

Alun School Sporting Successes
2003-2004

Football

The Alun School were overall winners of the Flintshire League with the Year 7 and 9 teams winning the Premier Division and Year 10 finishing runner up. In the Flintshire Cup Year 7 and 9 have qualified for the final and will play Connahs Quay in September. We should thank all the staff who have helped out this season especially Mr Glyn Jones who is leaving us to take up a teaching position on the Wirral.

This year under the direction of Miss Custard and Mr D.Jones the school has established 3 girls football teams at Under 16,14,12 age groups. All teams enjoyed themselves with the Under 14's reaching the semi final of the County Cup. The Under 12 team after winning the Flintshire Cup qualified to play at the Racecourse Ground (Wrexham) in the North Wales Finals.

Damien Hopkins has captained Wales U'14s and hopes to be selected for the forthcoming Victory Shield Tournament. He has recently signed forms with Manchester United.

Tom Higginson , Ryan Davidson and Tom Price have represented Flintshire U'12s who got to the semi final stage of the Welsh Cup. Tom Higginson has also signed forms for Crewe Alexandra.

Ben Williams, Owen Pierce, and Shaun Hughes all represented Flintshire U13's this season and helped the team gain a Quarter Final place.

David Bryan, Jamie Cross and Robert Shaw represented Flintshire U'15's who beat Swansea 7-1 to be crowned Welsh Champions.

From our Girls teams Stephanie Stook and Abbey Griffiths have been asked to attend a North Wales Development Squad. Stephanie is also attending Tranmere Rovers Academy.

Netball

The School Teams performed well this year with the Year 7 and 10 teams finishing runner up in their respective leagues. The Under 18 Team should be congratulated on winning the Flintshire Round of the Presidents Cup. A large number of players have also been selected to play for a number of Representative Squads.

Hayley Forrester, Stacey Hughes, Laura Edwards and Gemma Richardson all represented the Flintshire Under 18 Team. Laura has been selected for the North East Wales team along with Hayley who is also in the Welsh Development Squad.

Alicia Buckland and Amy Forrester represented Flintshire in the winning team of the North East Wales Triangular Tournament. They are both members of the North East Wales Representative Squad.

Carly Royle represented Flintshire at U'14 level who also won the North East Wales Triangular Tournament.

Hockey

The school teams have performed well throughout this year. Year 7 have a promising team and won the Year 7 Flintshire Playnight. Year 8, 9 and sixthform teams all finished 2nd in the Flintshire Tournament with some excellent hockey being played.

The school has also established some mixed hockey in Year7 with the 7-a-side team qualifying for the National finals played in Newtown.

Danny Affleck is now a member of the North Wales Under 14 Hockey Squad.

A number of pupils have also attended Flintshire trials and the following have been selected for the squads.

Rugby

The school has enjoyed success in a number of Rugby tournaments this year under the guidance of Mr Ellis and Mr Bolton. The Year 7 and 9 teams were both crowned Flintshire Champions after winning their respective tournaments.

Adam Platt and Vinnie Hughes have both been members of the Under 16 North East Wales Squad this year.

This year has seen to brothers from the school gain places in the North Wales Squads, Rhys Hayes in the Under 14's and Lloyd Hayes in the Under 12's. In the same U'12 North Wales squad is Laurence Harvey, whilst Huw Grundy has been selected for the U'13 North Wales Squad.

Athletics

The start of the year brought early success for the school when the Year 7 team won the Rover Decathlon Indoor Athletics event held at Deeside Leisure Centre. Chrissie Hughes came 1st overall in the Girls event with Ryan Davidson finishing 2nd and Laurence Angel 3rd overall in the Boys event.

This summer all of our Junior Boys and Girls and our Middle Boys and Girls Athletics teams won the title at their respective age groups in the Flintshire Championships, which was a fantastic achievement.

Rebecca Hoare was victorious in the North East Wales Championships when winning the Junior Girls 1500m title. This was added to the Welsh title she won in her age group for Orienteering earlier in the year and helped her gain a place on the Great Britain Orienteering Squad. Rebecca's brother Michael Hoare should also be congratulated for achieving the same title in Orienteering.

Geriant Lewis won a Sprint double in the North East Wales Championship winning the 100m and 200m.

David Bryan achieved success when winning the 100m Hurdles in the North East Wales Championship.

Tom Price also gained a victory in the North East Wales Championships winning the 300m.

We also have a Welsh Cross Country Champion attending our school after Alex Elliot won the title at a recent event.

Tennis

Once again the schools Tennis Team has performed very well this year and has won the Welsh Under 14 Championship for the 2nd time in two years.

Ian Noonan and James King make up the schools Under 17 Doubles Partnership and recently won the Welsh title.

Cricket

With the Cricket season just under way all of our teams are looking forward to performing well in the upcoming Flintshire Cup.

Ben Williams was selected as captain for the Welsh Under 14 team in a recent fixture. Jonathon Haupfleisch was also part of the Welsh Under 14 Development Squad which both boys attended. Jordan Evans has also made good progress by becoming a member of the Wales Under 12's Squad.

Badminton

Our Middle girls Badminton team achieved success this year in becoming Flintshire and North East Wales Champions. They represented the region in the national finals in Welshpool and finished 6th out of all the schools in Wales. Well done to Carly Bates, Bethan Higginson, Amy Marsh and Dawn Wright who made up the team.

Gymnastics

Katy Barly achieved great success in Aerobic Gymnastics this year. She has recently represented Great Britain in the European Championships.

Squash

Mitch Blythen has been selected for the Junior Welsh Development Squad.

Swimming

George Finch is a member of the Welsh Swimming Team and has won the Welsh 100m Freestyle title.

Sam Chamberlin is the Junior Disability National Champion.

Rowing

This year we have established links with Merchat Taylors School (Crosby) which has allowed us to develop rowing as a new sport available to pupils. It is hoped that we will begin to participate in competitions and achieve success in this sport.

Golf

The school has now set up an "Alun School Golf Day" which is being played at Mold Golf Club on the 2nd of July 2004. This event is open to all golfers who possess a handicap and is planned to become an annual event taking place in early July each year.

Beth Davies has been selected for the County Girls Golf Team and Welsh Girls Golf Teams this year.