

Year 11 Leaver's assembly 14th May 2010

We had a very successful Leaver's assembly on the 14th May for Year 11 pupils going on study leave prior to starting their GCSEs.

Mr Harrington, Head of Year 11 opened proceedings by welcoming our special guests Matt Elias, European, Commonwealth & Olympic athlete and Governor Audrey Males, before being treated to a guitar solo by Tom James our budding rock star. If you weren't awake at that moment you soon were!! Move over Eric Clapton there's a new kid on the block!

Other musical treats included a beautiful duet by Rebecca Churchill and Nicola Blackburn who sang "Hallelujah" and songs by Lauren Phillips, Shanice Nicholls, Grace Hartrey, Sarah Oliver, Zhane Bartlett & Laura Williams.

On a more formal note there were awards given by Faculties for exceptional effort in their subjects and by EWO Sue Davies for 100 per cent attendance.

This was followed by a presentation by Ms H Thomas Deputy Head to those pupils who have successfully completed their WBQ qualification.

Mr Lightman, Headteacher gave a thought provoking, valedictory speech to the Year 11 pupils prior to the sports awards.

Mr R Graves, Head of PE introduced our special guest Matt Elias who presented our sports awards which included a special award for Sportswoman of the Year Lauren McCarthy and Sportsman of the Year Ben White. Other awards were given to Rhoslyn Frugnet for rock climbing, Sam Middlemiss for playing Rugby for Cardiff Blues and Wales, Bethan Daw for outstanding achievement in Athletics and James Thomas for Chess. These were just a few examples of the sporting talent within Year 11.

Mr Harrington then showed a powerpoint of the pupils involved in the Duke of Edinburgh expeditions, activities with the Army and work experience, this was when the tears started!

Finally a fun powerpoint presentation was made by the Year 11 yearbook committee who had arranged a prom-like pupil questionnaire voting for teachers and pupils in various categories. For example funniest teacher or pupil most likely to become a millionaire. This resulted in a lot of fun and laughter and certificates were awarded to the successful recipients.

It was then back to Mr Harrington, Head of Year 11 to bring an end to what was an upbeat positive assembly where talent and effort were rightly appreciated and recognised by all. He also wished pupils good luck and best wishes in their exams.