

Magor Church in Wales School & Undy School: Senedd Visit: 18th July 2019

At the kind invitation of John Griffiths AM for Newport East, Magor CiW and Undy Schools attended a tour of the Welsh Government at the Senedd in Cardiff Bay. The event was sponsored by MAGOR. The group comprised of teachers, pupils, governor, parents and MAGOR committee members. Transport by coach to and from the Senedd was provided by Monmouthshire County Council.

All those who attended, agreed the visit was an overwhelming and amazing success. The tour was well organised and our guide Richard was very professional and made it both interesting and informative for the pupils and adults alike. During the tour we were joined by Assembly Member John Griffiths. John outlined what it was like to be an AM and what the role involved. This year marks the 20th anniversary of the Welsh Assembly and John has been an AM since the beginning. The tour then took us to the viewing area where it overlooked the debating chamber. John explained the configuration was so much different from the House of Commons and detailed where each member from the different parties represented at the Senedd, are seated. As the

Senedd is a new building, it is not only environmentally friendly, but it also benefits from the very latest technology to make the daily business of government, both transparent and efficient. At this point John took questions from the pupils. Wow, the eloquent questions from the pupils were amazing and challenging, even for an experienced AM, like John. Considering the age of these young people, they are a credit to themselves and their schools. With young people like these our community's



future looks assured. John was then presented with superb letters from pupils from both schools in support of opening Magor & Undy Walkway Station. Some of the letters were addressed to John and others to First Minister, Mark Drakeford. John said he would personally ensure that the letters addressed to the First Minister would be delivered,



As previously mentioned, the Senedd visit was an unqualified success and MAGOR would like to thank pupils, teachers, governor and parents from both schools for their participation. MAGOR would also like to especially thank John Griffiths AM for the invitation and his participation. I would also like to thank Becs Parker from John's office for organising the tour and not forgetting a thank you to our coach driver Andrew for getting us safely to and from the Senedd.

