

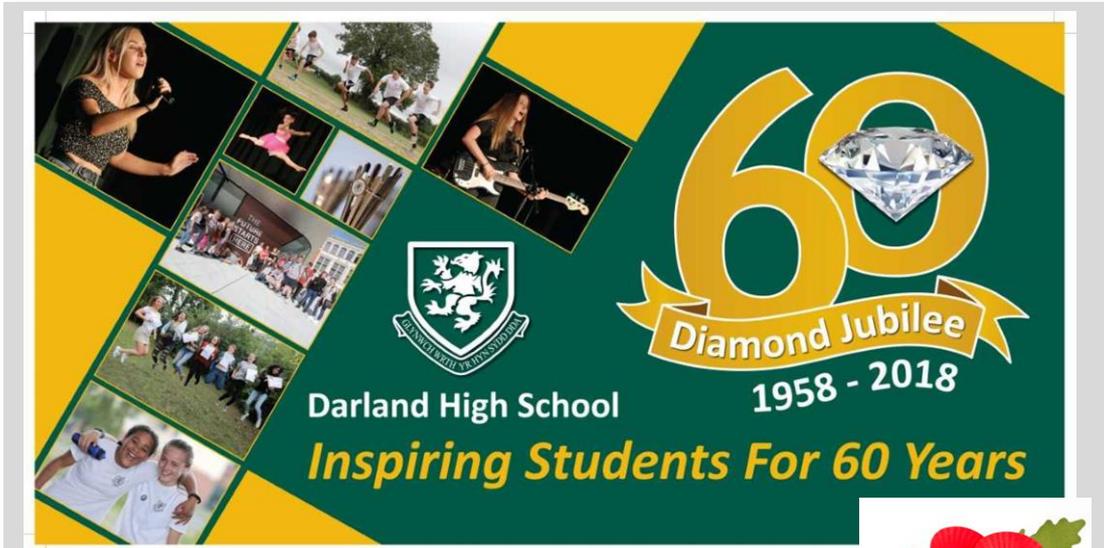


# Newyddion Darland

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Dear Parents,

Last Sunday marked 100 years since the guns finally fell silent at the end of the First World War. Our students marked this in respectful silence on the Friday before this, as Katy Williams-Davies played the mournful Last Post in the school yard. Pupils then had a special focus in their form periods to remember the fallen. On the Sunday itself, our deputy head girl and boy presented a wreath at the service in Christ Church Rossett, while our Head boy and girl joined thousands in Wrexham town centre, for the annual service of remembrance. Aled Jones, smartly attired in his air cadet uniform, was one of the standard bearers at the centre of the ceremony. Such respectful appreciation of historical anniversaries teaches our students important lessons, not just about the horror and futility of war, but of the importance of coming together in a spirit of compassion for others.

This week has also been an exciting one, since we were able to use our new entrance and reception for the first time. Our office staff quickly made themselves at home in their new surroundings and continue to give wonderful smiling service to visitors, staff and students. I am really pleased that our school is now so secure and that we can provide such a warm, bright and friendly welcome to our guests.

The dreaming spires of Oxford were the destination of a group of 12 of our Year 9 students last Thursday. Mr Hayes, our Raising Aspirations coordinator, assisted by Mrs Evans, visited University College as part of the Scholars Programme, which our school has joined. On their day at university, our students attended a session on astronomy by a PhD student, who will be visiting Darland over the next few weeks to help our students complete their research into galaxies as part of their Scholars project.



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If your child is absent from school please call the  
Absence Line on:

01244 570588  
on each day of absence.

## Key Dates:



Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November  
Children in Need  
Year 10 Health and Well  
Being Morning

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November**  
**Year 8 Numeracy in the  
Workplace**

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November  
Wrexham Schools Cross  
Country

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November**  
**School Closed to students  
Training Day**

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December  
Year 10 Parents Evening

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December**  
**Science Star Dome**

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> – Friday 14<sup>th</sup>  
December  
Year 11 Exams

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December**  
**Year 11 Photographs**

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December  
Whole School Cinema Trip  
School closes for Christmas

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January**  
**School Opens**

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January  
Year 11 parents Evening

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January**  
**Parent Forum  
Commencing 6.30pm**

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> January  
Year 7 Crucial Crew

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> January**  
**Year 9 Options Evening**

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February**  
**School closes for half term**





# Achievements at Darland

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## Congratulations fortnightly award recipients

### KEY STAGE 3

#### Students of the Week

**Jamie Edwards Yr 9**  
**Harry Cummins Yr 7**  
**Eve Wilde Yr 8**

**Headteacher**

**Phone Calls Home**

Alicia Dawson – Yr 9  
Molly Piercy – Yr 9  
Elise Samuels – Yr 8  
Sabri Turan – Yr 7

Adam Handley – Yr 9  
Rhiannon Mills Yr - 8  
Reece Brooks Yr - 9

### KEY STAGE 4

#### Students of the Week

**Harvey Clare Yr10**  
**Ben Ashfield Yr 11**  
**Eryn Chidlow Yr 10**

**Headteacher**

**Phone Calls Home**

Jess Owen – Yr 10  
Sam Burke – Yr 11  
Lara Nicholls – Yr 11  
Abi Povey – Year 10  
Grace Ganci – Yr 11

Megan Royce – Yr 10  
Russel Thelwell – Yr 10  
Jack Jones – Yr 10

### Positive Text Home

Mark Cail – Yr 7  
Rhys Darlington – Yr 9  
Callum Jones – Yr 8  
Tilly Hall – Yr 7  
Aiden Phillips – Yr 7  
Amy Mayock – Yr 7  
Emily Mason-Evans – Yr 7  
Scott Hall – Yr 9  
Lila Organ – Yr 7  
Alannah Bellingham – Yr 8  
Rico Cupit – Yr 9  
Kate Reddy – Yr 9

Alick McKay – Yr 9  
Lucy Davies – Yr 9  
Dylan Moss – Yr 8  
Calum Jones – Yr 8  
Daniel Hughes – Yr 9  
Jake Barr – Yr 8  
Yasmin Akbas – Yr 8  
Tillie Edwards – Yr 8  
Rachel Lightfoot – Yr 8  
Max Bittner – Yr 9  
Sophie Bagby – Yr 9

### Positive Text Home

Dee Weekes – Yr 10  
Paris Povey – Yr 10  
Chloe Garbutt – Yr 11  
Elise Williams – Yr 10  
Callum Bateman – Yr 11  
Sophie Jones – Yr 10  
Tom Stevens – Yr 10  
Jonathon Marshall – Yr 10  
Eithan Harper – Yr 11  
Elliot Walters – Yr 11  
Nathan Roberts – Yr 11

Ryan Williams – Yr 11  
Will Mawdesley – Yr 10  
Rebecca Fielding – Yr 10  
Sophie E Jones – Yr 10  
James Harrison – Yr 11  
Jess Owen – Yr 10  
Georgia Horsfall – Yr 10  
Ewan Mayock – Yr 10  
Dan Lloyd – Yr 10  
Caitlin Williams – Yr 11

### Treat Friday

Lottie Harrop – Yr 8  
Alfie Plant – Yr 8  
Megan Leech – Yr 8  
Charlie Pritchard – Yr 7  
Harry Holman – Yr 9  
Lily Cary – Yr 8

Dylan Renouf – Yr 7  
Iestyn Wyn-Jones – Yr 7  
Liam Bailey – Yr 7  
Emma Veale – Yr 9  
Devon Clutton – Yr 7  
Lila Organ – Yr 7

### Treat Friday

Sophie Layhe – Year 11  
Greta Daniseviciute – Yr 11  
Harvey Brown – Yr 11

## Attendance Matters

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

**7F – 97.0%**  
**8F – 97.3%**  
**9A – 94.4%**



**10E – 96.8%**  
**11E – 96.6%**

Welsh word/phrase of the fortnight

**YMDRECH - EFFORT**

# In the headlines...

## YEAR 7 TRIP TO COLOMENDY, KINGSWOOD

On Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October, 142 of our year 7 pupils arrived at school with suitcases packed full of 'essentials' and bursting with excitement. After spending some time in the hall organising activity groups and rooms we set off for Colomendy to begin our 3 day team-building trip. On arrival at the centre and after a quick lunch the pupils began the activities that were set out for them over the next 3 days. These included such activities as climbing, caving, low ropes courses, buggy building and the famous Jacobs ladder to name but a few. The students cooperated well in their teams and got stuck into the activities, supporting students who were not sure about the activity they were undertaking. On Monday evening as the light began to fade, we all set off into the forest for a night-time camp fire. The students sat around the camp fire whilst the group leaders sang songs. They played a variety of games before finishing with some toasted marshmallows! Monday night was a long one, many of the students stayed up telling tales of the day and having the infamous 'midnight' feast (although they didn't quite last until midnight!)

Tuesday began with a hearty breakfast for all the pupils and staff before setting out again to complete more activities across the complex. By dinner time the fatigue was setting in but soon thoughts of that night's disco had them excited once again. The disco was awash with excitement and saw some excellent moves of the dance floor from several students! After the disco it was off to bed, somehow lights out this evening seemed to occur much earlier than the previous night. Loud snoring was definitely heard from the landing of the boys' floors in Snowdon - and it wasn't just down to Mr Jarvis! On Wednesday the students were up early clearing their rooms of all their possessions and trying to remove the remnants of Monday's midnight feast - I even brought a Hoover to one of the blocks for some of the rooms to be cleaned - a task which the boys completed exceptionally well and the rooms were left spotless.

After a morning completing the remaining program of activities for each group we set off back to school after lunch.

The whole experience was fantastic to be a part of. All of the students have developed fantastic friendships, showed excellent levels of resilience, learnt to support each other and came to realise just how much they can achieve. I and all of the staff members that accompanied the trip couldn't be prouder of the year group and their achievements.

Mrs Owen  
Head of Year 7





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## E-Safety Advice Following Digital Footprints



The things you put online can be seen by lots of people and might stay online forever. They are like digital footprints – a trail that people can follow, picking up pieces of information about you.

We all leave digital footprints and with every new profile, photo or comment we add new ones. People that you know, and people you don't, can learn a lot from them. Do you know what yours say about you?

Your footprints can show you at your very best or very worst. Lots of people are finding out that our posts can have serious consequences long after we've forgotten them.

This is one reason why to use most sites you can share information on you need to be over 13. If you're under 13 you shouldn't be using them.

Remember, if you have posted something you regret - it's never too late to take control.

### 5 questions you should ask before you post

It can be really hard to keep on top of all the things we post online but taking a moment to think before you post helps prevent silly mistakes. Ask yourself:

#### 1. What do I look like?

If you didn't know you, what would think about this post? What would you think about the person who posted it? Things that we might share with friends as a joke can look very different to someone else, and that might be someone you're trying to impress – a girl, a boy, even an employer or a university recruiter.

#### 2. Is this ink permanent?

When you share something online, you can lose control of it. Even if you delete a photo or post you can't be sure it hasn't been copied or downloaded by someone else. Think about how many people you're sharing with and whether they will take care of what you share. Don't forget it's easy for other people to copy what you share online, change it and share it without you knowing.

#### 3. Am I giving away too much?

The more you share, the more people can learn about you. Could they use your posts to bully you?

#### 4. Would I want this shared about me?

It's important to think about the impact what you post online might have on others. Do you have your friend's permission to share that funny picture of them? Could that jokey comment you posted hurt someone's feelings?

#### 5. The Billboard Test.

Before you post something online, think: would you be happy to see it on a billboard where the rest of your school, your parents, your grandparents and neighbours could see it? If not, think twice about sharing online.

Source: Thinkuknow.co.uk-  
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## BOOK REVIEW

### Lily Alone by Jacqueline Wilson

Lily Alone is about a girl called Lily Green, she is one of four children in the Green family. Lily has one brother and two sisters, twins called Baxter and Bliss and another sister called Pixie.

Lily has had a hard time keeping the family in order when her mum leaves her to go off on holiday with her new boyfriend. When Lily's step dad fails to show up she is left with no choice but to look after the family by herself. The most difficult thing about it is that it would be too risky to go to school and she is left with no money. Things start to get very tricky for Lily because she is running out of food and drink, so she has to ration it out between four very hungry children.

My favourite part about the book is when Lily takes her siblings to a big park nearby to camp. The difficult part now is that they end up travelling all over the place to find their camp. They also go to the local café and finish off some of the customers food. This is until they get caught.

I recommend this book to everyone because the story is really good. It is easy to follow and captures your imagination.

By Eleanor Watson 8T

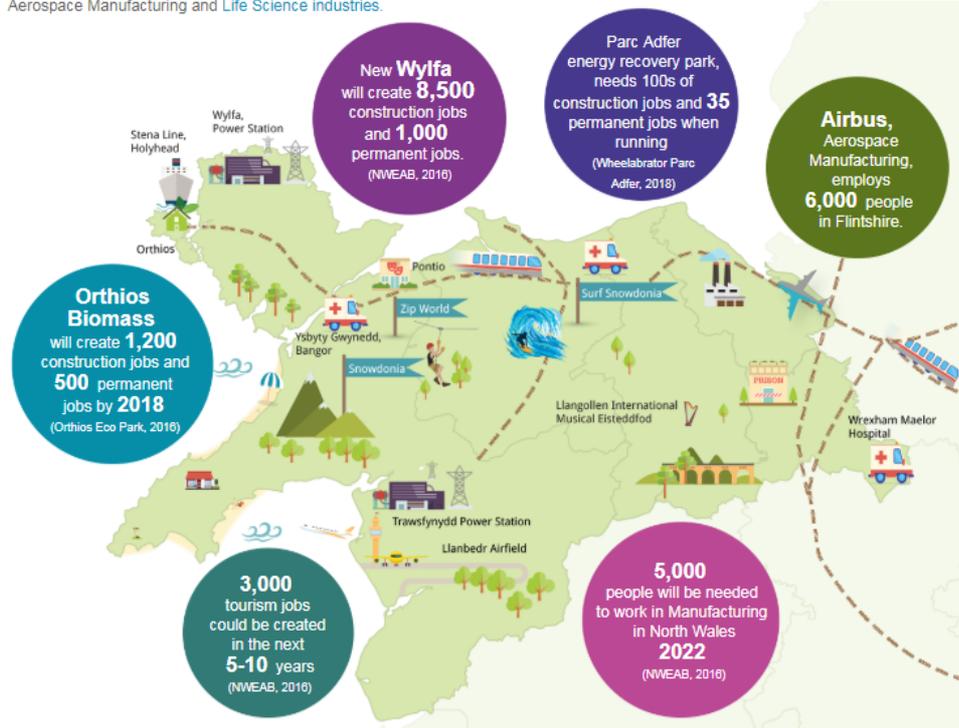
# Careers in Focus...



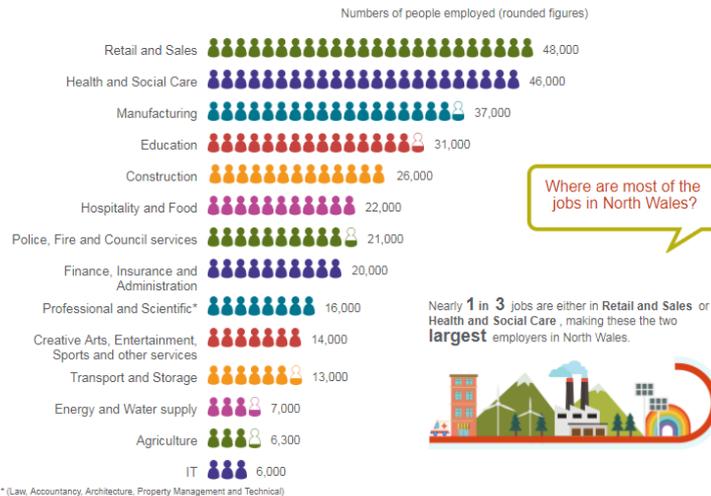
## There's a lot going on in North Wales

From Holyhead in the far North West to Wrexham in the East, North Wales covers the six unitary authorities of Gwynedd, Conwy, Denbighshire, Flintshire, the Isle of Anglesey and Wrexham. North Wales is home to 700,000 people, nearly a third of whom speak Welsh.

The region has a very diverse economy with particular differences between east and west. North Wales is home to Wales' most famous mountain range and highest mountain, Snowdon. With some of the most beautiful scenery in Wales' it's not surprising that Tourism is one of the most important industries across the region. In the west of the region, North Wales' Energy industry will remain strong with the long term development of the new Nuclear plant, Wylfa on Anglesey. Whilst in the east, Flintshire has thriving Aerospace Manufacturing and Life Science Industries.



## Largest industries in North Wales



## Growing industries in North Wales

The industries that are growing in the region and are particularly important to bring more jobs and more wealth to the economy are:

### ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT



How about doing work that produces energy for Wales? Or maybe, think about getting involved in work to protect our environment?

Over **33,000** work in this industry in North Wales, with job hotspots in the north west of the region. (NWEAB, 2016)

You could consider jobs like: **Mechanical Engineer, Recycling Operative, Biologist, Turbine Technician, Cavity Wall Installer and Environmentalist.**

### ADVANCED MATERIALS AND MANUFACTURING



Can you see yourself designing or building aeroplanes, or working on high-tech products for all sorts of uses.

**27,000** work in this industry, with job hotspots in the east of the region. (NWEAB, 2016)

You could consider jobs like: **Aerospace Engineer, Laboratory Technician, Scientist, Design Engineer and Welder.**

### CONSTRUCTION



Work in the Construction industry and you could be building new homes and new schools, or even be involved in the construction of some of the major new developments planned for North Wales.

New development across the region will always need construction workers. Over **25,000** work in this industry.

Future demand will be for: **Bricklayers, Civil Engineers, Surveyors and Wood Trades.** (NWEAB, 2016)

### TOURISM



North Wales attracts a third of all visitors to Wales and brings £1.8bn into the region's economy.

Over **37,000** work in this industry, with jobs across the region. (NWEAB, 2016)

North Wales will need: **Outdoor Pursuits Instructors, Chefs, Leisure Attendants, Kitchen Assistants and Hotel Managers.**

### CREATIVE INDUSTRIES



The Creative industries such as media, art and design are particularly strong in North Wales and are expected to grow in the next five years in pockets across the region. (NWEAB, 2016)

Over **12,000** work in this industry, with jobs across the region. (NWEAB, 2016)

In this fast moving and competitive industry, you could find yourself working on a TV or film set, developing apps, curating in a museum, designing the latest fashions, performing on stage, or maybe creating your own works of art.

You could consider jobs like: **Marketing Professional, Graphic Designer, Programmers and Software Developer, Broadcast Engineer, and Journalist.**

### FOOD AND FARMING



Farming and food production is vital to the North Wales economy.

Nearly **16,000** work in this industry, with job hotspots in Flintshire, Wrexham and Gwynedd. (Welsh Government, 2015)

It's not just about green fields, early mornings or production lines. You could be designing aerial drones to calculate fertilizer needs, developing a new food product, managing a dairy herd or engineering new robotic equipment to feed them.

You could consider jobs like: **Agricultural Engineer, Farmer, Agricultural Research Scientist, Ecologist, Biotechnologist, Food Technician, and Packer.**

### HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE



Over **46,000** people are employed in Health and Social care in North Wales making it the second largest employer.

**12,000** work providing social care across the region, and **500** new jobs will be needed in the Care sector each year for the next 20 years. (NWEAB, 2015)

You could consider jobs like: **Care Assistant, Social Worker, Home Care Assistant, Community Worker, Family Support Worker, Rehabilitation Worker.**

### RETAIL AND SALES



Retail and Sales is the biggest employer in North Wales, employing **48,000** people. (NWEAB, 2016)

You could consider jobs like: **Sales Assistant, Retail Manager, Buyer, Sales Person, Telephone Sales Person, Vehicle Sales Executive, Advertising Media Sales Person.**

Source: <https://www.careerswales.com/en/spotlight-on-north-wales/> (Date Accessed 10-2018)

# Sport Highlights...

## Chester Marathon

A huge thank you to the year 10 GCSE PE students who volunteered to help out with the drinks station for the Chester half marathon. The students arrived at Darland Lane at 8:30am on Sunday 7th October, and began setting up the drinks stations ready for the thousands of runners who were due to come past. It was a chilly start to the day, but it soon warmed up by the time the first competitor was due at around 9:45am! They were a real credit to the department, school and themselves, thank you for all your hard work!



## Primary Sports Festival

During this term so far both pupils from Year 9 (Victoria Redman, Tegan Tudor, Hannah Jones, Nia Halliwell, Nicole Taylor, Mia Williams, Connor Bullock, Ben Todd, Wesley Evans) and Year 10 (Charlotte Monk, Sasha Aldridge, Meg Royce, Jess Owen and Elizabeth Wilkinson) have supported and officiated two primary festivals for Netball and Football, the primary schools could not have spoken more highly of their attitude and work ethic! Well done!

## Football - Boys Football

The boys have had a number of fixtures so far this year, the results are as follows -

### YEAR 7

KINGS 7-1 Roberts 2, Cupit, Mawdesley, Hewitt, Starkey, Barlow: PENLEY 8-1 Gregory 3, Mawdesley 2, Middleton 2, Roberts

### YEAR 8

KINGS 6-4 Ashfield 2, Hunter, C.Maggs, Venables, Massey: GRANGO 8-3 Ashfield 3, Morgan, Rowlands, Massey, Hunter, Willis

### YEAR 9

DINAS BRAN 4-3 Wilding 3, Ashfield: KINGS 1-5 Wilding: PENLEY 3-5 Ashfield 2, Simpson

### YEAR 10

PENLEY 3-1 Orton, Palmer, Czerniak: MORGAN LLWYD 0-4

### YEAR 11

KINGS 3-0 Fuller, Thomas-Sadler, N.Roberts

## Netball

We have seen a fantastic turn out at Netball training on a Tuesday and Wednesday evening which has led to a number of games so far this term. The year 11's took part in their final tournament on behalf of the school at the beginning of November and they did a great job, the department are very proud of their commitment towards the team for the last five year.

## Wrexham County Netball

Congratulations to the following girls who have been selected to represent the Wrexham County Netball Team in the upcoming North East Wales triangular tournament later this month at Deeside. The U14s team included: Hannah G Jones, Vicky Redman and Lottie Harrop . The U16s team include: Sasha Aldridge, Liz Wilkinson, Frankie Thomas, Meg Adcock and Abbie Smith. Good luck to all the girls at the competition and in hopefully gaining a trial for the North East Wales team.

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## FIRSTY AID TREATMENT

Please note that the school only offers first aid treatment for incidents happening at school. First aiders do not deal with pre-existing injuries or those sustained outside of school. We do not have a full time nurse at school

Mrs Easton – Assistant Headteacher

## ATTITUDE TO LEARNING (ATL1) AWARD WINNERS OCTOBER 2018



The students who had the highest number of Attitude to Learning 1 grades (ATL1s) during the first half term are as follows: (Top Boy / Top Girl in each year group)

### YEAR 7

Devon Clutton and Jenson Vye

### YEAR 8

Poppy Wright and Jake Barr

### YEAR 9

Ben Todd and Rebecca Brown

### YEAR 10

Ella Hancock and Harvey Clare

### YEAR 11

Hannah Church and Ben Ashfield

Huge congratulations go to this fantastic group of students - their hard work and efforts in school are outstanding. In recognition of their excellence, they each received 2 x Odeon Cinema Tickets.

**Very well done to all these students**

## DARLAND SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

The final week before the half-term break saw our annual School Council elections. The voting process, subsequent counting and awarding of the prestigious School Council shield badges was organised by the Year 11 Prefect team headed up by the Head Girl, Sophie Layhe and Head Boy, Connor O'Toole.

Students from all year groups were given the opportunity to vote for the individuals in their year group whom they felt would best represent them on the School Council. After some hectic lunchtime voting and intense counting sessions, we can announce that the new Darland School Council for 2018-2019 will consist of:

### YEAR 7

Tomos Ankers and Esme Hewiit

### YEAR 8

Anabelle Hennesey and Jack Massey

### YEAR 9

Lewis Thomson-Dutton and Sophie Bagby

### YEAR 10

Anabelle Bailey and Charlie McCann

### YEAR 11

Tom Parry and Caitlin Williams

Congratulations to all elected students and a huge thanks to those students who voted, and of course to the Year 11 Prefects for their organisation and administration of the process.

## Did you know?

**Did you know that you cannot talk and inhale or vice versa. When you speak you will not be able to inhale**

## Think of the Fortnight

**What is the most important part of a fork?**

## Restart a Heart

On Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> October 2018, our Year 7 students took part in the national Restart a Heart day. Volunteers from the Ambulance Service spent the morning with our students, helping them to understand the importance of CPR and how to perform it. For the last few years, Darland School has participated in this annual event, and were fortunate enough to receive the full Re-start a Heart pack including approx. 25 mannequins courtesy of the British Heart Foundation.



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## Do you qualify for free school meals?

- If you receive the following you do not have to pay for your children's school lunches:
- Income Support
  - Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
  - Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
  - Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
  - The 'Guarantee' element of State Pension Credit
  - Universal Credit
  - Child Tax Credit, provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income that does not exceed £16,190

Parents that receive working tax credit are **not** entitled to claim free school meals for their children.

A child over the age of 16 in receipt of any of these qualifying benefits in their own right is also eligible to receive free school meals.

### Do you have any questions?

Speak to **Mrs Elaine Hughes** (Reception) at school 01244 570588, or contact Wrexham Support Services on 01978 297413.

Download a free school meal form:

[http://www.wrexham.gov.uk/assets/pdfs/education/free\\_schoolmeals.pdf](http://www.wrexham.gov.uk/assets/pdfs/education/free_schoolmeals.pdf)

Free School Meal forms are also available from your schools reception

Further information can be found at:

[http://www.wrexham.gov.uk/english/education/school\\_meals/free\\_school\\_meals.htm](http://www.wrexham.gov.uk/english/education/school_meals/free_school_meals.htm)

### Anonymous Pupils –

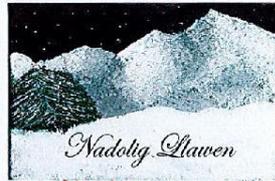
*Did you know that in Wrexham schools, pupils pay for school diner anonymously – no money is ever exchanged at lunch time regardless of how they pay. This means that Free School Meal pupils cannot be distinguished from paying pupils, reducing any stigma that may be attached to receiving Free School Meals.*



Darland High School  
Christmas Cards  
£3.00 per pack (25 cards)  
(All proceeds to RSPCA)



Merry  
Christmas



Order Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Child (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_ Form: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of packs: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Payment Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_ (Cash or Cheque to Darland High School)