





Congratulations to Keziah Cooper who passed her Grade 4 singing exam with Distinction.

Well done Kizzie.

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Every year the very best cadet units from across the UK, concentrate on the Army's second largest training area, at Sennybridge in South Wales, to take part in the cadet world's most arduous competition, the Cambrian Patrol. Teams of eight have to navigate across moorland and hill, for approximately 25km, to about 10 checkpoints, and then at each checkpoint they need to complete a military-themed task.



Our team of volunteers have been training since September, with advanced tactics being taught by our visiting instructor, as well as team-development and leadership. They even took part in a few treks into the Clwydian Hills around Denbigh, making sure their feet and backs were up to the strain.



On Friday the chosen eight set off in two minibuses on the 4-hour journey south. The short night was spent in a draughty (and very cold) barn before an early breakfast at 5am, and an equally early

start at the first checkpoint and stand at 6.30am. There was snow about and it was bitterly cold but the task ahead soon warmed everyone up. After a 12-hour day covering 29km, completing tasks at eight checkpoints, the team settled into their improvised shelters in a wood, cooking their meals and looking after themselves.



The second day dawned clear but still cold, with the team marching for a further 2km before a shooting competition.

Covid restrictions have severely limited the amount of time we have been able to spend in preparation for this test of endurance and cadet skills. The team of Colour Sergeant Orlagh Toner, Sergeant Tom Clarke & Corporal Adam Macnab (all of Year 13), and Corporals Owen Brumby & Kiko Olazo, and Lance Corporals William Grove, Haf Read & Catrin Shutt (all of Year 11) proved up to the task. There were a few blisters, some tired bodies but everyone realised the enormity of their achievement, and feels amazing. The team was awarded a Bronze Medal and matched the rest of the Welsh teams taking part.





★ Congratulations to everyone who took part in their First Holy  
 ★ Communion at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Wellington Road. Also  
 ★ thank you to Mrs Davies, Mrs Roberts and the choir for supporting  
 ★ them in Mass.

★ We wished them all the very best and huge prayers as they made  
 ★ this very special sacrament!



**PREFECT TEAM 2022-2023**

Head Girl: Maddie Bunn

Head Boy: Alwin Reji.

Deputy Head Girls: Bethan Guiver and Alexandra Gilmartin. Deputy Head Boys:  
 Dominik Azurza and Rhys Cagasan

Senior Prefects: Harriet Devaney, Alys Harrison and Bronwen Taylor

Prefects: Isobel Holt, Erin Jones, Emily Hall, Bethan Shutt, Niamh Daly, Laney Jackson-  
 Wyatt, Christina Evans, Rhiannon Johnson and Amelie Evans.

