

Fitzalan High School

Ysgol Uwchradd Fitzalan



Annual Governors' Report to Parents 2017-18

Learning together to be the best we can be

Introduction from the Chair of Governors

I am pleased to introduce our Annual Report to parents/carers and to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support . We all look forward to another successful year for Fitzalan.

Fitzalan continues to thrive

Staff and pupils at Fitzalan High School are once again delighted to be celebrating another outstanding set of A Level and AS results. At A Level, 91% of pupils achieved 2 or more A*-C grades with 100% of pupils securing 2 or more A*-E grades. Anas Aboukoura has now achieved 4 A*s in maths, physics, biology, chemistry with another A in further maths while Amin Parvareshnia, despite only learning to speak English 3 years ago, secured 4A*s in maths, further maths, Persian and physics. Anas is now studying medicine at Imperial College, London. Yahgub Hassan is studying mechatronic and robotic engineering at Sheffield University after securing an A in maths, A in physics and a B in chemistry.

The PE department were particularly proud of Emily Baldwin who gained an A* in PE, along with a further A and 2 Bs has started a sport psychology course at Loughborough University.

At AS, a high number of pupils secured 3 or more A grades with George Beare notably achieving 4 As in maths, physics, psychology and film studies.

One pupil Dylan Kerai, despite receiving a diagnosis of Stage 4 Hodgkins Lymphoma earlier in the year, battled to be well enough to sit his exams, achieving an amazing computer science A, maths B and physics C. Staff and pupils are extremely proud of the bravery and resilience he has shown throughout the year.

Assistant Headteacher Jo Kemp said that staff and pupils should be, "really proud of the results achieved, particularly in new courses and we would like to wish all of our Year 13 pupils every success with whatever direction their lives take them in next."

The Governing Body is fully involved in target and objective setting. Our School Improvement Objectives for this year are:-

1. To achieve excellent progress, outcomes, standards and attitudes to learning for all pupils
2. To develop excellent teaching & learning and outstanding provision
3. To maximise opportunities for staff development and professional learning
4. To develop leadership throughout the school

A level Chemistry Trip

The School of Chemistry at Cardiff University invited us to take Year 12 pupils to a **Hands-on Chemistry at Cardiff** activity for sixth formers on 26th June. This was a full day event with a synthetic lab in the morning and a titration experiment in the afternoon. These experiments were chosen by the university from the WJEC lab book in discussion with some of the members of the teachers' advisory panel so they would be very useful for the pupils.

All pupils had a fantastic time enjoying the hands-on experience of handling equipment in actual university chemistry labs.



Financial report to parents 2017/18

Income

Formula Allocation	£8,205,816
Balance Bought forward 15/16	£244

Total Funds available **£8,206,060**

Expenditure

Employees	£7,569,139
Premises related	£1,019,010
Transport & Services	£19,143
Supplies & Services	£1,034,845
Service Units	£350,945

Total Expenditure: **£9,993,082**

Less income £1,787,468

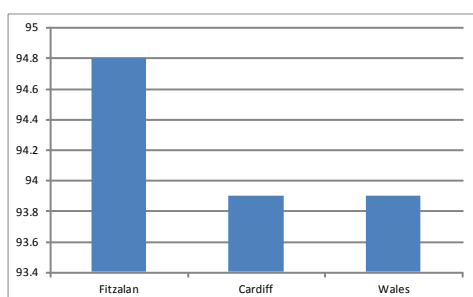
Net Expenditure **£8,205,614**

Fitzalan is committed to providing the best possible learning environment for all of our pupils.

This year many of the communal areas have been given a 'freshen up' by our site team and several rooms have been refurbished to create extra capacity for our growing numbers.

A range of ICT hardware has been purchased to support 21st Century learning and has already had a positive impact.

Pupil Attendance 2017/18



The attendance at Fitzalan has increased again this year to 94.8%. This is the highest it has ever been and we are now striving to meet the Welsh Government target of 95%.

Ffair Haf - PTA Summer Fayre

Fitzalan High School PTA was delighted to present the annual Summer Fayre and Cultural Celebration on the afternoon of Wednesday 11th July 2018. Mr O'Brien compered the afternoon and luckily, the sunny weather helped pupils to sing, dance, listen to poems and presentations, play games, balance on ultimate lemons, get faces painted from Project Spectrum and the art department, purchase plants, books, gifts, take part in bottle flipping, get henna tattoos, entertain the local neighbourhood with the ambulance, fire engines, mounted police and watch Simon Sparkles the magician! What an afternoon! The steel pans and on-stage performances were superb and started with 'Man in the Mirror'.

A huge well done and thanks to the music and languages departments, and the pupils for the performances. Many parents commented on how the music 'made the atmosphere of the summer fayre' and we agree! Thanks to Mr Jones, Mr Thomas, Miss Dummett for the sponge the teacher event, Ms Timbrell for the handbag stall, Ms Oakley for organising the food, Mrs Brown for manning the Bric-a-Brac stall and Miss Sims for the bear and sweet activity. The PE department had a great time with their quad events and over at the Sports Hall with the crossbar challenge. The jolly jars were back due to popular demand and it was lovely to see new stalls such as Marble Madness, Bowl Out Mr Ahlom, the Tombola, the Ultimate Slime stall and the CCF stall.

Huge thanks must go to Andrea Sprudd and Rhianne Massin, who have kept the PTA focused and on track in the planning, as they managed to obtain some great raffle prizes. Diolch also to the admin and estates team who supported throughout, along with the members of the PTA. The summer fayre raised £782, which is going towards refurbishing the wellbeing classroom to benefit the pupils of our school. Thanks to everyone for your support.



Term Dates

Term	Term Starts	Half Term Starts	Half Term Ends	Term Ends
Autumn	Mon 3rd Sept 2018	Sat 27th Oct 2018	Sun 4th Nov 2018	Fri 21st Dec 2018
Spring	Mon 7th Jan 2019	Sat 23rd Feb 2019	Sun 3rd Mar 2019	Fri 12th Apr 2019
Summer	Mon 29th April 2019	Sat 25th May 2019	Sun 2nd Jun 2019	Fri 19th Jul 2019

Yousuf Bakshi, from Fitzalan High School, Cardiff, wins place on the Sutton Trust US Programme.

Year 13 pupil Yousuf has won a place in the seventh cohort of the Sutton Trust US Programme, which is run in partnership with the US-UK Fulbright Commission. Entry to the programme is highly competitive and Yousuf was chosen from thousands of the UK's brightest students to be one of the 150 scholars. The Sutton Trust US Programme allows academically talented, low and middle income British students to explore US higher education and what it would be like to study at a top US university.

As well as supporting students in their exploration, the programme takes all 150 students for a week-long visit to the US, visiting different campuses and giving the students a flavour of life stateside. Speaking of his achievements, Yousuf said: "I'm delighted to be a part of this year's cohort 7 for the Sutton Trust US programme. I firmly believe that this programme will allow me to pursue my dreams of studying in America by providing me with great first-hand opportunities to experience US uni life, but also to steer me in the right direction when it comes to applications to the US. It's been an amazing opportunity to connect with other like-minded pupils who share the same goals and US ambitions as I do, and I'm sure that the year ahead will be one of the best times of my life thanks to this programme."

Mrs Kemp, Assistant Headteacher, said that, 'We are all very proud of Yousuf's success in gaining a place on the Sutton Trust US Programme. He is an ideal candidate for studying within the American system and we know that he will take full advantage of the opportunity to experience this first-hand during his trip this summer'.



GWOBRAU ARBENNIG 2018 — SPECIAL AWARDS 2018

<p>Gwobr Matthew Price Cyfraniaid I'r Byd Chwaraeon Matthew Price—Contribution to Sporting Life</p>	<p>Year 12</p>	<p>Joanna Parry</p>
<p>Gwobr Wally Carter am Ragoriaeth mewn Chwaraeon Wally Carter Prize for Excellence in PE</p>	<p>Year 9</p>	<p>Dixon Kabongo</p>
<p>Gwobr Porton am Ragoriaeth mewn Mathematig Porton Prize for Excellence in Mathematics</p>	<p>Year 12</p>	<p>Yousuf Bakshi</p>
<p>Gwobr am Gyfnewidiad mewn Gwyddoniaeth a Thecnoleg Science & Technology Innovation Award</p>	<p>Year 10</p>	<p>Daljeet Choda</p>
<p>Gwobr Porton am Ragoriaeth newn Cerddoriaeth Porton Prize for Excellence in Music</p>	<p>Year 9</p>	<p>Matthew Haughton</p>
<p>Cwpan Gymunedo Fitzalan I'w gwobrywo am waith ym mywyd ehnagach yr ysgol Fitzalan Community Cup Awarded for work in the wider life of the school</p>	<p>Year 12</p>	<p>Maryam Karshe</p>
<p>Gwobr am Weithgareddau Allgyrsiol Award for extra-curricular activities.</p>	<p>Year 10</p>	<p>Ziyad Qasem</p>
<p>Gwobr Arweinyddiaeth Dosbarth Chwech Sixth Form Leadership Award</p>	<p>Year 12</p>	<p>George Beare</p>
<p>Ymdrech Eithriadol 2018 Exceptional Effort 2018</p>	<p>Year 7 Year 8 Year 9 Year 10 Year 12</p>	<p>Nitasha Khan Kate Gill Ahlam Ali Ahmed Sherief Joanna Parry</p>
<p>Disgyblion Rhagoral Blwyddyn 2018 Outstanding Students of the Year 2018</p>	<p>Year 7 Year 8 Year 9 Year 10 Year 12</p>	<p>Issac Bakshi Ayshah Akhtar Tomas Behrens Hanfa Khan Yousuf Bakshi</p>