# West Monmouth School

Ysgol Gorllewin Mynwy



# School Governors Annual Full Report to Parents

2022 - 2023

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#### General Comment

2022 - 2023 was much better in the life of West Monmouth School, with much improved achievement in the examination results and many other aspects of school life including sporting and cultural activities. This is indeed a credit to all pupils, staff and parents involved.

There were approximately 1165 pupils on roll throughout 2022-23. The school continues to set high expectations for all and the improving examination results reflect a good work ethos in every year group. The School Council, chaired by senior students, continues to represent the pupils through regular meetings with the Headteacher.

#### **Premises**

Although showing its 125 years in existence, staff at the school continue to make a great effort in creating bright and interesting classrooms. During the year, a rolling programme of internal decoration continued and has considerably improved the learning environment. The Haberdashers Building houses the school canteen, drama theatre, extensive catering rooms, and is the base for the English faculty.

#### Toilet facilities

There are adequate toilet facilities within the school. The toilets are monitored throughout the day for cleanliness. All facilities, including the provision and condition of toilets are discussed at School Council meetings.

#### **Term Dates 2022/23**

<u>Autum Term</u>	2nd September 2022 - 23rd December 2022
<u>Autumn Half Term</u>	24 <sup>th</sup> October 2022 - 28 <sup>th</sup> October 2022
Winter Holidays	26 <sup>th</sup> December 2022 - 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2023
Spring Term	8 <sup>th</sup> January 2023 - 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2023
Spring Half Term	20 <sup>th</sup> February 2023 - 24 <sup>th</sup> February 2023
Easter Holidays	3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2023 - 14 <sup>th</sup> April 2023
Summer Term	17 <sup>th</sup> April 2023 - 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2023
Summer Half Term	29 <sup>th</sup> May 2023 - 2nd June 2023

#### Session Times 2022/23

Morning Registration / Assembly	8.25 - 8.45
Lesson 1	8.45 - 9.45
Lesson 2	9.45 - 10.45
Morning Break	10.45 - 11.00
Lesson 3	11.00 - 12.00
Lesson 4 KS 3 Lunch	12.00 - 1.00
Lesson 5 KS 4 Lunch	1.00 - 2.00
Lesson 6	2.00 - 3.00

#### <u>Links</u>

The Governors are impressed with the links existing between the school and different institutions both at a local and national level.

The school enjoys excellent curriculum, pastoral and social links with all local Primary Schools and with all 14-19 providers. During the year, a link with Haberdashers' schools in Monmouth was continued. Pupils were able to visit during the year, to explore their options for  $6^{th}$  form study. We are also very fortunate to have secured fully-funded places for 10 WMS pupils each year, to go on to their  $6^{th}$  form studies at Haberdashers.

# Destination of Year 11 Pupils 2022 - 2023

A breakdown of the destination of Year 11 pupils is included as an attachment to this full report.

Continued in Full time Education	76%
Entered work based training	12.6%
Employed outside work based training	2.84%
Not in employment, education or training	2.40%
Moved from Area	0%
Unknown	0.8%

# **Pupil Outcomes:**

The success of schools in Wales is judged by a range of key performance indicators which mainly relate to the outcomes achieved by pupils when they leave school at aged 16 at the end of year 11 and there are 7 main measures:

Performance Measure	Explanation
Average Capped 9 Points* Score (this was a new measure in 2019)	This considers the points scored by all pupils across all their subjects and so is a good indicator of whether a school offers its students appropriate curriculum choices.
Average points score - Literacy	This is the average best points scored by pupils in either English Literature or English Language.
Average points score - Numeracy	This is the average best points scored by pupils in either Maths or Numeracy.
Average points score - Science	This is the average best points scored by pupils in GCSE Science qualifications.
Average points score – Skills Challenge Certificate	The Skills Challenge Certificate teaches pupils important citizenship and employability skills.
The Level 1 Threshold	This is the % of pupils who attain at least 5 GCSE or equivalent qualifications at A*- G grade – it is a good indication of how well a school caters for its less able pupils.
The 5A*- A Threshold	This is the % of pupils who attain 5 or more GCSE or equivalent qualifications at A* or A grade – it is a good indication of how well a school caters for its more able pupils.

<sup>\*</sup>GCSE points are calculated as follows: A\*= 58, A=52, B=46, C=40, D-34, E=28, F=22, G=16, U=0

The table below shows a summary of the 2023 Year 11 outcomes for West Monmouth pupils:

	2019 Exams	2020 CAG only	2021 CDG	2022 Exams	Actual All	Actual Boys	Actual Girls	Actual FSM	Actual NFSM
Measure									
APS Capped 9	347.9	366.6	386.98	356.5	372.09	366.70	378.80	343.21	385.68
APS Literacy	38	37.76	41.5	37.88	38.39	37.09	40.00	34.68	40.13
APS Numeracy	38.6	37.07	38.8	35.99	38.50	38.38	38.65	33.65	40.79
APS Science	36.7	35.21	37.6	34.57	36.59	36.16	37.13	31.82	38.83
APS SCC	33.5	35.86	35.26	34.52	36.17	35.95	36.44	29.58	39.26
Level 1	95.9	94.29	96.04	91.41	97.98	99.27	96.36	97.47	98.21
Level 2+	49.7	54.29	53.47	45.45	55.47	50.36	61.82	37.97	63.69
5A*-A	14.3	14.29	27.7	17.17	14.17	10.95	18.18	7.59	17.26

# **Progress against set targets:**

The Governing Body identified the following strategic priorities for the school in its 2022-2025 school development plan:

- Improve performance against KPIs
- Improve attainment of vulnerable learners
- Provide appropriate provision pathways for all pupils
- Ensure tracking systems are used effectively
- Support 'pupils' to become 'learners'
- Ensure senior leadership is sustainable and effective
- Improve consistency & impact of middle leadership
- Ensure self-evaluation is rigorous and impactful
- Develop a professional learning culture
- Successfully deliver CfW from Sept. '22
- Further develop digital learning
- Develop a clear model for assessment & progression.
- Ensure pupils of all abilities are suitably supported and challenged.



Further increase parental engagement

- Develop school-to-school working
- Further develop World of Work links
- Ensure WMS is a 'force for good'

Improve standards in core skills across the curriculum:

- Literacy
- Numeracy
- Digital competency
- Bilingualism
- Further develop provision to support pupil and staff wellbeing
- Improve attendance
- Reduce exclusions
- Develop 'Team West Mon' ethos
- Improve learning environment

# **Current Progress against 2022-2025 strategic priorities:**

# Standards:

Strengths	Areas for Development
Yr. 11 attainment surpassed that of '22 cohort in nearly all indicators and groups of learners including fsm.	5A*/A threshold below that of '22 cohort but in line with 2019.
<ul> <li>all indicators and groups of learners including fsm.</li> <li>Fsm attainment gaps narrowed in nearly all KS4 key indicators and in most wider qualifications relative to 2022 and many relative to 2019.</li> <li>Highest ever performance at level 1 and legacy level 2 inclusive measures.</li> <li>AWCDS shows attainment in line with or above modelled expectation in all areas.</li> <li>APS of GT pupils increased by 100pts.</li> <li>All pupils accessing Hub and Woodlands achieved L1 Threshold</li> <li>Tracking data shows '24 cohort on track to surpass '23 outcomes in majority of indicators.</li> <li>At KS3, attainment overall improved in nearly all subjects relative to 2022 and, in many, relative to 2019 for all groups of pupils including fsm.</li> <li>At L5+ and L6+, fsm attainment gaps narrowed in most subjects and at L7+, fsm attainment improved in the majority.</li> <li>Salon now set up and Hair &amp; Beauty qualification being delivered to 6 learners – positive impact on attendance and engagement.</li> <li>KS3 tracking systems have been refined and clear protocols established for how this is used by HoLs and form tutors.</li> <li>Progress Week initiative trialled with year 7 -awaiting evaluation.</li> <li>Majority of subject areas have now developed manageable approaches to homework – many utilising online solutions.</li> <li>AS Welsh provision now in place for a small group of learners – very positive engagement so far.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Significant performance gap between fsm and nfsm learners remains in all areas.</li> <li>Performance in literacy indicator and at 5A*/A is below Wales and LA averages.</li> <li>Tracking data shows '24 fsm NS A*/A attainment is likely to be lower than that of '24.</li> <li>Fsm attainment gaps remain in all subject areas at KS3. Attainment gaps at L7+ widened in the majority of subjects despite increases in actual fsm attainment.</li> <li>Setting and follow-up on homework remains inconsistent.</li> </ul>

#### Core Skills:

#### **Strengths Areas for Development** New strategy in place for the development of core skills Minority of core skills tasks planned are not of across the curriculum however this is still in its early appropriate 'age and stage'. Majority of teachers lack confidence in assessment of Core skills mapping for Y7&8 is now complete to understand coverage. An audit of the quality of what is core skills tasks and comments are not always accurate taught where is now underway. or helpful. Nearly all pupils who have participated in intervention In a minority of cases, teacher questioning requires programmes for numeracy and literacy have improved further development to illicit more extended and instandardised scores in NRT/NNT assessments. Identification and tracking of these pupils' progress is depth responses. now more data-driven and precise with a greater focus Intervention withdrawal for literacy and numeracy has a on fsm learners. very negative impact on pupil progress in other Cluster maths programme has developed common pedagogical approaches. curriculum areas -timetable model now revised. Marking for literacy is now more consistent and Pupils still have too few opportunities to use Welsh thorough. Where pupils have been challenged to make outside of Welsh lessons. corrections, these have been acted on. Improved consistency in delivery of 'every lesson, every day' literacy strategies observed in lesson obs and work scrutiny. Some improvements in quality and depth of pupils' oral responses evident in lesson obs. Small increase in teachers' use of incidental Welsh noted in lesson observations.

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Ethos & Wellbeing:	
Strengths	Areas for Development
<ul> <li>New staffroom development completed – positive impact on staff wellbeing.</li> </ul>	Due to staff changes, no Hafan staff currently hold TIS     Diploma
<ul> <li>Calendar of staff social events is in place – well attended.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Mapping of RSE provision across the curriculum is not yet completed.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Tracking system in place to monitor impact of wellbeing intervention provision but at early stages of use.</li> <li>Attendance increased significantly relative to 2021/22 including for fsm learners and was slightly above</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Attendance for 22/23 was in Q3 and that for fsm learners was below all 3 comparative averages.</li> <li>Fsm attendance remains significantly below that of nfsm.</li> <li>Attendance remains lower than pre-pandemic levels.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Modelled expectation.</li> <li>Persistent absenteeism also decreased significantly for all groups relative to previous years.</li> </ul>	There is a significant increase in EHE requests linked to pressure on attendance.
<ul> <li>Attendance to Dec'23 was significantly above the same point last in '22 due to FLO engagement, improved systems and awareness, use of FPNs. Attendance compares well to similar local schools.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Exclusions in the Autumn term rose very slightly compared to Autumn term '22.</li> <li>Fsm and ALN learners are very significantly over-represented in exclusion figures.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Persistent absenteeism currently lower than the same point last year.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Several areas of W Block remain in a very poor state of repair esp. stairwells.</li> </ul>
Modified days have been reduced.	
• 22/23 rate of exclusions fell from 173 to 130 per 1000 pupils.	

Bullying policy has had a significant impact on reducing the numbers of low-level incidents reported. Rewards programme now in place – impact evaluation not yet undertaken. New wall art in W Block has significantly improved look of corridor areas.

Community:	
Strengths	Areas for Development
<ul> <li>Cross-phase projects in place to develop common pedagogy in literacy and numeracy; and common approaches to supporting pupil wellbeing.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>CWRE display and learning activities not yet in place in majority of faculties.</li> <li>Community links not yet returned to pre-pandemic levels.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Minority of faculties now have CWRE activities and SoLs in place.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Minority of faculties do not yet have plans for improved parental engagement in place.</li> <li>No opportunities for middle leaders to work with LNS</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Increasing links with employers eg. Work experience placement for yr.10 pupils at BAE.</li> </ul>	school in Autumn term – to be addressed in Spring '24.  New website not yet ready for launch.
<ul> <li>Stage 1 of the Careers Wales Quality Award is now complete – this is a WG pilot project.</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Local OAPs attended a pantomime performance and Christmas afternoon tea.</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Christmas Fayre was held to improve links with parents/carers. This was very successful.</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Some work has been done to re-build links with the GT community –open morning arranged for Year 6 parents.</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>A majority of faculties now have strategies in place for parental engagement eg. Newsletters, increased use of social media, and 'help' videos for parents.</li> </ul>	

# Teaching & Learning:

Strengths	Areas for Development
<ul> <li>AoLE leads work with the cluster to develop common pedagogical approaches. Purposeful transition projects currently underway.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Digital technology is purposefully used in a minority of faculties but the use of chromebooks remains inconsistent.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Some improvement in the quality &amp; effectiveness of teacher questioning noted in lesson obs. resulting in more effective onward planning and improved pupil responses.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>In a few lessons, an over-reliance on closed Q&amp;A as the sole assessment strategy results in responses from pupils which are too brief and simplistic.</li> <li>In a minority of lessons, teachers do not always choose</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Improvement in the frequency and quality of formative feedback provided to pupils in most faculty areas as a result of Progress Checker strategy.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>the most effective formative assessment strategy to support effective onward planning.</li> <li>Whole class tasks do not always provide an appropriate</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Where there is provision of useful reference resources such as knowledge organisers, pupils are increasingly independent and resilient.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>level of challenge for more able learners who often finish quickly and then stray off task.</li> <li>Most faculties as have yet made limited progress to</li> </ul>
Many pupils demonstrate good recall of prior-	create assessment portfolios to exemplify expected

- knowledge in lessons and combine this successfully with new learning due to well-planned activities which support pupil progress.
- Most pupils have good active listening skills during teacher exposition and when questioned can articulate content clearly in their own words.
- A bespoke curriculum for ALN groups has been developed with greater flexibility around content coverage and pupil groupings - this is at an early stage.
- Clear criteria for the identification of MAT learners created and an extensive programme of extra-curricular opportunities in place.
- Training on effective stretch and challenge strategies provided to all teachers – evidence of impact beginning to be observed in work scrutiny.

- standards against progression steps.
- There is still too much variation in MAT provision in mixed-attainment classes and MAT pupils do not always make the progress they could. Further training and support required for all staff to understand expectations.
- Teachers do not always make sufficient use of pupil IDPs and OPPs to meet the needs of ALN pupils within their classes.

#### Leadership:

#### **Strengths Areas for Development** New AHT now in post – significant impact on skills No LNS link work undertaken in Autumn term. provision and T&L. A minority of faculty leaders do not identify links Improvements seen in quality of self-evaluation and between teaching and standards achieved by pupils. improvement planning where additional support There is not always sufficient focus on impact in selfprovided. evaluation activities across the school. Training provided to MLs on impact-focused self-A very few HoFs are overly generous in their evaluation evaluation – improvements seen in most work of standards and provision. scrutinies esp. those undertaken by Skills Leads. More rigorous analysis of national test data to evaluate standards and impact of interventions. Being used to inform improvement planning. First two HoFs completing Olevi leadership programme.

#### West Monmouth School Governing Body 2022 – 2023

There are 20 members of the school's Governing Body.

Nominated by Torfaen CBC (5)	Co-opted to Governing Body (5)
Mrs J Bond	Mrs L Robinson
09.12.21 - 08.12.25	13.11.18 - 12.11.26
Mr P Davies	Mrs E Lawrence
24.07.20 - 23.07.24	09/12/21 – 08/12/25
Mr R Stevens	Mrs B Rees
22.03.21 - 21.03.25	11.07.21 - 12.07.25
Mrs A Evans	Mrs S Robinson
22.03.21 - 21.03.25	11.07.21 - 12.07.25
Vacancy	Vacancy
Elected by Parents (6)	Elected by Teachers (2)
Mrs C Armstrong	Miss C James
17.01.23 - 16.01.27	07.11.22 - 06.11.26
Mr M Lloyd	Mrs B Jeffries
17.01.23 - 16.01.27	09.03.21 - 08.03.25
Mrs P Harris	
14.01.20 - 13.01.24	
Mr J Parfitt	Elected by Support Staff (1)
17.11.20 - 16.11.24	
Mrs J Reed	Mrs S Harrhy
16.12.20 - 15.12.24	25.02.20 - 24.02.24
Mrs L Bradbury	Headteacher
27.03.23 - 26.01.27	Emma Jordan

**Chair of Governors Clerk to Governors** Mrs J Bond Mr Ian Danaher c/o West Monmouth School **Governor Support Education Achievement Service** Blaendare Road Pontypool Tredomen Gateway Torfaen Tredomen Park NP4 5YG Ystrad Mynach Hengoed. CF82 7EH

#### **Election of Parent Governors**

The School Governors will always inform all parents of any parental vacancies on the Governing Body. This is done in a newsletter home to all parents and is also noted on the school's website.

#### Financial Statement 2022/2023

The full financial breakdown of the running costs of our school is presented to Governors annually and is attached to this report.

#### **Governors' Function**

During 2022/23, West Monmouth School Governing Body met bi-monthly on the second Tuesday of the month at 6.00 p.m. At each meeting, Governors receive and consider the Headteacher's written report on the school and its work. A number of wider issues are brought to our attention by the County Borough Council, via the committee reports. Minutes of all meetings are available at the school. In addition to these meetings, the School Improvement Committee and the Finance Committee also met bi-monthly.

All governors support the school regularly through informal visits and attend the numerous functions held throughout the year.

#### **Curriculum**

In designing its curriculum, the school has taken account of the need to provide a balanced and integrated experience so as to contribute to the development of the individual. In pursuing this aim, the school provides opportunities for all children, irrespective of ability.

The school continues to make appropriate modifications to its curriculum package to ensure the requirements of the National Curriculum are fully realised. We also continue to develop the vocational pathways at KS4 both in and out of school, The Duke of Edinburgh Award is offered to pupils in Years 9, 10 and 11.

#### **Policies**

Whole school policies, agreed by Governors, are continually under review. During the last academic year the following Torfaen policies were adopted by the school Governing Body:

Anti-Bullying Policy Assessment Policy Attendance Policy Homework Policy Safeguarding Policy Self Evaluation Policy

#### **Sport**

The school has excellent facilities and all pupils enjoy the opportunity to participate in a very wide range of sports, ranging from all the major games to chess. Pupils have been particularly successful during this academic year at local, area, national and international level. The 4G pitch has enhanced the facilities.

#### **RUGBY**

#### **Rugby League**

Year 10's Evan Williams became the first ever Welsh player to sign a scholarship contract with Super League giants Hull KR.

There was lots of success for West Mon pupils at the annual awards evening for Torfaen Tigers in September.

- Morgan Jones (Y8) coaches player and players' player awards
- Cae Jones (Y11) most promising player award
- Reuben Malson (Y11) most improved player award
- Dan Parker (Y10) coaches player award
- Charlie Burrows (Y10) most improved award

# **Pontypool Schools**

Jake Jenkins (Y11) was named vice-captain of Pontypool School U16s for the season.

Full squad members:

#### Year 11

- Dylan Allen-Ridge
- Mitchell Cook
- Scott Crewe
- Ralf Evans
- Tom Howard
- Jake Jenkins (VC)
- Cae Jones
- Reuben Malson
- Jack McDonagh
- Ollie Roderick
- Caleb Taylor

#### Year 10

- Rudi Creel
- George Jones
- Dan Parker
- Alfie Prosser
- Evan Williams

#### Welsh Cup

Year 10 qualified for the Welsh Cup following an impressive 50-0 win against local rivals Abersychan and have since progressed through to the quarter finals follow 2 very impressive wins.

Final 32 - WEST MON 45-8 Maesteg

Final 16 WEST MON 26-17 Whitchurch

Year 9 travelled up to North Wales at the start of January for their final 32 fixture against Ysgol Brynhyfryd. They came away with an impressive 39-5 win and move into the final 16.

Final 16 – WEST MON v Tonyrefail

#### Friendly wins

West Mon have enjoyed several games against Whitchurch. We have tested our abilities and came away with some impressive wins

Year 7 - WEST MON 29-19

Year 9 - WEST MON 28-24

Year 10 - WEST MON 45-20 + 26-17

## Girls rugby

Y7 girls took part in a Rookie Rugby event learning new skills and enjoying playing rugby.

#### **Development officer**

Our rugby development coach Dan Knight was shortlisted and invited to attend the UK Coaching Awards event in Leeds in December for the 'Young Coach of the Year' award for his outstanding contribution to wheelchair rugby.

The event is regarded as the most prestigious within the coaching community and created to celebrate the remarkable contributions and impact coaches make to supporting participants of all abilities.

#### **FOOTBALL**

**Year 7** reached the final 16 of the Welsh Cup in their first ever involvement in the competition. Throughout the rounds they played some great football and beat some really good teams.

Round 1 - WEST MON 10-3 Blackwood

Round 2 – Bye

Round 3 - Bassaleg 2-4 WEST MON

Round 4 – St Joseph's 0-1 WEST MON

Final 16 – Mountain Ash 3-2 WEST MON

#### Year 8

Round 1 - Risca 4-5 WEST MON

Round 2 - Islwyn 6-2 WEST MON

#### Year 9

Round 1 - WEST MON 0-7 St Albans

#### Year 10

Round 1 - Llanwern 1-2 WEST MON

Round 2 - Bassaleg 4-2 WEST MON

**Year 11** remained unbeaten in their 3 National 11's League fixtures. Unfortunately, due to goal difference, they didn't qualify for the semi-finals.

Results:

WEST MON 4-1 St. Julian's

WEST MON 8-2 Ebbw Fawr

Glantaf 0-4 WEST MON

#### **NETBALL**

Ruby Morris, Lottie Richards & Holly Wise (all Y11) were all selected to represent South East Wales U16 County squad for the 2023/24 season.

West Mon began their South East Wales League with impressive wins against Croesyceiliog:

Year 8 - WEST MON 11-3

Year 10 - WEST MON 29-17

#### **BASKETBALL**

Year 8 and 11 basketball teams qualified for the Welsh Regional Finals in Cardiff after winning all qualifying games in Cwmbran at the end of January.

#### **OUT OF SCHOOL**

#### **BASKETBALL**

Breyen Hillier & Theo Watkins (both Y11) were selected as part of the Wales U16 training squad for their upcoming Home Nations tournament in Dublin.

#### **BOXING**

Myles Taylor (Y7) fought and won against very good English opposition inside the ring in November.

#### **BRAZILLIAN JUI-JITSU (BJJ)**

Jimmy Sargent (Y9) competed at the All-Stars Northern Pro event in Wigan at the end of November. Jimmy impressively not only won his own age group categories, but all the age up categories too.

The following weekend, Jimmy travelled to Dublin to compete at the IBJJF European Championships and came away with several gold medals.

#### **EQUESTRIAN**

Lana Bennett (Y11) finished in the top 3rd of the Bicton National equestrian 3-day event. In a very competitive class of 110 starters, Lana finished in 31st place (with only 10 points between her and the leader).

#### **FOOTBALL**

The following boys are representing Newport Schools Football:

- Noah Willis (Y10)
- Ollie Walters (Y10)
- Owen Cross (Y8)
- Ronan Peake (Y8)

#### **HOCKEY**

Alex Draper-Eustace has been selected as part of Hockey Wales' 2024 National Age Group Programme.

#### **KICKBOXING**

Brooke (Y7) took 1st place at the Oxford Kickboxing Championships in November.

#### **TAEKWONDO**

Efan Matthews (Y7) won 3 gold and 1 silver medals at the Welsh Taekwondo Championships in November.

Efan competed at the British Championships a couple of weeks later and had even more success. He came away with a further 2 gold and 1 silver medals.

#### **SWIMMING**

Commonwealth Games 2022 athlete Meghan Willis (Y11) was invited onto British Swimming's World Class programme for the 2023/24 season. Throughout this programme and her many competitions this year, Meghan has a real chance of going to this year's Olympic Games in Paris. A truly unbelievable achievement for a young lady who is yet to sit her GCSE exams!

As you can see from below, Meghan has been very busy this year:

# November 16<sup>th</sup> / 17th

Manchester Hub - Meghan attended the British swimming hub in Manchester for 2 days for some diagnostic testing and to see British Swimming staff - Physio/ Physiology and S&C

# November 30<sup>th</sup> to December 3<sup>rd</sup>

Rotterdam International Meet - Meghan competed for GBR in this meet over the 4 days.

#### **December 15th**

Northampton - LC meet

# January $30^{th}$ / $31^{st}$ and February $1^{st}$ / $2^{nd}$ / $3^{rd}$ / 4th

Para swimming World Series meet (Aberdeen) - Meg will be competing for GBR over the 4 days. She is being classified tomorrow in Aberdeen and will be competing for GBR in the Citi Para Swimming World series for the rest of the week (Thurs - Sunday).

#### Attendance

The attendance figures for this academic year are noted below. The governors and staff continue to work hard with pupils and parents to reduce the amount of absence in school.

Year Group	Authorised Absences	Unauthorised Absences	Percentage Attendance
Year 7	5979	952	89.8 %
Year 8	6752	1378	87.7 %
Year 9	9067	2146	85.3 %
Year 10	8055	1535	86.2 %
Year 11	10266	2635	82.8 %
Totals	40119	8646	86.3 %

#### Additional Learning Needs (ALN Provision)

The aim of ALN provision is to assist each child to achieve his/her potential. The objectives are: to support the child to function to the best of his/her ability in an integrated main stream situation which allows access to a broad, balanced and relevant curriculum; to work with subject staff in providing differentiated schemes of work to provide children with the skills, knowledge and concepts which will enable them to function as adequate responsible members of the community and to lead full and satisfying lives; to assess the problems of individual pupils and to provide teaching strategies and resources which aid progress and give support. The school operates with a School ALNCO. The school is complimented by governors for establishing a strong ethos for inclusion.

Admission and support arrangements for pupils with disabilities including those pupils with Additional Learning Needs takes in to account the following legislation:

- Disability Discrimination Act, (1995)
- ALNET Act (2018)
- Equality Act (2010)
- Additional Learning Needs Code for Wales (2021)
- Local Authority ALN Strategy
- Welsh Government Implementation Guidance (2021)
- SEN Code of Practice Wales (2004)

Transition meetings are held between schools for pupils transitioning between key stages or changes schools as part of the admission process. This aims to ensure key information is shared regarding the identified needs of learners so that potential barriers to learning are overcome with appropriate provision put n place. This may include:

- Choice of appropriate teaching set
- Adjustments to curriculum
- Access to specialised equipment.
- Health Care Plans
- Implementation of OT/Physio exercises/advice
- Reasonable adjustments (e.g, seating arrangements in class, use of word processor, wearing head defenders, adaptions to uniform policy)
- Access to targeted/specialist support
- Access to alternative provisions such as the Learning Hub/Well Being
- Modified day

The above list is not exhaustive as each child/young person's needs are considered on an individual basis.

School continues to implement both the SEN Code of Practice, (2004) and the ALNeT Code, (2021) as per the implementation guidance and timeframes outlined by Welsh Government.

As appropriate, pupils in years 8, 10 and 11 (3 of the 3 mandatory year groups 22-23, who were previously identified as SEN were transitioned to an individual learning plan having met the

appropriate criteria. Existing knowledge of learners, discussions with the young person, consultations with parents/carers and the Barriers2Learning tool formed part of the information gathered when making decisions. The implementation timeframes were extended by Welsh Government and it is now anticipated the implementation period will end by August 24. That said, it is WMS aim to move the final two year groups, (current Y10 and 8), over to the New Code this year. We have also identified a number of Y7 learners who primary colleagues had identified as requiring the ALN class but did not have an IDP, (Current Y7 pupils were a mandatory year group in 22-23).

Universal, targeted and specialist levels of provision, (known as the school's provision map), had been identified using local authority and SEWC ALN transformation guidance and shared with all relevant staff and Governors to ensure roles and responsibilities were clear with the aim of reducing barriers to learning. Minor adjustments have been made to the provision map to provide additional clarity, (see attached). It is widely accepted that most learners' needs will be addressed through universal and targeted provision which includes high quality teacher led differentiation and reasonable adjustment including exam access arrangements where applicable. This will result in few learners requiring additional learning provision above these levels which would be outlined in an Individual Development Plan.

School have been developing provision mapping tools using current SIMS systems with the aim of developing a central system to record, monitor and analyse the effectiveness of universal, targeted and specialist interventions. The LA has now purchased EDUKEY Provision Mapping for a number of school who indicated an interest in the summer term and we are still waiting for the system to go live, along with training for administrators. We have also volunteered to trial the Capita On-line IDP writing tool with the LA and are also waiting for arrangements to be finalised.

There are 3 small ALN classes in ks3 whose primary aim is to support learners with complex learning needs, although many identified needs such as social, emotional and behavioural. Following the ALN review conducted by LA colleagues, we are implementing vertical groups for maths and humanities which will provide additional time and opportunities to address learners' individual targets. To support this and aid teacher's planning and assessment, we have identified and purchased licences for White Rose Maths. We also aim to purchase a licence for Cornerstones Cwricwlwm Maestro.

Alternative KS4 pathways have been identified and continue to be built upon in order to reflect learners' interests and levels of ability including the introduction of a new course via Agored Cymru; Learning in the Outdoors. This is a unit-based qualification which can be adapted for each cohort to reflect their interests. Many learners' who have an additional learning need are supported in non ALN classes/sets through universal, targeted support and specialist support.

The School Educational Psychologist visits on a regular basis and the school has the services of an LA employed support teacher for learners with specific learning difficulties. Following training and supervision from the SPLD teacher we have developed a specialist literacy program for reading using Corrective Reading which is now delivered by Chloe Ashton to approximately 90 pupils. In Autumn 23 we have been approached by two local secondary schools to request a visit to see this intervention, which has been highlighted as good practice externally.

There are also links with many external agencies including:

- Visual Impaired
- Hearing Impaired Services
- Careers Wales Service.
- ASD Officer
- Outreach Services
- Youth Service

At the end of 2022-23 academic year, the ALN register for West Monmouth School recorded pupils at the following stages:-

#### Year 7

School IDP 1 School action 6 School Action +20 Statement 1

# Year 8 (mandatory year group for new ALN process)

School IDP 11 LA IDP 3 Statement 4

#### Year 9

School IDP 1 School Action 20 School action+ 21 Statemented 3

# Year 10 (mandatory year group for new ALN process)

LA IDP 1 School IDP 13

# Year 11 (mandatory year group for new ALN process)

LA IDP 4 School IDP 6

Parental non engagement for School IDP process 4(1 of which moved school mid year, the other three were still SA/SA+ at the time PLASC was taken)

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Please note every pupil previously on the old SEN system was required to be put through the Barriers2Learning Matrix as part of the decision making progress, with a No IDP notice and relevant information leaflets and letters sent home. This included information on conflict resolution. Many who did not meet the criteria for an IDP required a One Page Profile written which was shared with post 16 providers where appropriate.

It is also worth noting that due to changes to the ALN code, school now has to engage with a wider number of LAs as it is the learner's home LA which is responsible for creating the IDP for CLA learners.

Mrs P Harries is the nominated Governor Representative for Special Educational Needs.

The school makes every effort to accommodate the needs of the physically disabled pupils within the confines imposed by the school building. The Haberdashers' building is DDA compliant.

The school Complaints Policy is available on the school website.

The school has achieved the Level 5 Healthy Schools Award.

Thank you for your continued support for the school. The partnership between home and school is vital to your child's success.

# **Annual Meeting**

This will be held at the school on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September, 2023.

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# Schools Outturn Statement 2022/2023



DC0060	West Mon. Comprehensive School	Actual	Actual
		2021/2022 £	2022/2023 £
B3UR - Usabl	le Reserves School Balances	(309,528.83)	(682,897.05)
	Usable Reserves	(309,528.83)	(682,897.05)
		(309,528.83)	(682,897.05)
	Total for : Total Reserves	(222)	
3AA - Employ			
0001	Salaries	4,646,156.42	4,999,224.97
0029 0030	Sick Leave - Replacement	107,433.44 6,739.47	88,525.01
0032	Holidays - Replacement Other Replacement	146,545.41	10,397.98 328,762.95
0036	Additional Hours - recoverable from site	46,984.58	69,996.82
0037	Additional Hours - not recoverable	26,524.31	31,755.17
0041	Standby Allowance	126.25	213.52
0045	Call Out Payments	85.75	278.07
0050	Stat Maternity / Paternity/ Adoption Pay	5,005.05	14,655.29
0051	Stat Maternity Credit	(12,037.78)	(18,933.67)
0055	Overtime	23,167.83	30,859.50
0061	Holidays [inc Bank] & Other Leave	1,694.59	0.00
0065	Sick Pay	1,722.32	2,725.33
0075	Allowances	119.98	2,649.95
0090	Supply Cover Non-Teaching	0.00	1,448.52
0093	Salary Charge	407.57	21.88
0096	School Grants - Salary Offset	(337,721.00)	(398,139.16)
0417 0421	Payment In Lieu Of Notice	2,530.17 0.00	0.00
0421	Gratuities/Honoraria	52.00	670.68
0439	Expenses Courses/Training	0.00	0.00 0.00
0489	Other School Employee Charges	0.00	0.00
0492	Adult Meals	2,245.29	1,325.14
5044	Long Service Award	507.50	507.50
6007	Recharge - Supply Cover Scheme	21,521.64	20,549.78
	Employees	4,689,810.79	5,187,495.23
3DD - Promis	oe.		
3DD - Premis	Building Repair & Maintenance	210,156.55	202 024 20
1047	Glazing Repairs	1,968.33	292,931.20 1,975.28
1064	Statutory Testing/Duty of Care - Schools	18,700.60	12,294.24
1100	Grounds Maintenance	9,950.00	11,550.00
1152	Electricity	66,054.33	79,286.15
1153	Gas	42,982.92	51,634.27
1190	NDR	68,453.25	68,453.25
1200	Water Services	11,540.97	9,999.00
1253	Building Security (Including CCTV)	38,530.51	0.00
1322	Cleaning Equipment & Materials	5,939.83	6,777.98
1325	Refuse Collection	4,586.80	8,642.70
	Premises	478,864.09	543,544.07
3FF - Transpo	ort		
2054	Tyres & Tubes - Wear & Tear	0.00	192.16
2068	Tracker Fees	115.36	230.72
2102	Vehicle Insurance	538.47	1,047.39
2106	Vehicle Running Costs	0.00	483.48
2107	Road Fund Licence	450.00	297.50
2108	M.O.T. Test	50.00	45.00
2111 2112	Fuel (Internal Recharge from Stores)	0.00	0.00
2112 2250	Transport & Plant -Repairs & Maintenance	2,579.55 3.67	2,997.24
2260	Hire Of Vehicles  Vehicle & Plant Leasing Charges	183.08	109.28 113.92
2200	Tomos at tant Loading Orlanges	100.00	113.92

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		2021/2022 £	2022/2023 £
3FF - Transpo		0.00	
2304	Travel/Casual User Car Allowance	0.00	0.00
2360	Work Experience Travelling	0.00	0.00
	Transport	3,920.13	5,516.69
3HH - Supplie	es & Services		
3050	Schools Capitation	160,757.52	192,655.54
3154	First Aid Supplies & Services	458.56	1,026.11
3160	Disposables	638.04	1,398.16
3217	Payments Under Contract - Catering	108,809.00	72,763.62
3350	Reprographics Printing	2.00	748.24
3355	Photocopier Expenses	3,290.18	27,777.04
3384	Publications/Journals/Periodicals etc	0.00	24.00
3424	General Course Fees	0.00	63.33
3450	General Fees	14.10	0.00
3462	Medical Fees	814.00	514.00
3466	Examination Fees	94,579.13	147,385.88
3474	DBS checks	0.00 226.53	76.00
3476 3501	Licences	2,873.34	542.47
3510	Postages Telephone Cell Charges & Rostele	2,544.88	4,194.19
3545	Telephone - Call Charges & Rentals	65,325.99	2,411.63
3548	IT Hardware (inc Printers & Scanners) IT Software	0.00	9,036.30
3702	Contingency	(55.00)	0.00
3819	Link courses	28,654.65	0.00
00.0	Supplies & Services	468,932.92	14,270.05 474,886.56
	Supplies & Services	.00,002.02	,000.00
	arty Payments		
3812	School Music Service	3,055.00	0.00
	Third Party Payments	3,055.00	0.00
3NN - Suppor	t Services		
6042	Schools SLA	61,961.09	61,403.09
	Support Services	61,961.09	61,403.09
3PP - Canital	Related Costs		
7004	Principal Repaid	33,750.00	0.00
	Capital Related Costs	33,750.00	0.00
3YE - Other B 6051	<del>-</del>	24 204 00	
	Internal Loans	24,294.98	16,731.00
6052	From Other Departments	(1,570.00)	(24,975.00)
	Other Budgets	22,724.90	(0,244.00)
	Total for : Expenditure	5,763,019.00	6,264,601.64
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3CS - School 8710	Budget Share	(5,471,520.00)	(5,849,138.00)
	School Funding	(5,471,520.00)	(5,849,138.00)
3RR - Govern		()	
8008	Sports Council for Wales	(25,375.00)	0.00
8074	Welsh Assembly Government	(344,102.50)	(109,198.33)
8349	COVID Reimbursements - SCHOOLS	(54,128.43)	0.00
8513	Non HRH Rent Rebate - Subsidy	0.00	0.00
	Government Grants	(423,605.93)	(109,198.33)
3SS - Other F	unding & Contributions		
8001	EAS - School to School Funding	(141,123.00)	(82,620.00)
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DC0060	West Mon. Comprehensive School	Actual 2021/2022 £	Actual 2022/2023 £	
3SS - Other Funding & Contributions				
8704	Contingency - ALN	(16,019.21)	14,950.00	
8706	Contingency - General	(21,418.58)	(10,465.73)	
8715	School Budget Share - Funding Adjustment	0.00	(21,571.00)	
	Other Funding & Contributions	(178,560.79)	(99,706.73)	
3TT - Custom	er & Client Receipts			
8214	Sale of Meals (Pupils)	0.00	0.00	
8312	Other Receipts Miscellaneous	(10,969.50)	(83,883.08)	
8406	Examination Fees	0.00	0.00	
8503	Lettings (VAT Exempt)	(38,340.25)	(43,815.82)	
8703	Supply Cover/SMP - Insurance Refund	(7,362.75)	(13,988.50)	
8720	Supply of Teaching Staff (prov of Educ)	(6,028.00)	(11,968.32)	
	Customer & Client Receipts	(62,700.50)	(153,655.72)	
	Total for : Income	(6,136,387.22)	(6,211,698.78)	
Total for : West Mon. Comprehensive School (surplus)/deficit		(682,897.05)	(629,994.19)	

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