



DENBIGH HIGH SCHOOL

Governors Report to Parents

2013/2014

DENBIGH HIGH SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY 2013-2014

Members' Details

The Chair (Mrs. G. Jones) and the Vice-chair (Mr. G Royles) were elected by the Governing Body for a term of one year. The date following each name indicates a Governors' end of term in office.

L.E.A Appointed Governors

Mr. R. C. Parry, JP (27.09.13)
Mrs. G. Jones (05.03.17)
Mr. E. Lloyd (18.06.14)
Cllr. C Hughes (22.10.14)
Mr. G Royles (06.12.15)

Parent Governors

Mr. S Andrews (22.01.16)
Mr. JP Roythorne (20.10.14)
Mrs. J Douglas (08.03.16)
Mrs. S Gage (21.09.15)
Mr. M Edwards (21.09.15)
Mrs. DM Houghton (21.10.16)

Community Governors

Cllr. R Davies (13.06.16)
Mrs. J Murray (13.10.14)
Miss K Robertson (01.12.14)
Mr. D Jones (26.07.15)
Mrs. K Turner-Crooks (14.03.17)

Teacher Governors

Dr. RP Evans (16.07.14)
Mrs. S Jones (18.09.16)

Staff Governor

Mrs. C Kennedy-Jones (06.02.17)

Headteacher

Mr. S Molloy

Secondary Education Officer

Mr. J. Molloy, Education Dept., Ruthin, LL15 1QA

Chair to the Governing Body

Mrs. Glenda Jones – Hafod Wen, Llanrhaeadr, Denbighshire, LL16 4NA

Clerk to the Governing Body

Miss Lisa Clarke – 25 Lon Ceiriog, Denbigh, Denbighshire, LL16 3PJ

Governors

Denbigh High School Governors play a full and integral part in working with the Headteacher and are involved with the individual departments of the school with their work as Link Governors – each governor is linked with a subject and department and make regular reports back to the full Governing Body.

Full Governing Body Meetings were held on the following dates:

2013 12th Sept '13 Annual General Meeting (Election of Chair and Vice Chair)
Exam Results Review Meeting
12th Dec '13 Full Governing Body Meeting

2014 13th Mar '14 Full Governing Body Meeting
15th May '14 Full Governing Body Meeting
10th Jul '14 Full Governing Body Meeting

All aspects of School life are discussed at these meetings. The Governing Body is kept fully informed by the Head Teacher's Report which on completion is discussed at the meetings – such issues as staffing, curriculum and assessment, finance, buildings inspections, pastoral matters, school management decisions and community projects all feature.

Governors report their visits to the School and the departments they are linked with. Minutes are taken at every meeting. They are then read, commented on and passed at the following meeting.

Governors report to the full Governing Body the discussions and decisions arising from the three committees: Curriculum, Finance and Personnel. These meet at least once every half-term.

The Governors also receive an annual report from Subject Leaders. These comment on examination results, pupil progress and initiatives undertaken to improve this. They also review the Departmental Improvement Plan of the previous year and provide a plan for the present year.

Governors are responsible for and are involved with all aspects of the School, including the Curriculum, finances and the appointment of staff. Their role is one of a critical friend to support and help the school move forward at all times.

Performance and Target Information

A Level

Participation in the Dyffryn Clwyd Consortium is enabling all students at A Level to achieve in the subjects of their choice. The number of students applying for the John Bennett Parry Trust fund which offers financial support for students going on to University was very encouraging.

Key Stage 5 Examination Results 2014 data collection

Pupils aged 17 who were on roll in January 2014
[i.e. pupils who have their 18th Birthday between 01/09/2013 and 31/08/2014]

School name: Denbigh High School

Number of pupils in cohort (Year 13 only): 48

Number of pupils entered for 2 or more A levels or equivalent (Year 13 only):
45

Level 3 threshold

	Number of pupils	% of cohort
Achieved the Level 3 threshold	45	94%

A level grade

Grades	A*	A	B	C	D	E	U	X
Number achieving (All boards)	1	8	52	41	32	18	3	0

Vocational Subjects e.g. BTEC Level 3 National Award

	Distinction	Merit	Pass	Other
Number achieving (All boards)	1	3		

Welsh Baccalaureate – Year 13 only

	Number Participating	Number Passed
Advanced	6	6
Intermediate	0	0

GCSE

Key Indicators at GCSE have shown significant improvements this year. There are several subjects which have had outstanding results and virtually all areas have improved. On behalf of the Governors I would like to thank the staff for their hard work in achieving this improved picture.

Key Stage 4 Examination Results 2014 data collection

Pupils aged 15 who were on roll in January 2014

[i.e. pupils who have their 16th Birthday between 01/09/2013 and 31/08/2014]

School name: Denbigh High school

Cohort Size (Total): 125

Thresholds & Wider Point Scores

	No of pupils	% of cohort
Achieved the Level 2 threshold including a GCSE (A*-A) pass or equivalent in English Language or Welsh First Language and Mathematics (Level 2 ++)	7	6%
Achieved the Level 2 threshold including a GCSE (A*-C) pass or equivalent in English Language or Welsh First Language and Mathematics (Level 2 +)	73	58%
Achieved the Level 2 threshold (Level 2)	106	85%
Achieved the Level 1 threshold (Level 1)	125	100%

Average Wider Point Score (AWPS)	396
Average Capped Wider Point Score (CPS)	334

Core Subject GCSEs

	A*-A		A*-C		A*-G	
	No of pupils	% of cohort	No of pupils	% of cohort	No of pupils	% of cohort
English	18	14	89	71	125	100%
Mathematics	13	10%	80	64	124	99%
Science	1	0.8%	112	90	125	100%
Welsh (1 st Language)						
Achieved 5+ A*- A GCSE	10	8%				
Achieved 5+ A*- C GCSE			63	50		
Achieved 5+ A*- C GCSE in English/Welsh, Maths & Science (CSI)			53	42		
Achieved 5+ A*- G in GCSE					78	62

KS3

Following the new moderation processes, the picture at Key Stage 3 is mixed. As the assessment of moderation systems bed down they will give a more consistent overview.

KS3 Targets and Results

The school attained its target at L5+ in Maths and Science but not the CSI and at L6+ the school attained its target in all core subjects. The performance of foundation subjects was on or close to target in all subjects at L5+ but the variation was greater at L6+

Almost all targets are set at FFTD at KS3 and KS4 and the school also takes into account the expected performance in terms of quartile position.

KS3 L5+	English	Welsh (2nd Lang)	Maths	Science	CSI
2015	91	-	92	95	87
2016	92	-	93	96	90

KS3 L6+	English	Welsh (2nd Lang)	Maths	Science	CSI
2015	58	-	62	58	-
2016	59	-	63	59	-

The school has made great strides in working with primary schools in order to ensure that there is a consistency in teacher assessment at Key Stage 3. Now that this process is nearly complete, and combined with our rigorous assessment procedures, we have moved closer to our targets.

Finance

The School controls its Budget through the Finance Committee of the Governing Body. The committee meets on a regular basis, takes action as necessary for the financial running of the School and passes all its meetings' minutes to the Full Governing Body for approval.

Action Taken By The Governing Body/School

The school prospectus is updated in the first term of the academic year and includes relevant and legally required information.

Policies approved by Governors include the Denbighshire-wide Performance Management policy for Teaching Staff, the School Pay Policy and the Denbighshire-wide Complaints Policy.

Community

The Governors, as always, are pleased to approve the numerous activities that have taken place outside the classroom and would like to thank all those who have helped organise, overseen and participated in these activities which were so successful during the School year 2013 – 2014. One of the major aims of the School is to forge close links with the community enabling us to meet our motto of "Succeeding Together - Progressing with Pride".

Some of our most exciting projects included

- A 24 hour cyclathon in aid of four different charities. Eight pupils from each house took it in turns to cycle for 20 minutes on spin bikes for Help For Heroes (Aled), Cancer Research UK (Brenig), Make a Wish UK (Clwyd) and Sports Relief (Elwy).
- The Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze and Silver Expeditions
- Hosting the Rotary Club Debating competition
- Hosting the Rotary Club Young Chef competition
- Hosting the Rotary Club Young Musician competition at which Jamie Owen, Year 7 won the piano section and Magi Davies, Year 8 won the vocalist section
- Hosting the Denbighshire School Council Forum in partnership with Ysgol Plas Brondyffryn
- The Denbigh High School Community Carol Service held in St Mary's Church, Denbigh
- The County Cross Championships
- The Year 5 and Year 6 Open Evening. It was brilliant to welcome so many people to the School, including our own Governors, and to hear all the positive comments from parents
- The Phoenix Fire project
- The Languages Department's very successful St David's Day trip to Paris
- Transition events for primary school pupils ranging from Year 2 to Year 6, all of which have been very well attended. They have ranged from P.E. to D&T to Art and various MAT activities
- A group of pupils went on a ski trip to Austria, the first that the school has organised in some years
- Some Year 7 girls went to St Mary's Church in Denbigh, accompanied by Debbie Pierce, to celebrate Women's World Day of Prayer
- The whole of Year 9 attended a STEM day at Llangollen where they enjoyed workshops from a wide variety of industries including Robotics, Forensics, Wind Power, Airbus and the Hadron Collider
- Year 11 and Sixth Form pupils visited the Tate Modern Art Gallery in Liverpool
- Denbigh High School played host to the Urdd Eisteddfod welcoming pupils from various welsh medium primary schools and cementing goodwill with the community
- A MAT event took place in Techniquest Glyndwr for the More Able and Talented pupils in Years 7, 8 and 9.
- The introduction of a successful Alternative Curriculum programme
- A Jamie Oliver Cookery Course delivered to eight year 9 pupils who have now successfully secured half a GCSE
- The Y11 Record of Achievement Ceremony held in Denbigh Town Hall

It is also a pleasure to welcome members of both the local and wider community into Denbigh High School. Listed below are some of the highlights of the past 12 months.

- The PSE Focus Days
- The 'Crucial Crew'

- Techniquest Glyndwr (Wrexham)
- The Gideon Bible Society
- Reverend Jonathan Smith
- MADE Training to deliver an 'Exams Made Easy' session to Year 11 pupils. This was followed after school by a presentation to staff during the twilight training session and a session for parents/carers in the evening

Police Liaison Links

Our Police Liaison Officer visited the school on numerous occasions to support with the delivery of PSE ranging from topics including drugs, alcohol and the law to internet safety.

Staffing

There were a number of staffing appointments and departures, including those for non teaching staff that occurred during the academic year 2013-14. They were as follows:

Appointments

Donna-Marie Patrick	Administration Assistant (Maternity)
Leanne Foulkes	Teacher of French (Maternity)
Jean Durno	Assistant Headteacher's Administration Support
Ffion Gwenllian Jones	Teacher of Geography (Maternity)
Michelle Cooke	Teacher of Science

Departures

Alison Phillips	Teacher of French (Maternity)
Leanne Foulkes	Teacher of French (Maternity)
Bev Tyson	Teacher of Science
Donna-Marie Patrick	Administration Assistant (Maternity)

Staff Training And Development

Denbigh High School's vision states "we aim to deliver the highest possible aspirations for all". Our professional development strategy is designed to link the school aims, the drive to improve standards and all staff members' professional development into a coherent package focused on delivering our school motto of "Succeeding together – progressing with pride". This has included a whole raft of activities from individual courses to whole school strategies:

GTTP training is currently being supported by the School in Performing Arts and English.

Emma Rogers has now officially completed her PGCE training in Music which was supported by the School and has been recommended for Qualified Teaching Status. Congratulations to her!

Appropriate training for identified staff for leadership currently taking place with the following courses being funded:

iNet Aspiring Leaders, iNet Developing Leaders, iNet Aspiring Senior Leaders, Impact Leadership course.

BTEC QN training took place for identified employees.

ALPS training has taken place and there is SISRA training planned for next week for identified employees.

Some employees have received training on Fire Awareness and Timian techniques.

Training Days

September	School Vision, exam data, VLE/Moodle, Behaviour Management by Michael Duke , WBQ/PSE, Estyn Inspection Report, Quality Assurance, Performance Management, SEN update, questioning & collaboration techniques.
October	Training provider 'MADE Training' delivering Exam Preparation sessions to Y11 pupils, parents and staff
January	Moodle
February	Twilight session on literacy and numeracy
May	Literacy and numeracy
June	Twilight session on literacy and numeracy

DESTINATIONS

Denbigh High School	Year 11 Blwyddyn 11				Year 12 Blwyddyn 12				Year 13 Blwyddyn 13			
	Female Benyw	Male Gwryw	Totals Cyfanswm	%	Female Benyw	Male Gwryw	Totals Cyfanswm	%	Female Benyw	Male Gwryw	Totals Cyfanswm	%
Continuing in full-time education - Same School <i>Parhau mewn addysg amser llawn - Yr un ysgol</i>	25	38	63	50.4%	17	31	48	71.64%	1	9	10	17.24%
Continuing in full-time education - School <i>Parhau mewn addysg amser llawn - Ysgol</i>	1	0	1	0.8%	1	0	1	1.49%	0	0	0	-
Continuing in full-time education - College <i>Parhau mewn addysg amser llawn - Coleg</i>	27	27	54	43.2%	7	7	14	20.9%	4	4	8	13.79%
Continuing in full-time education - HE <i>Parhau mewn addysg amser llawn - AU</i>	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	-	12	21	33	56.9%
GAP Year <i>Blwyddyn fwlch</i>	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	-	0	1	1	1.72%
Continuing in Part time Education <i>Parhau mewn addysg ran-amser</i>	0	0	0	-	1	0	1	1.49%	0	0	0	-
Entering employment outside WBYP <i>Dechrau cyflogaeth tu allan i Hyfforddiant Seiliedig ar Waith i Bobl Ifanc</i>	2	0	2	1.6%	0	0	0	-	3	2	5	8.62%
Entering WBYP (employed status) <i>Dechrau Hyfforddiant Seiliedig ar Waith i Bobl Ifanc (statws cyflogedig)</i>	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	-
Entering WBYP - (without employed status) <i>Dechrau Hyfforddiant Seiliedig ar Waith i Bobl Ifanc (heb statws cyflogedig)</i>	0	1	1	0.8%	0	1	1	1.49%	0	0	0	-
Able to Enter Emp, Ed or WBYP (Unemployed) <i>Yn gallu cael mynediad at Gyflogaeth, Addysg neu WBYP (di-waith)</i>	0	3	3	2.4%	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	-
Unable OR NOT READY to enter Emp, Ed or WBYP (e.g. due to illness, custodial sentence) <i>Methu NEU DDIM YN BAROD i gael mynediad at Gyflogaeth, Addysg neu WBYP (e.e. salwch, dedfryd o gaethiwed)</i>	1	0	1	0.8%	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	-
Known to have left the area <i>Yn hysbys iddynt adael yr ardal</i>	0	0	0	-	0	1	1	1.49%	0	0	0	-
Not responding to follow-up and therefore unknown <i>Dim ymateb i'r arolwg, felly'n anhysbys</i>	0	0	0	-	0	1	1	1.49%	0	1	1	1.72%
Total number of 2014 statutory school leavers <i>Cyfanswm y gadawyr ysgol statudol yn 2014</i>	56	69	125	100.0%	26	41	67	100.0%	20	38	58	100.0%

JOHN BENNETT PARRY TRUST

The John Bennett Parry Trust provides financial support for those students who go onto further education having studied at Denbigh High School for their post-16 education. This fantastic trust enables the large number of students at Denbigh High School who progress on to University or other higher education establishments.

(NB those students living in certain parishes within Denbigh and studying through the medium of Welsh also qualify for this award)

Please note a Welsh version of this report is available upon request.