

Inspiring Learning




Message from the Headteacher – Sept 29th

We have had a busy week with our Estyn Inspection, and we look forward to sharing the outcomes once the report is approved and published. The Estyn Inspectors wanted to pass on their thanks to all of the students they met as part of the inspection, they were articulate and confident and very helpful. I would like to thank all parents who contributed questionnaires or attended the parents' meeting. It is this partnership that supports the school continuing to improve.

This week in Art



This week, our school has featured in the PiXL Cymru newsletter as one of the 3 top performing schools across Wales. A copy of the article is below.



CHEPSTOW SCHOOL CELEBRATES RECORD RESULTS

Chepstow School is a comprehensive secondary school in South East Wales with around 1000 students. There was reason to celebrate on results day as 70% of Year 11 students achieved at least 5 GCSEs at grade C or above including English and maths.

Additionally, an outstanding 83% of the students achieved a grade C or better in English Language in the first year of the new WJEC qualification. This represents a 22% improvement on last year's English Language results.

Chepstow School commenced its partnership working with PiXL in 2016-17, working closely with the school's Associate to implement PiXL strategies across key stage 4. This successful partnership included the use of Pre-Public Examinations, Personal Learning Check Lists and Smith Pro Formas. These PiXL strategies supported the school's ethos and focus on personalised learning with a sharp focus on skill development.

The PiXL Curve examinations provided an excellent opportunity for students and teachers to fully understand areas of strength and focus on the skills needed to improve. The English department successfully used this valued data to inform their skills-focused, weekly revision sessions and student-specific skills lessons, contributing to the 22% improvement on the previous year.

The use of PiXL strategies in Chepstow School also had an impact on A*-A outcomes, where the school saw 24% of their students achieve 5 A*-A.

The school will be continuing the partnership this coming year, in order to build on the successes achieved through PiXL's invaluable support network.

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Finally, a reminder of events next week.

Thursday October 5th Year 7 Meet the Tutor Evening starting at 5pm in the Arts Hall and then meeting with your form tutor.

Thursday October 5th Years 9 & 10 Expectations Evening starting at 6:30pm in the Arts Hall. This is an opportunity to meet with staff and find out about how we support your child during their first year of GCSEs.

We look forward to seeing you there.