

JOHN BEDDOES SCHOOL SCHOOL GOVERNORS' ANNUAL REPORT

Taking Pride in Achievement

A word from the Chair

Governors are once again delighted that the school has achieved excellent exam results at all Key Stages. At A level all students achieved the grades they needed to move on to the next phase of their education or working life. Our GCSE results were the best ever, with 68% of the grades achieved being 5+ A*-C and 99% of students achieving 5 or more GCSE's at grades A*-G. No student left school without a recognized qualification. It was wonderful to celebrate the students' achievements at Prize Day, and to welcome both John Harris of the Guardian as guest of honour and Mary Whittall, our former deputy headmistress, as special guest.

There have been many extracurricular events and achievements. Here is a selection. Foreign trips this year have included the GCSE History Year 11 students going to Berlin as part of their GCSE History course. A level students put on three plays as part of their A Level course: "Kindertransport" by Diane Samuels, "Pillars of Society" by Ibsen and "Keep Your Friends Close", a play devised by the students. Year 10 Drama students successfully took part in the Shakespeare Festival at the Courtyard Theatre in Hereford. Edith Thomas the 5x60 coordinator and her team of students raised £800 for sport relief by selling socks and getting sponsorship for running the sport relief mile in Cardiff. 8 Year 8 students raised over £130 for charity by doing a sponsored walk from the clock tower in Knighton to the clock tower in Presteigne. We held our first Eco Day for all the Year 7, 8, and 9 students: the day consisted of a walk and various workshops and activities.

Now here are just some of this year's sporting successes. The Under16 Rugby team defeated the Hereford Cathedral School 10 – 8 in the quarter final of the Anglo Welsh Cup. The Year 7 and the Year 8 Girls both were crowned South Powys Rounders champions. For the second year running, the Under16 Girls Hockey team were crowned as South Powys Champions at the tournament in Llandrindod: the team not only went undefeated but did not concede a single goal. Under 3 Girls Netball were South Powys Champions, and under14 and under 16 boys' football teams were both South Powys champions.

I am sure you'll have noticed the building work has taken place some of which was part of our scheme to make the building accessible to the disabled. We have installed two lifts and refurbished the main entrance. We have a new raised walkway and covered quad area by technology. We have refurbished PE changing rooms and new toilet facilities around the school. New social areas have been created for students.

During the year we said goodbye to several members of staff and who have given many years' service to the school, notably Mrs Worgan and Mr Worgan to whom we owe a particular debt of gratitude.

Governors do thank the PTA very much for their continued support and hard work for the school. The AGM in October 2007 saw some new faces who soon established themselves and accepted leading roles -Lynsey Price as Chair, Lynne Taylor as Secretary. They set about raising money and have held successful Quiz nights in Knighton and a Christmas Prom, supported school functions like the and continue to investigate all ways to get extra funding.

The school continues to face difficult times with the finances, the high quality of the teaching has been sustained, and governors are very grateful to all the staff, and particularly to the Head Teacher Glyn Richards.

John Kendall
Chair of Governors

Talk Back

If you would like to discuss any aspect of the Governors report or the role of a governor then please come to the

GOVERNORS AND PARENTS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Tuesday 16th December 2008
At School
6pm until 7pm**

AGENDA

1. Introduction and welcome
2. Presentation of the Annual Report of Governors
3. Discussion of the Annual Report
4. Matters raised by parents
5. Closing remarks

It would be helpful if parents who wish to raise other matters could inform the Chairman of Governors or the Headteacher at least one week in advance of the meeting.

A LEVEL, GCSE, ELQ ACHIEVEMENTS 2008

GCSE Results

Once again examination results for John Beddoes School proved very pleasing and better than the Powys and Wales figures. The school adopts a policy of giving everyone the chance of taking GCSE exams. This is reflected in our entry figures that are the higher than the averages in Powys and Wales. Our pass rate of 66% of pupils aged 15 gaining 5 or more grades A* to C is all the more commendable, and well above the average for Wales.

	Achieved GCSE equivalent to 5 or more GCSE grades	
	% A* to C	% A* to G
School 2007/2008	66	93
LEA Area 2007/2008	65	91
Wales 2007/2008	56	86
School Average 2006-2008	60	90
School Average 2005-2007	58	89

	Entered at least 1 qualification	Achieved Level 1 (*) Threshold	Achieved Level 2 (**) Threshold	Achieved Level 2 Threshold (inc. Eng or Welsh 1st Lang & Maths)	Core Subject Indicator	Average Wides Points Score	Left full time education without a qualification
	%	%	%	%	%		%
School 2007/2008	100	99	67	54	54	389	0
LEA Area 2007/2008	97	92	67	56	55	388	0.2
Wales 2007/2008	98	87	58	46	44	356	1.5

(*) = equivalent to 5 GCSE grades D - G

(**) = equivalent to 5 GCSE grades A* - C

Please note: LEA Area and Wales Figures are only provisional

ELQ—Entry Level Qualification

This qualification was previously referred to as the Certificate of Educational Achievement. All students entered for this qualification obtained passes.

GCE Advanced Level 2008

This has been another very good year for 'A' level results with and all students managed to fulfil requirements for what they want to do next year.

Subject	No Sat	A- BNo.	A-B %	A- CNo.	A-C %	A-ENo.	A-E %
Art & Design	1	1	100%	1	100%	1	100%
Biology	2	1	50%	1	50%	2	100%
Business	7	1	14%	2	28%	6	86%
Chemistry	3	2	67%	3	100%	3	100%
Drama	4	3	75%	4	100%	4	100%
English Literature	4	3	75%	4	100%	4	100%
French	5	0	0%	2	40%	4	80%
Geography	4	3	75%	3	75%	4	100%
Mathematics	3	2	67%	3	100%	3	100%
Physics	3	1	33%	1	33%	3	100%
Psychology	1	0	0%	0	0%	1	100%
Travel and Tourism	2	0	0%	0	0%	1	50%

THE GOVERNORS

LEA Representatives	Appointment Expires	Telephone No.
Cllr E.M. Jones	Aug. 2012	01544 370259
Mr K. Harris	Aug. 2012	01547 528761
Cllr G. R. Banks	Aug. 2012	01544 267212
Mr N Warrington	Aug. 2010	01547 520061
Parent Governors		
Mr S. Jones	Sept. 2010	01547 560127
Mr A. Giordano	Aug. 2011	01544 350297
Mrs J Crowe	Aug. 2011	01544 260059
Ms L Powell	Sept. 2012	01547 560069
Mrs J Simpson	Oct. 2012	01544 262768
Teacher Governors		
Mr K Collins	Aug. 2011	01547 529576
Mrs C Northwood	Aug. 2012	01547 550284
Staff Governor		
Mrs. R. Evans	Aug. 2011	01568 708257
Community Governors		
Mr. G. Bray	Aug. 2012	01544 267000
Mr J Kendall	Feb. 2012	01544 260019
Mr P Williams	Dec. 2009	01547 510300
Mrs A Williams	Oct. 2012	01547 528405
Chair of Governors		
Mr J Kendall	Feb. 2012	01544 260019
Vice Chair of Governors		
Mr S Jones		01547 560127
Headteacher		
Mr G S Richards		01544 267259
Clerk to the Governing Body		
Mrs J Davies		

Mission Statement ...

"To build an excellent school together"

As a School we are working together to meet the needs of all our pupils and students, whatever their talents, to help them develop to their full potential and to be ready to take their place as responsible members of society.

To achieve this we aim to provide a stimulating, balanced curriculum, which is supported by effective teaching in an environment in which pupils feel safe, secure and well cared for.

COMPARATIVE REPORTS

School results for 14 year olds in 2005/2006 2006/2007
Teacher assessments and test levels of attainment by subject

Key	D	Disapplied under sections 364/365 of the 1996 Education Act
	A	Absent
	N	Not enough marks for level to be awarded
	B	Baseline assessment
	W	Pupils who are working towards Level I
	1-7	Awarded level

Key Stage 3 SATs

The 'average' level for Key Stage 3 SATs is considered to be level 5. Results are for Teacher Assessment only inline with Welsh Assembly Government legislation.

KEY STAGE 3 TEACHER ASSESSMENT RESULTS 2007/2008)

Subject	Type of Assessment	% Gaining Various Levels													% Gaining levels 5 +
		D	A	N	B	W	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
ENGLISH	TeacherAssessment	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	26	48	14	6	0	68
MATH	TeacherAssessment	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	4	16	22	40	15	0	77
SCIENCE	Teacher Assessment	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	15	37	31	14	0	81

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ENGLISH	TeacherAssessment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	17	49	23	6	0	78
MATH	TeacherAssessment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	19	15	43	19	1	77
SCIENCE	Teacher Assessment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	12	27	38	21	0	85

Targets

These targets are based on predictions from CATS and YELLIS results. CATs are Cognitive Ability Tests that are taken at the beginning of Year 7. YELLIS stands for Year Eleven Information System and is taken at the start of Year 10. The Core Subject Indicator refers to the pupils who are predicted to achieve level 5/Grade C or above in the subjects Maths, English and Science.

KEY STAGE 3 AUTUMN 2008								
Current Year in Key Stage 3	Percentage of Year 9 at Level 5 and above						% achieving level 5 in Core Subject Indicator	
	English		Mathematics		Science			
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls
Yr 7	84	92	84	90	82	86	72	85
Yr 8	80	89	84	82	74	80	74	78
Yr 9	73	80	75	78	76	76	69	75

KEY STAGE 4 AUTUMN 2008								
Current Year in Key Stage 4	Percentage of 15 year olds						% achieving Grade C or better in GCSE Core Subject Indicator	
	Leaving full time education without a recognised qualification		Achieving at least 5 grades A* -C		Achieving at least 5 grade A* - G		Boys	Girls
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls		
Year 10	0	0	64	68	98	100	50	60
Year 11	0	0	50	80	88	98	40	66

Pupil Destinations 2008

	Further Education	6th Form	Employment	Youth Training	Other	Total Number in Year 11
Year 11	59	13	7	2	10	91
	Higher Education	Further Education	Employment	Year Out	Other	Total Number in Year 13
Year 13	10	4	3	4	0	21

SCHOOL CALENDAR 2008/09	
AUTUMN 2008 — 70 Days	
Term Begins	Thursday 5th September
Mid Term Holiday	Monday 27th October - Friday 31st October
Term Ends	Friday 19th December
SPRING 2009 — 60 Days	
Term Begins	Monday 5th January
Mid Term Holiday	Monday 16th February - Friday 20th February
Term Ends	Friday 3rd April
SUMMER TERM 2009 — 58 Days	
Term Begins	Monday 20th April
Mid Term Holiday	Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May
Term Ends	Thursday 16th July

MONEY MATTERS

Financial Year 2007/08

Teacher Salaries	1,356,132
Salaries	256,234
Other Employee Costs	9,403
Curriculum	47,435
Premises	239,486
Central Charges	95,766
Teacher Training	0
Total Expenditure	2,004,457
Income LEA	1,965,540
Other Income	6,211
Total Income	1,971,751
Surplus/Deficit bfwd 06/07	(22,478)
Surplus/Deficit bfwd 05/06	(55,184)

ATTENDANCE 2007/2008

Overall attendance **91.4%** of which

Authorised absence = 7%

Unauthorised absence = 1.6%

Community Links

The School continues to follow its policy on being an integral part of the local community. As such it has close links with the East Radnorshire Leisure Centre with the Headteacher serving on the management committee. Primary schools, Mother & Toddler groups and patients referred by local GP's are amongst those who make use of the centre. Strong links exist between the school and its partner primary schools and other local community groups, organizations and charities,

Creative Achievements 2007-2008

Musical

The number of students learning to play an instrument or developing their vocal skills with our visiting teachers has, once again, increased. In order to enable these extra students to become involved, we have appointed additional teachers to provide further tuition.

A Christmas Carol Service was held in the Ivor Hughes Centre and in the Spring term 'Gigajam' featuring individuals and band from Year 9 – 13 was organised by Mr Dave Luke (guitar tutor). A second 'Gigajam' organised in conjunction with the PTA was staged in early December and featured students from all year groups.

Drama

Theatre workshop sessions, extra-curricular performances and theatre visits continue to enhance the excellent drama teaching that takes place within the School. Examination results remain well above the Welsh and national average, both at GCSE and A level, and examination courses continue to be well supported at all levels.

We are excited to be entering a candidate for a technical component of the A level course for the first time this year. He will be using lighting and sound techniques to enhance the work of his fellow candidates. Also, the IHC will be benefiting from the purchase of £2200 worth of sound equipment shortly. We are very pleased to be developing the technical aspects of the subject in this way and now that it is becoming more established, we hope to introduce elements of technical work for KS3 and KS4 students.

SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS 2007-08

Team Success

Girls

- The Under 12 Netball team are undefeated this season.
- The Under 13 Netball team who are South Powys Netball Champions, and are undefeated this season.
- The Under 14 Netball team were runners up in the South Powys Netball Tournament.
- The Under 16 Hockey team are South Powys Champions again and await the Powys final.

Boys

- The Under 16 boys football team became South Powys champions again this year and await Llanidoes school in the Powys final
- The Under 14 boys football team became South Powys champions again this year and await Llanfyllin in the final.
- The Under 12 boys football team were south Powys runners up. Beating Llandrindod Wells and Builth.
- The Under 16 rugby team won Anglo Welsh plate tournament in which they beat Wigmore 35 -22 Owen Davies scored 3 tries, and had man of the match.

Individual Success

Powys County Representative Honours

Rugby (U15's)

George Morgan
Jack Barrett

Hockey (U14's)

Emily Davies
Leanne Evans
Hayley Lewis
Abbie Price

Football

Adam Farmer
James Fletcher
Ieuan Crowe
Elliot Morris
Ieuan Price
Danny Pitts
Connor Bird
Jake Moses
Tyler Isaac
Aled Preece
Matthew Venables

Hockey (U16's)

Phoebe Richards
Sioned Price
Kate Price

Netball (U14's)

Emily Davies
Izzy Dayas
Jordan Mecke
Katy Gwilt
Lauren Morris

Athletics

- Wayne Farmer Selected to represent Powys for the Welsh Schools combined events championships June 2008, and the Welsh Schools National Track and Field Championships July 2008
- Jack Barrett Selected to represent Powys for the Welsh Schools National Track and Field Championships July 2008 in which he came 4th in the 200m
- Rachel Venables and Phoebe Richards were also Selected to represent Powys for the Welsh Schools National Track and Field Championships.

The following pupils were also selected to represent Powys in the National Sports Hall Athletics Championships

Abbie Price
Phoebe Richards
Jordan Mecke
Ieuan Crowe
Joseph Barrett
Jack Barrett

- Phoebe Richards Yr 11 England U17 Football International
- William Richards and Wayne Farmer selected for Shrewsbury Town School of Excellence. Wayne Farmer was also selected for the Welsh U17 Squad.
- Adam Farmer was selected for North Wales Football squad in May 2008
- Phoebe Richards and Sioned Price in Year 10 were selected for the U16 Welsh Hockey Talent Squad.

Team of the Year 2008

Awarded to the team that showed most dedication to practices and achieved success in fixtures and competitions. The overall sports team of the year is the: **U16 Girls Hockey Team** Who became Powys Champions for only the second time ever and went on to win the national championships in Swansea, this attracted the attention of the National press a massive achievement and congratulations must go to all the girls involved including their coach Miss Evans. They showed dedication to practices and as a result went unbeaten throughout the season even drawing with Herefordshire County in a warm up game for the national tournament. As a result of their efforts six of the team also achieved county honours.

Squad:

- Beth Worton (Captain)
- Phillippa Bright
- Phoebe Richards
- Robyn Charlton
- Jade Durban
- Emily Powell
- Eleanor Lloyd
- Sioned Price
- Lauren Davies
- Rachel Venables
- Vicky Allen
- Ruth Corbett
- Kate Price
- Bethan Perks

Most Improved Sports Person 2007-08

This is awarded to the boy and girl in each year who has improved the most throughout the year.

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
Girls	Eleanor Owens	Sioned Price	Katy Cogswell
Boys	Joel Smith	Matthew Fowkes	Nick Hankin

Most Valuable sportsperson 2007-08

Our final Award goes to one boy and girl in each year that has shown commitment, dedication and all round talent this year in sporting activities:

The Nominations are:

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
Boys Nominations	<i>William Fowden Aled Preece Matthew Venables Kyle Preece Tyler Isaac</i>	<i>Ieuan Crowe Ieuan Price Liam Jones Adam Farmer James Fletcher</i>	<i>Jack Barrett Liam Blythe Tristan Emery George Morgan Max Lewis</i>
Winner	Aled Preece	James Fletcher	Jack Barrett
Girls Nominations	<i>Grace Corbett Emily George Katy Gwilt Lauren Morris Megan Rowlands</i>	<i>Emily Davies Abbie Price Isabella Dayas Leanne Evans Jordan Mecke</i>	<i>Chloe Creemer Megan Powell Harriet Owen Katy Cogswell Milly Raynsford</i>
Winner	Megan Rowlands	Abbie Price	Megan Powell

Other Achievements

- John Beddoes was awarded the ActiveMarc Cymru Award This year. This is awarded to schools that can demonstrate a commitment to developing high quality PE and School Sport for all children.
- John Beddoes School hosted all the South Powys Rounders tournaments this year and the events went smoothly with John Beddoes winning three out of the four tournaments.
- The 5 x 60 programme is up and running very well with the appointment of Owain Harpwood as 5 x 60 officer.
- GCSE results in the PE department were excellent again this year with 88% of pupils achieved A* - C grades 7 % increase on the previous year, and a 19% increase over two years.
- The PESS project is also up and running with various courses being run by the school, and several cluster transition activities taking place at John Beddoes including a successful swimming gala and rounders tournament which involved pupils from John Beddoes and our primary Schools.
- This year is also the first year that the department has offered an AS & A2 level PE course, and the up take has been very successful with 10 candidates currently taking the course.
- As a result of the successes of the Under 16 hockey team, in May the 'Wales Today' programme came into school to film the team doing training and interviewed some of the players emphasising what a great achievement it was without an Astro turf facility.

Sports Day Results

Sports Day was a successful event and thanks go to all the staff that assisted with its smooth running. In good weather conditions there were several records broken, and several pupils won all the events that they competed in.

- Megan Rowlands Broke the Year 7 300m record
- Emily Davies Broke the Year 8 300m record
- Ieuan Crowe Broke the Year 8 long jump record
- And Jack Barrett Broke the Year 9 100m and 200m records.

The overall results were as follows:

1st BRYDGES	1003
2nd JAMES	842
3rd CARADOC	796
4th OFFA	694

	B	C	J	O
Year 7	1st 243	2nd 205	4th 177	3rd 194
Year 8	2nd 231	3rd 192	1st 290	4th 184
Year 9	1st 286	2nd 217	4th 127	3rd 182
Seniors	2nd 232	3rd 182	1st 248	4th 134

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OVERALL POSITIONS

1ST CARADOC

2ND JAMES

3RD BRYDGES & OFFA

PROSPECTUS AND POLICIES

Prospectus

The School Prospectus is re-written each year and the Governors are very pleased with the user-friendly nature of the latest edition.

Policies

The School continuously reviews its policies. These can be viewed at the school on request to the School Bursar.

Assessment and Recording

- a) Our policy focuses on seeking information which leads directly to action.
- b) Assessment is based on an appreciation of the pupil's progress against the National Curriculum or a sequence of skills.
- c) The policy implements an early response, both to ensure problems are easier to solve and to prevent them becoming entrenched.
- d) Teacher assessment is an integral part of the teaching process.
- e) Strategies for behaviour modification include the use of praise and approval, establishing clear rules, shaping behaviour by rewarding good on task behaviour.

Complaints Procedure

Complaints can fall into many categories, ranging from a child being unhappy at school for a particular reason to the structure of the curriculum. In the first instance, the complaint should be directed to the appropriate member of staff such as the Form Tutor or Pastoral Co-ordinator.

Usually minor difficulties can be resolved through discussions with these members of staff. However if a parent feels they want to take the complaint further or they have a serious complaint, they need to inform the Headteacher, in writing, about the nature of the complaint and any steps that have been taken to resolve the difficulty. The Headteacher will respond to the complaint as soon as he is able. If the response or action taken is not to the satisfaction of the parent then he or she has the right to inform the Chairman of Governors about any issues of concern. Again this information should be sent in writing outlining the cause or reasons for the complaint. A copy of the complaints procedure can be inspected at the School.

POLICY ON SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS

Nationwide it is estimated that one in five of all students will have additional learning needs at some stage in their schooling.

Some difficulties will be very short term and require only a limited period of extra help. Others will be longer term and may require extra support throughout the student's school career.

The Additional Learning Needs Department at John Beddoes School helps those students experiencing long or short term learning difficulties of a general or specific nature. Our aim is to help students as much as possible to overcome or minimise their difficulties.

John Beddoes School values the abilities and achievements of all its students and all our teachers acknowledge that they are teachers of students with additional educational needs.

The school has an Additional Learning Needs Coordinator who assesses students and arranges and oversees the day to day support and extra help required. Please contact the coordinator regarding any questions or concerns you may have about your son or daughter's additional learning needs.

Following an assessment of reading and spelling on entry to year 7, and after liaison with primary schools, students may be withdrawn from one or two lessons or form periods per week for extra help. Parents will be kept informed about this.

The school has a learning support room where students who are withdrawn have access to specialist resources and software.

Students with additional learning needs are taught in mainstream classes for all subjects and have access to differentiated work if necessary. They will have access to support from the learning support assistants in some or all of their lessons according to their need.

Students with behavioural difficulties also have additional learning needs and may require behavioural support through the school's behaviour policy. Our aim is to provide a behaviour policy which creates a positive atmosphere of encouragement and acceptance, one which respects achievement and displays sensitivity to individual needs.

Inclusion

Students with additional learning needs engage in the activities of, and together with, those students who do not have those needs, providing it is reasonable and safe to do so. All students are educated on the same site and all students have equal access to school activities.

Disabled Access

All areas of the school are fully wheelchair accessible and have disabled toilet facilities nearby.

The additional learning needs department is well supported by the Social Inclusion Coordinator, the Learning Managers and many outside agencies including the Educational Psychologist, Educational Welfare Officer, medical officer, social services, counselling and mediation services, speech therapist, physiotherapist, occupational therapist, careers advisors and sight and hearing impairment advisory teachers.

Parental support is obviously important for all students but particularly so for students with additional learning needs and the staff welcome enquiries and visits from parents to discuss any aspect of their son / daughter's progress.