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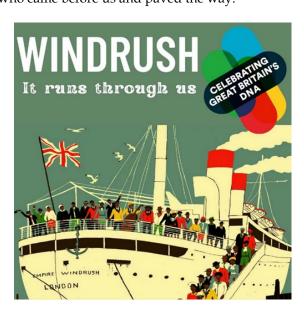
Dear Parents/Guardians/Carers,

The A Level and GCSE examinations have come to an end and I will once again say that we are very proud of our learners, the way in which almost all of them have carried themselves through this exam season has been brilliant. There are four school weeks remaining until the end of Summer Term which will see a number of events taking place at school, including Year 6 transition activities.

Later on today, we will host our School Fete, beginning at 1.30pm. We have been preparing for this event for some time and our enterprising learners have been involved in collaborating and contributing towards mentor group stalls and creating merchandise, coming up with ideas for stalls and games for visitors. As I write, the weather has changed considerably....of all the days!

Windrush 75

Yesterday in school, we reflected on the 75th Anniversary of the arrival of the HMT Empire Windrush at Tilbury Docks in Essex, before making its way on to London. This first voyage carried 800 people from the Caribbean who had been invited to the UK to help rebuild the nation following World War 2. However, once they arrived, the passengers were not usually greeted with the warm welcome they were expecting and many suffered racist abuse and were persecuted against in terms of the limited housing and employment they could access. Sometimes their qualifications were ignored so passengers who were pilots, doctors, nurses, accountants etc were refused similar jobs here and were only able to take on unskilled manual work. Many more voyages were made between 1948 and 1971 with the promise of a 'better life' and those people who migrated to the UK during that time under the British Nationality Act became known as the 'Windrush Generation'. Our learners will celebrate the diversity of culture which the Windrush Generation have brought to the UK, as well as reflecting on the hardship and discrimination that they have endured. We must never forget those who came before us and paved the way.



Year 13 Achievement Ceremony - Friday 16th June

Last Friday, we said our formal goodbyes to Year 13, almost all of whom who had completed their A Level examinations. It was a really lovely evening and well supported by our Year 13 parents/guardians too. Although the A Level exam results are still to come, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our Year 13 Sixth Form students, the class of 2023, the very best of luck for everything into the future days, weeks, months and years ahead. You are a wonderful group of young adults and we look forward to hearing about your future successes.



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So, Hwyl Fawr for now, to Abdul Alruzz, Alfie Ball, Jacob Beynon, Lily Blackmore, Erin Boswell, Luke Bowen, Sam Burgham, Luke Coleman, Finlay Daley, Milly Davies, Noah Davison, Molly Edwards, Charlotte Evans, Kelci Francis, Ella Froment, Hannah Greenwood, Jamie Hammond, Millie Harris, Benjamin Hechter, James Herlihy, Dylan Horne, Kara Hughes, Lena Hughes, Ashley Hutton, Jai Islam, Gethin James, Mark Jones, Brychan Le Britton- Booth, Lee Ledwood, Georgia Lee, Megan Lloyd, Chloe Morris, Millie Orsman, Holly Powell, Carys Pratt, Jess Rees, Liv Richards, Owen Robinson, Lewys Scourfield, Harry Shaw, Charlie Skeels, Emily Siva, Kimberley Skeels, Daisy Smith, Esme Taylor, Nadja Vonhoff, Mollie Wood, Lara Woodward and Jenna Yea.

Art In Schools Project

We are the only school in Wales to have been asked to take part in the pilot of a project with Jazzy Media to provide visual art installation in school. Each week, different thematic art content is displayed on especially installed screens in communal areas in school, including the Refectory. Art In Schools have provided Amazon vouchers for 10 learner winners/awards in our school-based competition, using the immersive art as a stimulus for creating their own awards. These winners will receive their awards at the Fete this afternoon. Congratulations to Mrs Owens, Teacher of Art and our learners- the art work has been of exceptionally high quality.

Year 11 Achievement Ceremony and Farewell

We have written to Year 11 Learners and Parents this week to invite almost all of our Year 11 Learners to our Year 11 Achievement Ceremony on Friday 7th July. We are really looking forward to this event and would ask that the Google Form is completed, that is how to let us know what we need to know! Details are in the letter that has been emailed home to you.

INSET Day and End of Term

Please be reminded that there is an INSET day on Monday 26th June, and school is closed to learners. The last day of term is Friday 21st July for learners, school will close at 1.30pm.

Examination Results - Publication Dates

A Level Results are published on Thursday 17th August GCSE Results are published on Thursday 24th August

Specific Timings, Guidelines to follow.

Sporting Success

Dyfed athletics selection. The following pupils are in the initial squad for the Dyfed Athletics Team. Carys Kenniford, Cade Wicks, Mason Meaney (all in Year 10)

In CrossFit the following learners took part in the paired competition:

Years 7&8:

Maisie James & Freya Cook, Rohan Williams & Terance Makridakis, both Year 7&8 pairs took 3rd place overall.

Years 9&10:

Alex Workman & Callum Edwards.

The Young Ambassadors who volunteered at the event are Caleb Evans, Kai Small, Bethan Chapman, Caitlin Chapman, Cara Williams, Skye Brown.

Well done and many congratulations to all of these learners.

Donations from local companies for learner achievement

Thank you to those of you who have responded to our call out earlier this week for offers of rewards and prizes to celebrate our leaners achievements. Congratulations and huge thanks to LARP Safety Limited for



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being first to donate! Donations from local companies with your generosity will enable us to recognise a number of learners towards the end of this term and the rewards will be given in your name. Just a reminder, that if any self-employed parents with businesses could see their way clear to donating small amounts, this would significantly help us to reward and recognise the achievements of many of our learners. Please contact my School Business Manager, Mr N Makin, <u>nmakin@yht.wales</u> if you are able to help. Thank you once again in advance, if you are able to help, we know times are tough at the moment and very much appreciate it.

Bendigedig/Congratulations!

In a recent issue, I informed you that Mrs Ann Andrews had been nominated for a West Wales Regional Safeguarding Board Award in the category of Exceptional Dedication to the Safeguarding of Children. I am really proud that Mrs Andrews received a Highly Commended Award in this category at the ceremony on June 2nd.

Graffiti / Criminal Damage

It is disappointing that yet again, a very small minority of learners seem determined to spoil the school environment for others. It is even more disappointing that I have to mention it. Here once again is the warning that those learners who unfairly choose to behave in this way, will face consequences, including reporting the damage to the Police. Regrettably, parents of learners who cause criminal damage will be asked to pay for repairs for the damage that has/have been caused. I know that there are a large number of parents/carers, who will appreciate why I have mentioned this.

The Friends of Ysgol Harri Tudur/ Henry Tudor School

If you have some time to volunteer to help our Friends raise funds for our school and our learners over the course of the academic year, please let us know HERE

And Finally

Please contact the school if you have any general queries. The school phone lines are open from 0800 to 1600 on 01646 682461 or by email on contact@yht.wales. Our school website has detailed information about our school. For more specific queries related to your child, you may contact your child's Key Stage Leader.

Years 7 and 8 and primary transition - Mrs S. Martin, smartin@yht.wales

Year 9 - Mrs E Sutton, <u>esutton@yht.wales</u>

Year 10 and 11 - Ms K Thomas, kthomas@yht.wales

Updates are also posted on our Twitter account: @YsgolHarriTudur

Until next week, with all best wishes for the weekend.

Mrs. F. Kite, Headteacher