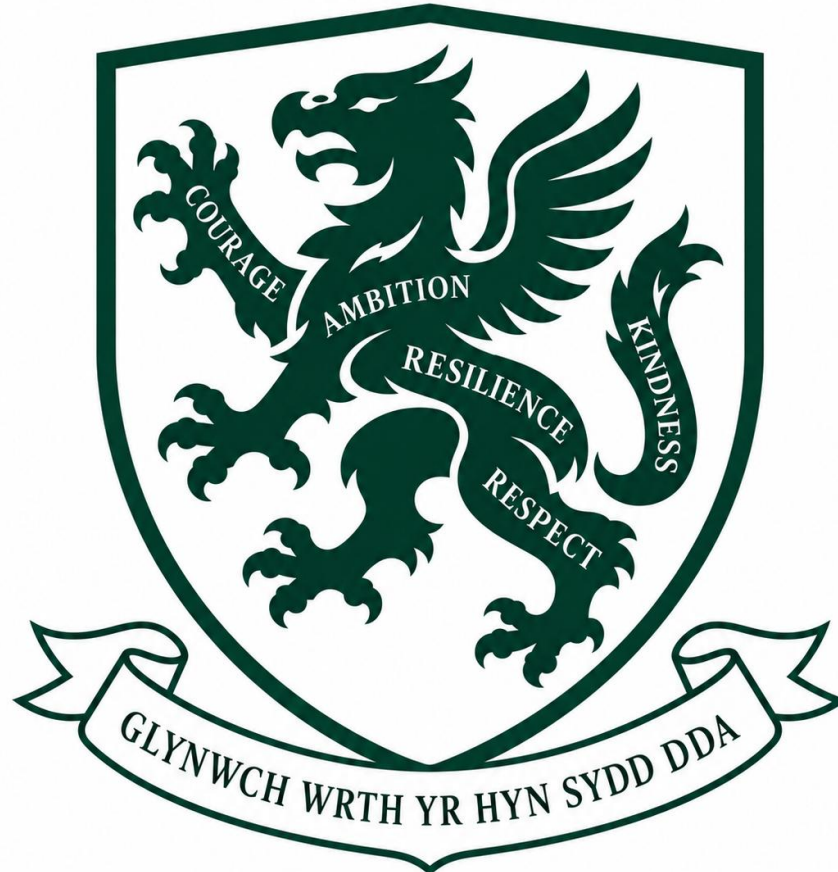


Welcome to Open Evening

DARLAND HIGH SCHOOL

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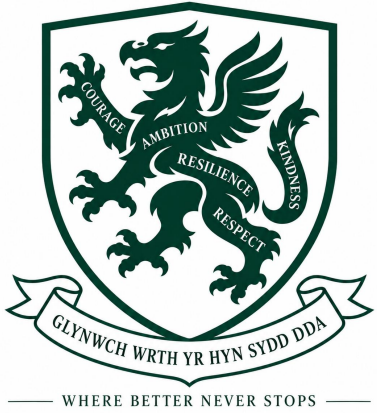


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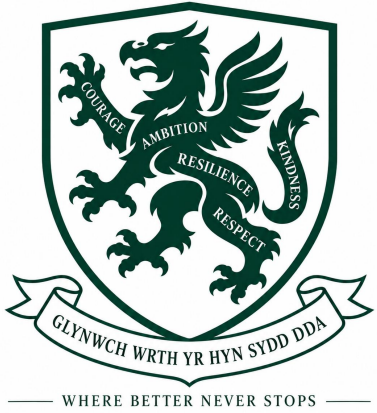
**An education for human
flourishing...
that's the whole point, isn't it?**





Starting Year 7 - a perspective

Welcome - Daniel and Hetty, who have just started Year 7. They will tell you about what it is like joining Darland High School.



Student Leaders' Address

Heidi and Fionn our Head Prefects will tell you about life as a Darland High Student



Formation of Character

- ▶ Our mantra is 'Where better never stops', we aspire to excellence through a high quality offer, that is ambitious and promotes independence. We strive for excellence.
- ▶ This relates to our values of Ambition, Respect, Resilience, Courage and Kindness. It's about our ethics - having a strong moral compass of doing the right thing and trustworthiness.

With the end goal being achieved of...

- ▶ Being the very best version of ourselves that we can be.



Starting Year 7 – transition (Miss Roberts)

- ▶ After we receive our lists of students from the local authority, our Transition Team get to work.
- ▶ Visits to each school for an in-depth conversation about each child - guided by teacher, e.g. mentor, concerns, groupings for classes...
- ▶ Induction days and transition evening for parents
- ▶ ALN extended days
- ▶ The important role of the form tutor - main point of contact.
- ▶ Settling in evening



Academic Life

- ▶ High academic expectations
- ▶ Our Darland Way of teaching and student learning, which are taught when students arrive.
- ▶ An education that ensures students become the best they can be.



Our Curriculum

- ▶ We offer a wide range of subjects from Year 7 to Year 11.
- ▶ We prepare students for their next steps and ensure the subjects they study will open doors for their future, Entitlement and Enrichment
- ▶ Students achieve highly at Darland High School and grow into respectful and thoughtful young adults.



Individual performance:

AL achieved an extraordinary nine A grades, securing the highest possible grade in every one of her GCSE subjects.*

*MM, ET, TL achieved eight GCSE grades at A or A.**

*LP, MH, AY, RM, MQ, CJ each achieved seven grades at A/A or equivalent.**

Our Extended Curriculum

- ▶ Curriculum enrichment - an extensive range of clubs each week
- ▶ Ranging from Football, Badminton, Cricket, Netball, Choir, STEM, The Arts (Drama, Music, Productions), Duke of Edinburgh and Warhammer to name a few.
- ▶ Embracing all we have to offer will enrich a student's education
- ▶ Students can explore interests and create broader perspectives
- ▶ Provide essential life skills

Science, Technology and Maths	Expressive Arts	Languages, Literacy and Communication	Humanities	Health and Wellbeing	Ambition and Leadership	Enterprise and Creative Contributors	Ethical, Informed Citizens	Healthy, Confident Individuals
1 Take part in a science, engineering or maths workshop or competition 	1 Take part in a theatre production or drama workshop 	1 Learn an additional language 	1 Visit a place of historical, cultural or geographical significance 	1 Take part in sport, physical activity or a wellbeing challenge 	1 Take on a leadership role in school 	1 Take part in an enterprise or entrepreneurship challenge 	1 Take part in a charity or fundraising activity 	1 Take part in personal development workshops 
2 Solve a real-world STEM challenge 	2 Learn a musical instrument or take part in a music experience 	2 Take part in a debate, public speaking or young writer opportunity 	2 Take part in a community project or sustainability initiative 	2 Learn new life skills, such as first aid or healthy living 	2 Be a peer mentor, prefect or form representative 	2 Work on a team project or take part in a school competition 	2 Engage in social action or community volunteering 	2 Learn practical skills for life (e.g. cooking, finance, independent living) 
3 Visit a university or research centre 	3 Create and exhibit artwork 	3 Visit a library, literary festival or author event 	3 Explore local history and your cynefin 	3 Take part in outdoor learning and adventurous activities 	3 Take part in nationally recognised awards (e.g. DofE) 	3 Develop problem-solving and innovation skills 	3 Explore important local, national and global issues 	3 Take part in residential trips or overseas visits 
4 Develop digital and technological skills for the future 	4 Take part in a dance, film or creative writing project 	4 Develop media and communication skills 	4 Engage with different cultures and global issues 	4 Develop resilience, confidence and positive mental health 	4 Attend a careers event or meet inspirational role models 	4 Take part in a school showcase or exhibition 	4 Take part in British and Welsh democracy activities (e.g. Senedd/MP visit) 	4 Access careers advice, work experience and future pathways 
INNOVATE SOLVE DISCOVER	CREATE PERFORM EXPRESS	COMMUNICATE EXPLORE CONNECT	UNDERSTAND EXPLORE MAKE A DIFFERENCE	BE ACTIVE BE HEALTHY BE RESILIENT	LEAD INSPIRE ACHIEVE	THINK CREATIVELY WORK TOGETHER MAKE IT HAPPEN	BE CURIOUS BE KIND TAKE ACTION	BUILD GROW SUCCEED

Rewards

Golden ticket Raffle

Golden ticket lunch queue priority pass

William Aston Hall at Wrexham University

Half-termly awards - Head of Year/Pastoral manager based on progress and achievement

Activities day

Prom



Partnership with Parents and the Community

- ▶ Remembrance services in Rossett
- ▶ Gresford memorial day
- ▶ Lights switch on
- ▶ Eisteddfod - Celebration of Welsh Culture
- ▶ Developing partnership with WAFC



Education for whole person - human flourishing

- ▶ We have many opportunities for our students to develop as leaders, for example Head Prefects, Student Subject Ambassadors, Peer Mentors, Sports Leaders, Sports Captains, Year Group Council, Form Representatives ...
- ▶ My Happy Mind - mental health literacy
- ▶ Student Support - PSHE tutor time.
- ▶ Careers across the curriculum

Points to think about...

- ▶ Your child will spend over 6,100 hours in secondary education over five years.
- ▶ We look after your child's head and heart through our values-based education.
- ▶ An academic curriculum that will open doors for your child.
- ▶ A whole education for human flourishing.



The Tour

- ▶ We have peer mentors and prefects ready to provide a guided tour, or you may explore our school areas independently and a map has been provided for this should you choose.
- ▶ Subject staff and the senior leadership team will be around to answer any questions and SLT will be available

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