



Some of the students dress up and have fun with the den they made.



More students get engrossed with working out how to build their car and Simon Bazley.



Students chill out on the 'car' they built after driving it up and down the playground.

New 'play shed' opens

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A NEW 'play shed' is giving young students the chance to use their imaginations.

Ysgol Treffynnon, Holywell, is the first mainstream high school to adopt the 'Playful Futures - Playful Playtimes' project, an all-inclusive term long venture that gives schools the skills and equipment to be able to adopt a playwork approach long into the future, making break times fun and more stimulating for students.

The project is the brainchild of Simon Bazley, a freelance play consultant, who won the Training Award at this year's UK

Playwork Awards. It is funded by a play grant to the school from the Welsh Government, via Flintshire County Council, as part of their commitment to ensuring that children have sufficient opportunities to play, in accordance with the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Year seven students were asked for their views about play and break times and what might make it better or more interesting. Mr Bazley said: "Once we had spoken to the students we built the shed and filled it with materials based on their feedback. We have called the project 'Junkyard' at Ysgol Treffynnon as a nod to the original adventure playground movement."



Jayden Lewis, Rhys Gibbons and Ian Williams have fun with the go-kart.