



Newyddion Darland

Aspire, Apply, Achieve – Ymgeisio, Gweithredu, Cyflawni

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After another busy couple of weeks we can begin to look forward to the June half term, and as we look forward we can reflect on one of the highlights of the Darland calendar;

Awards Evening 2018. This year saw a record number of students receive awards and some excellent feedback has already arrived at school from very appreciative parents/grandparents who acknowledged how gaining an award had helped raise levels of confidence. Recognition was also given to the fact that a wider range of categories for awards had made for a very inclusive evening. I thought our guest speaker, former student Catrin Pugh connected with the audience magnificently and was truly inspirational when reflecting on her own experiences and how she has been able to stay so positive when overcoming so many horrendous challenges. The evening was meticulously planned and like many things in school (and life) success is much more likely when preparation is thorough.

We are well underway with our major GCSE exams and so far they have started well. We will say a formal goodbye to our Year 11 pupils on Friday May 25th and soon after will turn our attention to testing our Key Stage 3 during the final half term. Please encourage those in your care to take these seriously and to begin revision as soon after the break as possible. Have a lovely half term.

Mr S Corner – Deputy Headteacher

Key Dates:



*Wednesday 13th June
U13/U15 Athletics
Tournament*

*Tuesday 19th June
Yr 10 geography
Fieldtrip*

*Thursday 21st June
Year 6 Transition
Evening*

*Tuesday 26th June
Yr 10 Geography
Fieldtrip*

*Thursday 28th June
Friday 29th June
Year 6 Transition Days*

*Tuesday 3rd July
Years 7 & 8 Athletics
Championships*

*Thursday 5th July
Years 7 & 8 Rounders
Tournament*

*Monday 9th July
Switzerland Geography
Trip*

Training Days 2018-2019

**Monday 3rd
September 2018**

**Tuesday 4th
September 2018**

**Friday 23rd
November 2018**

**Friday 28th
June 2019**

Welsh word/phrase of the fortnight

Undod - Unity



Did you know?



**A sneeze travels out your
mouth at over 100 m.p.h**

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**01244 570588
on each day of absence.**



Achievements at Darland

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Congratulations fortnightly award recipients

KEY STAGE 3

Student of the Week

Luca De Rosa - Year 9
Jake Barr - Year 7

Headteacher

Phone Calls Home

Ollie Jones - Year 9
Emily Loudon - Year 7
James Mann - Year 9
Dan Lloyd - Year 9

Rhys Wynne-Jones - Year 9
Jake Barr - Year 7
Abi Wilson - Year 7

Positive Text Home

Rufus Edwards - Year 8
Grace Harding - Year 8
Lily Whitefoot - Year 7
Dylan Renouf - Year 7
Harry Ashfield - Year 7
Victoria Redman - Year 9
Jess Owen - Year 9

Ellie Smith - Year 8
Abbie Thompson - Year 7
Callum Jones - Year 7
Evan Smith - Year 7
James Mann - Year 9
Rachel McLean - Year 9
Will Maggs - Year 7

Treat Friday

Rachel Lightfoot - Year 7
Will Maggs - Year 7
Callum McGrath - Year 10
Megan Leech - Year 7
Harry Simon - Year 7

KEY STAGE 4

Student of the Week

Jonathan Wallice - Year 11
Morgan Thomas-Sadler - Year 10

Headteacher

Phone Calls Home

Eleanor Yates - Year 11

Ed Stephens - Year 10
Bethan Williams - Year 10

Positive Text Home

Abby Royce - Year 11
Keisha Wood - Year 10
Sophie Weaver - Year 10
Holly Stubbs - Year 10
Sian Irvine - Year 11
Harry Fuller - Year 10

Elycia Mackay - Year 11
Sam Chowdhury - Year 10
Chelsea Norgrove - Year 10
Abby Royce - Year 11
Sam Burke - Year 10
Elin Davies - Year 10
Sophie Jones - Year 10

Treat Friday

Sophie Layhe - Year 10
Connor O'Toole - Year 10
Millie Williams - Year 10
Iwan Roberts - Year

Ryan Williams - Year 10
Beth Harrop - Year 10

Attendance Matters

Well done to the top tutor groups in each year, for their excellent attendance over past two weeks.



7F - 92.1%
8T - 89.7%
9A - 90.4%

10E - 96.7%
11L - 88.9%

Accelerated Readers

WHO WANTS TO BE A MILLIONAIRE...? Bob does!



The current reading champions are Bob Lewis, 7F with a staggering **1,667,839** words and Doyle Hughes 8L with **405,003** words read. The Champion form remains as 7F who have accumulated **5,165,608** words read between them. Can you make it onto the 'Word Wizard' leader board? Congratulations and keep reading...



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SHARING A GOOD BOOK

Kitty Slade 2: Fire and Roses

By Fiona Dunbar

Rating: 5/5

This book is about a girl called Kitty who has phantorama – the ability to see ghosts. She lives with her grandma, older brother and younger sister, as her parents are deceased. When she stays at a friend's house with her family she discovers their house has a poltergeist – the spirit of an ancestor who died in the house under a curse. As the only one with the ability to communicate with spirits, kitty feels she must solve the puzzle.

I found Fire and Roses by Fiona Dunbar to be quite an interesting and unique as it was based around the supernatural, mainly ghosts. It intrigued me as I found the storyline to be engaging because I had never really read a book based on ghosts and people with the ability to communicate with them, so this was a new experience for me.

The books attention to detail allowed me to paint a vivid image in my head, and not many books can do that. After reading the last sentence of nearly every chapter, I found myself wanting to read more because I was desperate to know how it ended. In addition to this the plot of the book was thought provoking to me as I had a desire to solve the mystery Kitty was attempting to solve. I was immersed in the book and really enjoyed reading it.

In my opinion the best part of the book was the building up to the finale as it included the most detail about the background and lives of the main characters. The writer also managed to create tension in the building up to the finale as she left a few of the chapters on a cliff hanger, and, like I said before, leaving me, the reader, wanting more.

To conclude, I found Kitty Slade 2: Fire & Roses to be a brilliant book and one I thoroughly enjoyed. If I had to read it again, I definitely would.

By Nicole Taylor -8T



In the headlines...

On the 3rd and 4th of May 2018, twenty Year 11 pupils were taken to Glyndwr University for an intensive mathematics revision course. This was a supplement to the after-school classes that have been taking place since September, and the pre-exam Saturday classes (two of which are still to come).

Over the two days, Mr Jeffrey and Dr Edwards organised and provided a course focused on key areas that would make the biggest difference to these pupils in terms of gaining exam success. The pupils worked hard and were clearly exhausted by the end of the second day, but their skills and confidence in the areas dealt with had improved incredibly.

Reflecting on last week's GCSE numeracy exam papers, a comfortable half of the material that was tested had been covered during the day-and-a-half course. GCSE mathematics paper 1 is on Thursday.

"It was really useful. I got a lot of help in a nice, quiet environment."

Ellie Hutchings

"It was beneficial to my understanding of maths as it was quiet with no distractions, and I had all the help I needed."

Halle Wright

Think of the Fortnight

If you switch a light off in a room, do the walls change colour?



Faculty in Focus

ICT

Department Members: Mr Hayes, Mr Roberts, Mr Reid, Mr Jones, Mr Champion.

Twitter Account: @Darland_ICT

The ICT department has undergone significant changes this year, in particular the schemes of work have been completely renewed to reflect the changes of ICT in wider society. Additional emphasis has been placed on the introduction of computing and computer science to support students who may be considering ICT / Computing at college, university and beyond. We now offer all students the chance to try visual and textual coding (Python and HTML/CSS) as well exploring other concepts such as computational thinking or binary operations. The table below outlines the KS3 coverage:

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• E-safety (Passwords, Viruses, Digital Footprints)• Hour of Code – Visual Programming• E-Safety (Part 2 – Cyber bullying, Grooming, Reporting Abuse)• Databases• Control (Algorithms / Computational Thinking / Ozobots)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• E-safety (Sexting and Selfies)• Technology and Networks• Python (Textual Programming)• Spreadsheets	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Binary• Flash Animations / Interactive Products• HTML / CSS (Textual Coding)• Digital Imaging

Students have been getting used to the idea of storing their work in the cloud using Microsoft One Drive through Hwb to making the process of submitting work more efficient as well as making it accessible from home but also to reduce paper consumption and waste.

The ICT department has been running a lunch time club which proved so popular it has to be run in 3 cycles (two year 7 groups and one year 8 group). In this, students have had hands on experiences with some of the latest learning technologies including the BBC Micro:bit and the OzoBot Bit.

Our student of the month display is really taking shape. Congratulations to the students of the month so far:

- Eleanor Bosworth – Y8
- Samuel Chowdhury – Y10
- Holly Milner – Y9
- Daniel Morgan – Y7
- Caitlin Jones – Y11
- Ethan Simpons – Y8
- Sian Hamlington – Y7

Follow the ICT department on Twitter (@Darland_ICT) for updates, the latest news and announcements.