



As we finish the first half term here at Ysgol Aberconwy we wanted to share with you some of our highlights and also what's coming up between now and Christmas...

## What a way to start the year...

We've definitely hit the ground running here at the school since we started back after the summer holidays.

From our Year 7 trip to Glan Llyn to our open evening, and from Restart a Heart Day to our Awards evening, we have been keeping staff and students very busy.

We hope you enjoy reading through this newsletter. If you have any feedback or wish to be included in the next issue, please email [info@aberconwy.conwy.sch.uk](mailto:info@aberconwy.conwy.sch.uk)

## Key dates coming up:

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October:** Break up for half term

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November:** Students return

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November:** Years 8 – 13  
Individual School Photographs

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November:** Year 9 Parents  
Evening

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December:** Last day of term

Don't forget key event dates can be found on our website...



We're pleased to announce final preparations are taking place for this year's Ysgol Aberconwy production, the next generation, **School of Rock The Musical!** Performances are on the following days...

- Wednesday 22nd November 7pm
- Thursday 23rd November 7pm
- Friday 24th November 7pm

Tickets: Adults £6pp and Children/Students/Senior Citizens £4pp  
Email [info@aberconwy.conwy.sch.uk](mailto:info@aberconwy.conwy.sch.uk) for more information  
Don't miss out!

## Our new Year 7's spent some time outdoors...

Year 7 students spent three days at the beginning of term at Glan Llyn in Bala, an outdoor activity centre. They took part in lots of activities at the centre whilst getting to know one another.

Take a look at the pictures below to see how much fun they had...





## Collingwood Learning took to the stage to deliver Mirror Mirror to our Year 8 students...



Mirror Mirror is a new theatre and workshop programme which tackles Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) and enables students to learn what CSE is, how grooming works, how they can keep safe and how they can get help.

The project is being delivered in schools across North Wales and is being sponsored by the North Wales Safeguarding Children's Board, in partnership with Barnardo's Gwella Project.

## We've harvested our first Aberconwy apple!

Although the school year has only just begun, we've been busy working on the Ysgol Aberconwy garden!

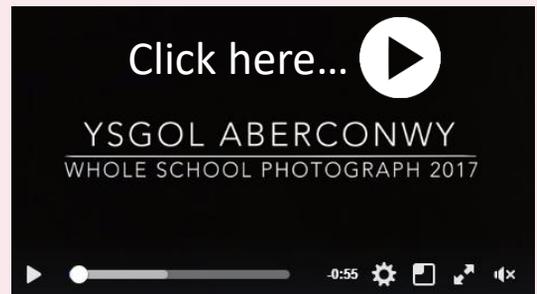
A huge thank you to Sodexo who've installed new raised planting beds, which are soon to be planted with autumn vegetables.

Another thank you also goes to everyone who voted for Ysgol Aberconwy at Tesco Llandudno Junction, as the money we've been awarded through Tesco Bags of Help, will go towards new gardening tools and materials for ongoing garden development.

And here's the best bit of news from the garden... We've just harvested our first Aberconwy apple! The Afal Diemwnt (a rare Welsh variety) was harvested with some rhubarb by Ysgol Aberconwy Hafan students for a quick afternoon snack!



## Have you seen our behind the scenes video at our whole school photograph?



## Our open evening was a huge success...

A big thank you to all our students who helped out on the evening. We've received some lovely feedback from parents whose children will be joining us in September about how informative and friendly everyone was.





## Sporting achievements...

### Gap year opportunities for sixth form students...

Thank you to the Project Trust who came to visit our Sixth Form students recently.

The students had the chance to listen to the gap year opportunities available to them. They have placements across Africa, Asia and the Americas. Not only do the students learn about themselves they also meet people from across the world and experience other cultures.

To find out more please visit their website  
[www.projecttrust.org.uk](http://www.projecttrust.org.uk)



Well done to Kiana Brown on achieving her Lifesaver Award.



Congratulations to Marnie Cockrill for coming 2nd with her partner Megan Gibson in their class at the RYA Sailing Competition in Fishguard in September.

Well done to Mia Rawling who played for Wales Under 15's at St Georges Park.



### Ysgol Aberconwy TV is live...

To find out the latest news from the school check out our YATV channel. A channel created by Sixth Form Media students...



We can't believe it's only been eight weeks and we've managed to fit all this in alongside our hard work within the classrooms.

Don't forget to follow the school on our Facebook page and Twitter account to stay up to date with the latest news and information!



### Restart a Heart Day 2017!

Ysgol Aberconwy marked 'Restart a Heart Day' on Monday 16th October by training over 650 students in basic First Aid and CPR procedures in one day!



Staff and students at Ysgol Aberconwy attended training slots throughout the day and they are now part of the British Heart Foundation's Nation of Lifesavers. By learning CPR, they've armed themselves with the skills that could help save lives in our communities.

### Well done Chloe Ellison

Well done to **Chloe Ellison** for raising **£123.65** for the Future Fertility Trust Charity following a sponsored walk she organised. Not only has she raised this amount, she's also helped raise awareness of this charity, which helps children with cancer preserve their fertility before treatment. **Well done Chloe!**