

# Cymunedau **Dysgu** Cynaliadwy

## Sustainable Communities for Learning

Welcome to Monmouthshire Council's Summer Sustainable Communities for Learning newsletter. We hope you enjoy reading these updates from the council regarding King Henry VIII 3-19 School, Ysgol 3-19 Brenin Harri'r VIII. You can follow us on [Twitter here](#).

The Sustainable Communities for Learning programme is a One Wales commitment and a collaboration between the Welsh Government and Monmouthshire County Council. It is a major, long-term and strategic capital investment programme with the aim of creating a generation of Sustainable Schools in Wales. You can access our website here:

[Sustainable Communities for Learning - Monmouthshire](#)

### A Time to Celebrate



**Steel Signing Ceremony held at the new King Henry VIII 3-19 School site**

In May pupils of King Henry VIII and Deri View Schools joined guests at a steel signing ceremony on the site of the new King Henry VIII 3-19 School. The signed steel now forms part of the building's structure for future generations to discover in many years to come.

Cllr. Martyn Groucutt, Cabinet Member for Education said: "This ceremony is a great next step in King Henry VIII 3-19 School's build journey. It's amazing how the structure is taking shape in this stunning location – it will be such a wonderful learning environment for children. This fabulous school is going to be the first carbon neutral 3-19 school in Wales." Jonathan Watson, Head Teacher of King Henry VIII 3-19 School added: "Our vision is for our pupils, in this wonderful community, to make rapid progress and achieve academic excellence in an environment of love and care. Our school will be a strong family where expectations are high, values are positive, and children are treasured. Our goal is to equip our pupils with the knowledge, character, and learning power, to achieve top grades in their qualifications and to lead successful lives."





Jeremy Miles, Minister for Education and Welsh Language, said: "I am pleased to see this project underway, which Welsh Government has helped fund. The school will be the first net zero carbon 3-19 school in Wales and supports our ambition to become net zero by 2050. I look forward to seeing the high quality facilities and opportunities this sustainable school will offer pupils for years to come."

Later in the term, Mr Watson, Mr Stockham, members of MCC Sustainable Communities for Learning Team, accompanied by Morgan Sindall Project Director Steve Langford, visited the site to see the steel beam insitu and to admire the wonderful views our new school will have.

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## Informed and Excited



During this summer term Morgan Sindall and our Sustainable Communities for Learning Team have been out and about making sure our school communities have had the opportunity to catch up on progress, review plans and ask questions. In May, Deri View staff donned their hard hats to meet the builders and visit the construction site. They were impressed both by the speed at which the steel frame was going up and by the size of the learning spaces.

In June, while the Sustainable Communities for Learning Team were meeting with teachers from both Deri View and King Henry VIII Schools, Owen and Georgie from the Morgan Sindall education team ran Q and A sessions for all Year 6 pupils during their transition days. Pupils got to visit the edge of the site to see the construction actually happening while asking lots and lots of excellent questions. Owen and Georgie were so impressed by how well informed and enthusiastic all the Year 6 pupils were.



In July, Darren, Morgan Sindall's Design Manager, led a workshop with the Joint Schools Council where he was able to show them how their ideas had been incorporated into the design of their new school. They were the first pupils to see how classrooms, dining halls and cafés will actually look! Their feedback was once again very useful and extremely positive. We all left the workshop with smiles on our faces. Council members then took these images back to their schools to make sure all pupils were as informed and excited.

## Girls Lead the Recycling Revolution

A group of Year 7 girls, supported by Mrs Arken from the KHS Technology Department, are leading a recycling revolution in their school. Their Plastics Lab project takes plastic milk bottles, bottle caps, shampoo and conditioner bottles to create a range of beautiful products.



They start by collecting, cleaning, sorting then melting the plastic down into new shapes and forms. The team, which have been supported by Morgan Sindall this year, are looking for further sponsorship to expand their fantastic programme. They aim for a school and world free of plastics, in the meantime they will keep recycling! - Well done girls.



## Blink and You Missed It



the Lower School. We can also see our wonderful oak tree in full leaf. Here's looking forward to tours round both buildings during the next school year.

In what seems like the blink of an eye the steel super structure and floors of the Upper School building have appeared. A dry Summer Term and fantastic local contractors have ensured everything has gone perfectly to plan. These drone photos capture the interesting shape of the Upper School, as well as the initial foundations of



## Work Experience Round 2



The second cohort of pupils from King Henry School completed their work experience programme with Morgan Sindall this term. The programme introduced pupils to the range of job opportunities within the construction industries as well as covering health and safety on a building site and a very interesting site visit. They were the first pupils to experience some of the fantastic views our new school will have to offer. Thank you Scott, Morgan Sindall's Senior Site Manager.



**Take a virtual walk around King Henry VIII 3-19 School**

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# Meet the Morgan Sindall Operational Team

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