



NEWSLETTER

Welcome!

Welcome to our KS5 newsletter! In this newsletter you will find examples of what pupils have been up to in school since March. 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

After another busy year, I am very pleased that we are able to share with you our Sixth Form Summer Newsletter. As you will see in the following pages, our pupils have excelled again this year and in a wide range of activities. Our staff continue to work hard to give our pupils access to a wide range of learning opportunities and it is rewarding to see so many of our pupils thriving. A huge thank you to our Sixth Form staff and our Heads Team for all their work over the last twelve months. I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank you for all of your support, as it is only by working in partnership with you, that we can get the best from each member of our school community.

I hope all our pupils and families enjoy a well-deserved summer break.
Diolch yn fawr.

Dr Richard Jones
Head Teacher

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 1st September
Monday 8th January

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. We look forward to working with staff, students, parents, and other stakeholders in September 2023.

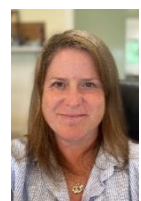
YCC Sixth Form staffing



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We are sorry to be losing Ms Kerry Derhe from the team as she moves on to teach Geography at a school closer to her home. We wish her all the best for the future and thank her for her work as a year 12/13 Progress Leader on the Builth Campus over the last year.

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.

YCC Sixth Form Head Team 2023-24

	Builth Campus	Llandrindod Campus
Heads	Eleri Daves Maisy Wilcocks	Lexie Morgan-Rogers Sophie Green
Deputy Heads	Fenella Price Molly Wear	Erin Humphries Louis Watkins
Senior Prefects	Corey Evans Rachel Rees Rosie Jennings Scarlett Gealy	Amy Jones Demi-Leigh Roberts Rhys Jones

Rotary Young writers Competition



At the beginning of the Summer term Pupils across both campuses submitted entries to the writing competition on the theme 'Peace'. Students were able to write in any form, fiction or non-fiction. The judges at the Rotary were impressed by the standard of writing in both sections and found it very difficult to choose the winning entries. Writing by Elin and Isobel has now gone forward to the next round of the competition, as they represent the region in the area final. Winners were:

- Rotary Young Writer Senior - Elin Williams Yr13
- Runner up - Lowri Bayliss Yr11
- Winner of the Rotary Young Writer Intermediate - Isobel Crowden Yr7
- Runner up - Quainaat Munir Yr8



Elin Williams went on to win the Senior prize at the District Finals of the Rotary Young Writer Competition. The area covers much of mid and south Wales. Their writing on the theme 'Peace' will now be considered in the National Finals.

Welsh Schools Track & Field Championships



Congratulations to Year 12 pupil Tristan Tena-Cumberland who represented Powys in Cardiff on Saturday 1st July at The Welsh Schools Track and Field National Championships. Tristan achieved a 1500m Gold medal and National Vest Certificate.

Year 13 Leavers Day



Year 13 last day saw students dress up as something beginning with the first letter of their name. A BBQ and Awards took place on Builth campus. Good Luck for your Futures

Year 13 Prom



Year 13 prom was held on Wednesday 28th June at the Commodore Hotel in Llandrindod Wells .



A lovely evening and well deserved send of for our students who missed out on a Year 11 Prom due to COVID restrictions.



Everyone looked very smart, food was good and Great music from Lucky Pierre to finish the night off.

We wish these students all the very best for the next chapter in their lives.





Year 13 students held a Bingo evening at The Sixth form Centre on Wednesday 3rd May – raising funds towards their upcoming Prom at The Commodore Hotel in June – A successful evening where they raise £423 – Well Done to those involved.



TED-X Event- Student Pathways



Speakers and Presentations

12:30 David Owen: Cardiff University- 'Brilliant Personal Statements'

12:55 Elwyn Davies: PIXLHAZE – 'Ai Unleashed'

1:15 Alan Kitto: Pulse HR Consulting Ltd- 'Maximising Your Employability in a Boomer and Millennial World'

Q & A and Lunch

2:00 Blue MacAskill: Big Ideas Wales- 'Creative Entrepreneurship'

2:30 Lowri Bulman: Coleg Cymraeg Cenedlaethol- 'Scholarship Opportunities through Welsh Medium Education'

2:45 E Tiernan: YCC- 'Personal Statement Writing Guide'

YCC SIXTH FORM



On Thursday 6th July Ysgol Calon Cymru held a TED-X Student Pathway Event at The 6th Form Centre in Llandrindod Wells for current year 12 students.

All the talks were informative and thought-provoking and relevant for our learners who are choosing their career pathways. This is something we are hoping to continue to develop and looking to specifically link speakers to subject areas to raise awareness of potential career pathways within curricular subjects.

We are looking forward to working with Elwyn Davies from Pixlehaze closely who will work to support sixth formers with their CVs and preparation for interviews etc.





Thank you to all sixth formers who helped out at sports day and wellbeing days. Your support is highly valued and reinforces you as role models for the younger students to look up to.

Work Experience

Year 12 students undertook a week's work experience from 10th – 14th July in a variety of placements such as Veterinary Surgeries, Gyms, Hospitals, Farms, Schools and Beauty Salons – a great opportunity to try out their chosen future vocation.

Induction Week – New Year 12

Induction week took place at The 6th form Centre in Llandrindod for Students who are planning on returning to 6th Form in September.

Students had the opportunity to sample lessons of subjects they are planning to choose along with experiencing the environment of the 6th form centre.



Arrangements for picking up June 2023 Exam Results

Llandrindod Campus

GCE AS and A2 exam results can be collected from the sixth form centre, between 8.30 am and 9.30am, on Thursday 17th August.

GCSE results for year 10 and year 11 can be collected from the school hall, between 8.30 am and 10.00am, on Thursday 24th August.

Builth Campus

GCE AS and A2 exam results can be collected from the Bwyty, between 8.30 am and 9.30am, on Thursday 17th August.

GCSE results for year 10 and year 11 can be collected from the Bwyty, between 8.30 am and 10.00am, on Thursday 24th August.

Pupils must pick up exam results in person.

If you are unable to do this and would like somebody to pick them up on your behalf, please provide them with a brief letter of authorisation signed by yourself.

If you would like your results posted out to you, please provide a **SAE to the Examinations Officer **BEFORE** the end of the summer term.**

If you would prefer your results emailed please let the examination officer know

Examination officers:

Builth Campus – Jan Healey

Llandrindod Campus – Lindsey Davies





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!



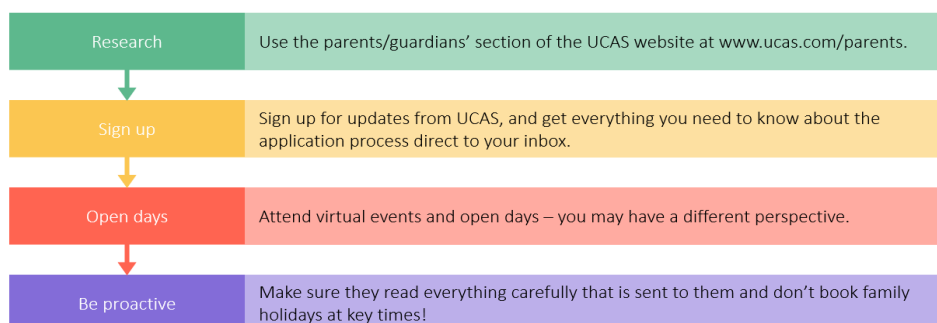


Scan this QR code or go to www.unifrog.org/student and click 'Sign in for the first time'

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:

W/C 10th July - year 12 work placement week

W/C 10th July - New year 12 Induction week

16th-19th July - Gold DofE Expedition

20th July – Year 12 Trip to Oakwood

21st July – Ramble (Llandrindod Campus), Hwyl y Haf (Builth Campus)

NB: Absences need to be emailed to 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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