



WELCOME TO NEW STAFF

The following new members of teaching staff have joined us this September:

Ms. S. Webster (English) Mrs. T. Price (English)
 Mr. R. Griffiths (Science) Mrs. G. Owen (Welsh)
 Miss C. Davies (Welsh) Mr. Jonathan Williams (Welsh)
 Mrs. R. Gregory (Music) Mr. I. Williams (Design
 Technology)

Ms. Rachel Crane and Ms. Kelly Lloyd have joined the Inclusion Support Team as Inclusion Support Workers.

The following support staff have taken up new positions this September. They are: Mrs. Julie Davies (Main Receptionist), Mr. Les Davies (Reprographics Technician), Ms. Kimberley Lewis (Art Technician), Mr. Phil Edwards (IT Technician) and Mrs. Rebecca Merry (Data Clerk).

The following Learning Support Assistants joined us in September: Annette Campbell; Sue Chapman; Lucy Evans; Debbie Hughes-Evans; Daniel Owen; Stephanie Perkowski; Ryan Pryce; Emma Rees; Viv Rees-Butterworth; Laura Stalbow; Kayleigh Taylor and Silk Younger.

We welcome them all to Penglais School and wish them well in their new posts.

TEXT MESSAGING SERVICE

Penglais has signed up to an information text messaging service for all parents. This will enable school to contact you in emergencies and for information purposes i.e. closing the school due to snow, reminders for Parents' Evenings, PTA Social Events, trip information etc. The possibilities are endless. To register for this service parents should check below and then text the relevant word to 80480. This will cost you one text message at your standard network rate. You will then receive a free response to confirm that you have registered. Following this all text messages you receive from Penglais will be free of charge. Once you have registered to one of the year groups you will also receive whole school messages via this text service.

Parents of current	Text the word	To:
Year 7 pupils	Penglaisf	80480
Year 8 pupils	Penglaisg	80480
Year 9 pupils	Penglaisa	80480
Year 10 pupils	Penglaisb	80480
Year 11 pupils	Penglaisc	80480
Year 12 pupils	Penglaisd	80480
Year 13 pupils	Penglaise	80480

Examinations

Please find attached summary sheets for this summer's A Level and GCSE results. The Year 13 performance was amongst the very best of recent years with an impressive average A Level performance of AAB from one of our largest year groups. Our average 5A*-C rate over three years remains an impressive 65% and this year the 5A*-G rate at 96% was amongst the highest on record. These results were complemented by excellent KS3 teacher assessments. These performances reflect great credit on staff and pupils.

SEX EDUCATION

It is the policy of the school governors that all children follow a programme of sex education. The school aims to ensure that all pupils have access to sex education as an integral part of the school curriculum. The provision will take into account the age, development and beliefs of the pupils. It will form part of the structured and integrated syllabus of the Key Skills programme and aspects of it will be taught in the schemes of work of other subjects. Moral issues and

the value of family life will be considered. The school intends to teach about HIV/AIDs, sexually transmitted diseases and aspects of human sexual behaviour as part of the sex education programme, at levels appropriate to the age and maturity of the pupils. It will also be prepared to answer questions from younger pupils on these topics. Parents may request that their children be wholly or partly excused from receiving sex education (except where such education forms

part of the National Curriculum) by writing to the Headteacher at the school. Sex Education forms part of the curriculum for all pupils in the school and is based upon the Local Education Authority's 'Sex Education in the Curriculum: A Statement of Policy' and the National Curriculum. Details of the content and organisation of sex education are available on request at the school from Karen Davies.

HPV VACCINE – BEATING CERVICAL CANCER

The HPV or Human Papilloma Virus Vaccine is an immunisation to protect against cervical cancer. Last year this was offered to all girls in Year 8. As part of a catch up programme, it is now to be made available to girls in Years 10, 11, 12 and 13 as well as this year's Year 8. Pupils now in Year 9 who did not have the injections last year will also be given another opportunity. By having this vaccination your daughter will be protected against the commonest cause of cervical cancer for many years to come.

Protection against the virus is provided by a course of three injections given over about six months. The proposed dates for Penglais are: 14th October 2009, 12th November 2009 and 22nd April 2010. Alternative dates for Years 12 and 13 to have the injection may be arranged.

There will be an information evening for parents and pupils on Tuesday 6th October at 6.00pm in the Main Hall.

Students in the Sixth Form will have their own session at 9.00am on the same day.

If you would like to speak to someone please contact the school doctors: Dr. Upadhyay or Dr. Skeete on 01970 635726 or the school nurse on 01970 635726 or 07980277360.

DEVELOPMENTS AT PENGLAIS

Over the summer an enormous amount of work has been completed to improve the school site.

- Three science laboratories have been completely refurbished.
- Both food technology rooms have been renovated and re-equipped.
- A new basic skills room has been constructed by Penglais site staff.
- A new engineering room has been constructed using 14-19 funding.
- Two new classrooms have been constructed next to the sixth form centre.
- The canteen computer system has been replaced and the canteen has been restyled.
- A substantial number of replacement windows has been installed.
- The male staff toilets have been renovated.
- The internal school road has been resurfaced.



At the time of writing we are completing the extensions to the car parks at the school. The school also installed a new computer system as the contract expired on the older RM system.

We plan to renovate the boys' toilets in D Block in a few weeks. The plan is to use the half term break to attempt most of the work but for one week before it will be necessary to use temporary toilets which will be positioned in the car park next to the Sports Centre. The male toilets in the sixth form centre will also be made available to all male pupils in that week. The toilets are in great need of refurbishment so the disruption is a price worth paying.

We also plan to improve the appearance of the entrance hall and also the entrance to the canteen / RE department during the autumn term.



SWINE FLU

We have had a number of enquiries concerning the school's policy should there be an outbreak of swine flu. The policy is much the same as I set out in the letter sent to parents at the end of the summer term.

Should pupils or staff be diagnosed as having Influenza A/H1N1 or "swine flu" then the most recent advice is that school closures are of limited benefit as swine flu is now circulating in the community. I would only consider school closure or a partial school closure if safe staffing levels are not possible due to staff illness.

The most important advice is that children who have symptoms of flu-like illness should stay away from school and not mix with others outside the home until they have recovered and are free of symptoms. This is to avoid spreading the infection as much as possible.

If you think your child has swine flu you can check the symptoms by phone Swine Flu Information Line on 0800 1513 513 or by visiting www.nhsdirect.wales.nhs.uk. If you are still concerned, or your child has an underlying health condition you should keep them at home and call your doctor. You can also contact NHS Wales Direct on 0845 4647 or on the web at NHS Direct Wales – Swine Flu for general advice on swine flu. This advice is the same for adults.

Certain groups are advised to contact their doctor if they think they have swine flu. These are people with serious underlying health conditions, pregnant women, children under one year of age, people whose condition suddenly gets worse, or those whose condition is still getting worse after 7 days (5 days for a child).

If you are advised that your child needs anti-viral treatment, please let the school know as soon as possible.

It is important to point out that most people who have swine flu make a quick recovery at home. However, you should do what you can to prevent the infection from being spread to others by ensuring your family take some simple precautions:

- Covering your nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing, using a tissue when possible.
- Disposing of dirty tissues promptly and carefully.
- Washing your hands frequently with soap and water to reduce the spread of the virus from your hands to your face or to other people.
- Cleaning hard surfaces (such as door handles) frequently using a normal cleaning product.
- Making sure your children follow this advice.

TRAFFIC

ON SITE



Parents are reminded that the Penglais site becomes extremely congested with the arrival of 25 buses in the morning and afternoon. Staff on duty will always give priority to pedestrians and the safe despatch of buses. Parents who bring cars onto site will have to wait until duty staff have satisfied themselves that it is safe for the cars to leave premises. **We have had a few cases where parents believe they have the right to drive out whilst staff are supervising pupils and ensuring that the buses can leave promptly.** We make a plea for patience and tolerance at these times. If it is safe to let cars leave we will allow them to do so otherwise we will give priority to pupils on foot and the buses.

PRIMACH

A former student at Penglais, Rose Bewick is currently working to promote the Zambian organisation Primach. She has set up a UK division so that people from this country can sponsor children in Zambia.

Primach aims to alleviate the suffering of orphans and vulnerable children in the rural town of Choma through rehabilitation and education. The charity also runs a microfinance scheme whereby families can borrow money to start businesses. They also rebuild houses which have been damaged by the rains and oversee support groups for those living with HIV/AIDS. This is a small Zambian run organisation. To find out more visit www.primach.org.

THE 10 MILE CHALLENGE

Pupils and staff responded enthusiastically to the opportunity of walking down the Rheidol Valley during the last week of the summer term. The opportunity of wearing their own clothes, listening to their i-pods and chatting to their friends in the fresh air seemed too good to miss for the 180 pupils who took part. The pupils managed to keep up with the brisk pace set by various members of staff. Pupils on Tuesday even managed to keep up with Mr. Davey's long legs! A few brave students paddled in the Rheidol river during the lunchtime stop. The Wednesday crowd was particularly enthusiastic with many stripping off and going for a swim! Hector (the labrador) and Molly (springer spaniel) were particularly energetic participants.

Everyone enjoyed the walks and felt a great sense of achievement on reaching the finish in Llanbadarn. Most agreed the bus up the hill was a welcome relief! Thanks to all staff and pupils who took part and contributed to making the event such a success. Extra special thanks go to Mrs. J. Elgood for all her hard work in organising the first 10 mile challenge and for providing sweets and chocolates at just the right time for grateful staff and pupils!



YEAR 11 COURSEWORK DEADLINES, REVISION TIPS AND TECHNIQUES

Every pupil in Year 11 has been given a booklet containing coursework deadlines for each subject in Year 11 this year, together with revision tips and techniques.

It is very important that pupils keep up with their coursework: in some subjects this accounts for up to 60% of the final mark. If pupils fail to complete coursework they may be placed in Headmaster's detention until the work is completed. High coursework marks increase the chance of a high overall grade. A copy of these deadlines will also be placed on the school website. In Year 11 pupils should have, on average, an hour and a quarter of homework per night. The revision tips and techniques suggest several ways for pupils to prepare for their final exams and help improve their overall performance. Pupils will be encouraged to start reading the booklet and support from parents would be much appreciated.

SUBJECT	DEADLINE	ADDITIONAL COMMENTS
PHYSICAL EDUCATION	18.12.09	Log Book: Final submission date.
	18.12.09	All External Practical Marks: Final date for externally assessed activities to be handed in.
	26.01.10	Moderation: Internal moderation. External moderation- Date to be confirmed by WJEC early for 2010.
	End of February/ start of March 2010.	* If you are ill for any moderation you must provide a letter from your GP.
I.C.T	24.10.09	Portfolio: Draft deadline, further opportunities to improve the portfolio after this date.
	24.10.09	Project: Draft deadline, further opportunities to improve the project after this date.
	19.12.09	Portfolio: Final deadline, no further opportunities to improve the portfolio after this date.
	19.12.09	Project: Final deadline, no further opportunities to improve the project after this date.
HISTORY	30.09.09	Second & final coursework task.
MATHS		All students should by now have completed their Key Skills Application of Number portfolio.
CATERING	20.06.09	Assignment 1, worth 15% COMPLETED.
	2.11.09	Work experience project. Coursework project worth 20% of final mark.
	Spring Term final dates to be confirmed.	Assignment 2, worth 25% parents will be informed nearer the time.* It is very important that ingredients are provided.

HISTORY DEPARTMENT

The History Department ran its annual Battlefields Trip again this year. The new five day version of the trip attracted a lot of interest and we were able to take two coaches for the first time since 2000. We left Penglais at 7.15 am and travelled to Portsmouth where we spent Day One exploring five hundred years of Royal Naval history. Pupils were given a guided tour of Nelson's flagship, *HMS Victory* and also saw *HMS Warrior*, the greatest ship of its time in the world. We also visited the ship hall to view the remains of Henry VIII's ship, the *Mary Rose* and its nearby museum which included a wealth of Tudor artefacts. Pupils had plenty of time for shopping during the early evening before we boarded our ferry for the overnight crossing to St Malo. We had arranged cabins for the pupils and fortunately experienced a calm crossing. The morning of Day Two was spent exploring sites associated with the D-Day landings; we visited Pointe du Hoc where the US Rangers attacked and we also visited the American Cemetery where the remains of many of those who had died on Omaha beach were laid to rest; including the brothers who inspired the *Saving Private Ryan* film. Lunchtime was spent in the beautiful town of Bayeux, where pupils from one of the coaches had the time to visit the famous Bayeux Tapestry, which tells the story of the Norman Invasion of 1066. After lunch we returned to the Second World War and drove to the British sector of the D-Day landing and went to the visitors' centre by the famous Pegasus Bridge. Day Three was a day of rest for the pupils at Disneyland Paris; the decision to break the tour up with something completely different meant that pupils were fresh and ready for the serious business of the First World War visit on the following day. On Day 4 we went to the Somme and had a guided tour of the battlefield of Beaumont Hamel and visited the massive Lochnagar Crater and the Thiepval Memorial to the 73,000 British soldiers who have no known graves. Driving north along the old front line we called in at Vimy Ridge and were taken underground into the maze of tunnel systems that run under the battlefield. Later we attended the Last Post ceremony at the Menin Gate in the Belgium town of Ypres, where the traffic is stopped at 8pm every evening for the Last Post which is played in memory of the fallen. The morning of Day Five began with a visit to the German trenches followed by the British trenches; pupils were able to explore these and go underground. This visit brought home the important differences between the trench systems of the two nations. The tour ended with a visit to Tyne Cot Cemetery, the largest British and Commonwealth cemetery in the World. The row upon row of graves and the memorial to the missing had a great impact on us all and reminded us of the sacrifice made by that generation. The pupils were very well behaved during the trip and appeared to have learnt a lot from what they had seen. We will be running this trip again for the present Year 10 and letters have gone out to the pupils with the necessary details.





The History Department is also creating an Internet Blog to keep year 10 pupils up to date with their work. The site is being constantly updated with information pupils need for their GCSE course and there will be homeworks set for pupils to leave comments on the discussion forum. There is information about the trip as well as links to photos from last year's trip to the battlefields. The site address is penglaishistory10.edublogs.org



MUSIC DEPARTMENT

A number of our pupils were involved in the Three Counties Youth Music Brass Band course during the first week of September which culminated in a concert on Sunday 6th September. The standard was exceptional and warm congratulations are extended to: Evan Rowbottom, Joe Sansbury, Harvey Hassan, Hefin Squires, Georgina Evans, Ruth Dingle, Grady Hassan, Iolo Squires and Joe Warren.



Other dates for your diary.

16 th October 2009	Interims completed by subject teachers if there are concerns. Only pupils who are causing concern will receive a report home.
23 rd – 27 th November 2009	Year 11 Mock Exams begin.
End of January	Year 11 Full School Report.
3 rd February 2010	Year 11 Parents' Consultation Evening.
6 th May 2010	Sports Day.
7 th May 2010	Year 11 Leaver's Day.
17 th May – 29 th June 2010	GCSE exams.
24 th August 2010	GCSE results day.



Ysgol Penglais School



Come along to the Autumn Fair

Saturday 17th October
10am - 12pm

STALLS:

- cakes
 - toiletries
 - toys/books/games
 - plants
 - raffle
 - tombola
 - bacon rolls
 - activities
- entry £1 including tea/coffee
children free



NUMERACY SUPPORT IN PENGLAIS

For the past five years in Penglais, a group of pupils in year 7 are offered a place on the 12/7 booster scheme. This scheme is not for pupils who are having problems but to boost their confidence. Two years ago one of the participants moved up from Set 3 by the end of the first term then, by the start of Year 8 they were in the top set. More pupils on this scheme go up a maths set in school than move down. The year 7s all work with a year 12 who has volunteered to work on the 12/7 scheme. All the older pupils are trained to deliver the Basic Number workout materials that we use.

Already year 12 have received their training for implementing the work and the year 7 maths groups are being carefully studied to choose this year's group.

The first volunteer from Year 12 for this year has been Stephen who wrote the piece on maths problems

Wanted Nintendo DS for Numeracy. Please does anyone have a DS they are no longer using that they would be prepared to donate to the Numeracy room? I am also collecting working watches that are no longer used. There are some pupils who find telling the time very difficult. In anticipation Thank You.

Mrs Goodband ,Numeracy Teacher



Penglais school senior rugby team enjoyed a hard game against Penweddig last week. Overall Penglais were the better side but unfortunately the game resulted in a draw. The team came away as winners on Wednesday by soundly beating Newcastle Emlyn.



KONICA MINOLTA

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

In July this year, at the International Swimming Meet in Cardiff, Ben Jones, 9CP, was selected for the 800m freestyle for the South and West Wales Regional Development Swimming Squad. Swimmers for this squad are selected from the Welsh long course rankings with only a limited number of places available in each region.

The school recently heard that Ben had been one of the successful swimmers and last weekend he attended a two day training clinic held in the National Pool in Swansea where, along with a dozen other young successful swimmers from the region, they were joined by the squad from North Wales.

The weekend included a packed training programme, both in and out of the pool, with a team of experienced coaches led by Martin Woodroffe who is the Swim Wales National performance Director who is a past Olympic silver medallist.

Ben now has the opportunity of attending regular training sessions with the squad in Swansea and further development programmes which will be held in different parts of the country.



Penglais pupils played in their new sports kit this week. The school is very grateful to Mike Binks, Penglais School Reprographics Department for arranging sponsorship from KONICA MINOLTA enabling the P.E. department to purchase tops for both boys' rugby and girls' hockey teams.

GEOGRAPHY – London Olympic Trip

The Geography Department is organising a trip to London for pupils in Years 8-11. The trip will be 14th – 16th July 2010, during school activities week. The main focus of the trip will be a visit to the site of the 2012 Olympic Stadium and the Olympic Park but other excursions will include the following:

- Flight on the London Eye
- Visit to the Natural History Museum
- Visit to the Houses of Parliament
- 1 day's visit to Thorpe Park
- Olympic 2012 Guided Tour
- West End theatre show.

The price per pupil is £270 (the deposit will be £50). Accommodation, travel, breakfast, dinner and travel insurance are all included in the price.

This will be a rare opportunity for pupils to experience the preparations for an Olympic Games as well as some of the cultural aspects of a capital city.

For further information please contact Mrs. R. Allen (Head of Geography).

PREFECTS 2009

The prefects for 2009 are as follows:

Head Girl

Sofia Hewson

Head Boy

Caspar Donnison

Deputy Head Girls

Georgi Andrew

Emma Langton

Deputy Head Boys

Matthew Kelly

Mark Somerville

Prefects

Ruth Ashford

Meleri Evans

Stephanie Land

Chelsea Thomas

Paula Gallagher

Rebecca O'Donnell

Margeurite Hughes

Ellie Marcus-Walker

Karen Brookes

Saira Shaffi

Laura Marshall

Elinor Thorogood

Prefects

Robert O'Malley

Shane Morgan

Gareth Farrow

Joe Newbold

Charlie Carter

Evan Lewis

Cameron Mackay

Joe Warren

Harry Williams

Daniel Evans

PENGLAIS PEER MENTORING

In recent months Penglais Sixth Form have been working hard in conjunction with Rathbone Cymru to establish a peer mentoring scheme within the school. Rathbone is a UK wide, voluntary youth sector organisation set up to transform young people's lives. The aim of this scheme is for Sixth Form students to mentor and work with lower school pupils to ensure they thrive at Penglais and achieve their potential.

Twenty one Year 12 and three Year 13 students volunteered to become mentors and they are currently being trained by Rathbone and will gain the ASDAN peer mentoring qualification.

On Friday 26th June the students attended a three day residential course at Pembrokeshire activity centre where they took part in bonding exercises such as canoeing and zip wire but also received training in problem solving and peer mentoring. The weekend was a great success and it is now planned that the student mentors work with a selection of Year 9 pupils. The training and qualification will enable the mentors to provide a positive role model, emotional support as well as academic advice to the Year 9 pupils under the observation and guidance of Rathbone and the current pastoral system. Pupils are currently being selected for mentoring and it is expected that the scheme will be extremely beneficial for both parties.

Penglais peer mentors during their training weekend



YEARS 7 AND 8 TRIP TO YORK – JULY 2010

The current Years 8 and 9 pastoral teams are organising a three day trip to York during the last week of the summer term 14th-16th July 2010. The Racecourse Centre in York has been booked which specifically caters for school parties. The trip will include a full programme of visits which will be both fun and educational. The places visited will include: The Jorvik Centre, The Minster, Shambles, The National Railway Museum, The Castle Museum and York Dungeons. It will also include a boat cruise and ghost walk. On the return journey the day will be spend at Alton Towers. This trip will cost approximately £160 which will include two nights' accommodation and food, except for lunch which will be needed on the journey to York and lunch / dinner at Alton Towers. All entrance fees are included in this price.

For further details and information please contact Mrs. Rudge (Head of Year 9) or Miss Cara Jones (Year Manager Year 9) at the school.

Penglais School Examination Officer's Report 2009

Table 1: Penglais School A Level performance in 2009

Penglais School entered 121 candidates at two or more A Level examinations – of these 116 achieved a grade in two or more subjects.

Subject	Total entry	A	B	C	D	E	U/X
Art	31	10	6	8	3	0	4
Biology	18	6	2	3	1	6	0
Business Studies	9	2	0	3	1	2	1
Chemistry	15	7	2	4	1	0	1
Childcare and Education	18	9	4	4	1	0	0
Design and Technology	19	2	2	4	4	3	4
Drama	10	2	4	4	0	0	0
English Literature	24	10	5	5	4	0	0
French	6	5	0	1	0	0	0
Geography	18	7	3	3	2	3	0
Geology	5	2	1	1	1	0	0
Health and Social Care	8	0	2	2	1	2	1
History	50	11	25	10	4	0	0
Information Technology	14	2	1	5	3	3	0
Mathematics	16	6	3	2	4	1	0
Mathematics Further	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Media Studies	18	2	6	5	4	0	1
Music	16	1	5	5	5	0	0
PE	6	1	0	0	2	2	1
Physics	18	8	5	0	2	1	2
Psychology	18	4	5	1	2	4	2
RE	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Spanish	3	1	1	1	0	0	0
Welsh	4	0	0	2	2	0	0
WBQ*	105	100	0	0	0	0	5
Number of grades*	451	198	83	74	47	27	22
% of Total*		43.9	18.4	16.4	10.5	6	4.8
POINTS	41880	23760	8300	5920	2820	1080	0

GCSE EXAMINATION STATISTICS

Table 5: Examination results at GCSE by subject
There were 212 pupils who were entered for GCSEs

Subject	Entry	A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	U
Art	64	5	6	20	11	10	6	3	2	1
Biology	32	11	11	7	3	0	0	0	0	0
Business	47	3	2	6	5	7	13	6	3	
Catering	31	1	0	1	13	12	3	1	0	0
Chemistry	32	10	11	8	3	0	0	0	0	0
Child Dev	8	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	4	0
DT Food	11	2	1	1	5	1	1	0	0	0
DT Graphics	22	2	3	2	10	5	0	0	0	0
DT Resistant	36	1	6	3	9	11	5	1	0	0
DT Textiles	15	0	3	2	0	7	3	0	0	0
Drama	19	0	2	3	11	2	1	0	0	0
English	208	10	19	45	51	36	25	12	6	4
English Lit	190	11	15	28	40	53	25	6	8	4
French	37	3	3	5	10	15	1	0	0	0
Geography	81	14	11	12	28	9	5	2	0	0
German	40	2	6	8	3	18	3	0	0	0
History	119	17	24	26	24	8	14	3	3	0
IT	35	1	0	9	18	3	1	1	2	0
Mathematics	197	12	21	25	51	44	24	7	11	2
Maths Additional	8	3	0	1	1	0	0	2	0	0
Music	22	1	10	5	1	4	1	0	0	0
PE Cert	57	3	11	17	11	11	3	1	0	0
Physics	32	9	10	11	2	0	0	0	0	0
RE Full Course	54	9	15	8	8	10	2	2	0	0
RE Half Course	132	4	12	15	35	20	27	9	1	3
Science Core	165	0	2	22	72	39	15	9	5	1
Science Additional	148	0	5	17	59	48	9	7	2	1
Spanish	22	0	3	5	2	10	2	0	0	0
Welsh 2nd Language	153	10	24	14	33	29	24	15	4	0
Welsh First Language	48	0	0	13	11	21	3	0	0	0
% of Total		7	11.4	16.5	25.7	21	10.5	4.4	2.8	0.2

MATHS PROBLEMS OVERCOME

Many years ago when I first arrived in Penglais any Maths would scare me. Adding up, taking away, times tables or dividing – it did not matter how I looked at it, none of it made sense. I was too afraid to do anything with numbers because I was afraid of failure.

I found myself dreading every Maths lessons until I was given all the help, support and understanding by a wonderful group of people. Maths started to make sense to me.

With an enormous amount of help from support staff, my Maths teacher and Arthur Rowlands a 6th former I went from being the one who did not understand anything to getting the highest marks in all the past Maths GCSE papers and helping others in my class. This new understanding of Maths helped me in all my subjects, particularly Sciences.

I have now achieved the Maths grade that I need. It has taken a lot of hard work from me and I cannot thank all of the people that have helped me so much over the years.

Stephen Woods Year 12

Remember to come along to the Autumn Fair
 Saturday 17th October 10am - 12 pm.