

JOHN BEDDOES SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

SUMMER 2009



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Dear Parents/Carers

Well another year has flown by. All the exams are over and we wait with great anticipation for the GCSE, AS and A Level results in August.

Work has started on refurbishing the school hall and is due for completion in time for the start of the new school year.

It has been a difficult year in some respects because of the poor funding received from the Welsh Assembly Government and Powys. This, unfortunately, has been the main focus for us all this year and I would like to thank everyone who has given their support during the campaign for fair funding, in particular the governing body.

We look forward to record numbers of students returning to the 6th Form in September where they will all embark on the Welsh Baccalaureate which is new to our 6th Form curriculum.

Local Artist Donates Painting

On Monday 22nd June local artist Cecily Sash presented the school with one of her original paintings of "Standing Stone in Welsh Landscape". The painting is hanging at the entrance to the Art Department.



Rounder Champions.

On the 16th June John Beddoes hosted the South Powys Rounder's tournament for Years 7&8 and Years 9&10 combined. It was a hugely successful event and I am pleased to announce that both John Beddoes teams won their respective

tournaments to become South Powys Champions. Congratulations to all the pupils and Miss D Evans.

Mountain Bike Success.

Dean Hadfield (Year 9) took part in the Welsh Schools Omnium Grass Track Championships 2009 in Abergavenny. I am very pleased to report that Dean came 3rd in the U14 Boys competition.

What makes this even more remarkable was that it was his first go at competitive racing and he rode a standard mountain bike.

Cardiff Blues

Congratulations also to Jack Barrett who has been selected to train with Cardiff Blues Rugby Club.

Head Boy and Girl.

The elections for our Head Boy and Girl and Deputy Head Boy and Girl have taken place and I am pleased to announce that Ben Beaton and Georgina Weiland will be our Head Boy and Girl and their deputies will be Mathew Price and Lauren Davies.

Gold and Platinum Awards.

Congratulations to the following pupils
Gold – Llewellyn Powell, Oliver Hughes-Banks, Scott Husbands, Sebastian Barrett

Platinum – Damian Kuczma, Kyle Lloyd-Bithell, Lucy Ingram

Double Platinum - Joseph Hayward

Staffing

We welcomed back Jayne Coleman on 8th June after her long term absence.

Mr Simpson (ceramics) and Mrs Otter (Business & Head of 6th Form) retired this year after a long association with the school. Mr Simpson has been with us for 29 years and Mrs Otter for 16 years. I thank them for their hard work and



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dedication over the years and wish them both all the very best in their retirement.

Mr Livesley (Head of science) who has been at John Beddoes for 32 years, has been successful in his application for early retirement. He will be back in school in September to complete our commitment to the AS and A2 chemistry pupils.

Miss Tyson (Maths) leaves us at the end of this year to take up a new teaching post in Herefordshire.

Mrs Robbie (Art) leaves at the end of this academic year to concentrate on producing her own art work.

New Appointments.

Miss Debbie Evans has been appointed Welsh Baccalaureate coordinator and started this post in February.

Mrs Lorraine Davies has been appointed as Head of 6th Form and will take up the post in September.

Miss Sian Dyke has been appointed as the Learning Manager for Yr 7 and will take up the post in September.

Mr Ioan Hughes has been appointed as PE teacher he will also teach some Welsh and will start with us in September

Miss Coulthard has been appointed to take up the post of Head of science and Mrs Maddocks has been appointed to take on the second in department from September

Mr Nicholas Benda, who is an accomplished oboist, has been appointed as Music Teacher on a 1 year contract from September.

Mr Phillip George and Miss Rebecca Hardwick will be joining the school as Learning Support Assistants in September.

PTA

The PTA held their 3rd Race Night at Knighton Football Club on Friday 8th May. It was a thoroughly enjoyable evening and despite Mr Collins taking most of the winnings they made over £500. Many thanks once again to the PTA for their excellent work and support that they give to the school.

Powys Transport Policy Consultation

Please read the attached letter from County Hall. Parents who wish to pass on their views on the Powys Transport Policy have until September 30th 2009 to do so. You can access the response form and policy at <http://www.powys.gov.uk/index.php?id=5940&L=0#48556>

Important Dates.

20th August – AS and A Level Results
27th August – GCSE Results
3rd September – Pupils return to school
22nd October – Half Term
3rd November – Pupils return to school
18th December – Christmas Holidays
4th January – Pupils return to school
12th February – Half Term
22nd February – Pupils return
25th March – Easter Holidays
13th April – Pupils return
28th May – Half Term
7th June – Pupils Return
15th July – Summer Holidays

I wish everyone a relaxing and enjoyable summer.



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