

We are nearly at the end of another school year.
 Here is the latest school news.

North Wales Big Bang Event

March 13th 2018



Two Year 12 teams from Alun School have been working with Toyota Manufacturing UK on projects for the Engineering Education Scheme Wales. The teams represented the school at the North Wales Big Bang Event held at Venue Cymru in Llandudno.

Both teams had to present their projects to an independent team of judges and they were assessed against a series of national standards. Both teams were highly placed with one team winning the £500 Airbus UK award for Best Application of Engineering Principles as well as being nominated as North Wales representatives at the National Big Bang Event at the NEC Birmingham next March.

Oly, a Year 8 student, was given permission to attend the Big Bang Event. He found it really interesting and enjoyed seeing the two Alun teams compete with their tech projects.



Our Industrial cadets

Working together
 to provide excellent learning experiences.

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Industrial Cadets

April 2018



“Workplace experiences that develop employability skills in young people.”



Airbus worked with a group of Yr 9 students, providing a structured programme of activities, including: site visits, presentations and talks, hands-on team tasks, workshops and project work. The girls undertook an Industrial Cadets Project to design an Eco-factory. Over the 10 week course, they built a model and wrote a 32-page report detailing and costing their work. They presented their project to the assessors during an event in June at Airbus, building a stand to exhibit their work.

The students then graduated as Industrial Cadets.

RS Workshop

19th April 2018



A More Able and Talented RS event was hosted by Alun School. BHS Educational Workshops came in to school to deliver sessions to Yr8, 12 and 13 students to bring to life the religion of Hinduism. It was designed to help raise students' understanding of the faith and to develop an appreciation of the Hindu beliefs of karma, reincarnation and the oneness of God. It gave the students a chance to develop their understanding of the spiritual and cultural importance of festivals like Diwali and Holi. Students were able to have their faces painted and dress up as some of the Hindu gods and holy people. They were also able to experience the spiritual aspect of Indian music and its musical instruments.

"I thought it was a very Spiritual experience..." Tyler Yr 8

"We especially enjoyed learning about their culture and dressing up as the different Gods including Shiva and Vishnu." Ben and Beth Yr 8

"It was an eye-opening experience. I learnt more about the interesting life of a Hindu....We got to see what instruments they use in the Hindu temple." Kayla Yr 8

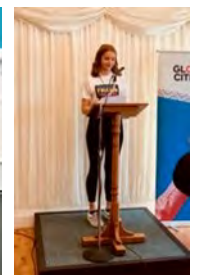


"Send My Friend to School" Campaign

Two Yr 10 students, Evey Garner and Lily Stevens, have been selected to represent the Alun School in this year's "Send My Friend to School" Campaign. Over the Easter holidays they attended a Campaign Champion workshop alongside the other 11 winning schools from across the UK. Evey and Lily are now representing the Alun School and Delyn constituency in the fight for a safe education for all.

After training, the girls have been campaigning across the community and have written statements on social media, been part of a photo campaign and have attended parliament to ask the government to sign the Safe School Declaration (73 countries had already signed this, but not the UK). The day after Lily spoke at a Global Education event in parliament, Boris Johnson announced that the UK had signed the Safe School Declaration!

In June, the girls visited parliament again. Alongside 22 others, they took the message of the campaign right to the heart of government through a Parliament Action Day - meeting with local MP David Hanson, as well as other parliamentarians and ministers. David Hanson MP has returned since to support the campaign and sign a school declaration.



David Hanson (MP)



Hannah Blythen (AM)

Lily said: "It is an honour to represent young people from across the UK and speak up for the millions of children around the world who are missing out on getting a safe education. We often take this privilege for granted."

Evey said: "My favourite part was when we met the Minister. We gave her a photobook showing all the campaigning activity from around the country and she agreed that it is a very important campaign."

Mrs Whittaker at the Alun School said: "It has been a brilliant opportunity for the students to learn about how change happens and to see the impact that young voices can have. I am really proud of the girls for standing up for such an important cause."

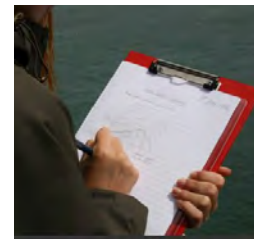
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The free school meals form is available to complete online on our

Geography and Geology



In June, Alun School geologists visited Anglesey to develop key fieldwork skills and interpret unfamiliar rock exposures.



Manchester University School of Earth Sciences came into school to run a workshop with our Year 12 Geologists - the topic was Environments of Deposition. They also covered studying Geology at university, providing information on courses of study, entrance qualifications and potential future careers.

AS Geography went on a trip to Thurston beach on the Wirral to collect data to determine ice flow direction during the last glaciation.

This year, the AS Geology class have been on 4 field visits:

Trevor Quarry - Llangollen, Ercall Quarry - Shropshire, Halkyn Mountain and Anglesey.



RSC Young Chemistry Communicators.



June 2018

This photograph shows 4 out of the 6 girls who were part of a sixth form group that participated in the Royal Society of Chemistry's Young Chemistry Communicators project. They decided to create a KS3 science revision resource in the format of a game.

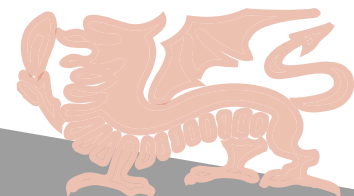
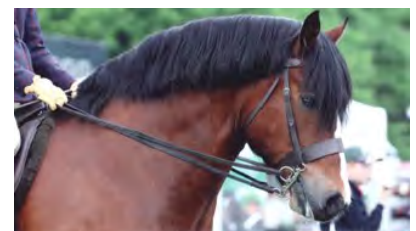


To test out their new resource the girls took it to a Year 7 lesson where groups of pupils all had a go at playing their board game. Visitors from the RSC came to watch and the session went extremely well. The visitors were very impressed and commented on the "legacy" value of the resource. The game can now be used throughout the whole science department and could even be shared with other schools.

Royal Windsor Horse Show



Amba Rowley 11DC competed at the Royal Windsor Horse Show, on Ashgrove Jackson, back in May. Events took place in the private grounds of Windsor Castle and included show jumping, dressage, endurance and showing classes.



Sixth Form on-line application open
for admission September 2018 via link on school website.

Spotlight on Sport

Sport plays a major role in Alun School life with students taking part in many different sporting events throughout the year.

Jay Hughes 7GR - selected to play football for Wales under 12s. He started going to football camp in April.

Annie Baker 7GR - went to the Dance World Cup in Barcelona in June to represent Wales.

Ross Hawke-Jones 8GF is in the Wales under 14 team for basketball.

Laura Sharp 11GW went to Portugal on a British Training Camp for triathlon.

Laura reports: "Triathlon is a very demanding and physical sport. It is hard to excel at, and balance, three disciplines. Each week I swim for 14 hours, cycle for 4 hours, run for 4 hours and attend strength and conditioning for 2 hours. It is hard to balance it all with my school work but I am passionate about sport and it is my social life. I wouldn't like to do anything else!"



Sports Day

Friday 22nd June 2018

The four houses competed in a full day of sport. The weather was favourable for once and the event went ahead without any need for postponement.

1st: Dyfed

2nd: Clwyd

3rd: Powys

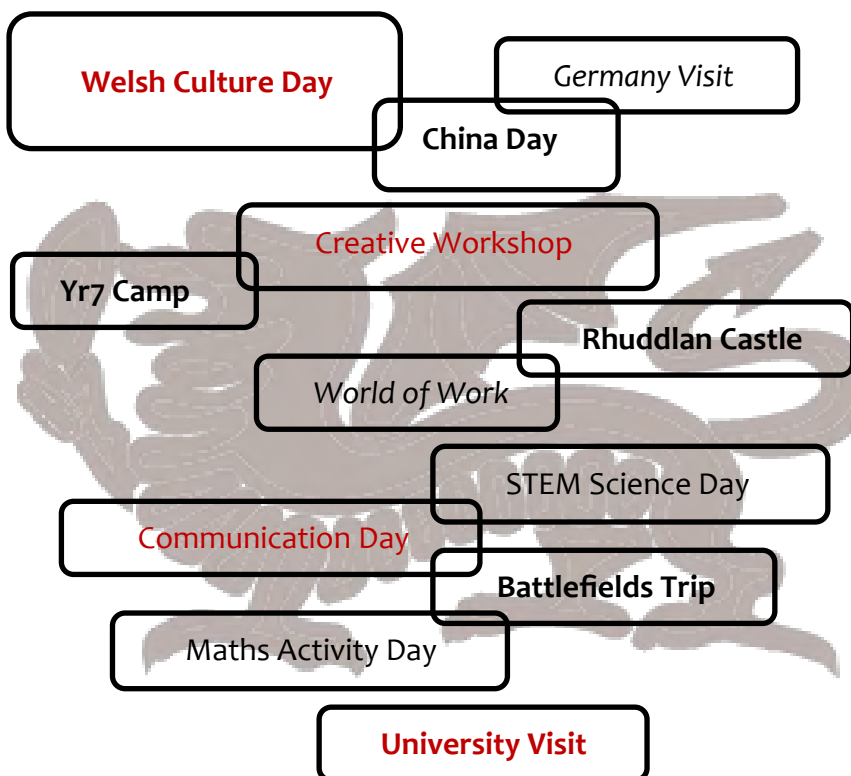
4th: Gwent

Activity Week

Monday 9th - Friday 13th July 2018

The school hosts a full week of enrichment activities for Years 7 - 10.

A full report will follow in the September edition of 'The News'.



School Calendar

Autumn Term

Staff training day	Monday	3rd September
Staff training day	Tuesday	4th September

School opens	Wednesday	5th September
School closes	Friday	26th October
School opens	Monday	5th November
School closes	Friday	21st December

Spring Term

Staff training day	Monday	7th January
School opens	Tuesday	8th January
School closes	Friday	22nd February
School opens	Monday	4th March
School closes	Thursday	11th April
Staff training day	Friday	12th April

Summer Term

School opens	Monday	29th April
Bank holiday	Monday	6th May
School closes	Friday	24th May
School opens	Monday	3rd June
School closes	Friday	19th July
Staff training day	Monday	22nd July

Term starts on Wednesday 5th September 2018