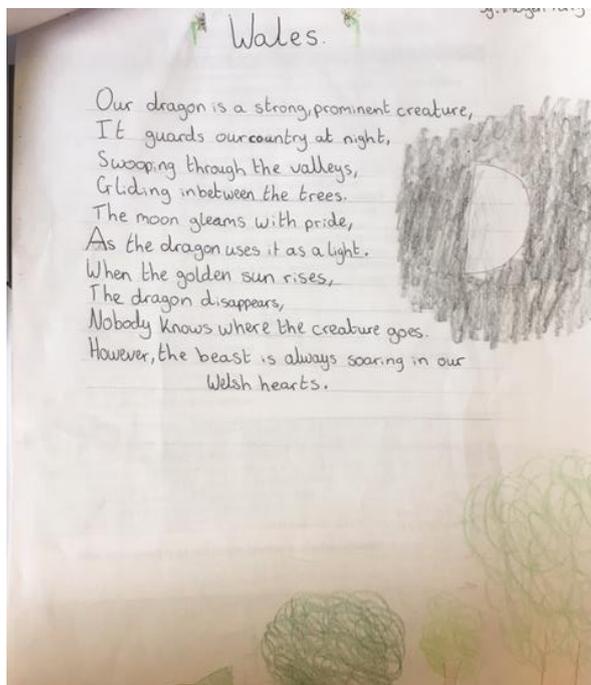
Sixth Form Leavers Day

Well done to all our year 13 students who put in a tremendous effort on Friday to dress up for their leaver's day. Good luck to all with your exams and in your future pathways.



Writing of the Week

Well done Imogen Terry 7W2 for this wonderful poem voted 'Writing of the Week' by the English department



Students of the Week

Wye House –

Evan Roach for 100% attendance and always being ready to learn. He has a great attitude to learning

Meaghan Corner for 100% attendance and always having impeccable uniform. She has made a great start to her GCSEs.

Usk House –

Millie Kneath for having a brilliant work ethic and for her great focus on revision.

Monnow House-

Emilia Dadswell-Jones for being hardworking, committed and always punctual to lessons.

Staff Star of the Week

Our Staff Star of the week this week is Mrs Heather Gosling for gaining funding and organising the wonderful trip to Italy last week. Look out in the next newsletter for all about the fabulous experiences they took part in.

Important Dates

Thursday 17 th May	Year 9 Parents Evening
Friday 18 th May	Year 8 & 9 Girls HPV Vaccinations
Monday 28 th May – Sunday 3 rd June	Half Term
Thursday 7 th June	Year 7 Parents Eve
Thursday 14 th June	Summer concert
Wednesday 20 th June	Sports Day
Thursday 21 st June	Year 11 Leavers Evening
Friday 22 nd June	Year11 Prom
Friday 29 th June	Year 13 Prom
Monday 2 nd July	Transition Fortnight –year 6 (showcase evening on Thursday 12 th July)
Thursday 5 th July	Sports Personality of the Year
Monday 16 th July	Year 12 Induction Week
Tuesday 24 th July	Last day of term