



TRAFFIC ON SCHOOL SITE

Parents will be aware from previous newsletters that we are very concerned about safety at the start and finish of the school day. The school site has to accommodate a large number of buses at the same time that hundreds of children are walking out of school. The site is therefore incredibly congested.

At the rear entrance to the school, taxis collect some of our most vulnerable pupils from the Learning Support Centre at the end of the day. We take steps to ensure that this rear car park is sealed off. This is to safeguard pupils walking out into Cefn Llan and also the pupils from the Learning Support Centre. We have asked parents **NOT** to enter this car park at the end of the school day for very good reasons. It was very disappointing to record that one of the site staff on duty at this entrance received more verbal abuse from some parents in five minutes at the end of one day than he had received on duty at a nightclub over two

years! We would ask parents to understand the reasons why we have to restrict entry to the rear car park at this time of day.

Many parents who pick up children by car do so by waiting in the lower hard court area. We appreciate their patience whilst we make sure all pupils have got on to their bus and we have directed all the buses safely off site. This is quite a complicated operation but on most days the buses have left by 3.30pm.

We are aware of the difficulties but we have to manage a very restricted school site with entrances and roads designed for the 1950s rather than the present day. Our main priority is the pupils' safety and we would ask parents to respect our procedures at the start and finish of the day.

VISITORS

All visitors to Penglais School **MUST** come into school through the main entrance and sign in at Main Reception. Please help us to keep Penglais a safe site.

SEVERE WEATHER CLOSURES

With the onset of winter I should like to remind parents / guardians of our procedures for closing the school in the event of severe weather conditions.

The decision to close the school is based on several factors but in particular:

- the difficulty of transporting pupils, particularly to the rural areas
- the availability of key staff
- the expected disruption to the timetable
- liaison with Ysgol Penweddig.

If it is clear that poor weather makes opening difficult the school will **make a decision before 8.00am which will be broadcast on RADIO CEREDIGION**. When poor weather is forecast or imminent, please check this radio station. A message will also be put onto the school website and on the school office answerphone.

If a severe weather event happens during the school day itself the situation is more complicated. The bus companies usually make the decision and arrive to transport pupils home during the day. Other pupils will be sent home once most of the buses have departed. Please ensure that we have a contact number for you: several pupils still do not have one. Again messages will be put on the website or sent by the text messaging service.

Although every effort is made to stay open the school's experience on the last two occasions with severe weather does make a decision to close more likely. It is difficult to sustain the daily routine once buses start arriving and staff who live in rural areas depart. Little useful work is, in fact, done on such days. To give you an idea of disruption it only needs 15 teachers (out of 90) to be away for a school of this size not to function. Cover cannot be arranged and supervision becomes difficult. A similar issue would arise if illness affected a significant number of staff.

PTA AUTUMN FAIR

This year's Autumn Fair will be held on Saturday 6th November at the school. Please come along and support your children's school.

DISCO DANCING SUCCESS

Ceri Davies, Year 9, performed exceptionally well in the Under 18 Disco Dancing competition at the National Eisteddfod held in August in Ebbw Vale. She came second in a strong field. Congratulations Ceri.

PSYCHOLOGY A LEVEL

The 2009-10 Social Science Returning Student's Prize was awarded to Alice Bewick, currently studying Psychology at Surrey University. We were delighted to welcome Alice back to Penglais in July and thoroughly enjoyed the excellent lecture she gave to year 13 students on theories of relationship formation. We wish Alice continued success in her academic studies and future work.

The school apologises unreservedly to Alice for printing her sister's name in error in last month's newsletter. This was an unfortunate error and we are sorry for any distress this may have caused Alice.



Ysgol Penglais School PTA 
invites you all to the
Autumn Fair
Saturday 6th November
10am-12noon

STALLS:

**cakes • toiletries • toys/books/games
• raffle • Christmas • tombola • bacon rolls
• 6th form enterprise stalls and activities**

**entry £1 including tea/coffee
children free**



MUSIC

Musical Performances this term include the following:

11th November - Cardiff Millennium Centre (School Choir, Wind Band, Brass Quintet, String Orchestra)

12th November - Penglais School (British Legion Concert at 7.30pm - tickets £10)

9th December - 40 Students performing in Kronberg during the Christmas Market

16th December - Christmas Concert held at Penglais School (£4 and £3 concessions) 7.30pm start

21st December - 'Candles and Carols' at Llanbadarn Church (proceeds towards Angharad Ward, Bronglais Hospital)

Ruth Dingle has been given an 'Award for Young Musicians'. She is also travelling to Birmingham Conservatoire to have individual Violin lessons on a Saturday morning. Dylan Cairns Howarth achieved success in the junior Welsh Celtic Fiddle Championship. Amny Musicinas will be auditioning for various National Groups this term, and we wish them all the best.

Parc Astérix 2010



During the last week of term 88 pupils with 8 teachers spent 3 ½ days in Paris and Parc Astérix. There was an early start, with the two coaches leaving Penglais at 5.15 am! This did not seem to dampen the spirits of the pupils. After a long journey we arrived in our hotel at 7pm, with our evening meal awaiting us at 8pm.

On Wednesday we took the bus into Paris for a visit to the Eiffel Tower and for a boat ride on the River Seine ...and the heavens opened! We were up the Eiffel Tower in a thunder storm, with no way of getting down,



other than walking because the lifts were out of action due to the heavy rain. Some brave pupils and teachers took that option, but with Naomi on crutches with a broken foot it meant that we had to sit it out in the tower and wait for the rain to subside. It eventually stopped enough for the lifts to be put back into use. Unfortunately the buses were parked a long way away and we got drenched running back to them. No point in sitting, soaked on a boat so we headed back to the hotel to eat our packed lunch. However, the heavy rain had caused huge problems on the Paris ring road, meaning that it took us nearly two hours to drive the 20 miles back to the hotel! We were all starving!!

RAG BAG COLLECTION – RECYCLING CLOTHING

There are now two clothes recycling bins in school for your unwanted clothing. The indoor



bin is located in main reception and we have recently obtained a new outdoor bin which is located outside the main entrance. All funds raised go to the school's PTA and are used directly for Penglais pupils.

Luckily Thursday in the theme park was a lovely day. The pupils set off to be the first on the 7-looper, some returning just half an hour later to inform the teachers that they had already been on it twice. Some of the teachers gained 'street-cred' with their participation on the rides, while others made good use of some café benches. We returned to the coaches with the usual cache of Roman helmets and squeaking clubs! We left the park at 7pm to set off on the long journey home, this time crossing the channel by shuttle – a new experience for the majority of the pupils.

It has to be said that the pupils were very well-behaved and were a credit to the school.

GEOLOGY

The annual pilgrimage to the holy grail of geology took place again this September. The students enjoyed the fabulous geology and wildlife and braved some interesting weather including a flash flood where the field studies centre became part of the river!



GEOGRAPHY

Year 7 Geography Fieldwork

During this Autumn term Year 7 geography pupils have been learning about coastal processes and landforms. As part of this most classes have had a 1 day fieldtrip to Borth and Ynys Las to see some of our coastal landforms, and to investigate the processes creating these. Pupils measured the profile of the storm beach at Borth; using ranging poles, clinometers and measuring tapes. Samples of the pebbles on the storm beach were also measured from the top and bottom.

The process of longshore drift was observed at Borth where the importance of the wind was noted. Human impact on this process was investigated by a study of the groynes, both their role in protecting Borth and building up the beach, as well as their environmental impact.



At Ynys Las pupils learned about the way in which sand dunes are formed, the different types of sand dunes, as well as the human impact on the dune system. Studies were carried out on the embryo and mobile dunes, and sketching skills were tested. The management of the nature reserve was discussed as well as how the area might look in the future.

Back in class the pupils will create a report of coastal processes and landforms in the Aberystwyth area. We are also grateful to Mid Wales Transport for providing the transport for these trips.



12/7 Maths support

For the past few years there has been a scheme in the Maths Department to give a mathematical boost to some pupils who are usually in set 3. This is called the 12/7 Numeracy scheme. The 12/7 scheme has just started for this year. Year 12 pupils were asked for volunteers to work with the Year 7s and Dr Devlin and Mrs Goodband carried out training for the 50 Year 12 pupils who are interested in helping. This is the largest group who have volunteered. Most of the Year 12 pupils who volunteer to help, use their sessions as part of their Welsh Baccalaureate coursework. Teachers of Set 3 groups in Year 7 put names forward of pupils

they feel will benefit from the intervention.

The year 12 pupils carry out the set work once a week for 20-30 minutes with their year 7 students on a one to one basis in the Numeracy room. The Year 7 pupils who are on the scheme improve their confidence in the subject and every year some move up a maths set at Christmas or Easter. I have also found each year that there is a Year 12 student who, as a result of helping, has decided that they want to train to be a teacher.

Recent feedback from a 6th form pupil who helped was: "The numeracy course was quite simply the best thing I did in the 6th form in the Welsh Bac"

Working with all the pupils who take part is very rewarding from listening to the older pupils giving feedback on a session to working with the younger ones when the Year 12 pupils are absent through exams or illness.

At the end of each year testing is carried out with the year group and those who have taken part in the schemes make greater progress

Thank you to all who participated last year and now I am looking forward to working with the new groups.

*Mrs Goodband -
Numeracy teacher*

SCIENCE

Biology students have been investigating local habitats and wildlife at RSPB's Ynyshir reserve. One group of year 8 pupils and two groups of BTEC students visited the reserve and had hands on experience of collecting and identifying plants and animals from diverse habitats such as ponds, woods and oaklands and even the toilet block (where we saw a swallow's nest).

The students used their classification and observational skills to identify the animals and plants and learned about adaptations, food chains, and threats to the environment. Some of the BTEC group used information collected on the trip to complete two of their portfolio pieces on ecosystems and human impact on the environment. The students enjoyed the opportunity to get out of the classroom and learn in a real life situation. There were many positive comments such as "I've learned more here than all year in class (!)" "It's much better to come out and see real stuff", "Can we do this again?" and "The views from the hide were really impressive". One group even gave an enthusiastic impromptu biology lesson about newts to some primary school children who were passing by with their parents.

A big thank you to Monica and Jenny, the education staff at the reserve for guiding us around, showing us how to catch the animals (and return them safely to their habitats afterwards!) and patiently answering all our questions. The BTEC trips were funded by Heritage Lottery funding.

On 12th October Arthur Jones, Jonathan Lamb, Josiah Jones and Alan Roby took part in the Royal Society of Chemistry 'Top of the Bench' competition at Gregynog, Newtown. Although they didn't win a prize in the main competition the team took 3rd prize in the Crystal Growing competition. Well done boys.

60 pupils from Years 10 and 11 attended the WWAYS lecture 'Stained glass and live on Mars' by Dr. Martin Wilding at Aberystwyth University on 22nd September. The next lecture will be on 3rd November and is by Dr. Jo Hamilton on parasites. Anyone from Years 10 and 11 interested in attending should see Dr. Warren in C2.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

A fantastic Ceredigion football tournament was held on Thursday 7th October with the U16 team advancing through to the semi final stage and both the U14 and U12 teams reaching the final which will be played on Monday 18th October. Many thanks go to the sixth form for refereeing all the games on the day. Good luck all the teams.

DESIGN TECHNOLOGY

The new Design and Technology Department's website is now up and running. It will have useful information and all the homework sheets for you to download or to work on.

www.penglaischooldt.blogspot.com

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

Students in Year 10 have been busy working on the first stage of their controlled assessment for English Language which is now completed. Preparation for the second part is about to begin and the assessment will take place early in December. The marks for the tasks form a significant part of the final GCSE mark and grade so we were all pleased to see so many students preparing thoroughly for the challenge.

7th October was National Poetry Day. The theme this year was "The Home". In English lessons, pupils were invited to list the three things they most wished to have in their house and the three things that they least wanted! From these ideas, they created brief poems, which were posted onto the English Department Noticeboard throughout the day!

In a successful cross-curricular activity, teachers from all departments began their KS3 lessons with a poem about their subject. Pupils enjoyed the opportunity to talk about the poems and the teachers had fun reading them. Below are the poems read in PE and Science lessons.

Propellor Theatre Company Visit

— The whole of Year 8 were very lucky to be given the opportunity to see the hugely successful Propellor Theatre Company performing *Pocket Dream*, a cut down version of Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream* for young people. Six male actors performed eighteen roles, both male and female! The performance packed the entire play into an hour, and it was followed by a question and answer session about what they had just seen. This included an opportunity for several lucky pupils to practise some stage combat moves! Year 8 thoroughly enjoyed the experience and look forward to the chance to compare this production with the school's own upcoming presentation of the full *Midsummer Night's Dream* (20th – 22nd October)

MOVING

*Every morning
a gazelle wakes up.
It knows it must move faster
than the lion
or it will not survive.
Every morning
a lion wakes up
and it knows it must move faster
than the slowest gazelle
or it will starve.
It doesn't matter
if you are the lion or the gazelle,
when the sun comes up,*

you better be moving.

Maurice Greene

SIMPLICITY OF ELECTRICITY

*The simplicity
of electricity
is that it never tires
of going down wires.*

*The invention of plugs
was to stop mugs
who touch wires
becoming electric fires.*

*The simplicity
of electricity
is that it seems to know
it cannot flow
through plastic.
Fantastic!*

Michael Rosen

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 20th October	School Production, Midsummer Night's Dream 7.30pm Main Hall
Thursday 21st October	School Production, Midsummer Night's Dream 7.30pm Main Hall
Friday 22nd October	School Production, Midsummer Night's Dream 7.30pm Main Hall
Monday 25 – Friday 29th October	HALF TERM
Monday 1st November	INSET DAY
Tuesday 2nd November	INSET DAY
Wednesday 3rd November	Pupils return to school
Saturday 6th November	PTA Autumn Fair
Friday 12th November	A Festival of Remembrance 7.00pm Main Hall

UNIVERSITY HELP OFFERED

Cathy Beckham, who helps co-ordinate student volunteers through the University's 'Dim Prob' scheme has been in touch to let us know about some of the services which the students are willing and very keen to provide. There are students willing to help support pupils on a one-to-one basis in Maths, Biology, Geography, German and French up to GCSE level. They are also able to help with general support with homework. If you feel your child would benefit from this scheme and would like to take part please let your child's Head of Year know.

INTERNATIONAL SUCCESS FOR THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Sophie Rudge, Year 10, successfully performed in the International Eisteddfod at Llangollen in July. Sophie was awarded second prize



in the Under 15s solo competition. Sophie competed in national costume against competitors from all over the world. First place went to a soprano from China and third place to an alto from Italy.

Sophie has been invited by the Music Director of Birmingham Male Voice Choir to be a soloist at a concert on 5th June 2011. The other soloists at the concert to be held in the Birmingham Symphony Hall are Catrin Finch and Ellen Manahan Thomas.

MEDIA DEPARTMENT

Media Club – The Media Studies Department has started a Media Club on Wednesdays after school from 3.20pm to 4.30pm. It is aimed at Year 12 and Year 13 Media students who would like to develop and widen their knowledge of the media texts. We will be watching contemporary crime dramas until Christmas and discussing issues raised from them. The viewing links directly to both the AS and A Level Media exams and will help with Year 13 coursework. If anybody is interested in attending please see Ms. Webster.

INCLUSION NEWS

We have recently appointed a new member of the Inclusion Support Team from a very strong field of applicants. Janet Davies will join Polly Sills-Jones, Dave Slinger, Harriet Sinclair and Rachel Crane in supporting our pupils. Janet will initially be based in the Encil (internal exclusion unit) but will also be supporting pupils attending Hafan as well as in mainstream lessons.



Inclusion is a priority for us at Penglais. The new accommodation for the Inclusion Team is due to open after half term. These new rooms will enable the team to deliver academic and emotional support to our pupils.

HALLOWEEN SAFETY

Penglais School continues to work closely with other agencies to support our young people. Safer Communities Initiative with SUDDS (Safer Under 18 Drinking and Drugs Service) and Aberystwyth Police aims to protect our young people during events that can be potentially tempting and risky. This Halloween, as well as offering activities to occupy our most 'at-risk' young people, more adults are going to be 'out and about' to ensure that all our young people remain safe and have a really good time! Have a very happy Halloween!

FIRST AID REMINDER

Although the school has first aid trained staff who deal with accidents and emergencies, they are not medically trained and cannot deal with injuries sustained outside school hours e.g. I hurt my leg playing rugby at the weekend.

GOLFING SUCCESS

Year 11 pupil, Zach Gal-liford has had an incredibly successful year playing golf. During April he represented Wales in the under 16s Quadrangular Match in Holland with Ireland & Scotland. Zach also won the Central Wales Championships in April. In May he won the Dyfed Schools Championships at Glyn Abbey golf Club and in June he won the Welsh Schools Champion-



ships at Mold. In July Zach played for Wales in the Under 18s European Boys Championships in Turkey coming 40th out of 120 boys, where he got his Welsh blazer. Two weeks later he played for Wales Under 16s in the European Young Masters Championships in Hungary, where he came 9th out of 56. In August he represented Wales in the Boys Home Internationals Team in Sotherness Golf Club near Dumfries, Scotland. In August Zach Captained the Welsh Schools Team in a match with the English Schools at St Pierre Golf Club, Chepstow where Wales lost 10 ½ to 7 ½. In August Zach played for Borth & Ynyslas Golf Club in the Welsh Team Championships and in September he Captained the Welsh under 16s team against England. Zach has played for Dyfed at both Under 16s & 18s level and in September he played for the Dyfed Men's Inter-Counties team. Congratulations Zach on your amazing achievements.

LIBRARY REVIEW

Since the last report, the library has changed dramatically with the original completion date of 2012 brought forward two years. Uncertain future funding meant that the only forward plan would be to spend available capital immediately and refurbish with the Headteacher's advice to seize the day!

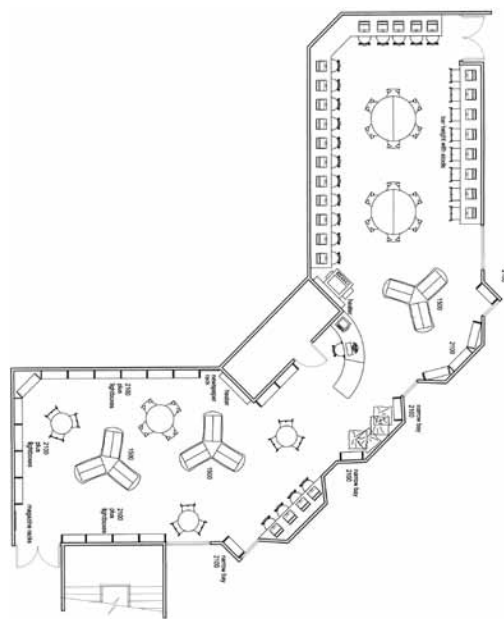
Existing changes to the library with the 2009 introduction of the ICT suite had worked well for the library. Key Skills, French, English and RE were making regular bookings. This area was now an essential component

to the library and would be left in place and incorporated into the new development. Of the three companies invited to tender: Opening the Book, Demco Interiors and Point Eight, it was Opening the Book who offered the highest quality of furnishings and design with the most impact.

REFIT : Opening the Book

Opening the Book creates libraries which are tempting for customers, drawing people into the space and encouraging them to linger and browse. This is exactly what we wanted at Penglais and it has certainly made a huge impact.

To maximise shelf capacity and put back book space lost when the ICT area was created, the company made individual units to fit some of the awkward alcoves in the library and took the shelving height above the standard level. Now, the books stand out on the shelves and the sections are clearly and bilingually signed. Pupils book interest has noticeably increased. All pupils have been extremely impressed with the new design.



RESOURCES

The generous support of the PTA with the further advance of £3000 has made a whole new selection of resources possible. New books are being ordered at present and a selection of Revision Guides, popular fiction and Art and Design books are already enhancing the shelves and enticing borrowers. At sixth form level subject teachers of RE and Media are also putting together reading lists for the library so these subjects will have some reference resources. As we have now grabbed reader interest, it is important to keep stock up to date and new titles will continue to be added.

USE OF LIBRARY FACILITIES

The ICT area is available for pupils to use at during school breaks and lunch as well as daily lesson bookings. Supervision of this area is essential at these times so a team of pupil helpers now assist with counter duties at break and lunch. Giving pupils a sense of ownership of the library has had a very positive impact. As reported in 09, Year 7 library introductions would be delivered for the first time through Key Skills. This has enabled pupils to relate the library to the whole curriculum.

Governors may visit the library at any time to see the new developments. The library will continue to promote its fiction and keep up reader interest by a series of competitions throughout the year. At present, two of our pupils have been shortlisted in a national book competition.



Catering – On Thursday 14th October a group of pupils from the Year 11 GCSE Catering class held a coffee morning with funds going to the British Heart Foundation. Well done to them all. The cakes were fantastic and their sale raised over £70. Thanks also to parents for their support.

GCSE Controlled Assessment Task: Food, Graphics, Resistant Materials and Textiles – 30 hours is allocated to this task throughout Year 11 and the completed work makes up 60% of the final grade. If a pupil misses a CAT session they must make up the time either at lunch time or after school to complete the task.

Food Technology – We are always looking for containers for pupils to take cooking products home in. If you have containers such as large margarine tubs or ice cream tubs, please send them to D17 or D18. Many thanks.

YEAR 13 NEWS

Aberystwyth University - Penglais School is so very fortunate to have Aberystwyth University, and the wealth of expertise to be found there, on its doorstep. Year 13 students have been attending sessions at the University this term on how to approach the Individual Investigation. This is a 2,500 word piece that represents one of the modules of the Advanced Welsh Baccalaureate. Students are required to research a topic of interest to them and write up their findings in the form of an investigation that closely relates to the type of assignments they will be set during their first year at University. Dr. Sue Pester and her team provided our students with practical advice on how to plan, research, structure and reference their work. We are extremely grateful for all their input – which received very positive feedback from our students. Rodney Parish and Roger Morel, of Aberystwyth University, have also found the time to come up to school to provide advice and tips on body language and interview technique. Again we would like to thank them for what were very informative and useful sessions. Both staff and students are far more aware of the messages that they are conveying without words! ‘Dead fish’ handshakes are now a thing of the past!!

Macmillan Coffee Morning - The Macmillan Coffee morning, organised and held by the Sixth Form Prefects was a great success and raised £154.00! The cakes were delicious and the decoration of some of them was a testament to the artistic and culinary talent of our students who did all the baking! We would like to say ‘thank you’ to them for their hard work and also to the ‘finance girls’ who work hard behind the scenes counting the cash that is raised for charity!

PUPILS' SUCCESSES

Congratulations to Sonyarisa Duckhouse in Year 12 who won the Welsh title for equestrian vaulting during the summer. She also came 5th in the English championships and fifth in the British vaulting championships which took place in Ayrshire, Scotland.



Congratulations are also extended to last year's Year 13 pupil Elinor Thorogood for her achievements over the summer. Elinor competed in the Youth Olympic Games in Singapore in August where she was lucky enough to be the first Team GB competitor in the first ever event of the inaugural Youth Olympics. She put in a strong performance to finish 13th out of 33 athletes from all over the world. She also competed in a relay event in Singapore where she represented Europe coming a creditable 7th. In September Elinor travelled to Edinburgh to the World Duathlon championships where she finished 4th in the Junior Elite race. She has also raced domestically, winning a silver medal in the Junior Elite race at London triathlon and a bronze medal at the Junior Elite race in Blenheim, finishing the season with 3rd place overall in the British Junior Elite series. We look forward to hearing more about Elinor's achievements as she begins Loughborough University.



JAPANESE EXCHANGE TO OSAKA, JULY 2010

Over the last 8 years we have built up a very successful exchange with our sister school Otemae High in Osaka, Japan. This year it was our turn to visit them. This year it was our turn to visit them. This is one pupil's memories.

I was very lucky enough to get a chance to visit Osaka last July. It was an exchange lasting 10 days staying with a host family. When we arrived it was extremely hot and we were very tired. We arrived at the school for a very enthusiastic welcome and had a tour of the school.

The school is quite different to Penglais. All the students clean the school at various times of the day to make sure it is clean and before entering the school they change their outdoor shoes to slipper type shoes. Also during the afternoon in the summer they do not have lessons but they practise sport and music. We were very fortunate to take part in a music lesson and cooking lesson. In the cooking lesson we made green tea cakes decorated with chocolate and sweets, nom nom!

I stayed with the Moroyoshis. They were lovely and made me feel very welcome and at home. Their house was modern but still quite traditional. I was nervous that there would be a lot of rules but I was surprised there was not, however I had to take my shoes off at the door and wear special slippers. My host was called Saki, she was lively, down to earth and we became great friends.

Our visit was very busy. We visited many places including Osaka castle, Hiroshima, Nara and we each got an individual tour of Osaka town with groups from the school. With my group we visited Osaka town and the POKEMON CENTRE! When we visited Nara we saw a temple, Buddha and got to see lots of deer. On the Saturday we each got to spend a day with our host family. I visited the aquarium which was amazing and also got to visit the 'my neighbour totoro' shop!



The food is very different in Japan; they eat lots of rice and egg! One of Osaka's specialities is called takoyaki, which is octopus. It was quite tasty if you didn't think about the fact you were eating an octopus!

When we visited Osaka they were celebrating the star festival. This is where you make a wish and hang the wish on a tree. One evening my host family and I rode bikes (which is very common in Japan) to a nearby festival where you walk through various archways, which mean certain things like love, money and at the end you make a wish at a temple.

I would definitely like to visit Osaka again as part of the exchange and cannot wait until Otemae students visit Penglais next summer. It was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity and I will never forget it. They were all so generous and I was given so many gifts I was not sure they would all fit in my suitcase! Everyone was so welcoming and I made so many new friends.

Georgiana Hughes, Year 11

