

# Inspiring Learning



Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2018

## Message from the Head Teacher

We have enjoyed having our new Year 7 students with us for the past fortnight. They have been full of enthusiasm and ambition, and have settled in really well to the school. This is certainly a year group of young leaders, it has been a pleasure to watch them grow and support each other during the 2 weeks. The final showcase, on the theme of Japan, demonstrated the energy and hard work all of our Year 6 students put into their work during transition. Transition is an important part of our values and ethos at school. It works well easing the gap between primary and secondary school, and ensures that all students are able to feel confident and comfortable about starting school in September.

We were delighted to be one of the 4 showcase schools in the Western Mail this week, outlining our excellent support of students. The feature focused on our work with all vulnerable students and especially the support that is led by our students. The work of the Invisible Army and the LGBT+ group was portrayed as a real strength.

## Sports Personality of the Year

Our Sports Personality of the Year event was once again, very well supported by students and parents on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July. The students that had been nominated to take home the award were, Jimmy Kellaway, Ben Kellaway, Owain Jenkins, Eleanor Walker, Rhiannon Craig, Lottie Jones, Emma Hale, Harry Pinchard and Jasmine Barraclough. Our ever fantastic Head Students, Judah Chudleigh and Lydia Barnston hosted the event and presented awards for player of the season, player's player and the most improved player. The team of the year award was won by our under 16 girl's athletics team who have had a fantastic season competing in a number of competitions and finishing 5<sup>th</sup> of all South East Wales Schools, an amazing achievement. Our female commitment to sport award was won by Issy Hopkins of Year 8 who is not only a remarkable golfer, playing off an 8 handicap but she has taken part in hockey, athletics and netball over the course of the year. She is a student who has thrived in PE. Our male commitment to sport award was won by Tom Weeks of Year 7 who is a fantastic up and coming athlete. Tom is a member of Chepstow Harriers and Garden City outside of school. He continuously attends football, athletics and rugby during school time. Tom has contributed an awful lot to the school this year. Both Tom and Issy are very worthy winners of the awards. We are excited to see where next year will take them during their time at Chepstow School.

The award for Sports Personality of the Year was the most tightly contested of all the years it has run at Chepstow School. All nominees made brilliant accounts of themselves when they were interviewed on camera and made big statements explaining why they should be voted as our Personality of The Year. In 3<sup>rd</sup> place was Harry Pinchard who becomes a former student of ours this year after securing himself a 2 year professional football contract at Cardiff City. We would like to wish him every success in his sporting future. In 2<sup>nd</sup> Place was the much surprised Owain Jenkins of Year 9, who has had a brilliant year playing rugby for both Newport Schools and also Chepstow Rugby Club. He will certainly have a bright future if he continues to work hard. For the first time ever, there was a tie for 1<sup>st</sup> place! This was claimed by Rhiannon Craig of Year 9 and Jasmine Barraclough of Year 11. Rhiannon is very talented in both fencing and Epee, competing for Wales over the past few years. She is certainly a more than worthy winner of the award. Jasmine Barraclough who took up Athletics (100m) competitively only 1 year ago, has gone from strength to strength winning Silver at the East Wales Championships. She took 4<sup>th</sup> place at the indoor Welsh u17 Championships and will certainly be looking to improve on that in years to come.

All of our students who have represented the school in sports this year have been a credit to themselves and the school. We look forward to seeing what 2019 brings in sporting success from our young athletes. We will welcome both old and new faces to our sporting clubs next year and once again, we would like to congratulate our winners and nominees for this year's Sports Personality of the Year from all of the PE Department at Chepstow School.



## Teentech Awards

Chepstow School pupils were recently shortlisted for the Teentech Award finals. This took place at the London Royal Society, Carlton House which is a hub for the UK's top young creative and scientific minds. There were 73 schools in attendance from around the UK and Europe; Chepstow School was one of only two schools from Wales who made it through to the finals. The team performed very well, showcasing their work to high profile industry leaders from JVC electronics to Rolls Royce, as well as top UK Physicist Jameel Sadik Al Khalili OBE. The Teentech Awards event has been running for 10 years and is organised by Maggie Philbin OBE who recognises that young learners have inspirational and innovative ideas. It has provided a forum to showcase some of the very best designs to industry leaders. Finalists have the opportunity to obtain industry funding and progress their ideas through to the manufacturing stage, providing early experiences of entrepreneurialism.

Marek Anthony, project leader and our Art and DT Specialist teacher was also shortlisted for Teacher of the Year at the event.



## Staff Star of the Week

This week's staff star of the week is Tim Smith for all his efforts helping with events, productions and in general around the school.

# Important Dates

Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 12 Induction Week
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	STEM Competition Final at Eden Education Centre
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of term (finishing at normal time of 3.15pm)
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> August	A Level results day
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> August	GCSE results day
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> August	Sixth form Enrolment Day