



Summer Newsletter 2024 - Cylchlythyr yr haf



We have enjoyed another successful term at Chepstow School, with students participating in a variety of events from sports day, reward trips and much more.

We would like to thank all students for their hard work and parents and carers for their continued support.

We we wish you all an enjoyable summer.

Examination Results 2024 - Canlyniadau Arholiadau 2024

Thursday 15th August: A & AS Level and Level 3 Qualifications

Collection from 08:00 – 12:00 in the Arts Hall

Thursday 22nd August: GCSE and Level 2 Qualifications

Collection from 08:00 – 12:00 in the Arts Hall

Year 11: Collection from 08:00 – 12:00

Year 10: Collection from 10:00 – 12:00



Year 7 Charity Donations / Rhoddion Elusen Blwyddyn 7

Blwyddyn 7 Competitions: Generous Donations to Chepstow Food Bank

Our chosen charity this year was Chepstow Food Bank (The Trussell Trust Food Bank). Blwyddyn 7 chose how they would like to support this very deserving charity, and decided upon;

- a poster competition to raise awareness of the food bank in our local community;
- a football tournament in which you had to donate an item of food if you wanted to watch/take part;
- a sculpture competition in which the pupils made sculptures out of the different food stuffs that had been brought in.



Blwyddyn 7 and their families were incredibly generous in their donations and we ended up with 7 big bags of food that we were able to donate to the food bank. A small group of form representatives delivered the food and were given a tour of the premises and learnt how the donations are sorted in to packs, how the food bank works with local GPs, social workers and support groups and then who receives the food. Yet again, Blwyddyn 7 proved themselves to be a caring, kind and ambitious year group who want to support their local community and raise awareness of such a worthwhile cause. We are so proud of them all.





Year 8 Charity Fundraiser - Gwaith Elusen Blwyddyn 8

Blwyddyn 8 Fancy Dress Fun Run: A Triumph for Ty Hafan

The event saw students dashing through the course with boundless energy and enthusiasm, their creative costumes adding a vibrant touch to the atmosphere. From caped crusaders, to fairy-tale princesses, the variety of fancy dress was as impressive as the dedication of the young runners. Each pupil participated with the goal of making a difference, having gathered sponsorships from generous friends, family, and members of the community.



Blwyddyn 8 pupils of Chepstow School transformed into an array of colourful characters, ranging from superheroes to mythical creatures, for a fantastic cause. The school hosted a 5k fancy dress fun run, which not only brought smiles and laughter, but also raised an incredible £1011 in aid of Ty Hafan, a remarkable children's charity.

The significant sum raised will go directly to Ty Hafan, a charity that provides comfort, care, and support to life-limited children and their families across Wales. Ty Hafan offers a range of services, from respite care and outreach to end-of-life care and bereavement support, ensuring that families have the help they need during the most challenging times.

Chepstow School extends its heartfelt thanks to all the parents, carers, and community members who supported our pupils through sponsorships, encouragement, and involvement. The success of this event would not have been possible without their unwavering generosity and support.



This fun run was more than just a school event; it was a celebration of community spirit, compassion, and the power of collective effort. It provided the pupils with a memorable experience, fostering a sense of achievement and the joy of contributing to a noble cause. Chepstow School is incredibly proud of our Year 8 pupils and grateful to everyone who made this event a resounding success. Here's to the fantastic efforts of our pupils and the wonderful support from our community—diolch for making a difference to the lives of those served by Ty Hafan!



Year 9 Charity Fundraiser - Gwaith Elusen Blwyddyn 9

Blwyddyn 9 Fundraiser to Support St David's Hospice

We are thrilled to share the latest updates and events of Blwyddyn 9 raising money for St David's Hospice. Our mission was to raise money to help support a Hospice that offers compassionate care and support to patients and families. Diolch yn fawr iawn to all parent/carers who have supported Blwyddyn 9 pupils with their donations from the generosity of your family, friends and community. In total, with the help of Head of Year Samantha Morgan pupils have raise £876.50 for St Davids Hospice.



This month has been filled with exciting fundraising sporting activities ('Her 15') and delicious bake sales, all aimed at raising much-needed funds for our hospice. We are incredibly proud of all Blwyddyn 9 pupils for their positive attitude, heartfelt efforts and commitment to making a difference.

One pupil in particular expressed "I have fully enjoyed fundraising for St David's Hospice this year; it was so much fun! We got to run, laugh, and help people all at the same time. Knowing that our efforts will help the patients at St David's Hospice makes me feel really proud. I can't wait and hope we get to do it again next year!"



Year 10 Charity Fundraiser - Gwaith Elusen Blwyddyn 10

A Year of Unforgettable Events for The Teenage Cancer Trust

This year, Blwyddynn 10 pupils at Chepstow School have demonstrated exceptional commitment and creativity in raising funds for 'The Teenage Cancer Trust'. Through a series of exciting events, they have not only gathered significant donations, but also brought the school community closer together. Here's a look at some of the standout fundraising activities that took place this year:

Whole School Talent Showcase

The talent showcase brought together pupils from all year groups, creating an event filled with awe-inspiring performances. From musical acts and dance routines, to stand-up comedy and dramatic skits; the variety and quality of the acts were truly impressive. Our school Arts Hall was packed with spectators who came to support their peers and contribute to a worthy cause. The event was free to everyone, but we raised money through donations and refreshments. Special thanks to our Blwyddyn 10 organisers, who put in countless hours to ensure the showcase was a seamless and memorable experience - diolch!



Charity Lunchtime Movie Event

Adding a bit of fun to the regular school day, the charity lunchtime movie event was a fantastic initiative that combined entertainment with philanthropy. Pupils were invited to the Maths Corridor during lunchtime to enjoy a popular movie, with popcorn, sweets and drinks available to purchase. The relaxed atmosphere and the chance to take a break from the usual school routine were much appreciated by pupils and staff alike. This event raised additional funds that will be contributing to the overall success of our fundraising efforts for 'The Teenage Cancer Trust'.



A Remarkable Year of Giving

Through these events, Blwyddyn 10 pupils have shown that with determination and teamwork, they can make a significant impact on the lives of others. The funds raised will go a long way in supporting The Teenage Cancer Trust's vital work, providing care and assistance to young people affected by cancer.

We are incredibly proud of our pupils for their dedication and compassion. Their efforts have not only raised money but also raised awareness about an important cause, inspiring others to get involved and make a difference. Here's to another successful year of fundraising and to the continued spirit of generosity within our school community.

Thank you to everyone who participated, donated, and supported these events. Your contributions are greatly appreciated and will make a meaningful difference in the lives of many.



Cymraeg

Maori Teachers Visit Cymraeg Department

On 24th June, we welcomed team of Maori teachers to our Cymraeg department who were interested in the provision of our language at Ysgol Cas-gwent. We were selected as the only second-language school across the whole country to take part in the study - it was a huge pleasure and a privilege to have been asked. We hope that our Maori counterparts can stimulate a positive shift in attitudes and uptake in their native language just like Cymraeg has here in Wales. Cymraeg has recently been announced as the fastest growing minority language in Europe - if you or a member of your family are interested in learning Cymraeg, feel free to access the following link in the middle of the page to courses for every level of learner.



Learn Welsh Gwent | Learn Welsh





Mathemateg a Rhifedd : Mathematics and Numeracy

It has been another busy term in Mathematics and Numeracy, with lots of activities going on including Maths Challenge and Money week. Junior Mathematics Challenge has been our most successful yet with 46 placed certificates awarded, we are so proud of all those who participated.

Money Week

This term we joined the rest of the UK in getting involved in Money Week. The main aim of money week is to engage learners about money and to consider their financial futures. Pupils have been completing lots of activities to give them the facts and information to help support them in making choices about savings, borrowing, making the most of your money and also being aware of security and award. So many of our learners found this a valuable experience and got to ask lots of questions to help them with their understanding.

Eedi Summer Club

Eedi has kindly offered all families at our school free access to Eedi Summer Club, a maths summer program 100% free of charge that will help to boost your child's (any age) confidence in maths so it's sky high for the new school year.

Your child will first take a quick dynamic quiz to create an independent learning pathway perfectly suited to their learning level. Then, they will receive recommended maths topics in the form of quizzes that will help them improve the most over four weeks.

Your child will get unlimited access to help videos, fluency practice questions, and mastery activities to keep them engaged with their maths over the holidays! You'll also get weekly reports on their progress. By completing weekly assignments, your child will be automatically entered into a weekly prize draw for a £20 voucher of their choice. At the end of the summer, we'll also reward the most committed students and schools with special prizes.

You can sign up for an Eedi account by simply follow the steps below:

<https://intercom.help/eedi-home/en/articles/4894347-signing-up-to-eedi>

Blwyddyn 7

Bronze awards:

Kristian, Jack, George,
Lewys, Harrison, Ruby,
Alex, Finn, Lucy, Mostyn,
Dougie and Harrison.

Silver awards:

Devon, Jasmine, Archie, Max,
Emma, Seren, Evie, Rori and
Jasmine.

Gold awards:

Rhys and William. A special
mention has to go to William
as he was Best in School.

Junior Mathematics Challenge



Blwyddyn 8

Bronze awards:

Oliver, Thomas, Tomos,
Dasha, Iestyn, Maddalena,
Scott, Matthew, Millie,
Emma, Yumi.

Silver awards:

Jamie,
Natalie, Marta, Alex, Rhys,
Jake, Milo, Ellie, Iris,
Samuel.

Gold awards:

Lily and David



Celfyddydau Mynegiannol : Expressive Arts

Summer Showcase - Arddangos yr Haf

In our recent 'Expressive Arts Summer Showcase' held on 2nd July, we had a wonderful evening celebrating the musical and artistic talents of our students. The event featured a variety of performances in the drama studio ranging from singers and rock bands to clarinettists and piano soloists. The artwork on display was created by our talented GCSE, AS and A level students, showcasing their creativity and skill. Additionally, a fashion show was a highlight of the evening, with Art club pupils designing and creating dresses based on the theme 'Recycled'. There were many standout creations including a dress made entirely from recycled popcorn boxes designed, created and modelled by Honor Leeming in Blwyddyn 7. We are proud of the incredible talent displayed by our pupils and it was a joy for the Expressive Arts team to share this experience with our school community.





Celfyddydau Mynegiannol : Expressive Arts

It has been a busy and exciting year in the Expressive Arts Faculty.
Here is some of the inspiring work created by our students:





Iechyd a Lles : Health and Wellbeing

Spectacular Sports Day - Mabolgampau Ardderchog

Chepstow School's Sports Day was a resounding success, undeterred by the rain which only added to the spirited atmosphere. Our brilliant pupils competed with enthusiasm and determination, delivering outstanding performances throughout the day. Highlights included a thrilling display from our Year 10 girls, who impressively outpaced the staff relay team, showcasing their remarkable athleticism. Despite the weather, the high spirits and camaraderie made for an unforgettable event, celebrating the talent and sportsmanship of our students. Congratulations to our winners: 7S, 8P, 9C, 10S.



Sports Leaders

A brilliant day with our sports leaders who helped with The Dell School sports day. A very well organised day and the leaders were a credit to us.



County Athletics Championships

Congratulations to all our athletes who represented Chepstow School at the County athletics championships and a special mention to our 3 county champions.





SPOTY Awards

A Celebration of Sporting Achievements

Our annual SPOTY event was held in July and we had a fantastic number of students attend. This reflects the hard work and commitment of the students attending clubs and representing the school across the year. There were awards in a range of sports and these included Coaches player, most improved player and Player player of the year.



Team of the year was awarded to the Blwyddyn 8 Netball team for being undefeated in their matches and winning the league.

Leader of the year was awarded to Megan M in Blwyddyn 7. This was chosen by the staff at Mon Life for her dedication and leadership skills shown this year in swimming lessons and various other primary school events.

The Rosie E award was given to Sophie S for commitment to school sport. Sophie represents the school in a variety of sport and nothing is ever too much trouble.

The Ben K award was given to Harley C for commitment to school sport. Harley is a committed sportsman and attends every club on offer, as well as being an active member of the leadership academy.

We have 7 finalists for this year's SPOTY and they were all very worthy nominees. The winner for 2024 was Oliver H for his achievements in Taekwondo. We wish Oliver the very best of luck when he goes to Argentina to compete in the World Cup later this year.





Dylunio a Thechnoleg : Design and Technology



DT NEWS

As we come to the end of school year, the pupils' interests have been heightened with a variety of experiences in both Food and Nutrition and Product Design this final term.

KS3 DT has seen the completion of textiles projects for Years 7 and 8, along with Year 9 experiencing a mini NEA for pupils to gain an insight into GCSE. The Year 8 have had the pleasure of using the new sewing machines that were jointly funded by the department and the PTA. The department would like to express sincere thanks to the PTA for continuing to contribute and support pupils' experiences in Design and Technology.

KS3 Food and Nutrition classes have seen pupils put their new-found knowledge to the test by designing, making and evaluating nutritious meals in line with their balanced diet projects. They are clearly demonstrating a growing knowledge of keeping themselves well-nourished and healthy.

Mr Ray Jones kindly volunteered his services over the past months in guiding a number of Year 7 pupils, who gave up their lunchtimes, to be part of **'The Thursday Gardening Family'**. They have established a series of planters with a variety of plants to support Food and Nutrition lessons. This has also given the pupils a unique learning experience and they will be supporting new Year 7 pupils in the coming year.

Also a big round of applause for the unrelenting volunteers, Mo, Tabi and Kath, who have battled in all weathers to tame **'The Sensory Garden'** and get it in a usable condition for pupils to enjoy as part of their wellbeing in the coming year. Ladies, your support has been immense and we are extremely grateful for all your hard work.

Year 7 and Year 8 pupils had an opportunity to participate in a **Crest Awards** event to enhance their problem solving, designing and team working skills and create a timed marble run. Both year groups had a full-on day with some interesting and successful outcomes. The project was also delivered to **Year 6 pupils** in Pembroke Primary School, who also demonstrated a keen skill set with creativity at the forefront. It proved to be a valuable experience for all pupils.

Year 10 Food and Nutrition and Product Design pupils have been busy with their NEA work, that will contribute to their overall grades at the end of Year 11. They have shown a mature attitude and are making steady progress. Keep up the positive perseverance all.

The Department would like to wish all the **Year 11 and 13 pupils**, who have left us this summer, the very best for the future. We had high numbers of students in both the GCSE and A level classes and are hopeful of positive outcomes on results day in August. They worked extremely hard and showed their dedication in one of the busiest times of their lives. Da iawn pawb!

And finally, our thanks go to all the parents and carers that support us on a daily basis, to ensure their children are having the best experience possible in Design and Technology. Have a restful summer break all. Diolch!



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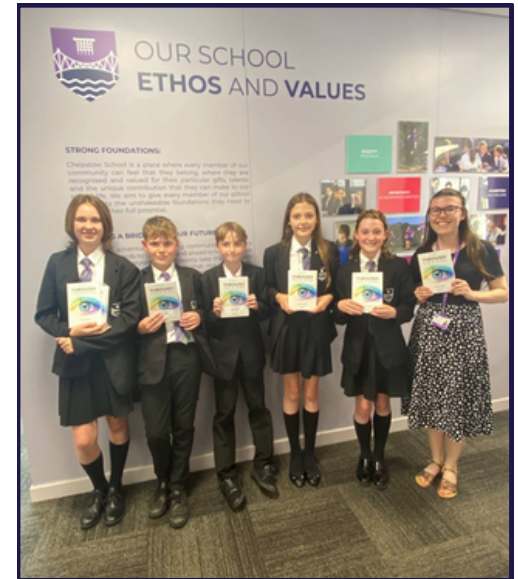
KS5



Iaith, Llythrennedd a Chyfathrebu: Language, Literacy and Communication

Poetry Anthologies - Blodeugerddi Barddoniaeth

21 students (from Blwyddyn 7 & 9) were recently published in the 'Through Their Eyes' Young Writer's anthology. Students were asked to write from the perspective of anyone or anything. Many of the students and their families requested a copy of the anthology. This was an exciting opportunity for all students. 'Da iawn' and 'llongyfarchiadau' to everyone involved!



German Club Explores New Languages

At the end of April, German Club took a two week break to give pupils the opportunity to learn some other languages.

Marta and Dasha (Year 8) planned and delivered a fantastic session on Ukrainian. We learnt some facts about the country, the names of colours in Ukrainian and we really enjoyed trying to write our names using Cyrillic script. The session during lunchtime was well attended by pupils and staff, including many Ukrainian speakers in years 9 and 10 who came along to support. The following week Yumi and Lily (Year 8) gave us the opportunity to learn Mandarin. We learnt all about the 3 different ways Mandarin can be written down (traditional characters, simplified characters and pinyin). Pupils were asking lots of questions and showed real enthusiasm for learning a new language. Thank you to all who attended and a special thanks, "djakuyu" and "xièxiè" to Marta, Dasha, Yumi and Lily.



Iaith, Llythrennedd a Chyfathrebu: Language, Literacy and Communication

Blwyddyn 8 Explore Japanese Life and Culture

One class of Blwyddyn 8 pupils have been lucky enough to explore aspects of Japanese life & culture as part of their LLC lessons. Pupils have participated in Teams meetings with Tsurumidai Junior High in Beppu City, Oita. During these meetings, both sets of pupils have shared aspects of their daily and school lives. We were particularly intrigued to find out that every pupil in Tsurumidai walked to school! In our last meeting, we played rock, paper, scissors – the time delay provided us with a slight advantage!

In addition to regularly meeting pupils from Tsurumidai Junior High, we were also lucky enough to receive a treat package. This box contained an array of Japanese sweet treats- many of which we had never experienced before! This was a particularly exciting lesson, which allowed every pupil to try many Japanese delicacies.

Without a doubt, pupils have relished the opportunity of exploring Japanese culture (and food!). They have certainly broadened their experiences as global citizens.





Ambitious Learners - Dysgwyr Uchelgeisiol

LoveLace Ladies Coding Club

Chepstow's 'Lovelace Ladies' girls coding club has increased in popularity this year with more Blwyddyn 7 and 8 pupils joining the club! The girls are working hard in preparing for the upcoming CyberFirst Girls competition held by the National Cyber Security Centre. Our Blwyddyn 10 members are mentoring their peers in sharing their knowledge of the competition and cyber topics, having achieved second place in the Welsh final of the competition in February 2022.



CyberFirst Adventurers

Blwyddyn 9 students took part in the CyberFirst Adventurers course developed by National Cyber Security Centre. This helped to introduce an awareness of cyber security, develop digital skills, promote careers in STEM and tackle cyber stereotypes. Students enjoyed the opportunity to see how studying computer science could potentially enhance their future career paths.

Seren Project

Pupils have been busy participating in a range of enrichment activities as part of the WG Seren Project and the schools Ambitious Learner program.

Students have attended a range of engaging sessions with professionals including master classes in medicine, literature, STEM and Humanities.

Blwyddyn 8 and 9 Seren pupils successfully participated in the Seren Project Critical Thinking Challenge developing stronger critical thinking abilities through language-learning as well as improving confidence. They were all awarded with Certificates from Welsh Government. Well done to everyone.

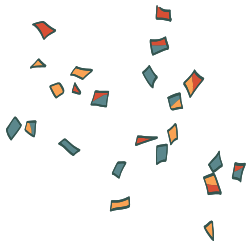




Head of Year Awards - Gwobrau Pennaeth Blwyddyn

Award for the Highest Positive Achievement Points

Congratulations to all the students below, we are so proud of your continuous efforts and achievements!



Blwyddyn 7

- 1st Tilly J
- 2nd Edward G
- 3rd Casey T

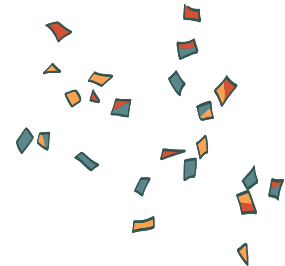


Blwddyn 8

- 1st Maddalena D
- 2nd Natalie C
- 3rd Banzi M

Blwyddyn 9

- 1st Molly R
- 2nd Barnaby A
- 3rd Niamh T



Blwyddyn 10

- 1st Ben H
- 2nd Dexter L
- 3rd Dylan B



Blwyddyn 11

- 1st Oliver C
- 2nd Sophie F
- 3rd Matt T





Attendance - Presenoldeb

Regular attendance is fundamental to a student's educational experience. It not only contributes to academic achievement but also fosters social skills, discipline, and a sense of responsibility.

Celebrating attendance is not just about acknowledging presence; it's about recognising commitment and dedication; working hard to create a culture of recognition and appreciation.

Chepstow School are incredibly proud of our students who have achieved 100% across the academic year.

A huge 'da iawn i chi gyd!'

Blwyddyn 7:

Logan A
Katie A
Pip A
Evie C
Rhys D
Evie D
Luci H
Tily J
Esme L
Mykola P
Amelia T

Blwyddyn 8:

Leah C
Alex M
Bethan R
Harriet S

Blwyddyn 9:

Dylan D
Lauren D
Riley F
Harry G
Megan H
Ewan M
Demi M
Owen R

Blwyddyn 10:

Harry F
Joseph M
Toby M
Ruslan O
Sophie S

Blwyddyn 12:

Oliver P





Values Awards - Gwobrau Gwerthoedd



End of Year Award Celebrations 2024



Year 7	
Curiosity	Mostyn T
Equity	Sophie R
Ambition	Edward G
Perseverance	Phoebe D
Positivity	Yasmine L

Year 8	
Curiosity	Tomos W
Equity	Marta D
Ambition	Lily L
Perseverance	Jack G
Positivity	Will M

Year 10					
	10C	10E	10H	10P	10S
Curiosity	Callum J	Lewis G	Alexander M	Josh C	Phoebe H
Equity	Miles R	Amy E	Eleanor C	Alistair L	Ben T
Ambition	Emily H	Sam I	Artem B	Daisy T	Sophie S
Perseverance	Phoebe S	Nadia S	Katie B	Joe M	Lily M
Positivity	Joshua B	Alfie D	Ellis H	Olivia P	Max P
Student of the Year	Ben H		Alessia S		

Golden Hour - Yr Awr Aur

The last week of May saw Blwyddyn 7-10 pupils participate in their 'Golden Hour' sessions. Pupils once again enjoyed a range of activities from Just Dance to Chess. At the beginning of the year all year groups chose a range of activities they would like participate and once again have loved the opportunity to spend the hour having fun. This has included arts and crafts, gaming, board games and bingo lingo to just a few! It has been a pleasure to watch the students thoroughly enjoying these wellbeing sessions.

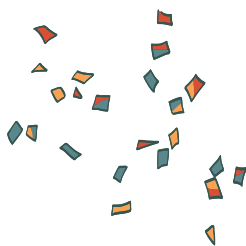


Values Awards - Gwobrau Gwerthoedd



End of Blwyddyn 9 Award Celebrations 2024

Year 9					
Award	9C	9S	9E	9P	9H
Outstanding Academic Achievement	Julia P	Sophie P	Lauren D	Gethin T	Yegor – achieving Welsh oracy early
Most Improved	Connor H	Amy C	Kerys P	Illya O	Sasha
Critical Thinker	Cian J	Jacob I	Lucie H	Tom M	Ben O - Curiosity group
Leadership & Responsibility	Sazel	Lyla A	Rhys W	Ewan M	Maisy A - Sports Day
Kindness Ambassador	Artem M	Daisy S	Tilly D	Destiny T	Diana
Resilience Award	Charlie P	George L	Leanne V	Seren P	Cadence J
Creative Genius	George S	Julia B	Harley C	Phoebe G	Toby E
Most Innovative	Bethan H	Daniel K	Demi M	Dexter H	Barnaby A
Who Has Showed Most Sportmanship	Lowan	Owen R	Lois C	Lexie B	Harry G - Long Jump Welsh finals
Community Spirit	Leo D - Coaching junior tennis	Catie B	Luke B	Grace W	Isabelle and Nicole- Form representatives / St David's collection
Best Team Player	Tyler S	Faith H	Amelie T	Haydn C	Isla J





Rewards Trip - Taith Gwobrau

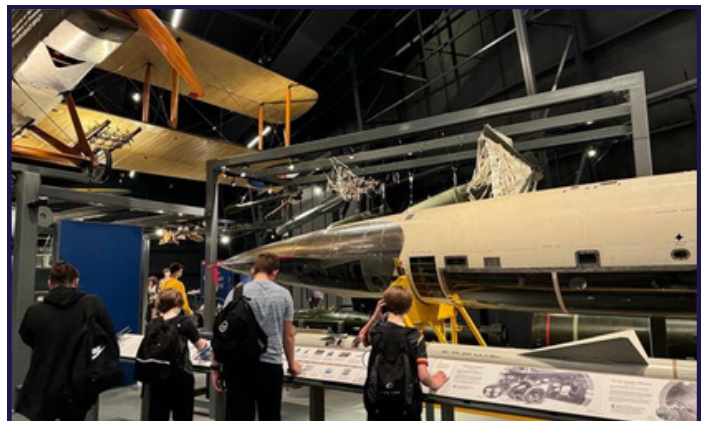
A Day of Fun and Exploration for Students

We were all ecstatic when the RAF museum came into view, ready for a day of fun and exploration. As we headed into the museum, we observed an array of interesting RAF equipment. After spending a couple of hours marveling at the plethora of airplanes and other fascinating hardware, we stopped to enjoy lunch outside the museum.

After a short bus ride full of anticipation, The Harry Potter Studios became visible, and we all cheered with excitement.

Inside, we gazed at many incredible costumes and sets, as well as listening to many interesting facts about the Harry Potter films.

Overall, it was an incredible experience which everyone loved. (written by Iris, Blwyddyn 8)





Y10 Rewards Trip - Taith Gwobrau BI10

Blwyddyn 10 Students Shine on Rewards Trip to Thorpe Park!

We are thrilled to share the highlights of our Year 10 Rewards trip to the thrilling Thorpe Park! This eagerly anticipated event took place on a sunny Friday, providing a perfect backdrop for a day filled with fun, laughter, and well-deserved relaxation.

Celebrating Excellence and Positive Behaviour

Throughout the academic year, our Blwyddyn 10 students have demonstrated exceptional dedication, hard work, and positive behaviour. To acknowledge their efforts and achievements, we organised this special trip as a token of appreciation. The selection process was rigorous, ensuring that those who consistently displayed the school values of respect, responsibility, and resilience were given this opportunity.

A Day to Remember

From the moment we arrived at Thorpe Park, the excitement was palpable. Students were eager to explore the park's renowned attractions, from the adrenaline-pumping roller coasters to the more relaxed and scenic rides. Highlights of the day included the exhilarating Stealth, where students experienced the thrill of 0 to 80 mph in just 2 seconds, and the splash-tastic Tidal Wave, which provided a refreshing break in the summer heat.



Positive Representation

Our students represented the school with pride and maturity, showcasing exemplary behaviour throughout the day. It was heart-warming to see them supporting one another, whether it was conquering a fear of heights on The Swarm or cheering each other on during the water rides. Their conduct did not go unnoticed, as several members of the public and park staff commented on the politeness and enthusiasm of our students.

Memorable Moments and Lasting Bonds

Beyond the rides and attractions, the trip offered a valuable opportunity for students to bond outside the classroom environment. They shared laughter over ice creams, posed for group photos, and created memories that will last a lifetime. Teachers accompanying the trip were equally delighted to see the students enjoying themselves and making the most of this well-earned reward.

Acknowledgements

We extend our gratitude to the school staff who organised and supervised the trip, ensuring everything ran smoothly. A special thanks also goes to the parents and guardians for their ongoing support throughout the year, which has played a significant role in the students' success.



Rewards Trip - Taith Gwobrau

Students Celebrate With a Film and Shopping Excursion

Blwyddyn 7, 8 and 9 students celebrated the end of the school year with a much-anticipated reward trip to the cinema and a shopping excursion at Cribbs Causeway. This event recognised their hard work and exemplary behaviour throughout the year.

The day began with an exciting screening of "The Fall Guy." The action-packed film captivated the students, providing plenty of thrills and laughs.

Following the cinema experience, the group took a scenic walk over to Cribbs Causeway. The students had the opportunity to explore the shops, enjoy a variety of snacks, and indulge in some well-deserved retail therapy.

Throughout the trip, our students demonstrated outstanding behaviour and respect for each other and the public. Their conduct reflected the values of our school, making the staff immensely proud. The day was a resounding success, and the students returned with smiles on their faces and stories to share.

Congratulations to Blwyddyn 7, 8 and 9 for a fantastic year! Here's to more exciting adventures and achievements in the future.





Outstanding Musical Success - Llwyddiant Cerddorol Eithriadol

Talented Ernest Wins Award for His Latest Release

Chepstow School's extremely talented Blwyddyn 10 singer and songwriter Ernest, recently won 'Best Pop/RNB Artist' at the Newport City Radio 2024 Awards, with his latest release 'To the Sea'. We are so proud of your success this year and cannot wait for more compositions to come!

To hear this amazing track, please use the link below:

<https://youtube.com/watch?v=mGwgJJg2JtY&si=DqOrnlGJFVrpb87b>

We are excited to announce that Ernie's first single 'To The Sea' will be released on the 9th August 2024. Use the link below to Pre-Save it.

<https://distrokid.com/hyperfollow/ernieemmanuel/to-the-sea>



"2024 has been a busy and exciting year, I've written, and co-produced my original songs, 'Circles', 'This Time is Mine' and 'To the Sea', which have been played on Newport City Radio and I was lucky enough to be the winner of the 'Best Pop / R & B 2024' artist at Newport City Radios' 'Love Live Music Awards'.

I performed at Devauden Music Festival, lots of friends from Chepstow School came to support me. I opened the 'Everything Elvis Chepstow' and was privileged to be asked to sing with Juan Lozano in St Mary's Church in the evening. I played at 'Music in Beechwood Park' and will be performing at Coleford Music Festival in July.

You can follow me at 'ernieemmanuel_music', and in 2024, you can see me at the venues below:

Saturday 13th July - Coleford Music Festival (St Johns Street Stage 2pm)

Sunday 21st July - Scarr Bandstand Sling – (2 pm)

Friday 16th August - Monmouthshire Upcycle Chepstow (7 pm)

Sunday 18th August - The George Inn St Briavels (5 pm)

28th–29th September - Porthcawl Elvis Festival



Expressive Arts and Humanities - Celfyddydau Mynegiannol a Dyniaethau

Expressive Arts and Humanities 'Cynefin' visit

On Tuesday this week, the whole of Blwyddyn 7 spent the day in Chepstow as part of their 'cynefin' project in Expressive Arts and Humanities. Pupils spent the first half of the day at Chepstow Castle where they toured the castle to enhance their understanding of the role of castles in the Middle Ages. Pupils enjoyed a game of 'corn holes' and the opportunity to climb the ramparts for a superb view over Chepstow. Students also used the time to develop their beautiful art work they had been completing in their Art lessons. There were lots of stunning landscapes drawn! Pupils then walked the short stroll across to the bandstand to enjoy a picnic lunch. Finally, it was another short walk to St. Marys Church to meet Rev. Philip Avery (Community Governor) and have a question and answer session.

Pupils asked some truly outstanding questions and we were super proud of them all!

What a lovely way to finish off the year!!





Normandy Trip 2024 - Taith Normandi 2024

What a wonderful group of students we took to Normandy. They visited Falaise, the birthplace of William The Conqueror and Falaise Castle, Sword Beach, D-Day beaches, Arromanches and German Gun emplacements, Bayeux Tapestry, a market in Bayeux, and an American Cemetery at Omaha Beach.

(Pictures taken by Amelia, Blwyddyn 7)





Celebrations for the final day of school

Blwyddyn 11

Mr Parkin expressed immense pride towards our Blwyddyn 11 students during their leavers' assembly, highlighting their journey and accomplishments. It was an emotional day as we bid farewell, but the celebratory spirit continued into the prom, which marked a spectacular end to their GCSE exams. The students looked amazing, adding glamour and joy to the evening. Huge congratulations to all our award winners on the night. We wish our Blwyddyn 11 students all the very best in their future endeavours, confident they will achieve great success.



Blwyddyn 13

We were delighted to hold our Blwyddyn 13 Leavers Assembly on 27th June, in which many parents were able to attend. Students attended in a variety of colourful fancy dress costumes and had the opportunity to say goodbye to their teaching staff. It was a wonderful occasion and many memories and good luck messages were presented from the staff.

The Blwyddyn 13's have been an outstanding year group and it was a pleasure to see so many happy faces getting the send off they truly deserved.

As always, a big thankyou to the parents for their continued support.

We look forward to welcoming our students back into school for their A level results in August and we are confident that they will achieve great success to see them on their way to their post 18 journey.

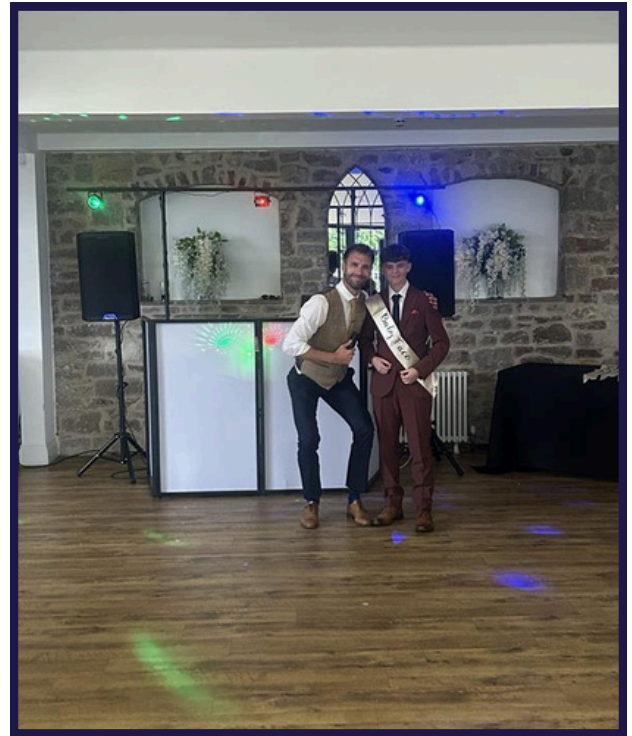




Year 11 Prom - Prom Blwyddyn 11

Blwyddyn 11 had a fabulous time celebrating at the Prom.

We wish you all the very best for the future, you have been an amazing year group. Pob lwc yn y dyfodol pawb!





Y13 Summer Ball - Dawns yr Haf BI13

What a wonderful way to finish the school journey. In true Mr Robson fashion, he spoilt everyone to his special rendition of 'Wonderwall'.

We wish you all the very best for the future, you have been a truly amazing year group. Pob lwc a chadwch mewn cysylltiad!

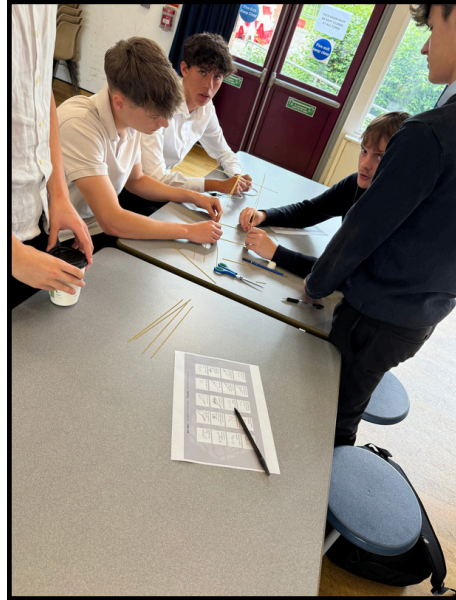
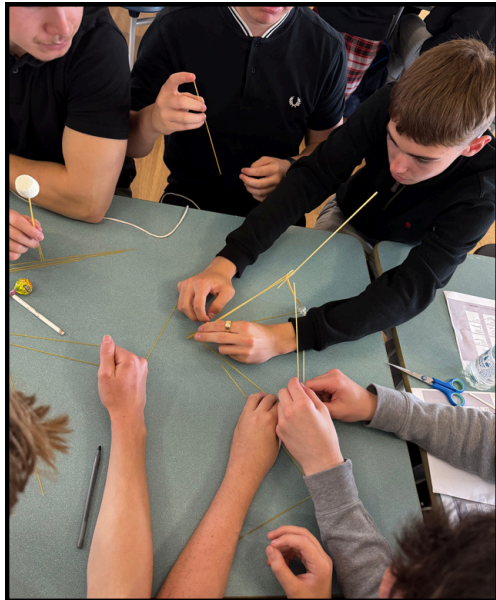




Induction Days - Diwrnodau Sefydlu

Welcome to Sixth Form - Croeso i'r Chweched

On Monday 8th July, we welcomed our Blwyddyn 11 students back into school for their Sixth Form induction day. Pupils spent the morning touring around all of their chosen A Level or BTEC course for 30-minute taster sessions. During period 3, pupils took part in a team-building activity. Congratulations to Elin Jones and Emily Walker's team for building the highest spaghetti and marshmallow tower! A special shout out to Santiago for a few out-of-the-box ideas, making his team's tower the tallest - sadly, hanging it from the table and measuring from the ground up wasn't deemed acceptable by co-judge Mr Robson!



Y6 Transition - Pontio Blwyddyn 6

This year we welcomed our biggest upcoming Blwyddyn 7 for the last five years. For two days we had the privilege of working with 176 Blwyddyn 6's from ten different primary schools, showing them what life will be like when they join us in September as new Blwyddyn 7s. They experienced taster lessons in Humanities, PE, Gardening, Science, Global Communications, IT, Cymraeg and Spanish and were a joy to work with. Their Blwyddyn 6 teachers should be very proud of their eagerness to learn and willingness to contribute to classroom discussions. They got to grips with a larger school site by taking part in a scavenger hunt, various tours and saw how much pride we take in the student leadership of our school through their leadership assembly. We cannot wait to start working with you!



Goodbye and Thank you - Hwyl fawr a diolch



We would like to say a big 'diolch' to our staff that will be leaving us this year and wish them all the best with their future plans.

Mr J Robson
Miss L Evans
Mrs K Loram
Miss R Thomas
Mr K Parkin
Mr L Parfitt
Miss C Holt
Mrs R McHugh
Miss S Morgan
Mr G Wales

Introducing our new staff members - Cyflwyno ein haelodau staff

We would like to 'croeso' our new staff members from September:

Mrs A Stone – Teacher of Mathematics
Miss G Morgan – Teacher of Cymraeg
Mr E Wainwright – Teacher of Health & Wellbeing, and Mathematics
Mr J Nasser – Teacher of Expressive Arts
Mr S Kesteven – Teacher of Social Sciences

We would like to congratulate the following staff on their new role:

Miss A Jones – Curriculum Leader: Cymraeg & Bilingualism
Mr J Woodland – Phase Lead: Head of Sixth Form
Mr M Anthony – Head of Year 10
Mr M McGrath – Head of Year 8
Mr D Lane - Pedagogy Lead: Science
Miss C Manship - Skills Lead: Literacy
Mrs S Harris - Data & Timetabling Manager



Introducing our three new Heads of Year

Head of Year 8 - Pennaeth Blwyddyn 8: Mr McGrath

Shwmae, my name is Mr McGrath and I have had the pleasure of spending most of my career teaching English at Chepstow School, where I have witnessed remarkable academic progress among our students. In September 2024, I will have the privilege of supporting Blwyddyn 8 as their Head of Year. Knowing the students as I do, I eagerly anticipate working with this incredible group of young adults as they continue their educational journey. I will ensure everyone in the cohort is afforded the opportunity to fulfil their potential, both in and out of the classroom.



Head of Year 10 - Pennaeth Blwyddyn 10: Mr Anthony

Shwmae! I am delighted to introduce myself as the new Head of Year 10. My name is Mr Anthony, and I have had the privilege of working at Chepstow School for the past 20 years. During this time, I have primarily been part of the Design and Technology department, contributing to the school's commitment to innovative and practical education. As I step into the role of Head of Blwyddyn 10, I am thrilled to embark on this exciting journey with you. I look forward to working alongside our year group, supporting each student's personal and academic growth, and celebrating their successes. Thank you for your continued support, and I am excited to meet and work with you all.



Head of Sixth Form - Pennaeth y Chweched: Mr Woodland

Shwmae pawb, my name is Mr Woodland and from September 2024 I will be starting my fifth year teaching here at Chepstow School. I will also have the privilege of taking over our Sixth Form provision. I have spent the last four years as Head of Cymraeg here at Chepstow and I am looking forward to getting started on a new project. I have inherited an incredible cohort of students that I know will strive to continue the high standards we hold at the school. Dwi'n edrych ymlaen at weithio gyda phawb - amdani!





Chepstow School PTA - Cymdeithas Rhieni ac Athrawon Ysgol Cas-gwent

Chepstow School is extremely fortunate to have such a dedicated and inspirational PTA Committee that works tirelessly throughout the year to support and lead events for our school community, raising funds to significantly enhance learning opportunities for our pupils. An outstanding £5000 has been raised this academic year contributing to new outdoor seating, musical performances to support mental health and wellbeing, art and photography equipment, sewing machines, examination adaptations and so much more!

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SCHOOL PTA AGM

Thursday 19th September

6PM

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- SENDT YOUR CHILD
- GIVE BACK
- TAKE FUN
- MAKE A DIFFERENCE
- TRY INFORMED
- MINDS IMPROVED
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- TAKE A NETWORK

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SECRETARY

TREASURER

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Helping Hands Outreach Summer 2024 Virtual Workshops

HELPING HANDS OUTREACH SUMMER 2024 VIRTUAL WORKSHOPS



We run monthly workshops on a range of topics including: Exploring Behaviours That Can Challenge, Introduction to Sleep, Supporting Anxiety in Children, Supporting with Transitions, Introduction to Sensory Processing.

These group workshops are open to any parents/carers of children with additional needs, including families and professionals linked with Serennu, Neveil Hall and Caerphilly Children's Centre. For more information, please speak to the Family Liaison Officer at your local Children's Centre.

Please see our additional flyer for information on how to book on to our Introduction to Sensory Processing Workshop.



The workshops will take place online via a video-call.

**MONDAY 10TH
JUNE
12:30PM-2:30PM**

EXPLORING BEHAVIOURS THAT CAN CHALLENGE

We will be sharing ideas behind behaviour support and help you to understand and respond to behaviours that can often challenge.

Book by Midday on Monday 3rd June

**MONDAY 8TH
JULY
12:30PM-2:30PM**

INTRODUCTION TO SLEEP

We will share ideas about how to manage common sleep difficulties in children and young people.

Book by Midday on Monday 1st July

**MONDAY 19TH
AUGUST
12:30PM-2:30PM**

SUPPORTING ANXIETY IN CHILDREN

We will share ideas about how to support children and young people with anxiety and worry.

Book by Midday on Monday 12th August



BOOK A SPACE OR SUBSCRIBE TO OUR MAILING LIST

To book a space on one of these workshops, or subscribe to our workshop mailing list for updates on all our future workshops, you can:

- Scan the QR code
- Click on the QR code
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Website: Chepstow – Uniform Legacy

Address: 7-9 The Arcade, Cwmbran, Gwent, NP44 1PQ

Telephone: 01633 484408 Email: sales@uniform-legacy.co.uk

Uniform Legacy School Saver Club

Our uniform supplier Uniform Legacy, have recently launched a School Saver Club enabling families to put money away weekly or monthly that offers 10% instant interest towards your savings; allowing you to spread the costs of school wear throughout the year. As well as this, they facilitate a lay-by scheme where you can reserve uniform from 1st June and then spread the payments. Within their shop, they have a preloved section of school items which are available to purchase at a reduced cost; all donations received support building schools abroad. They have also kindly offered to deliver purchases to the school every other Wednesday, to support parents with delivery costs and time.

Monday 29th July between 10:00 and 14:00,

Uniform Legacy will be attending Chepstow School for uniform fittings and orders.

Collections will then be available on Wednesday 14th August also at Chepstow School.

For more information please visit: Uniform Legacy Schoolsaver Club

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Academic Year 2024-25 - Blwyddyn Academaidd 2024-25

We know it's the last thing on our minds at the moment but just a little bit of information for the first week back.

BACK TO SCHOOL

School starts back for **Y7 and Y12** students only
on **4th September 2024 at 8:45.**

All other year groups return on **5th September 2024 at 8:45.**

Gweld chi gyd ym mis Medi!

Chepstow School

Term	Start Date	Half-term starts	Half-term ends	Term ends
Autumn	02 Sept 24	28 Oct. 24	01 Nov. 24	20 Dec. 24
Spring	06 Jan 25	24 Feb 25	28 Feb 25	11 April 25
Summer	28 April 25	26 May 25	30 May 25	21 July 25

*4 September 2024 – Year 7 and 12 Return to school

*All year groups return 5 September 2024

Inset Days

Students do not attend school these days.

1	02/09/2024	4	20/12/2024
2	03/09/2024	5	07/03/2025
3	06/11/2024	6	21/07/2025

Provisional Exam and National Test Windows

Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
w/c 11 & 18 Nov Year 7/8/9 National Tests	External Exam Period 6 – 24 January 2025	External Exam Period 19 May – 26 June 2025
w/c 2 Dec Year 11 Internal Mock Examinations		

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Parental Calendar 2024/25

Parents/Options Evenings- These evenings are an opportunity for parents and carers to meet with their child's subject teachers to discuss progress and (for students in Year 9 and Year 11) to discuss pathways options

Year	Reports W/C	Parents evening	Other
7	12 May 2025	28 November	n/a
8	30 June	1 May	n/a
9	20 January	27 March	30 January 2025 Options Evening
10	24 March	12 December	24 October Expectations evening
11	11 November	6 March	12 September Expectations evening
12/ 13	2 December	13 February	n/a

Other dates for your diaries!

Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
5 September 2024 Years 7/11 and 12 Individual photos		27 June 2025 Year 11 and 13 Leavers Celebration Assemblies
26 September Year 6 Open Evening		TBC – Year 11/13 Prom
10 October Post 16 – Open Evening –		7 July – Post 16 Transition Day
27th / 28 November Flu immunisations		8/9 July – Year 6 Transition Days