

Pontypridd High School



Awards Ceremony

October 2021

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Order of Virtual Ceremony

Welcome from our Headteacher Mr H Cripps

Presentation of Academic Awards

Presentation of International Honour Awards

Attendance Awards, Citizenship Award and Endeavour Award

Year 7 Transition Awards, Pupil of the Year Awards

Home Learning Champion Awards

Address from Head Boy and Head Girl

Subject Awards

Outstanding Achievement Award

Staff Awards

Pupil of the Year



Chairperson's Award

Head Boy Winner



Roman Ahearn

Head Girl Winner



Nia Davies

Head Girl Winner



Jodie Matthews



Headteacher's Award

Best A Level Results Winner



Nia Davies

Best A Level Results Winner



Anna Jones

PE Raybould Award

Best GCSE Results Winner



Sasha Bond

Best GCSE Results Winner



Omaima Khalid



PE Raybould Award

Best GCSE Results Winner



Oliver Lloyd-Thomas



International Honours

Football



Shaunagh James
RCT Schools County

Basketball



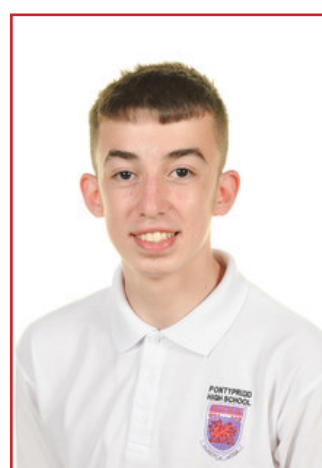
Seren Richards
U15 Wales Basketball

Football



Alisha Galea
RCT Schools County

Basketball



Jack Davies
U18/19 Wales Basketball



100% Attendance 2020-2021

Years 7

Isabella Bindczus, Ryan Bond, Giulia Casati, Isabella Hernandez, Lacie Horton, Imogen Howells, Eva-Lily Jenkins, Han Khalifa-Jones, Cerys Llewellyn, Faith Mitchell, Lee Morgan, Daniel Oloidi, Madison Page, Enna Partington, Jodie Phelps, Ieuan Phillips, Bethan Stone, Lacie-Mae Talbot and Demi Witchell.

Years 8

Ruby Brookman, Ryan Davies, Owynn Dixon, Chloe Hayward, Shaunagh James, Tomos Jones, Iwan Lewis, Cerri-Leigh Mitchell, Ceri Palmer, Lewis Rees, Joshua Warren and Joshua Williams.

Years 9

Ellie Booth, Milena Dudek, Corey Foggarty, Logan Henning, Charlotte Hooper, Charlie Nash, Kayla Norton, Phillip Oloidi, Nia Stacey and Callum Sykes.

Years 10

Courtney Burton, Daniel Davies, Morgan Garratt, Mia Howells, Zach Jones, Aron Lewis, Cally Morgan, Florence Morgan-Wood and Griffin Williams.

Years 11

Briar-Rose Allen, Rylie Baker, Amie Barrett-Franklin, Sasha Bond, Megan Burgess, Camron Davies, Jack Davies, Ffion Dixon, Sophie Edmunds, Sophie Evans, Jacob Jones, Millie Jones, Issabelle Kidner, Jack Kirby, Jae Neck, Conor Whiles and Erin Wrightson.



Citizenship Award

Winner



Nia Monk



Mr Joe Thomas



Mr Van-Baaren

Covid-19 pandemic brought a lot of challenges and despite the unprecedented levels of uncertainty experienced throughout the crisis, a growing sense of community spirit appeared.

We all clapped every Thursday night to show our appreciation for key workers on the front line, over 750,000 people signed up to help out the health services whilst others went above and beyond to raise morale in the community through humour, creativity and acts of kindness and solidarity. We are proud to say that our school was no different.

Nia Monk, currently in year 11 kept herself busy making scrub hats for the intensive care unit at the Heath Hospital where her Godmother works. She completed her first mock up at the start of lockdown and after feedback on the fit, she went on to make more. She took on this challenge with great enthusiasm and made some lovely hats out of old material that she was no longer using.

Our Technology Department also made a great contribution to the pandemic. Led by Lee Van-Baaren and Joe Thomas, they began producing protective face visors through machines and resources which were already in the department. Having asked for additional funding through social media, they were overwhelmed by the response in only one day and had to temporarily close the funding site.

Well done to Nia, Lee and Joe for the fantastic contribution they made to the Covid pandemic and worthy winners of the 2021 Citizenship Award.



Endeavour Award

Winner



Ellis Davies

Tragically, Ellis' Dad passed away earlier this year. As you would expect, this had a detrimental effect on Ellis – his entire life had changed.

Whilst grieving, Ellis summoned enough bravery and courage to take part in local fundraising events created in memory of his Dad, joining Neil Griffiths on the final lap of his 'run a mile every hour for 24 hours' challenge. He also took part in 'Tipsy10', a charity event organised by the residents of Ynysbwl each year. Ellis' Dad had thoroughly enjoyed previous event. Despite what must have been an overwhelming and emotional experience, Ellis displayed bravery and courage to overcome his grief and emotions to show immense support to other members of the community.

Naturally, Ellis found returning to school after lockdown difficult, his life was now so different. He battled with his emotions and has now returned full time and made a very positive start to Year 8. We are all so proud of you Ellis – you are a well-deserved winner of the 2021 Endeavour Award.



Endeavour Award

Winner



Megan Barry-Smith

The second winner of the 2021 Endeavour Award is Megan Barry-Smith.

Megan joined Pontypridd High School in the middle of Year 7. This was not an easy move, Megan found the whole process a daunting and unsettling experience. But with her determination and the help of our nurture provision, Megan made strong lasting relationships with both pupils and staff.

Megan is a very inspiring young lady who is determined to overcome her fears and anxieties. Over the next 18 months she is facing a number of different health challenges and Megan is fully aware that she will be up against barriers that will prevent her from learning. She has stated that she will give 100% effort towards her studies and complete all work to the best of her ability.

With her determination to succeed, her positive attitude and commitment Megan has overcome a large number of hurdles during her time at Pontypridd High School and it is these attributes which will help her through the year ahead.

Megan is an inspiration to her peers. She has shown that anything is possible through hard work and determination. Well done Megan, we are so proud of you!



Transition Award Year 7

Winner



Joshua Keepin
Abercynon

Winner



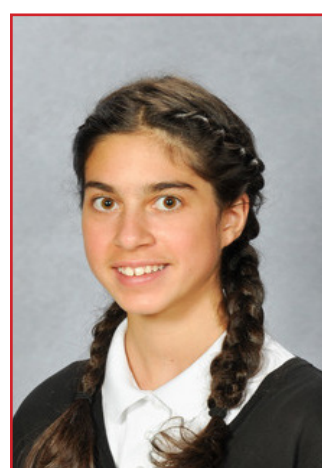
Kacey Freeman
Cefn

Winner



Ruby Potheary
Craig yr Hesg

Winner



Giulia Casati
Coedylan



Transition Award Year 7

Winner



Kellyn Beadle
Cilfynydd

Winner



Seth Kemlo
Coedpenmaen

Winner



Ryan Bond
Maesycloed

Winner



Rhianydd Rowe
Trehopcyn



Transition Award Year 7

Winner



Tatum Hatch

Trerobart



Year 8 Pupil of the Year

Nominees

Ruby Brookman

Tomos Jones

Marci Phillips

Kali Thomas

Joshua Warren

Winner



Tomos Jones

Year 9 Pupil of the Year

Nominees

Caitlin Cartlidge

Charlotte Hooper

William Murray

Calum Sharp

Remy Tobin

Winner



Remy Tobin



Year 10 Pupil of the Year

Nominees

Millie Davies
Lili Griffiths
Alisha Hernandez
Daniel Ryan
Caitlin Smith

Winner



Alisha Hernandez

Year 11 Pupil of the Year

Nominees

Sasha Bond
Thea Davies
Jacob Jones
Omaima Khalid
Oliver Lloyd-Thomas

Winner



Sasha Bond

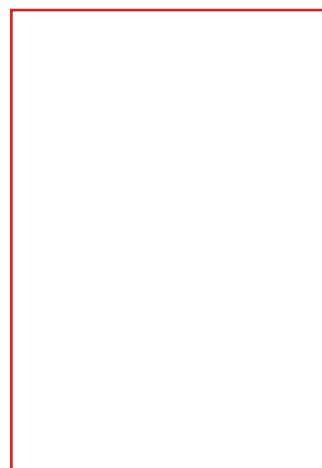


Year 12 Pupil of the Year

Nominees

Jenna Coley
Chloe Foggarty
Ella Furmage
Hannah Okon
Bradley Scott

Winner



Chloe Foggarty

Year 13 Pupil of the Year

Nominees

Lewis Bowden
Nia Davies
Regan Fear
Mia Morgan
Grace Wilde

Winner



Mia Morgan



Home Learning Champion

Winner



Tayla Bury-Jenkins
(Year 7)

Winner



Megan Mahoney
(Year 8)

Winner



Megan Stock
(Year 9)

Winner



Courtney Burton
(Year 10)



Home Learning Champion Cont.

Winner



Shakira Duggan
(Year 11)



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Art

Nominees

Year 7	Isabella Bindczus
Year 8	Logan Woodford
Year 9	Sarah-Beth Phillips
Year 10	Gisele Hammond
Year 11	Sasha Bond
Year 12	Deena Wattleley
Year 13	Grace Pyatt

Winner



Sasha Bond

Construction

Nominees

Year 9	Garyn Talbot
Year 10	Jack Davies
Year 11	Aimee Hughes

Winner



Garyn Talbot



Cymraeg

Nominees

Year 7	Tatum Hatch
Year 8	Maren Billie
Year 9	Tillie Barker
Year 10	Chloe Hazzard
Year 11	Aimee Hughes
Year 13	Kira Bines

Winner



Aimee Hughes

Discover More

Nominees

Year 7	Joshua Keepin
Year 7	Isabella Hernandez
Year 7	Sydney Chiplin
Year 8	Danny Webster
Year 8	Courtney Chopping
Year 8	Khiri Edmonds
Year 8	Leah Keyworth

Winner



Leah Keyworth



Engineering

Nominees

Year 7	Giulia Casati
Year 8	Lewis Rees
Year 9	Leah Creed
Year 10	Naiya Partington
Year 11	Omaima Khalid
Year 12	Harry Davies
Year 13	Regan Fear

Winner



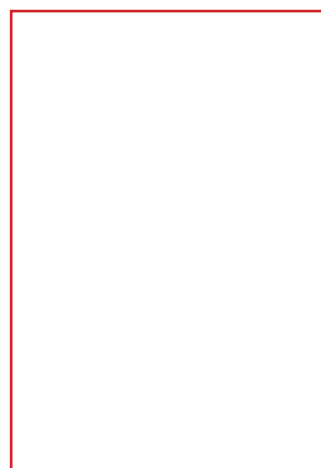
Leah Creed

English

Nominees

Year 7	Imogen Howells
Year 8	Evan Davies
Year 9	Lylah-May Antony
Year 10	Alexa Bindczus
Year 11	Jae Neck
Year 12	Chloe Foggarty
Year 13	Grace Wilde

Winner



Jae Neck



Geography

Nominees

Year 9	Remy Tobin
Year 10	Florence Morgan-Wood
Year 12	Hannah Okon
Year 13	Ffion Jones

Winner



Hannah Okon

Health, Social and Child Care

Nominees

Year 9	Amy Hyslop
Year 10	Cadie Pugh
Year 11	Lucy Taylor
Year 13	Lucie Elizabeth Evans

Winner



Cadie Pugh



History

Nominees

Year 9	Georgia Parker-Brown
Year 10	Florence Morgan-Wood
Year 11	Thea Davies
Year 12	Jenna Coley
Year 13	Grace Wilde

Winner



Thea Davies

Hospitality & Catering

Nominees

Year 7	Han Khalifa-Jones
Year 8	Cole Saunders
Year 9	Tillie Barker
Year 10	Libby Davies
Year 11	Cerys Bird
Year 12	Lewis Bowden

Winner



Tillie Barker



Humanities

Nominees

Year 7	Joshua Keepin
Year 7	Giulia Casati
Year 7	Morgan Jenkins
Year 8	Logan Woodford
Year 8	Owynn Dixon
Year 8	Oliver Lloyd

Winner



Logan Woodford

ICT

Nominees

Year 8	Jacob Booth
Year 9	Phillip Oloidi
Year 10	Nathan Edwards
Year 11	Jack Davies
Year 12	Cameron Hall
Year 13	Roman Ahearn

Winner



Jack Davies



Maths

Nominees

Year 7	Ruby Potheary
Year 8	Tomos Jones
Year 9	Ellie Booth
Year 10	Caitlin Smith
Year 11	Sasha Bond
Year 12	Aidan Pritchard
Year 13	Malachy Jennings

Winner



Sasha Bond

Music

Nominees

Year 7	Tatum Hatch
Year 7	Seth Kemlo
Year 7	Isabella Hernandez
Year 8	Daniel Bowler
Year 8	Samuel Price
Year 8	Grace Morgan

Winner



Tatum Hatch



Performing Arts

Nominees

Year 7	Seth Kemlo
Year 8	Grace Morgan
Year 9	Georgia Parker-Brown
Year 10	Millie Davies
Year 11	Layla Bartlett

Winner



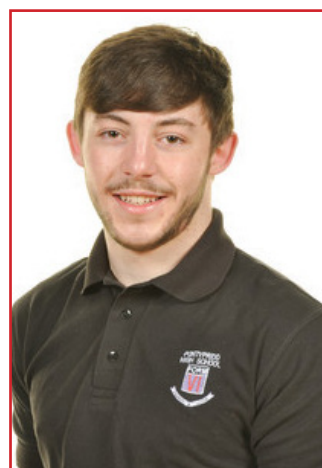
Millie Davies

Physical Education

Nominees

Year 7	Grace Davies
Year 8	Jack Jones
Year 9	Tillie Barker
Year 10	Sophie Harris
Year 11	Jack Davies
Year 12	Ella Furmage
Year 13	Lewis Ferguson

Winner



Lewis Ferguson



Product Design

Nominees

Year 7	Tatum Hatch
Year 8	Emilie Doxsey
Year 9	Joshua Lewis
Year 10	Florence Morgan-Wood
Year 11	Joseph Griffiths
Year 12	Owen Richards

Winner



Joseph Griffiths

Science

Nominees

Year 7	Tatum Hatch
Year 8	Emilie Doxsey
Year 9	Kayden Scourfield
Year 10	Millie Davies
Year 11	Millie Jones
Year 12	Bradley Scott
Year 13	Roman Ahearn

Winner



Millie Jones



Welsh Baccalaureate

Nominees

Year 12	Chloe Foggarty
Year 12	Hannah Okon
Year 12	Jenna Coley
Year 12	Amy Cartwright
Year 13	Lewis Bowden
Year 13	Jodie Matthews
Year 13	Regan Fear

Winner



Lewis Bowden

Learning Support

Nominees

Year 7	Enna Partington
Year 8	Riley Davies
Year 9	Megan Barry-Smith
Year 10	Kai Healy
Year 11	Joshua Ellis

Winner



Megan Barry-Smith



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YEPS

Nominees

Year 7	Tayla Bury-Jenkins
Year 7	Emily Mills
Year 8	Casey Lindsey
Year 9	Chloe Green
Year 9	Jack Deane
Year 10	Gareth Llewellyn
Year 11	Joshua Thomas

Winner



Joshua Thomas



Additional Awards

AJ Mapps Sixth Form
Sophie Edmunds

Mike Dance Innovation
Noor Randhawa

Ester Elkan Art Award
Kane Tutssel

Welsh Award
Kate Barrett

Rochester Cup for PE
Kate Barrett

EA (Ted) Lewis Award
Cameron Hall

FJK Chemistry
Nia Davies

Ivor and Monica Humphreys Award for Performance
Thea Davies

Work Experience Award
Chad Moses



Year 13 Student Destinations

AHEARN Roman - University of Nottingham; **BARRETT Kate** - University of Gloucestershire; **BINES Kira** – University of South Wales; **BOWDEN Lewis** – University of South Wales; **BOWNS Jack** – University of South Wales; **BROWN Tyler** – Cardiff University; **BRUCE Nia** – Cardiff University; **COUSINS Benjamin** – University of South Wales; **CRANDON Ellie** – Cardiff University; **DAVIES Nia** – Cardiff University; **DAVIES Chelsea** – University of South Wales; **DAVIES Kyle** – Swansea University; **DAVIES Abby** – University of Sussex; **DAVIES Jessica** – Cardiff University; **EVANS Lucie** – Cardiff University; **EVANS Lucie Elizabeth** – University of Worcester; **EVANS Keelan** – Swansea University; **FEAR Regan** – Swansea University; **FERGUSON Lewis** – Swansea University; **HUGHES Cai** – Anglia Ruskin University; **JAMES Lewis** – University of South Wales; **JENNINGS Malachy** – Cardiff University; **JONES Anna** – University of Exeter; **JONES Kerianne** – Cardiff Metropolitan University; **JONES Ffion** – Cardiff University; **MATTHEWS Kaitlyn** – Swansea University; **MATTHEWS Jodie** – Bristol, University of the West of England; **MORGAN Mia** – Cardiff Metropolitan University; **MURRAY Olivia** – Cardiff Metropolitan University; **NASH Holly** – University of South Wales; **OWEN Anna** – Cardiff University; **OWEN Cerys** – Cardiff University; **POUNDER Maxwell** – Plymouth University; **PROWLE Maisey** – Cardiff Metropolitan University; **PRYSE Leah** – University of Southampton; **PYATT Grace** – Bath Spa University; **RANDELL Libbie** – Cardiff University; **RANDHAWA Noor** – Cardiff University; **SAINSBURY Ethan** – University of South Wales; **TUTSSEL Kane** – Loughborough University; **WILDE GRACE** – Swansea University; **WILLIAMS-BLACKER Ria** – Cardiff University.



Rhys Morgan Outstanding Achievement Award

Winner



Shakira Duggan

As a result of the Covid-19 pandemic, schools in Wales closed on 20th March 2020 for nearly 15 weeks and again in January 2021 for another 10 weeks.

These events represented an unprecedented disruption to the education of all our pupils who could no longer received face-to-face teaching in the classroom, see their friends and teachers on a daily basis or receive the support and security that school offers them.

Lessons moved online, pupils attended assemblies and registration from their bedrooms and PE lessons consisted of an early morning workout led by staff. Our Home Learning Champions adapted to these challenges with an amazing maturity and enthusiasm but there was one pupil who went above and beyond all others.

Shakira Duggan will be the first to admit that she hasn't always found school easy but the work ethic and positive attitude she displayed through both home learning periods set a fantastic example to her peers. Shakira attended all live lessons, submitted all work set on time and to a high standard, attended all assemblies and was the first to 'like' any information posted on her Microsoft Teams Channels. Most importantly, she did all this with a huge smile on her face.

Shakira left year 11 in the summer, having been achieved a well-deserved, excellent set of GCSE grades. Good luck Shakira, we wish you all the best in college.

Shakira is the well-deserved winner of the 2021 Rhys Morgan Outstanding Achievement Award. Congratulations Shakira!



Teacher of the Year Award

Winner



Miss Jessica Williams

Support Staff Member of the Year Award

Winner



Miss Chloe Bartlett



Pupil of the Year Award

Winner



Sasha Bond

GCSE & A Level Results Day

Given the exceptional circumstances everyone has faced in the last 18 months I would like to congratulate each of our students who have achieved success with their A level, AS and GCSE results. It is a testament to their perseverance and commitment that they have met all the challenges put before them. Year 12 students have made a successful transition from GCSE to A Level and their results are very encouraging for the year ahead.

In relation to our A Level results, particular mention must be given to Nia Davies and Anna Jones who both achieved A*AAA, Roman Ahearn A*A*AB, Noor Randhawa A*AAB, Kane Tutssel A*A*BB, Regan Fear A*ABB, Ffion Jones A*AAB, Kate Barrett A*ABB, Lewis Ferguson A*ABB and Leah Pryse A*ABB. Also to Jesse John A*ACC, Kyle Davies AAAB, Grace Wilde A*AAD, Malachy Jennings AABC, Grace Pyatt A*AC, Jessica Davies A*BBB, Cerys Owen A*ABC, Aliyah Kennedy A*ABC and Jodie Matthews A*BBC. Distinctions were also achieved by Lewis Bowden, Nia Bruce and Anna Owen in their chosen subjects.

Through the course of their A Level and AS studies each student has been required to adapt to new expectations and to the procedures by which grades have been awarded. What we know about our school is that support has been offered in so many different ways by staff and through strong friendships amongst the students.



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GCSE & A Level Results Day Cont.

This has proved to be an essential part of maintaining a positive outlook when times were difficult. Alongside this, I am also very much aware of the very positive relationships and partnerships we have established with each family over a number of years and as staff we greatly appreciate the support you have given.

Such positive GCSE outcomes reflect the high expectations we have for our students and it is to their credit that they have responded so positively. Particular mention to Omaima Khalid, Oliver Lloyd-Thomas and Sasha Bond who all achieved 9 or more A* grades. Also, to Briar-Rose Allen, Mia Cartlidge, Ben Dackins, Steffan David, Jack Davies, Thea Davies, Sophie Edmunds, Sophie Evans, Sam Greening, Joseph Griffiths, Connor James, Cody Jones, Jacob Jones, Jack Kirby, Carys Lewis, Amelia Lowrey, Rhys Meredith, Caitlin Powell, Evy Rixon, Lucy Taylor and Conor Whiles who achieved 6 or more A* or A grades. Many other students such as Dafydd Bowditch, Molly Davies, Shakira Duggan, Josh Ellis, Adam Harries, Jae Neck and Rio Pugh should also be very proud of the grades they have received and deserved for the commitment to achieve their very best.

We are also delighted with the positive outcomes achieved by many of our students in Year 10 who have received GCSE grades in different subjects. They now have a very firm foundation from which to start Year 11 and the confidence to know they are capable of achieving greater success in the year ahead.

Through the course of their GCSE studies each student has been required to adapt to new expectations and to the procedures by which grades have been awarded. What we know about our school is that support has been offered in so many different ways by staff and through strong friendships amongst the students. This has proved to be an essential part of maintaining a positive outlook when times were difficult. Alongside this I am also very much acknowledge the very positive relationships and partnerships we have established with each family over a number of years and as staff we greatly appreciate the support you have given.

We are extremely proud of every student and I am sure everyone will find time to reflect on their experiences at Pontypridd High and in particular the last 18 months or so. Without question it is now the time to look forward and make the very best of all the opportunities that lie ahead knowing that the offer of support, help and advice will always be there if needed.

Mr Bill Davies, Chair of Governors would also like to acknowledge what has been achieved and pass on his congratulations to all students on their results, in addition to thanking staff for their continued hard work and the support.

We thank those students who are now leaving us for their contribution to our school and wish them well as they move on to new opportunities. These results prove what talented young people we have at Pontypridd High and we very much look forward to welcoming such well qualified and committed students back to our Sixth Form.



