



# NEWSLETTER

## Welcome!

## TERM DATES

### Autumn Term

Monday 4 September  
to  
Friday 27 October

### Half Term

Monday 30 October  
to  
Friday 3 November

Monday 6 November  
to  
Friday 22 December

### Christmas

Monday 25 December  
to  
Monday 9 January

**Non Pupil Days:**  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January

Welcome to our KS5 newsletter! In this newsletter you will find examples of what pupils have been up to in school since the summer. We are excited to share with you some student successes and achievements, examples of pupils' work and some key information.

We would like to thank all parents and carers for your continued support this term.

## Head teacher's message

**Diolch yn fawr.**

Dr Richard Jones  
Head Teacher

Our vision is to prepare students for their future pathways with exemplary careers advice and support, as well as offering opportunities to enhance their personal statements, to provide our students with the best possible chance of success in their future applications. We continue to collaborate with employers to provide critical advice for students, and support with work placements, mock interviews and internships. To ensure success at KS5, there is a need to bridge the gap between GCSE and A Levels, to ensure a smooth transition for the development of ambitious, independent, and capable learners. KS5 pedagogy is designed to instill a proactive and independent learning culture in students through inspiring and challenging lessons, thereby encouraging learners to achieve their potential. This is something we are continuing to develop through our teaching and learning moving forwards.



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We are looking forward to working with a new staffing structure next academic year in the Sixth Form. We are aiming to develop a culture of one Sixth Form at YCC, with a goal to ensure it is successful as we move forwards and continue to retain and recruit students.



## Football



Congratulations Year 12 student Arwyn Walby. A product of Hereford FC U18s who Joins Hereford Lads Club FC this season.

An incredible footballer at just 16-years-old. He's impressed so far this season!

Arwyn was also invited to U18 Welsh Schools Football Trials in Bangor.

## Golf

Congratulations to Year 12 student Thomas Edwards who won The Hutton Cup and was also crowned Champion of Champions! Well done Thomas



## Harness Racing

Congratulations to year 12 student Laura Bevan for receiving the award 'Top Saddle Jockey' in Wales & Border Harness Racing.

## Gold Sports Ambassadors – Sport Powys



Congratulations to Llandrindod Campus Ysgol Calon Cymru new appointed Youth Sport Trust GOLD sport ambassadors Lowri Bayliss, Demi Roberts, Louis Davies, and Louis Watkins. After applying for the award and attending an interview with Sport Wales, Sport Powys sports officer the four students were awarded the national award. As a gold ambassador for Ysgol Calon Cymru and the local community the students will be part of a youth leadership movement aimed at developing the future leaders of Wales through sport, physical activity, and play. Young Ambassadors will use their role to *inspire, influence, lead, and mentor* within and across education and communities, to connect and support society be healthy and active.

## ⚽ Crickhowell U18 Boys 7 A Side Football Competition ⚽

The Calon Cymru boys went to Crickhowell HS where they played three 7-a-side matches. The boys got off to a great start winning 4-0 against Crickhowell A. The second match was against Gwernyfed HS who put up a good fight but Calon Cymru were balanced and controlled the ball and finished winning 3-2. The last game was against a tough Crickhowell B team where the boys slotted a goal early but Crick came back with an easy goal. Early in the second half Harry Bufton linked up with PK Jones and PK tapped in the second goal. Final score 2-1. Great performances from all of the lads.

⚽ Goal of the Day: Louis Davies

🏆 Player of the Day: Arwyn Walby



## ⚽ U18 Boys Football National Cup Match ⚽

Calon Cymru 1st team went to play a strong Welshpool HS in the first round of the cup. The boys played with passion and determination, showing off great strength and defence, along with some great footwork in midfield, but the day was not meant for these boys as they conceded the only goal of the match at 70 minutes – the last minute of the game. A few chances did appear through the game but Calon Cymru couldn't finish. A hard pill to swallow, but lots of credit to each player who played and worked for each and represented the school superbly. Unlucky but well done boys!

### ⚽ National U18 Girls Welsh Football League Match v Welshpool HS ⚽

It was fantastic to see the senior Calon Cymru girls' team turnout and play so well to beat a competitive opposition 4-2.

Congratulations girls! Playing at Llandod the 1st half was a bit scrapping but very even although Welshpool scored at the half time whistle to lead 1-0. The girls came out with energy and in a better formation to begin to put many passing sequences together. Fenella Price equalised which was quickly followed by the opposition giving Calon Cymru an own goal and a 2-1 lead. Fenella and Lexie Morgan-Rogers linked superbly with Phoebe James which set up the other 2 goals from Nia Goodwin and Megan Roe. Next week the girls continue their league matches with a visit to Llanfyllin HS.





In September the gold DofE assessed expedition took place in the Brecon Beacons over 4 days. Maisy Wilcocks, Scarlett Gealy, Amelia Jarvis, Fenella Price and Tanwen Bradley walked a section of the Beacons Way from Llanduessant to Pencelli. They experienced very challenging conditions and coped extremely well with wet kit, tents and boots. They will be completing the other elections of the award and we look forward to their presentations at the Palace in London next year.

### First Aid Training

6<sup>th</sup> form students: Nia Thomas, Louis Watkins, Jazmine Jones, Laura Bevan, Lowri Bayliss and Tom Morton recently undertook First Aid training through Young Farmers – Gaining themselves a valued life saving skill.

### Litter Picking Scheme

Radnor Wildlife Trust are introducing a Litter Picking scheme with @Lakeside Boathouse, designed by our work placement student, Lexie! Head up to the lake to borrow litter pickers and a bag and get a free hot drink from the Boathouse. ☕ #SefyllDrosNaturCymru #StandforNatureWales #radnorshire #llandrindodwells



Early October saw Ysgol Calon Cymru host the Seren Conference at The Sixth Form Centre and Community Hub in Llandrindod Wells.

The logo for Seren, consisting of the word "SEREN" in white capital letters on a blue rectangular background.

In attendance were over 100 Seren Students from Powys High schools – Llanfair Caereinion, Welshpool, Llanidloes, Newtown, Bro Hyddgen, Gwernyfed, Maesydderwen and Crickhowell.

## FAW Wales Football Referee Training

Recently, Year 12 Pupils Arwyn Walby, Laura Bevan and Tom Edwards were among seventeen pupils from Ysgol Calon Cymru who obtained their FA Wales Football Referee licence in a scheme funded by Sport Powys. The FAW tutors spent the morning in Llandrindod Wells assessing the seventeen pupils from Years 10 to 12 on their understanding of the rules of the game. All seventeen passed and will now receive a certificate from the FAW. They will be registered as referees on the FAW platform to referee U12, U14 and U16 games (with Sixth Form students also being able to referee senior football).



Not only will the pupils now be able to help out for games at school but, once registered, they will also be able to accept games from the local community football clubs and will be paid for their time. Da iawn pawb!

## Remembrance

Thank you to Sophie Green in Llandrindod and Maisy Wilcocks and Fenella Price in Builth who represented the school laying a wreath at the Remembrance services in both Towns.

## MacMillan

A big Thanks to our Head team on both Builth and Llandrindod Campus for their commitment and participation in the following events over the first term- MacMillan Cake sale, teas and coffees at parents evening, Selling Poppies and Planning Christmas Social



## Reminders

- 20<sup>th</sup> November – HSCCC Careers Day “ 6<sup>th</sup> Form centre.
- 21<sup>st</sup> December – 6<sup>th</sup> Form Social Winter Ball
- 22<sup>nd</sup> December – Year 13 - UCAS internal deadline to send applications to University
- Mocks – w/c 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2024 for 2 weeks - Students need to start creating revision notes and practising past paper questions from the WJEC website. Revision tips are found on the website here: <https://vle.caloncyrmu.powys.sch.uk/course/view.php?id=521> and on Moodle under sixth form pathways and in the sixth form TEAMS. Exams will take place on the students home campus.
- Attendance at tutor time Wednesday lesson 3 week 1 is expected, if students are unable to attend they must provide a valid reason.
- January 2024 - BTEC SPORT unit 1 and unit 2 exams



## Sixth Form Expectations

- Wear your lanyard and ID badge.
- Sign in and out of campus on the sign-in sheet.
- Check emails and Teams daily.
- Attend ALL lessons and tutorial session.
- Inform Mrs Price and teachers if you are absent and request and catch up work missed.
- Bring your laptop fully charged and charging lead to every lesson.
- Switch off and put mobile phones away when leaving the Sixth Form Centre and Builth Common rooms.

YCC SIXTH FORM

## Chweched Powys Sixth Lanyards

**Wear your ID badge and lanyard!**

**WHY?**

**To keep you safe!**

**Your safety is our priority.** Wearing your ID badge and lanyard and keeping it visible at all times helps us to see who should be in school and who shouldn't. Everyone **MUST** wear their Lanyards and ID badges at all times on campus. If you have lost your lanyard, please email Mrs Price to let her know.



**Anyone not wearing their ID badge and lanyard will be challenged.**

YCC SIXTH FORM: Keeping Everyone Safe



# UCAS and Unifrog:

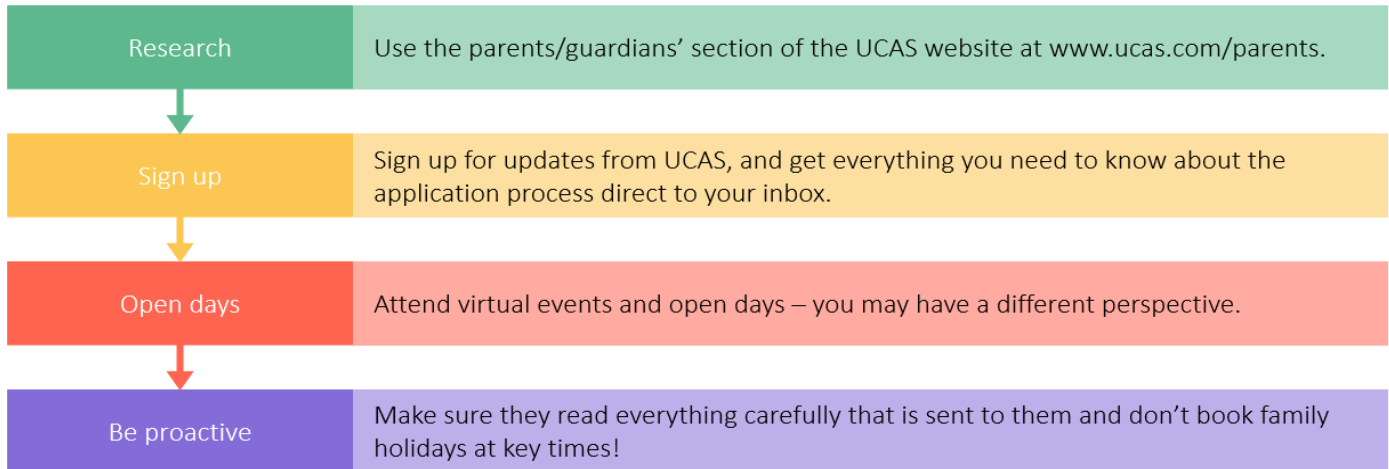
It is now time to start completing research for university/apprenticeship courses for the future. Students are encouraged to work on this and their personal statements over the Summer holiday. We will be using UNIFROG to research courses as well as UCAS.

<https://www.unifrog.org/>

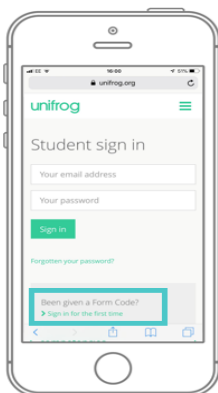
All students need to log in using their HWB email and request a resend password if they haven't done so already. Parents can sign up to support their child using the QR below also the parent code.

<https://www.ucas.com/>

All students need to register an account with UCAS. The resources to support applications will be on TEAMS and linked to Moodle from the school webpage/ sixth form area.



## Parents & guardians, get signed up!



Scan this QR code or go to [www.unifrog.org/student](http://www.unifrog.org/student) and click 'Sign in for the first time'

You'll be asked for some details and a Sign up Code. This is what you need:

**<<YCLNParents>>**

After signing up, log into Unifrog using your email address and password via the student sign-in page! <https://www.unifrog.org/code>



## Notices/Reminders:

### Dates to remember:

#### **ABSENCES:**

*Absences need to be emailed to [pricel466@hwbcymru.net](mailto:pricel466@hwbcymru.net) and teacher of lessons missed asking for work to be emailed or put on teams*

All students are expected to check their email and TEAMS daily, preferably at the beginning and end of the day as a minimum.

Students are required to wear their Chwechedd Powys Sixth lanyards for safeguarding reasons when on either campus and if attending other schools.

Students also need to bring laptops and charger leads every day to school

All students should be engaging with additional events put on to support them in their chosen pathways as essential information is provided to support them in applying for university, apprenticeships or work when they leave school.

Attendance to all timetabled lessons and sixth form events is expected by all please.



- VESPA study resources and Independent Learning Guides on TEAMS and Moodle which can be accessed via the school website
- UCAS and UNIFROG guides are also available on TEAMS and Moodle

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