

This autumn term has been a busy one especially in the lead up to the Christmas break. As winter settles in, we would like to update you on the term's events.

September

Pathways Event

A Higher Level Apprenticeships and UCAS Post-18 Pathways Event was held at the school. It was well-attended by both parents and students, offering an insight into the next steps students may consider taking in their future career pathway.



A warm welcome for our CaBan teacher trainees who started in September. We wish them all the best in their future teaching careers.

Below is a photo of a session our students led on what they think makes an excellent teacher.



Sports Personality of the Year

Congratulations to Orla Davies for winning our Sports Personality of the Year award.



Open Evening

Open Evening was a huge success with a full house for the chemistry show. Thanks to all our students who helped in departments on the night.



Seb Turner, an ex student who left our Sixth Form in 2012, came into school to talk to Year 11-13 students about his experiences whilst completing an Astrophysics Degree and PhD at Liverpool John Moores Astrophysics Research Institute.

Talks

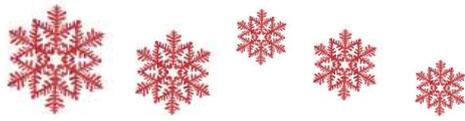
Teacher Trainees



Year 10-12 History students from Alun School and Maes Garmon attended a session held by Oxford University. They discussed various aspects of studying at Oxford and took the opportunity to analyse a source which forms part of the application process.



Working together to provide excellent learning experiences.



School Council



School Council members visited the County Chambers at Flintshire County Council. They attended a tour of the Chambers and discussed education priorities and school goals with the Flintshire Vice Chairperson.

World Mental Health Day

'World Mental Health Day' gave us an opportunity to raise awareness of mental health issues and advocate against social stigma. Alun School made a public declaration by signing the Time to Change Employer Pledge, showing our commitment to changing attitudes to mental health in the workplace and across our community.



OCTOBER



Health and Social Care



Sixth Form Health and Social Care students visited a Mold Mental Health Event at Mold Alex Football Club, meeting David Hanson MP and a therapy dog.



They also had Heart Start and defibrillator training provided by Mold Town Council.

Soloist Evening

An evening concert to celebrate the musical talents of our students took place in the Daniel Owen Hall. Talented students performed a solo instrumental/vocal piece of music or as part of the junior choir.



The Tempest



Sixth Form English students enjoyed a performance of 'The Tempest' at the Crescent Theatre in Birmingham.

Year 11 visited 'Skills Cymru' in Llandudno. It was a fantastic opportunity for the students to gain an insight into the different career paths they could follow after their GCSEs. 'Skills Cymru' hold Wales' largest careers, jobs, skills and apprenticeship events. They are highly interactive, with dozens of exhibitors available to meet and talk to, offering advice on careers and training in Wales.

Skills Cymru





Criminology Trip

Chester University hosted a Criminal Investigation Day. Sixth Form Criminology students got the opportunity to analyse the evidence and crime scene of the infamous OJ Simpson Case. It was an excellent opportunity for the students to flex their legal and debating skills and learn how to cross examine a witness. It also provided the students with a practical insight into the theory they have been learning as part of their Criminology course.



Tate Art Gallery

Year 10 Art students visited the Tate Liverpool at the Albert Dock to view the 'Keith Haring' exhibition.

Bugsy Malone

Four Alun School students, Callum Norman Yr10, Alicia Basnett Yr8, Cody Fitzgerald Yr11 and Ethan Underwood Yr11 have been involved in a production of 'Bugsy Malone' at the Storyhouse Theatre in Chester.



NOVEMBER

Harvest Collection

Every tutor group in Years 7-11 filled at least one hamper with food and toiletries to donate to Mold Food bank during this Harvest season. A huge thank you to everyone for your amazing contributions, once again you have all shown great generosity towards our community.



UKMT Maths Challenge

80 Mathematics students sat the UKMT Senior Maths Challenge, with several students making it through to the regional finals.



Remembrance



Alun School students laid a wreath during the Mold Remembrance Service.

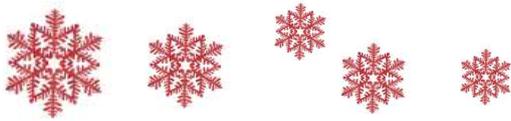
During Remembrance Assembly, students performed a short play written by Dr Erasmus, who had researched the early life of Herbert Lloyd from Caerwys. In 1916, whilst Herbert was a pupil at Alun School, he established a cadet corps along with the headmaster Lloyd Parry. Tragically, he died at the front weeks before the end of the First World War. The Last Post was performed at 11 o'clock to mark a minute's silence.



Product Design

Year 12 Product Design students visited Chester University's Creative Campus. They attended a guest lecture and participated in a design development workshop with degree students.





Mock Wedding

Year 11 students held a mock Christian wedding as part of their GCSE Religious Studies module on relationships. They had a full service, reception afterwards with speeches, and even cut the wedding cake.



Children in Need

12RH did extremely well raising money for Children in Need. They raised £40 through a silly hats competition, Nintendo Switch tournament and conducted their own Pudsey bear quiz. We are very proud of their efforts.



Crucial Crew

Year 7 students spent an informative day attending 'Crucial Crew' workshops to learn about personal safety. They were run by volunteers from a range of agencies including St John Ambulance, Dogs Trust, SP Energy Network and the Deaf Awareness Society.



Children's Commissioner

Sally Holland, Children's Commissioner for Wales, and our Police Liaison Officer took part in an in depth discussion regarding pupil voice, education and children's rights. She also attended a Year 7 PSE session.



Law Conference



Year 12 and 13 students went to a Law Conference at the University of Bangor to learn about the rule of law and how judges interpret the law.



Sixth Form geologists spent three days on a residential course on Anglesey. As part of their course they enjoyed a bright, sunny day studying glacial deposits from the convergence of Welsh and Scottish ice at Aberogwen on the Menai Straits.

Geologists on Anglesey



Term starts on Tuesday 7th January 2020

Spring Term

Training Day	Monday	6th January	School opens	Monday	24th February
School opens	Tuesday	7th January	School closes	Thursday	2nd April
School closes	Friday	14th February	Training Day	Friday	3rd April
			School opens	Monday	20th April