



Goodbye to Liam and Kamile, our 6th form leavers. Well done on your results and good luck in your chosen college

placements for September. Make sure you always keep in touch.

**Year 11 leavers** —this year we are pleased to say that seven of our Y11s have left having completed their GCSEs and are off to pastures new. Learners left with a mixture of GCSEs in English, Maths, Science, ICT, Art and vocational qualifications and all are going on to a number of further education courses including Welding, Motor Mechanics, Construction and Catering. Learners worked exceptionally hard to secure their college places for September and we wish them all the best for the future.



**PC Stuart, our school liaison officer**, gave year 7 and above a zoom talk about using inappropriate images and sexting. This instigated a series of lessons in PSHE that explored this topic further. Our learners will have the knowledge and skills to make informed choices and be able to understand their rights and responsibilities, as well as making measured decisions about lifestyle and manage risk.



**Careerousel**— Well what an amazing final term we have had! Our learners have had tasters of so many different career paths to whet their appetite for their exciting futures in the world of work! From budding scientists with Xplore! to environmentalists with the Farmurban project! From civil engineers with the Princes Trust Bridge-builder activity, to aeronautical engineers steering the flight simulator at Glyndwr University! From Leisure industry experience at Flint leisure centre to bushcraft and creative arts workshops at Groundworks! Its been a smorgasbord of opportunity packed into our last term of the year, and we've smashed it! Feedback from the Murder Mystery project we took part in over 3 weeks says it all - 'The students were excellently behaved and participated whole heartedly in the exercises with full commitment



and enthusiasm, a credit to the teaching staff and assistants.' We finished the term on Friday with a Yoga wellbeing session for learners and staff to end the year on a positive note together!



**School Links**—Our first year as part of the successful Coleg Cambria School Links college placement programme has come to an end, and what a year it has been! Despite the effects of covid on face-to-face learning, our selected yr 10 and 11 learners have achieved E3 or L1 qualifications (marks to be sent out next month) in subjects covering Animal Care at Northop, Construction at Bersham, Welding and Fabrication at Llysfasi and ICT and Catering at Yale. 8 learners took part in this programme which has not only given them the skills, qualifications and knowledge to transition onto college, but also a significant boost in self esteem and confidence, to be able to make informed decisions about their future career paths and how to access them. Well done everyone involved!



Staff and learners show our support and we were pleased to receive thanks from Show Racism the Red card "we are proud to have you supporting them and sharing the anti-racism message!"

**Celebrating Pride Day respecting needs and rights of others, as a member of a diverse society**



**Staff**— Sorry to see Sally and Laura leave this term and we wish them all the best for the future. Welcome to Paul and Jemaine, our new learning support assistants.

**Staff Training**—Congratulations to staff who have completed their **Elklan training** this term. This will continue to make our staff team effective in the speech, language and communication needs of our learners.

**Therapy without walls** —Congratulations to staff who have completed their therapy course this term, giving them strategies and skills to help, support and guide our learners with who they will become.

**School Improvement**—Progress towards our one Eryn recommendation of ‘strengthening the planning and assessment of literacy, numeracy and ICT across the curriculum’ has been successful and this is now included in more detail in all planning, assessment, recording and reporting. From September the new Curriculum for Wales (CfW) will start from year 8 and below. For more details see [www.hwb.gov.wales/curriculum-for-wales](http://www.hwb.gov.wales/curriculum-for-wales) or check out our [website www.qewc.co.uk](http://www.qewc.co.uk)

Year 9 and above will begin their pathway to college/6th form or employment. We have introduced some options this year with a choice of ART/PE and Media/Geography/History. As well as GCSEs we will be rolling out ASDAN, skills challenge and Welsh Baccaulaureate.

Welsh Government have also introduced a new Relationships and Sexuality Education (RSE) code and guidance as well as mandatory Black and Asian History which we are excited to role out in September 2021.

**Literacy**—Following on from our push for all our learners to make progress in reading (thanks for all the donations for our book trawl), we now have a shelf with books on in every classroom, whole school daily reading sessions, newsround and spellings. Progress in reading throughout school, even in the pandemic has been very good with most learners making at least 3 months progress in 6 months.

**Announcement**

Special Educational needs will now be called additional learning needs (ALN) instead and include children and young people up to the age of 25. Further information will be explained in Annual Statement Reviews.



**Fair trade Day**—showing commitment to the sustainability of the planet

This term EL has continued its focus on resilience and confidence amongst challenging circumstances. Learners participated very positively in the Drowning Prevention sessions. Here they identified possible hazards in and near water, wrote risk assessments, putting strategies in place to manage the hazards. The learners practiced rescue techniques on each other by floating down a mini waterfall in the river and using basic equipment and communication skills. The term continued with canoe trips mainly at Llangollen canal. Here the students worked in pairs with good team skills. We have finished the term using stand up paddle boards at Llanberis lake. It has been a fun term focused on water activities with massive achievements!



**Work experience**—After a difficult year we are so pleased that some of our older learners have managed to continue -and secure new opportunities- in the world of work, giving them

hands-on experience in increasing their employability through skills development. One of our learners has now secured a paid Saturday job at the IT firm that took him on work experience for over a year! We have also had excellent feedback from employers taking on learners in volunteering roles - maintaining woodland, grassland and ponds to improve habitats for wildlife. These practical conservation skills will support our learners to progress into all sorts of careers in environmental, animal-based or agriculture sectors. Similarly, the joinery, measuring and shed marking skills - to name only a few - gained from a volunteering placement at a garden and cafeteria charity for people with learning and mental health difficulties, can be transferred directly to a future career in construction. Congratulations to all who took part in these fantastic work programmes!