

Community News

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Community Development Group PACDG

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DELIGHT AT EXAMINATION RESULTS.....

Students at John Beddoes (Newtown) High School were today celebrating success in their recent GCSE examinations. The school reported improvements in performance on both campuses in Newtown and Presteigne in a wide range of subjects alongside those of Mathematics and English.

Across both sites of the school just under 100% of all students gained 5 A*-C grades with 64% achieving the higher standard of 5 A*- C grades including English & Mathematics, leading to the school's best ever Year 11 examination results. Many students also achieved other qualifications including Key Skills awards and the Welsh Baccalaureate.

At the John Beddoes Campus, further improvements in the number of students gaining English and Mathematics results were made with 67% gaining 5 A*- C grades including English & Mathematics and 100% gaining 5 A*-C grades.

Headteacher Mr G Harkness said "This really is a tremendous set of results for a large numbers of students. They and the whole staff team have worked incredibly hard to achieve them. Our congratulations and best wishes for the future go to each and every student, many of whom are returning to join us in our sixth form to continue their studies."

The school also reported that they had significantly narrowed the performance gap between advantaged and disadvantaged students. In addition its More Able and Talented provision has once again led to students in Years 9 and 10 achieving excellent GCSE results in a range of subjects.

Chair of Governors Mr D Lush said "We are delighted for all of our students; they have been supported by staff and parents to once again set new standards for both sites.

LOCAL EVENTS IN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS.....

2nd September - MUSIC AT THE ASSEMBLY ROOMS "Ten Strings and a Goatskin", 8pm. £12 tickets from The Workhouse and Courtyard Antiques.

Saturday 3rd September - Royal British Legion TEENY BOPPER DISCO from 5 to 7pm. Entry 50p. Fancy dress prizes. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Saturday 3rd September - Memorial Hall, PRESTEIGNE LOCAL FOOD MARKET, 9am to 1pm. Cookery demonstration from 10.30am by Pete from The Duck's Nest, cooking up a treat using local seasonal ingredients from the market stalls.

Saturday 3rd September - Memorial Hall LADIES FASHION SHOW & POP-UP SHOP in aid of the East Radnor Day Centre. Doors open 7pm for 7.30pm show start. £5. Charity Raffle. Enquiries admin@erdaycentre.org or 01544 260267

Sunday 4th September - Presteigne & Norton Allotments Association invites you to OPEN AFTERNOON AT THE ALLOTMENTS between 2 and 4.30pm. Tours - teas - produce stall. All welcome ! The allotments are off the Presteigne to Knighton road (limited offroad parking)

Wednesday 7th September - the return of the monthly Dogman general knowledge QUIZ EVENING at the Presteigne Bowls Social Club. 7.30pm for 8pm start. Tables of up to 4. Only £2 pp. Full bar plus coffee 'n cake. Winner & runner-up prizes plus win big at Backwards Bingo !! Book your table early - text 07766 097600 or email Terry at presteignedogman@icloud.com

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