

**YSGOL GYMRAEG YSTALYFERA BRO DUR**  
(3-18 School at Ystalyfera site & 11-16 at Bro Dur site)



**Annual Report of the Governing Body to Parents - Full Report**

**2020 - 2021**

Chair of Governors: Cllr. Alun Llewelyn

Vice Chair of Governors: Mr Adam Amor

Headteacher: Mrs Laurel Davies

## Introduction to the Annual Report 2020-21

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It is a privilege once again to write to you on behalf of the governing body of Ysgol Gymraeg Ystalyfera Bro Dur.

In last year's report I wrote about how effectively the school had responded to the sudden and frightening onset of Covid 19. Little did I imagine we would spend at least a further year in the shadow of the pandemic.

For a significant part of the year pupils had to remain at home, and continued to receive lessons online. I am still amazed at the impressive way the pupils, parents, teachers, and assistants adapted so quickly to the innovative Teams technology, with the willing support of the administrative staff and technicians.

In this way we were able to deliver a full curriculum, as well as a wide range of interesting activities to sustain the social life of the school.

The technology also allowed us to hold parents evenings, staff meetings, governing bodies, and consistent communication.

This was all achieved under the excellent leadership of our new Headteacher Mrs Laurel Davies, the Deputy Heads Ms Sioned Jones and Mrs Delyth Spurway, and the senior management team.

Our school is a community, and it was essential for us to offer help and support to our pupils and families during such a difficult time.

Gradually it was possible for pupils to return to our three sites – the primary and secondary sections at Ystalyfera and the Bro Dur campus – by following a thorough plan to keep students and staff as safe as possible. It was a pleasure to welcome them back for face-to-face lessons once again.

Our facilities-management, cleaning and kitchen staff have diligently maintained the school buildings in first class condition.

Work has continued on the high quality new building and sports area at Ystalyfera, and during the next year we will have achieved excellent facilities at both Ystalyfera and Bro Dur.

Unfortunately the prom and ball couldn't be held this year again due to the circumstances, but we were able to arrange a number of activities to celebrate the end of the school period.

At the end of term our GCSE and A Level assessment results were published, and I extend my sincere congratulations to our pupils for their excellent results in such difficult circumstances.

It has been another very challenging year due to the Covid pandemic, but together we will ensure a successful future for the school and the best possible opportunities for all our pupils.

Best wishes,



Clr. Alun Llewellyn  
Chair of the Governing Body

## Letter of Introduction by Headteacher - Summer 2021

Dear Parent / Guardian,

At the end of my first year as Head of Ysgol Gymraeg Ystalyfera Bro Dur, I would like to take this opportunity to thank both yourselves as parents and stalwart supporters of our wonderful school and our Governors who give freely of their time to guide and advise on school policies and activities.

Without doubt, this is certainly a year that has never been seen before. A year where we have had to adapt and learn quickly in order to ensure that our provision for all pupils from 3-18 has been as purposeful and effective as possible. Both staff and pupils have developed new skills and great resilience and I am confident that, as a result, we are a stronger educational establishment.

In terms of exam results, it has been a particularly challenging year; however, our diligence in following Examination Board guidelines and effective communication with students and parents ensured that all pupils received their deserved grades.

Despite the challenges faced by lockdown, we have continued to celebrate the talents of our pupils and endeavoured to provide opportunities for as many as possible to enjoy extra-curricular activities. Our virtual Christmas concerts were shared digitally, we celebrated St David's Day with a virtual school Eisteddfod, and we entered the Urdd Eisteddfod-T. The Physical Education department challenged pupils with activities such as the Tour de Ystalyfera, encouraging cyclists with a message from Geraint Thomas. It has of course been a fantastic year for our sporting past pupils, all of whom are mentioned in this report.

As a community school, we have continued to raise money for local and national charities, holding 'mufti' days, collecting food and toiletries, risk assessed 'bake days' and have supported many very deserving charities.

It is my aim to ensure that, as a school, we provide the best education by offering a choice of a broad curriculum and extensive extra-curricular experiences. In order to achieve this, we have to be open and honest about all aspects of school improvement and in our view, the views of pupils and parents are integral to that. Pupil Voice is central to all aspects of school life; we listen carefully to our most important stakeholders and act on their views. We have strengthened the voice of the School Parliament and ensured that they have a strong platform within the school community. We also want to hear from you and therefore ask you to complete the regular questionnaires that we distribute through Schoolcomms so that we can discover what you think of our performance.

Communication is key to us, we have been working on a new website which will be launched at the end of September. This will improve our communication with you and will certainly be more user-friendly.

In conclusion, I would also like to thank Mrs Vanessa Rumsby who gave 21 years of service to the school as Head of History and later as a classroom teacher. We wish her well in her new endeavours.

I look forward to continuing this excellent partnership between the school and all our stakeholders, and wish to conclude by congratulating our learners on their diligence and strength of character in what has been a challenging and unprecedented year.

Yours faithfully,



Mrs Laurel Davies  
Head

## **YSGOL GYMRAEG YSTALYFERA BRO DUR – GOVERNING BODY 2020-2021**

Cllr. Alun Llewelyn - Chairperson  
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### **IMPORTANT CHANGES TO PARENTS' MEETINGS**

As a result of the School Standards and Organization (Wales) Act 2013, which came into force on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2013, a school governing body is no longer required to hold an annual parents' meeting.

The School Standards and Organization (Wales) Act 2013 now enables parents of registered pupils at the school to request up to three meetings per year with the governing body via a petition, providing that:

1. The petition contains the signatures of the required minimum number of parents of registered pupils at the school, which is the lower of the following:
  - a) The parents of 10% of registered pupils, or
  - b) The parents of 30 registered pupils (calculated by using the number of registered pupils at the school on the date that the petition is received).
2. The meeting requested must be to discuss a matter relating to the school.
3. There will be no more than three meetings held during the year in which the first petition is received.
4. There are sufficient school days left in the school year for the meeting to be held.

## Members of the Governing Body Autumn Term 2020

		<u>Elected</u>	<u>Ends</u>
<b>Community</b>			
Ordinary	Adam Amor	15/11/2017	14/11/2021
Ordinary	Edwina Ranft	15/11/2017	14/11/2021
Ordinary	Helen Jones	15/11/2017	14/11/2021
Ordinary	Julie Jones	09/11/2017	08/11/2021
Ordinary	Justyn Knight	15/11/2017	14/11/2021
<b>LEA</b>			
Ordinary - <b>Chair</b>	Cllr. Alun Llewelyn	09/11/2017	08/11/2021
Ordinary - <b>Vice-chair</b>	Cllr. Helen Ceri Clarke	09/11/2017	08/11/2021
Ordinary	Cllr. Rosalyn Davies	09/11/2017	08/11/2021
Ordinary	Tudur Jones	01/04/2019	31/03/2023
Ordinary	Vacancy		
<b>Non-voting</b>			
Clerk to Governors	Rhian McCann		
<b>Voting</b>			
Head	Laurel S. Davies		
<b>Parent</b>			
Ordinary	Carys Jones	09/11/2017	08/11/2021
Ordinary	Janelle Carter-Jones	09/11/2017	08/11/2021
Ordinary	Sioned Williams	09/11/2017	08/11/2021
Ordinary	Siân Parry	04/07/2019	03/07/2023
Ordinary	Donna Rowley	04/07/2019	03/07/2023
Ordinary	Vacancy		
<b>Teaching staff</b>			
Ordinary	Richard Davies	01/10/2018	30/09/2022
Ordinary	Stephen Jones	09/11/2017	08/11/2021
<b>Support Staff</b>			
Ordinary	Teresa Counsell	15/11/2017	14/11/2021
<b>Associate</b>	Head Boy & Head Girl		
<b>Total membership 20</b>	Quorum will be 10		
<b>Designated Governors</b>			
Child Protection / Safeguarding	Carys Jones		
ALN / SEN	Siân Parry		
Data	Julie Jones		
Health & Safety	Adam Amor		

## ANNUAL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS 2021-22

Term	Starts	Half Term		Ends
		Starts	Ends	
Autumn 2021	2 September	25 October	29 October	17 December
Spring 2022	4 January	21 February	25 February	8 April
Summer 2022	11 April	30 May	3 June	22 July
INSET Days – Thursday September 9 <sup>th</sup> ; Friday November 29 <sup>th</sup> ; Tuesday January 4 <sup>th</sup> ; Monday June 20 <sup>th</sup> Two further dates to be confirmed				

Schools will be closed to pupils for INSET/Staff Preparation for 6 days

Please note that Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2022 will be a Bank Holiday in lieu of the Queen's Jubilee

A copy of the school calendar is available on the school website: [www.ysgolystalyferabrodur.cymru](http://www.ysgolystalyferabrodur.cymru)

### Order of the day at Ysgol Gymraeg Ystalyfera Bro Dur

Uwchradd Ystalyfera		Cynradd Ystalyfera		Uwchradd Bro Dur	
8.25am	<b>Staff on site</b>	8.25am	<b>Staff on site</b>	8.25am	<b>Staff on site</b>
8.30am	<b>Morning Staff meeting</b>	8.30am	<b>Morning Staff meeting</b>	8.30am	<b>Morning Staff meeting</b>
8.40am	<b>Morning Registration / Assembly</b>	8.40am	<b>Morning Registration / Assembly</b>	8.45am	<b>Morning Registration / Assembly</b>
9.00am	<b>Lesson 1</b>	9.00am	<b>Lessons</b>	9.05am	<b>Lesson 1</b>
9.50am	<b>Lesson 2</b>			10.05am	<b>Lesson 2</b>
10.40am	<b>Break</b>	10.15am	<b>Break</b>	11.05am	<b>Break</b>
11.00am	<b>Lesson 3</b>	10.30am	<b>Lessons</b>	11.20am	<b>Lesson 3</b>
11.50am	<b>Lesson 4</b>			<b>Monday - Thursday</b>	
12.40pm	<b>Lunch</b>	11.50am	<b>Lunch</b>	12.20pm	<b>Lesson 4</b>
1.30pm	<b>Lesson 5</b>	12.40pm	<b>Lessons</b>	1.25pm	<b>Lunch</b>
2.20pm	<b>Lesson 6</b>	1.45pm	<b>Break</b>	<b>Friday</b>	
3.10pm	<b>End of day</b>	3.00pm	<b>End of day</b>	12.20pm	<b>Luncgh</b>
				1.15pm	<b>Amser Aur</b>
				2.15pm	<b>Lesson 5</b>
				3.15pm	<b>End of day</b>

## New Staff Appointments for September 2020

Ystalyfera	Bro Dur	Welsh Government Grants
Dylan James (Drama/Performing) Mollie Wyn Davies (Physical Ed) Andrew Walters (Design Tech) Rhian Thomas (Chemistry)	Bethan Sleep (English/MFL) Ela James (Welsh/Drama)	Jessica Lewis (Primary-Secondary) Gareth James (Primary-Secondary) Catrin Abraham (Primary-Secondary) Iestyn Hopkins (Closing the Gap) Lowri Bate (Closing the Gap) Anneira Moore (Closing the Gap) Cerys Cole (Closing the Gap) Alys Carroll (Closing the Gap) Lauren Ellis (Closing the Gap) Nia Eleri Jones (Closing the Gap) Emily Evans 0.2 (Closing the Gap)

## School Prospectus

A new school prospectus was issued in September 2017 and there have been minor adjustments since its publication. The School Prospectus will be adjusted annually to include any changes required by the Welsh Government and other relevant bodies. Copies are available on the school website or by e-mail, a hard copy is provided on request to the school office.

## Number on roll/staffing

There are 1431 on roll (January PLASC, 2020) with 91.8 FTE teaching staff.

## Progress on setting and achieving academic and other targets

The school carries out an evaluation of its performance and prepares an annual development / improvement plan with a three-year strategic plan. This encompasses departmental and national priorities including spending requirements and training needs. Governors are continually updated on the progress made on the key areas of the development plan in its termly meetings.

## Report on 2020-2021 priorities

YGYBD strategic priority	Progress against actions in the School Development Plan
<b>Developing the independent and ambitious learner</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Confidence and linguistic fluency</li> <li>Refine and apply pupils' learning skills</li> <li>Increase pupils' willingness to take risks in their learning.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establishment of Dragons Committee</li> <li>Challenges for pupils e.g. Welsh Champs</li> <li>School Parliament (TEAMS)</li> <li>YGYBD Language Policy</li> <li>Voice 21 Training (AR/AP)</li> <li>Online learning</li> <li>Fortnight (Easter) Project Course / Accelerated Learning Curriculum (Summer)</li> <li>Dysgu Gorau Dysgu Byw curriculum (progress against the 4 purposes)</li> <li>KS3-5 Expanding Horizons Courses (Trinity Saint David's University + Swansea)</li> <li>Closing the Gap support team (targeted intervention)</li> </ul>

<p><b>Developing a Curriculum for Wales</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pioneering the principles and pedagogy of Successful Futures</li> <li>• Developing the School as a Learning Organisation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dysgu Gorau Dysgu Byw Curriculum</li> <li>• Appointment of shadowing posts + SLT secondment</li> <li>• Cluster MFL Programme September 2021-22</li> <li>• Cluster Improvement Plan</li> <li>• INSET Curriculum for Wales</li> <li>• Ross McGill Training – development of learning and teaching policy / oral feedback training sessions / expansion of S+L opportunities in lessons.</li> <li>• Digital Competence Framework (YGYBD) Mapping</li> <li>• Continued DY6</li> <li>• NPEP Program (Close the Oracy gap)</li> <li>• Swansea University Partnerships (All-age School Research)</li> <li>• Wales/Spain/Iceland research (All Age Schools)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Aiming for excellence in Wellbeing</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Responding to the impact of Covid 19 on pupils' Health and Wellbeing</li> <li>• Develop a caring, civilised and safe community in an ambitious, inclusive and tolerant community</li> <li>• ALN Bill</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Narrowing the gap programme (September – July)</li> <li>• Hwb (high number of socially and emotionally vulnerable pupils)</li> <li>• Easter Course</li> <li>• PSE Programme</li> <li>• Staff training Stwnsh / Cynnydd</li> <li>• WAS Accreditation</li> <li>• ALN learning journey to monitor existing provision</li> <li>• Review the use of TA's and the timing of intervention programmes</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Aiming High at KS4 and KS5</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Centre determined Grades process</li> </ul>

## Community Links

Despite the challenges of lock-downs and Covid-19 restrictions, we have continued to support our local communities through our humanitarian committee. We made an excellent collection for the foodbanks in Ystalyfera and Port Talbot and held fundraising activities for charities such as Brains Trust, Young Minds, Latch. Our School Liaison Police Officer, PC Cerian Hughes has worked closely with us to support pupils and parents during this challenging year, providing on-line assemblies, lessons and face-to-face advice. The Ospreys and Swansea FC have worked with us on building self-esteem and developing team skills again on-line and on site. We look forward to being able to welcome more of our community partners to school in the new academic year.

## Annual report – Finance

The school's delegated and non-delegated outturn statements for the financial year as prepared by the Head of Financial Services are shown below.

### School Financial Statement 2020/21

#### YGYBD – Primary

	Delegated	Non-delegated
Teachers' salaries	£467,832	
Non-teaching salaries	£98,933	
Wages in Catering and Cleaning		
Other employee Expenses	£450	
Other Direct Costs		
Premises inc Contracts	£12,582	
Capitation		
Capital Financing		
Admin, Exams, LA, Transport	£37,245	
Other Activities		
Grants		
Other Income	-£109,873	
Contribution to/(from) reserves	£2,593	£11,747
	<b>£509,762</b>	<b>£11,747</b>

#### YGYBD – Secondary

	Delegated	Non-delegated
Teachers' salaries	£4,285,294	
Non-teaching salaries	£1,113,348	
Wages in Catering and Cleaning		
Other employee Expenses	£174,146	
Other Direct Costs		
Premises inc Contracts	£483,917	
Capitation	£0	
Capital Financing		£747,311
Admin, Exams, LA, Transport	£527,458	
Other Activities	£3,057	
Grants		
Other Income	-£1,163,380	
Contribution to/(from) reserves	£612,722	£612,722
	<b>£6,036,562</b>	<b>£1,360,033</b>

## **Pupils Performance**

Due to Covid-19, the Governing Body is not required to report on school performance.

## **Summary of Secondary School Performance**

Due to Covid-19, the Governing Body is not required to report on school performance.

## **Attendance**

Due to Covid-19, the Governing Body is not required to report on school attendance.

## **Discipline**

We believe that every school has a duty to create a caring and supportive environment where it is possible for every pupil to mature and develop happily and confidently. Our school Positive Behaviour Policy aims to promote consistency, build staff confidence, and promote an ethos of supportive team work between the school, parents and external support agencies. Our aim is to ensure that we take firm, consistent and fair action with all incidents to restore relationships and to move forward constructively. School rules are communicated and discussed in the tutorial lessons and all pupils are expected to comply. Our positive behaviour promotion policy ensures that there is very little misbehaviour within and outside the school walls.

The school operates a clear policy when dealing with bullying issues and responds immediately if such a problem arises.

## **Health and Safety**

We have had two successful Health and Safety visits during the year. Both reports were excellent with all risk assessments and school procedures meeting required standards.

## **Review of Policies**

The Governing Body reviewed and updated policies during the year, the majority of which can be found on the school website.

## **Special Educational Needs**

Our aim is to provide an inclusive education for all pupils, ensuring that every young person achieves his/her full potential. As a 3-18 Welsh medium school on two sites we are fortunate to have a strong and committed team of staff who ensure that the educational and emotional needs of all pupils are met. We have excellent purpose built departments, Y Gilfach on the Ystalyfera site and Y Gorwel at the Bro Dur site where pupils receive small group and 1:1 intervention sessions. Mrs Rhiannon Hammond (Ystalyfera) and Mrs Gwenllian Doher (Bro Dur) are our ALNCo's and are responsible for the planning and co-ordination of provision for pupils and organise the work of the dedicated support staff. All statements are reviewed annually at Annual Review Meetings which include the young person, parents, and all relevant outside agencies.

A person-centred approach is used throughout the school to ensure that the voice and opinions of the children and young people are central to all decisions made. Both ALNCo's regularly use the Four plus One review tool when reviewing pupils' Individual Education Plans and when holding review meetings to ensure that pupils' progress is celebrated and that pupils are challenged to progress and develop further both academically and socially. Mrs Siân Parry is our designated ALN Governor and Mrs Carys Jones is our Child Protection / Safeguarding Governor. During this academic year, our ALNCo's and Governors have been preparing for the new Code of Practice which comes into effect from September 2021.

Many pupils on the ALN Register now accept access arrangements in their external and internal examinations and this ensures that they are able to fully show their understanding and knowledge in their chosen subjects. Several specialist workshops are held by the Department including Rapid Reading, Roved Ffoneg, the numeracy workshop, Talkabout and Lego therapy in addition to individual programmes which include precision teaching and Speech and Language programmes.

Year	Statements	School Action Plus	School Action
Nursery	0	4	2
Reception	0	1	4
1	0	0	2
2	0	1	0
3	0	2	2
4	0	1	0
5	0	0	4
6	0	0	5
7	4	11	22
8	1	14	17
9	1	11	19
10	1	3	21
11	0	13	24
12	0	3	0
13	1	1	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>127</b>

## **Pupil Welfare and Wellbeing**

Our designated Child Protection Officers ensure that all pupils receive support and intervention where necessary. We have 5 members of staff trained as level 3 Child Protection officers and our designated Safeguarding Governor (Mrs Carys Jones) additionally provides support. Heads of year, welfare officer, school counsellor, the Cynnydd team and school nurse all play a vital role in supporting pupils and the Peer Mentors and Buddies will re-establish themselves as we move forward following a quiet year during lock-down. An important development has been our aim to achieve the Wellbeing Award for School. We have registered our intentions and the process has begun with questionnaires and policies submitted as a starting point.

## **Healthy Schools**

During the year the school has focussed on promoting healthy eating and drinking, thus adhering to the Healthy Eating Regulations. The Catering Manager is undergoing Saffron Training, which ensures that all meals have been nutritionally tested. We are committed to the Healthy Eating and School Drinking Bill which incorporates the guidance for 'Appetite for Life'. We are aiming for Phase 4 of Healthy schools. We teach children about the importance of a balanced diet through PSE, Science and Design Technology lessons and through our new Health and Wellbeing curriculum, as well as through theme events throughout the year.

## **Toilet Facilities**

The school has adequate toilet facilities in all Blocks. Nedd and the Primary blocks (Ystalyfera) and Bro Dur have unisex toilets and separate toilets for girls and boys in Eirion Block (Ystalyfera). Toilets are cleaned daily and their cleanliness is supervised throughout the day.

## **Preparation for new curriculum**

As an Innovation School working on developing the new curriculum with Welsh Government we have developed a clear vision for our curriculum. We have considered in detail what we should teach, how we will teach it and focused on how our provision will ensure that our learners realise the four purposes. As a 3-18 school we have been able to focus on understanding the learning continuum and have focused on developing the aspiration and self-confidence of our learners. As a dual sited school we have been able to work collaboratively sharing best practice and ensuring that the curriculum focuses on developing pupils' skills through relevant, contextual experiences and knowledge.

## **The Welsh Language**

Welsh is the official language of the school, for extra-curricular activities and almost all academic lessons. The school is proud of its Welsh ethos and is taking action to ensure that this is maintained for all new cohorts of pupils. Parents are asked to support the school in this regard by encouraging their children to speak Welsh, to respect the ethos of the school and to encourage them to do their best to promote this on all occasions. The school parliament has worked with the Menter Iaith officer on creating a Language Policy and we have clear strategic targets in our SIP aimed at developing confidence and language skills with pupils across the whole 3-18 age range.

## **Transition**

Cluster work remains a strength with half termly cluster meetings. We have a focussed Cluster Development Plan which ensures that we have a shared ownership of a holistic approach to provision. The cluster priorities include Embedding Speaking & Listening Skills in class and extra-curricular Developing a Curriculum for Wales Strengthening Health and Wellbeing education (Due to the impact of Covid-19) Improve identification of needs and intervention for ALN pupils. Despite the restrictions faced this year, we have used Microsoft TEAMS to ensure that pupils have been able to access a variety of experiences such as Q&A with year 7 pupils, virtual lessons and a Microsoft TEAMS open evening. We held a Covid-safe transition day for every pupil, followed by Teams parent's information evenings and a series of bespoke transition activities were arranged for groups of more vulnerable pupils.

## **School Council / Parliament**

Despite the restrictions posed upon us with Covid-19 regulations, the school parliament met successfully through Teams and worked effectively on a number of projects. They have led the work on the contents of the Meal Deal, hosting a sandwich tasting session, they have worked on the school SIP and created their own Improvement Plan with a focus on the Welsh Language. The school Parliament were extremely busy with staff appointments throughout the year, once again using TEAMS as a platform for their interviews. All the minutes of every school council meeting can now be found on the school website.

## **Maintenance**

During 2020-21 a number of building and maintenance projects have been completed and are in the process of being completed. The phase 3 project at the Ystalyfera site is progressing well with the handover of the new building due in December. The 2G at Bro Dur has been re-laid and is now back in full use and the 2G at Ystalyfera will be completed by the end of October. We have also allocated funding to upgrade Afan building at the Ystalyfera site and are awaiting a beautiful new outdoor classroom for the Primary department.

## **Sporting Achievements**

It's been a quiet year for the physical education department this year, but the school had plenty to be proud of. Our former pupils were the stars for once, especially during the summer months. It was excellent to be able to rejoice in the success of Ben Davies and Rubin Colwill in the Welsh football team at the Euros and it is good to see that Rubin has received a new contract in Cardiff.

On the cricket field Gwennan Davies has been part of the new competition "the 100" with the Birmingham Phoenix and continues to star with the Central Sparks. The school was finally able to claim an Olympian as one of its former disciples as Joe Brier competed in the relay in Tokyo - quite a feat. Within the school it was great to see Morgan Morse receiving a contract with the Ospreys and Gwenan Horgan stepping up to join the senior Swans cohort.

There were very few games for our teams, unfortunately, but year 7 Ystalyfera v Bro Dur was an excellent match. I hope that we will have more opportunities, and more success, in 2021-22.

## Pupil Achievement/Successes

Celebrating our pupil's achievements is fundamental to our provision and we continually look for new ways of acknowledging their success. During this academic year we have introduced our weekly online achievements assemble where both pupils and staff receive praise for their contribution to school life. Pupils have been able to nominate staff and staff nominate pupils.

### Head Prefects 2020-21

	Girls	Boys
Head	Ellie Wyatt	Iestyn Hopkins
Deputy	Sophie Jones	Dafydd Thomas
Deputy	Mari Youngman	Carwyn Siôn

### House Prefects – Hywel

Captain	Mali Morgan Doyle	Rhys Thomas
Vice-captain	Tirion Williams	Lowri Dodge
Vice-captain	Daisy Roberts	Leonie Waters

### House Prefects – Gwenllian

Captain	Erin Lawrence	Matthew Richards
Vice-captain	Mollie McLaughlin	Cellan Evans
Vice-captain	Mollie Griffiths	Megan Cawfield

### House Prefects – Llywelyn

Captain	Ffion Gibson	Zak Sutcliffe
Vice-captain	Rhys Batsford	Megan Havard
Vice-captain	Emily Harker	Alys Hutt

### School Council Members 2020 - 21

Year	Ystalyfera Council	Committee	Bro Dur Council
7	Esther Harper Amelia Sivertsen Aled Giles	Kloe Jones Iewan Marks Miley Powell Griff Baker	Ceirion Jenkins Araya Lee Jones Alessandra Catalano Levi Hubbard
8	Elsbeth-Miri Funnell Erin Williams	Lloyd Harvey Lily Davies Lucy Lewis	Dainton Brittain-Jones Llew Spurway Darcy Jenkins
9	Ellen Smith Finbarr Soady		Erin Constable Mindie James
10	Emily Pickering Jack Jones		Lili Walford Aled Davies Maddie Pritchard Megan Griffiths
11	Taryn Purchase Eva Lyn Dowling	Ffion Davies	
12/13	Ellie Wyatt Sophie Jones Carwyn Siôn	Mari Youngman Iestyn Hopkins Dafydd Thomas	

## School Eisteddfod

The virtual school eisteddfod was a huge success, with pupils competing in a mix of traditional and more innovative competitions. The highlights of each competition was shared via *Twitter* and pupils received certificates noting their achievement. The winner of the Chair at Ystalyfera was Elspeth-Miri Funnell and at Bro Dur Madison Phillips

## Eisteddfod T

The Urdd Eisteddfod was held once again through recordings and television performances. The senior choir (under 25) had 3<sup>rd</sup> place and performed on S4C.

## Awards Evening

The awards evening is now an annual event in the school calendar and this year's winners were:

<b>Prize</b>	<b>Winner</b>	<b>Prize</b>	<b>Winner</b>
Sam Francis	Maia-Louise Powell	KS4 Player of the Year	Morgan Morse Gwenan Horgan
Learning Coach	Ioan Rees Elin Rees	KS3 Player of the Year	Oliver Nedza Rhys Davies Dylan Lougher Cari Davies
Andrew Davies	Ruby Mae Allen Cai Smith	Musician of the Year	Emily Mason Rhys Rowlands Emily Harker Morgan Wood
Tamsin	Rhiannon Aue Skye Corry Jackson Williams Rhys Davies Rhun Moses Morgan Davies Woodrow Ellie Wyatt	Performer of the Year	Zak Sutcliffe Emily Harker Mari Youngman Ellie Wyatt
Headteacher	Esther Harper Morgan Morse Sion Lloyd Rhys Robinson - Howells Ellie Wyatt Ellen Smith Carwyn Sion Dafydd Thomas	KS4 Baccalaureate Pupil	Vanessa Choi Joshua Cooper Bethany Dutton
Eirion Richards	Mari Youngman	KS5 Baccalaureate Pupil	Iestyn Hopkins Daisy Roberts Megan Caufield

<b>Prize</b>	<b>Winner</b>	<b>Prize</b>	<b>Winner</b>
Head of Year 7	Esther Harper Aled Giles Kloe Jones Levi Hubbard	Art	Mali Morgan Doyle Rachel Gnojek Taryn Purchase
Head of Year 8	Elspeth-Miri Funnell Lloyd Harvey Erin Williams	Junior Literacy Award	Welsh - Niamh Macloed English - Aled Giles
Head of Year 9	Ellen Smith Ioan Hamm Dylan Lougher	Senior Literacy Award	English - Danny Lavis Welsh - Teilo Harris
Head of Year 10	Emily Pickering Gwen Morgan Jones Siôn Lloyd	Stwnsh Room	Kimberley Llewelyn Gruffudd Emyr Summer Barrett
Head of Year 11	Ffion Elizabeth Davies Ioan Rees Emily Mason	Eisteddfod On line	Elspeth-Miri Funnell Sadie Brophy Esther Harper Kloe Jones
Head of Year 12	Rachel Gnojek Christopher Harris Emma Jones	School Council	Steffan Crocker
Head of Year 13	Erin Lawrence Mollie McLaughlin Cellan Evans		

<b>Year 7</b>	<b>Nominees &amp; Winners</b>	<b>Year 8</b>	<b>Nominees &amp; Winners</b>
Health & Wellbeing	Evan Walford Elliot Jones Celyn Harvey Seren Holmes  Winners: Osian Davies Ffion Margeston	Health & Wellbeing	Jude South Seren Davies Ellie Gooby  Winners: Cian Evans Elis Cox Maddison Morgan
Science & Technology	Lucy Pritchard Charlie Breeze  Winner: Joshua Comer	Science & Technology	Catrin Lewis Ffion Massey  Winner: Celyn Francis
Maths & Numeracy	Elliot Jones Gwenllian Thomas  Winner: Efa Gruffydd	Maths & Numeracy	Maddison Morgan Cayden Jones  Winner: Joseff Forward

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Languages, Literacy & Communication	Winners: Erin Young (English) Llinos Davies (MFL) Sara Stephens (Welsh)	Languages, Literacy & Communication	Winners: Manon Rees (English) Madison Phillips (MFL) Maddison Morgan (Welsh)
Expressive Arts	Winners: Music - Elliott Morris Drama - Efa Gruffydd	Expressive Arts	Winners: Music - Joseff Forward Drama - William Jeremiah Art - Ffion Massey
Humanities	Rhiannon Jones Aaron Bennett-Kirby  Winner: Elliot Jones	Humanities	Manon Rees Joshua Bennett  Winner: Saphire James

<b>Year 9</b>	<b>Nominees &amp; Winners</b>	<b>Year 10</b>	<b>Nominees &amp; Winners</b>
Health & Wellbeing	Osian Williams Iona Walker Hunt Preston McCarthy Abbie Clark-Evans  Winner: Cai Jones Dhani Eagle	Health & Wellbeing	Efa Jones Lowri Gleaves Cieran Jones  Winners: Morgan Francis Mali Loader
Science & Technology	Mia Davies Macsen Williams  Winner: Adara George	Science & Technology	Eleri Lavis Morgan Francis  Winner: Scarlett Rapsey
Maths & Numeracy	Rhys Jones Hannah Wearing  Winner: Dominic Bridgeman	Maths & Numeracy	Scarlett Rapsey Maddie Pritchard  Winner: Mili Jones
Languages, Literacy & Communication	Winners: Mia Davies (English) Macsen Williams (MFL) Darcie Hewitt (Welsh)	Languages, Literacy & Communication	Winners: Scarlett Griffiths (English) Ruby Johnson (MFL) Lily Emanuel (Welsh)

<b>Year 9</b>	<b>Nominees &amp; Winners</b>	<b>Year 10</b>	<b>Nominees &amp; Winners</b>
Expressive Arts	Winners: Music - Maccsen Williams Drama - Ariana Foster-Jones Art - Poppi-Lil Seymour	Expressive Arts	Winners: Music - Lili Walford Drama - Lewys Smith Photography - Lowri Gleaves
Humanities	Adara George Tomos Payne  Winner: Gracie George	Humanities	Tyler Kelly Keenan Whittle Cieran Jones  Winner: Pheobe Aston

<b>Prize</b>	<b>Winner</b>
Year 7	Gwenllian Thomas
Year 8	William Jeremiah
Year 9	Dylan Landry
Year 10	Lowri Gleaves
The Gorwel	Harvey Thompson
Progress	Leonie Smith
Headteacher	Ashton Hewitt