



Fitzalan High School

Ysgol Uwchradd Fitzalan

ANNUAL GOVERNORS' REPORT TO PARENTS 2014/2015

Letter from the Chair of Governors

I take this opportunity to thank you for your support and look forward to another successful year for Fitzalan.

Fitzalan pupils have continued to buck national trends by improving their A2 and AS results for the 4th year running.

Over 92% of year 13 students secured 2 or more A* - E grades with pleasing results achieved at AS.

The school is particularly delighted that their first ever Oxbridge applicant, Mohamed Eghleilib has secured his place at Pembroke College, Oxford to study medicine by achieving an outstanding 4 A* grades in Maths, Biology, Chemistry, Arabic and Welsh Baccalaureate (WBQ).

Notable other successes were Head girl Laila Nazzal who achieved an A* in History and As in English, Psychology and WBQ as well as an A grade in AS Polish. She will now study International relations at Cardiff University. Andrew Boczek secured an A* in Biology as well as A grades in Chemistry, Maths and WBQ. Amongst the highest achievers at AS were Connie Wu who achieved an impressive 4 A grades along with Raihan Azad and Livvy Forrest who both secured 3 A grades.

Fitzalan pupils have continued to excel with over 83% achieving 5 A*-C grades.

All the hard work has paid off and staff and students are delighted with the results of their efforts. Over a dozen pupils secured 8 or more A*s with our top boy Jack Cicero obtaining an impressive 12 A*s and our top girl Asia Dirie achieving 10 A*s. Umber Khan also did exceptionally well by achieving 6 A*s and 5As. All pupils are looking forward to starting their sixth form studies at Fitzalan High School.

Our success has been recognised by both the Local Authority and Welsh Government and Fitzalan has been categorised as a Standards 2 'Green' school. A consequence of this success is a continued increase in pupil numbers and we are full in a number of year groups.

In order to continue our drive for success, the Governing Body is fully involved in target and objective setting. Our School Improvement Objectives for this year are

1. Raise standards of achievement across all groups of pupils in Fitzalan.
2. To raise standards in Welsh language.
3. Develop and improve the quality of teaching and learning.
4. Embed the Literacy and Numeracy Framework across the school.
5. Continue to embed Restorative Approaches in all aspects of school development.
6. Improve accommodation for teaching and learning.

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On Sunday 12th July, twenty Year 7 and 8 pupils left Fitzalan at midnight to the capital of France. The first day in Paris was spent visiting some of the world's most famous monuments, enjoying a leisurely cruise along the River Seine, using French with then locals and seeing the Euro work in real life. The second day was dedicated to Disneyland, when the thrill seekers amongst us had the opportunity to experience some of the country's best rollercoasters and rides. Pupils represented Fitzalan in a respectable manner at all times and took real interest in French Life, language and culture.

**Governing Body of
Fitzalan High School**

Community Governors

Mr Nitesh Patel	Appointed 12/9/11
Mr Naran Patel	Appointed 20/2/12
Mr K Gaunt	Appointed 23/2/09
Mr Steve Khaireh	Appointed 30/9/13

LEA Representatives

Dr J Gantley (Chair)	Appointed 19/12/12
Mr J Singh	Appointed 19/7/12
Mr L Ali	Appointed 27/1/12
Cllr R Patel	Appointed 21/9/12
Cllr C Furlong	Appointed 24/4/09

Parent Representatives

Mr A Yusuf	Appointed 25/1/11
Mrs H Mader	Appointed 09/11/12
Mrs S Spillane	Appointed 25/11/11
Mrs N Omar	Appointed 25/11/11
Mrs H Abokor	Appointed 09/11/12
Ms D Morgan	Appointed 09/11/12

Headteacher

Mrs C Bradshaw

Staff Representatives

Ms E Bailey	Appointed 10/11
Mrs J Sargeant	Appointed 10/11

Mrs Sian Ovens Link adviser

New Appointments – Teachers

Miss Catherine Pritchard	Maths
Mrs Anwen Jones	Welsh
Miss Laura Williams	Technology
Mrs Sarah Pryor	Chemistry
Miss Sabrina Revell	RE
Mr Nicky Tamlyn	English
Miss Louisa Morgan	RE
Miss Aaliyah Hassan	Maths
Miss Elinor John	Art
Miss Rachel Wood	Technology
Miss Paige Stephens	English
Ms Arabella Pusok	EMAS
Mr Rob Morgan	Science
Mr Alex Holmes	English
Mr Jamie Burns	Maths
Miss Alys Williams	MFL
Miss Naomi Rayner	MFL
Mr John Law	MFL
Mr Stuart Clarke	Rugby Dev Officer
Ms Lee Brooks	Art

School Management

Equalities Plan

The school has completed its Equalities Plan in compliance with the Equalities Act 2010. This reinforces our commitment to equality at Fitzalan and has meant that various groups have been involved with scrutinising current policy and practice to ensure that we fulfil our obligations.

The plan is reviewed annually and is next due for review in September 2016.

Any parent who would like to be a part of a group considering and evaluating the plan is welcome to contact the Head teacher .

School Prospectus

A copy of the school prospectus is now available. Please contact the school for a copy or download from the school website.

Finance

The budget for 2014/15 is shown below:

Formula Allocation	7,510,040
Balance brought forward 13/14	698
Total funds available	7,510,738

Expenditure:	
Employees	6,361,700
Premises related	1,233,613
Transport Costs	14,434
Supplies & Services	761,627
Service Units	241,825
Total expenditure	8,613,199

Less Income 1,124,659

Net expenditure 7,488,540

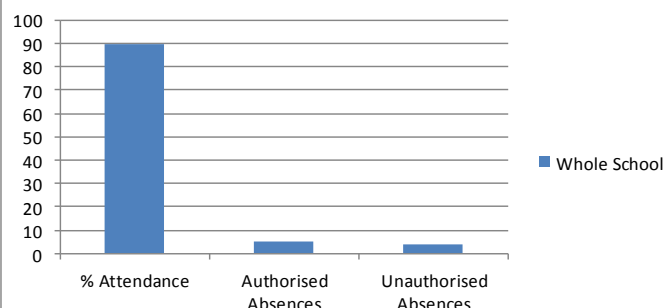
Balance carried forward to 2015/16 22,198

Please note only by raising considerable additional sums have we been able to afford to maintain additional expenditure on teaching and support staff and pupil services. The vacant Caretaker's house has now been converted and is now known as the Nurture House providing additional support for pupils with social and emotional needs. Also there has been a complete overall of the Swimming Pool boiler room and a complete refurbishment of the catering classroom and kitchen, plus many other areas have been improved.

High Achievers' Evening



Whole School Attendance 2014 - 2015



The Headteacher and staff at Fitzalan High School were delighted to Welcome Mrs Julia Magill, Cabinet Minister for Education & Skills and Miss Sinead Gallagher, Oxbridge Outreach and Assistant to the Oxbridge Ambassador of Wales, to their Academic Excellence Evening in September.

Pupils from last year's Year 9 through to those leaving school to embark on degree courses were all recognised for their excellent academic achievements. The outstanding student in Year 13 was Mohamed Eghleilib who will now take up a place at Pembroke College, Oxford University to study medicine, following his success in securing 4 A* grades at A Level. The Year 12 top achiever was Connie Wu who secured 4 A grades at AS despite only starting to learn English in 2010. Over 30 students received recognition for their hard work and commitment shown during the year. Staff and parents were all justifiably proud of their achievements.

2014/2015 Academic Year

Term	Term Starts	Half Term Starts	Half Term Ends	Term Ends
Autumn	Mon 1st Sept 2014	Sat 25th Oct 2014	Sun 1st Nov 2014	Friday 19th Dec 2014
Spring	Mon 5th Jan 2015	Sat 14th Feb 2015	Sun 22nd Feb 2015	Fri 27th Mar 2015
Summer	Mon 13th April 2015	Sat 23rd May 2015	Sun 31st May 2015	Mon 20th Jul 2015



ECO Club

The Eco Club have been busy planting a small orchard in the quiet garden. We have planted a mixture of 10 pear, apple, cherry and plum trees. We applied to Keep Wales Tidy for a £500 grant from their Natural Buzz fund. The trees were chosen because they will provide food for important pollinators that are under threat such as bees and butterflies. Later this year we will be selling the fruit in smoothies and cakes. We also recently participated in a Pollen8Cymru event at St David's Shopping centre which was also aimed at helping pollinators.



70th Anniversary of VE Day

Friday 8th May saw the 70th anniversary of VE Day (Victory in Europe Day) which marked the end of the Second World War in Europe. Commemorations and celebrations took place across the United Kingdom and in Fitzalan High School we also held a special event. Throughout the week leading up to VE Day, all Key Stage 3 year groups had assemblies about the momentous events of 70 years ago and on the afternoon of the 8th May we held a VE Day Party. 80 pupils were invited along with local primary school pupils and visitors from the community (some of whom remembered the original VE Day). The afternoon began with a presentation about the impact of the Second World War and this was followed by an 'indoor' street party with sandwiches and rock cakes. Staff dressed up in 1940s costumes and there was plenty of wartime music. The commemoration ended with a two minute silence remembering the sacrifice of those that fought for our country and the many innocent victims of the war.



Sixth form

Kaplan were proud to announce the recipient of the Kaplan Accountancy Scholarship 2014 is Juber Gafur from Fitzalan High School.

As the successful Scholar, Juber has been awarded:

- Free Apprenticeship AAT training at Kaplan Financial to commence from September 2014
- On completion of the Apprenticeship qualification, free training for the professional level accountancy qualification of his choice (ACCA, CIMA or ICAEW) worth circa £15,000
- Kaplan are committed to placing Juber in an accountancy role

"Juber conducted himself in a professional, articulate and mature manner throughout the Scholarship process. He is a credit to his family and school, he is an excellent student with an impressive academic record. Kaplan are excited to be



Our Year 13 BTEC Sport group are studying a unit of work entitled 'The Athlete's Lifestyle' and what better way to research this than to interview an Olympic athletic. We were very honoured to have Wales and GB sprinter Christian Malcolm come into our lesson and be interviewed by the pupils about his career. Christian has represented Great Britain in 4 Olympic Games which is an incredible achievement.



We were delighted to welcome Dr Kathy Seddon to school recently to make a presentation to one of our students who completed her A Levels in June and has just taken up a place at Cardiff University to study for a degree in Psychology. Jodie Irwin made a successful application to the Worshipful Livery Company of Wales, a group of people who make charitable donations into specific guilds that are then used to support the academic progress of young people in Wales. Jodie, as the first person in her family to attend

Past Pupil success



Dr Michael Porton, a Technology Programme Manager at CCFE who was a student at Fitzalan from 1996 to 2001, has recently been awarded the Royal Academy of Engineering Award 2013. Whilst at Fitzalan he passed his Maths GCSE in Year 7 and his A Level in Year 9 with A grades. He actually then left us to study Maths at Bath University at the end of Year 11 as by that time he had secured enough GCSEs and A Levels to mean that he did not need to spend time in the 6th form!

Gwobrau Arbennig 2015-Special Awards 2015

<u>Ymdrech Ragorol -Exceptional Effort</u>	Year 7 Year 8 Year 9 Year 10 Year 11	Ismail Ali Soheir Yousif Fatoumatta Fofana Yusuf Bille Fahima Khatun
<u>Gwobr Ddarllen Sam Tafreshi a Nazia Begum 2015-Sam Tafreshi & Nazia Begum Reading Award 2015</u>	Year 8	Harem Noraddin
<u>Cwpan Cymuned Trefynach -Grangetown Community Cup</u> A wobrwyr am waith yn y gymuned 2015 - awarded for work in the community 2015	Year 12	Aneesa Aburas
<u>Gwobr Is-iarll Tonypandy 2015 - Viscount Tonypandy Award 2015</u>	Year 9	Hope Evans
<u>Gwobr Mathew Price - Mathew Price – Contribution to Wider School Life</u> – Cyfraniad I Fywyd Ysgol-eang - Wesh Community football awards regional winner 2015 Player of the Year'	Year 10	Jordan Carey
<u>Gwobr Wally Carter am Ragoriaeth mewn Chwaraeon 2015 -Wally Carter Prize for Excellence in PE 2015</u>	Year 12	Hassan Abdi
<u>Gwobr Porton am Ragoriaeth mewn Cerddoriaeth 2015-Porton prize for Excellence in Music 2015</u>	Year 11	Jade McFarland
<u>Gwobr Hanes Lianne Brookes 2015 -Lianne Brookes Award for History 2015</u>	Year 13	Aklakul Chowdhury
<u>Gwobr Porton am Ragoriaeth mewn Mathemateg 2013 -Porton Prize for Excellence in Mathematics - 2015</u>	Year 12	Jack Cicero
<u>Gwobr Arweinyddiaeth Dosbarth Chwech 2015 - Sixth Form Leadership Award 2015</u>	Year 13	Zakir Hussain
<u>Disgyblion Cyfleoedd Ymestynnol â'r Cynnydd Mwyaf 2015 - Most Improved Pupil in Extended Opportunities 2015</u>	Year 10 Year 11	Brian Driscoll Casey Gabb
<u>Arferion Dysgu-Habits of Learning</u>	Year 8	Thadshana Parameswar
<u>Unigolyn Rhagorol Chwaraeon-David Pullin Award for Outstanding Sports personality-Ms A Sutherland</u>	Year 11	Baaqi Abdul
<u>Disgyblion Rhagorol Blwyddyn 2013 Outstanding Students of the Year 2015</u>	Year 7 Year 8 Year 9 Year 9 Year 10 Year 11 Year 11 Year 12 Year 12 Year 13	Yousuf Bakshi Alice Simpson Ruby Tomas Collins Louie Hext Golsheen Crona Sara Junaid River Daniel Laila Nazzal Mohamed Eghleilib Hamna Saeed

