



Welsh Baccalaureate: Students of High Acclamation

Iwan Davies

Iwan Davies made an outstanding contribution to the community serving as Musical Director for Opera Teifi, playing the Organ in St David's Cathedral, and is a member of National Youth Choir of Wales. His individual investigation was an examination on the influence of Pembrokeshire on the poetry of Waldo Williams in comparison to that of County Derry on the work of Seamus Heaney. Formerly a student of Ysgol Y Preseli, Iwan is now reading Anglo-Saxon, Norse and Celtic at Emmanuel College, Cambridge.

Brendan Pitman

Brendan Pitman, a student at Bridgend College, has enjoyed a wealth of experiences while following the Welsh Baccalaureate Qualification course, including laying paths with the National Trust in Brecon to reduce weather erosion, and volunteering at a local school. His fundraising efforts for Children in Need and the Joshua Foundation were extremely successful and he also camped outside in sub zero temperatures in December on a "Look at Life" Army course. Brendan has also visited the Llechwedd Slate Caverns in North Wales and the World War Two Memorials in Normandy, extending his wider knowledge and providing him with a broad understanding for the future.

Rachel Johnson

Rachel, a pupil at Treorchy Comprehensive School, was nominated due to her sheer enthusiasm and consistently high standard of work which was an inspiration to the rest of her cohort. She displayed enthusiasm and commitment in everything she undertook and her attendance at all lessons and activities was excellent. Her positive attitude was reflected in her individual investigation and in all her diaries and key skills portfolios, which were very detailed in content. Rachel took part in the school reading support scheme where she worked with a younger pupil to help her improve her reading age - three times a week over the course of a year - and was conscientious and worked to her full potential at all times.

Richard Coghlan

Whilst studying at St Cenydd Community School Richard gained five of his key skills at level 3; with the external moderator being so impressed with the standard of his problem solving work on recycling, and the success that he had in this area, that she wrote a personal note to Richard on his folio. Richard thoroughly enjoyed the practical experiences of the Welsh Bac, especially the Language Module work done at the Urdd activity centre in Glan-llyn. His motivational skills were also well used, whether this was 'geeing up' his peers as they collected supplies for a project, or getting others to complete their work for the Team Enterprise project for the school Christmas Fayre.

Richard is now pursuing a Business degree course at the University of Glamorgan having not considered following a Higher Education course before following the Welsh Bac.

Ashleigh Woodward

Demonstrating an agile mind, and quick to grasp the complexity of the variety of political and social issues, Ashleigh's Individual Investigation explored attitudes to beauty pageants - having been a contestant in the Miss Wales final of 2008. Ashleigh organised a charity fundraising event, when over a £1000 was raised through organising a talent show. All the acts that auditioned were presented with certificates and there were two main prizes on the evening, one for upper and one for lower school. Ashleigh was one of a pilot group who were the first to follow the Welsh Baccalaureate Qualification at Caerleon Comprehensive and thanks to the Welsh Bac is now studying Law at Cardiff University.