



10 June 2024

Dear Parent / Guardian,

Eisteddfod yr Urdd: Warm congratulations to all our pupils who competed at the Urdd Eisteddfod held at Meifod with such energy and enthusiasm. We would commend everyone who participated and congratulate all those pupils who represented the school at the National Eisteddfod. Special mention to Rafik Harrington who was awarded 2nd place in one of the main ceremonies, *The Composer Medal*, and further congratulations to Owen Frohawk (Woodwind solo), Matthew Bill, Cian Glyn, Jac Johns (Vocal Ensemble), Rose Datta (Musicals Solo) and Cian Glyn (Recitation) for winning gold medals. Winning silver medals were the Parti Bechgyn; Tom Davies (Piano solo), Mari Fflur Thomas (Recitation). Congratulations to Rhodri Davies and Tamsin James both awarded gold for their art pieces, to Gwynfor Jones and Lara Osborne for winning Mathematics Medals. Congratulations also to Elen Thomas Evans and Ruby James for gaining bronze commendation in the homework assignments.



Wembley: For the second time in Glantaf's history our year 7 rugby league team made it through to the final of the British Cup, and ran out at Wembley on June 8th. It wasn't to be for the team in the final as they lost to a very strong St Peters team from Wigan. Despite the result it's a fantastic achievement to get so far, and an experience they won't forget in a hurry.



The year 7 rugby league team at Wembley

Visits to the Rhondda Heritage Park: As part of their Welsh/Coron Gwlad curriculum, year 7 have visited the Rhondda Heritage Park. They are studying the concept of '*Pit to Port*', beginning in the Rhondda and ending with a visit to Cardiff Bay later in the half term. The visit to the Heritage Park consisted of three main activities; The Black Gold's Journey, Research at the Exhibitions and visiting the Tramway Path.



Yr7 visiting the Rhondda Heritage Park

Yr7 Parents: We thank those parents who have responded to our offer of extending the Chromebook one to one device offer for pupils as they reach Yr8. We kindly ask those parents who are yet to respond to the offer (through ParentPay) to do so by the end of June, in order for us to progress the scheme. We expect that the vast majority of parents would take up the offer of a subsidised Chromebook for their child from the Autumn Term in Yr8.

Year 12 students return: We are pleased to welcome Yr12 back to their studies and wish them well in their Yr13 preparation. We have organised a full programme of events and activities including UCAS workshops, university open days, Medicine and Dentistry workshops as well as study periods for Yr13.

Music visit: Pupils enjoyed a visit to a Gamelan Workshop at the beginning of the week at the Chapter Arts Centre. They enjoyed valuable time to experiment with some new musical instruments and experience some traditional Indonesian music.



Pupils on a music visit

Parents Well-being cafe: The next meeting of our well-being cafe for parents will be held on Wednesday the 19th of June at 14:00 at the school. This is an opportunity for parents to meet and discuss the well-being of their children with various experts. On the 19th we will be discussing '*Supporting pupils who worry about going to school*'.

National Tests: As stated in the previous newsletter, the National Tests for Year 7-9 pupils will be held from June 17-27. Here is a link to the timetable : [Profion Cenedlaethol/National Tests](#) . We kindly ask you to ensure that your child's chromebook is **fully charged** before each test (Years 8+9). Year 7 tests will be held in the school's IT rooms.

Barcelona football visit: The PE department were full of praise for the behaviour, courtesy and use of the Welsh language by our year 9 pupils who visited Barcelona over the half term break. They visited the Olympic stadium, the waterfront area at Barcelona as well as the Sagrada Familia. They also played three competitive fixtures and were victorious in two out of three.



Year 9 pupils enjoying their visit to Barcelona



Pentref Project – Year 8 Business Forum

Last week, Year 8 started on their task of planning a building for *Pentref Taf*. It has really been wonderful to see the enthusiasm and creativity in action as they work together in groups. We are looking forward to seeing each group present on Friday - 14/6/24, when they will be presenting to an external panel of companies. I would like to thank these companies for all their help with presenting this task / challenge to year 8. Companies - Willmott Dixon, Pepper Money, Stable, Companies House, Cardiff Commitment, ISG Construction, Kier Construction, Cardiff University, Cardiff Council Curriculum Team, Cardiff and Vale Health Board, Careers Wales and Rio Architects.

School uniform: We kindly ask you to ensure that your child attends school in the correct uniform. Non-compliance with the requirements of the school uniform will be recorded on class charts, in order to inform you and so that you can support us to ensure that your child attends in the correct uniform

School Athletics: Our annual School Athletics Day will be held at Leckwith Stadium on Friday, June 28 - more details will be sent on Classcharts next week.

Yours sincerely,

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