

Alun School's 'The News' returns with a second edition, covering all aspects of Alun School life.

We begin back in March when a select group of students from years 9,10 and 12 travelled to Montrabé near Toulouse on the school French Exchange. The host school, Collège Paul Cézanne, arranged a variety of trips including excursions to museums and galleries, a

At the beginning of March ten Yr8-10 students attended the Phoenix Course run by North Wales Fire and Rescue Service. It ran for five days during which the students engaged in fire service activities such as hose running drills, fighting fires and search and rescue. They learnt useful day to day skills such as First Aid, Manual Handling, Risk Management and Fire Safety.

School Show Jumping Team
Saturday 25th March 2017



The Alun School team qualified to represent the school and the county at The National Show Jumping Championships. Well done to Beatrice Blockley, Ben Barber-Riley, Ffion Roberts and Tomos Williams.

Two ex-students set up a stall in the tuck shop to raise money for their charity. Elisha Evans and Jessica Day raised an incredible £175.41 for CLIC Sargent - a charity that offers financial support to those diagnosed with cancer.

Phoenix Course



Congratulations to Alun School's Engineering Education Scheme Wales team who represented the school at the 'Big Bang' North Wales event in Llandudno. The team won an award for the 'Best Report', presented by the WJEC, and were chosen to represent North Wales at the National 'Big Bang' Event at the NEC in

Charity Cake Sale



31st March 2017

French Exchange

17th - 24th March 2017



"Good to see different cultures and different ways of living"
- Sam Jackson Yr10
"We visited amazing places with great histories and we had lots of fun" - Meg Davies and Meg Owens Yr12

EESW Technology Team



The team consisted of six Yr 12 students
Jess Forde, Cath Jones, Abbie Jones,
Louis Gilliland, Oli Taylor and Tom Owens.

Flintshire Japanese Exchange Scheme

Three Sixth Form students have won places on the prestigious Flintshire Japanese Exchange scheme that will take place this summer. Phoebe Lewis, Meg Owens and Sophie Hodby will spend two weeks in Japan before hosting their exchange partners in Wales. All of the students are very excited to have achieved their places on the scheme and they are especially looking forward to experiencing traditional Japanese culture and food.



**Working together
to provide excellent learning experiences.**

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Mold Spring Clean

31st March 2017



School representatives from our school collected litter off the streets and verges within the local area. As a team they made a great difference collecting over 20 bags of rubbish. The school always supports the Spring Clean, which seems to be going from strength to strength each year. 'It's important that young people are aware and respect their environment. The Mold Spring Clean gives a real community focus in which all stakeholders can become involved and make a difference' said Mr. Ellis, Deputy Head.



Memorial Rugby Match



A Yr12 vs Yr13 rugby match was played on Friday 31st March in memory of Dan Bailey and in aid of our charity 'Meningitis Now'. Players donated £2 each and spectators £1, or more if they wanted. Year 13 won the match 7 - 5.



Yr10 Cricketing Stars

Two Yr10 students - Isaac and Jac Kennedy took part in a cricket tour to La Manga, Spain on 10th - 12th April. They both played well and it was a very successful team, made up of 11 boys from various North Wales cricket clubs. The boys, who displayed incredible determination and outstanding teamwork on the pitch, won three out of four first round matches, beating notable cricketing schools. In the final, they beat the North of England Academy quite convincingly by more than 50 runs. They celebrated by attending a Gala Dinner, hosted by the Director of Cricket for Spain at La Manga Club.



Defibrillator Presentation

Monday 15th May 2017

Evey Garner 9CE, Joe Casey 8DH and Headteacher Mrs Cooper attended a presentation in the Town Hall to accept a defibrillator from the Town Council's 'Save a Life' campaign that has been donated to the school. One is already kept in the Sports Hall but as we are such a big site the new one will be stored in the staffroom. On Monday 3rd July Yr8 students and members of staff will be trained on how to use the defibrillator by a representative from 'Welsh Hearts'.



An Introduction to the Theory of Flight

Tuesday 23rd May 2017

Eight Yr9 students attended a STEM event at Airbus in Broughton. The day started with a presentation by Chester Zoo showing how animals are adapted to flight. The students then had a brief tour of the factory with an Airbus Apprentice. In the afternoon they worked with another apprentice on a glider challenge where the groups built and tested a balsa wood glider.

STEM Day activities are designed to complement the National Curriculum in science, technology, engineering and maths by demonstrating the link between what's taught in the classroom with the wider world.





Staff gave Ray a guard of honour and an emotional farewell as he left the building for the last time.

Mr Humphreys finally retires

Ray Humphreys left the school for the final time after teaching his last lesson. He has taught at the Alun since 1973. In this 44 years of service to education in Flintshire, Ray has taught geography and geology as well as a range of vocational education courses and has been part of the Sixth Form pastoral support team. However, it is in the role of inspirational teacher of geology that Ray has had the greatest impact. He has been the key driver in establishing and maintaining a thriving geology department in Alun School, combining his expert subject knowledge with a passion for sharing the subject with his students.

Talent Show

Wednesday 7th June

A lunchtime Talent Show was held in the drama studio, organised and compered by Josh Darlington 9CB. It took him a month of planning

to arrange the event and finally raised over £100 for the school charity. A panel of Sixth Form students judged the performers and a packed audience cheered on the acts, which included singers, comedians and musicians. Sarah Davies 10PH was the winner. She sang 'This is Home' by Cavetown whilst playing the ukulele.



Glider Challenge Thursday 15th June

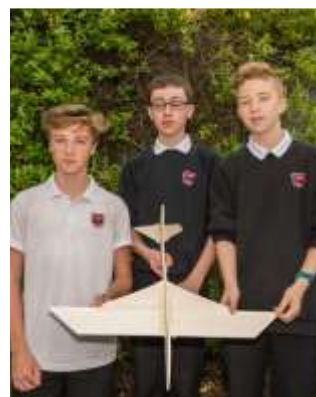
A small group of Year 9 students were involved in a further STEM trip to Airbus. They took part in a 'Glider Challenge'. The boys' team glider flew the furthest distance.

Charity Headshave



Olivia Teeson 9PT shaved her head to raise money for Mental Health week - she has raised £400.

Fabulous!



Isaac Hill, Callum Hallworth and Linden Blanchard



GCSE Results Day: 24th August

A Level Enrolment Days: 24th and 25th August

A Big Thank You!

The school would like to say a big thank you to local company Tate & Lyle. They recently underwent a major office refurbishment and donated much of the surplus furniture to our school. It is greatly appreciated.

The School Year 2017/2018

Autum Term

Staff training day Friday 1st September
 School opens Monday 4th September
 School closes Friday 27th October
 School opens Monday 6th November
 School closes Friday 22nd December

Spring Term

Staff training day Monday 8th January
 School opens Tuesday 9th January
 School closes Friday 9th February
 School opens Monday 19th February
 School closes Thursday 22nd March
 Staff training day Friday 23rd March

Summer Term

School opens Monday 9th April
 Bank holiday Monday 7th May
 School closes Friday 25th May
 School opens Monday 4th June
 School closes Wednesday 18th July
 Staff training day Thursday 19th July
 Staff training day Friday 20th July

Mike Davies - Manager of Tate and Lyle Mold site
 Jane Cooper - Headteacher
 Tracey Gilliland—Chair of Governors
 Geoff Ravenscroft - Chair of Buildings, Health and Safety Sub Committee
 Sarah Edwards - Data Officer



Sport plays a major role in Alun School life with students taking part in many different sporting events throughout the year. Personal achievements figure highly too. This term:

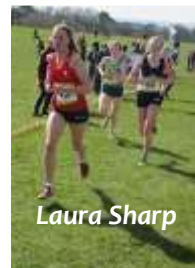
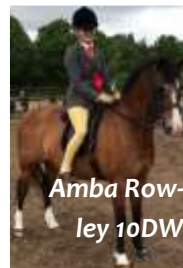
Caitlin Deffee 7PS won two first places in the Welsh Mixed Martial Arts Open.

Amba Rowley 10DW has qualified for the Royal International Horse Show In July and is trying to qualify for the Horse of the Year Show.

Laura Sharp 10GE has again surpassed herself with her many sporting achievements. Laura has been swimming, cross country running and competing in triathlons up and down the country.

Jean-Luc Lovell-Pascall 7DD has been collecting medals at various swim meets.

Ffion Roberts 10PT was selected as a member of the U16 GB Show Jumping Squad in Belgium. 12 countries competed and Ffion was the only Welsh rider.



Term starts on Monday 4th September 2017

