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Dear Parent / Guardian,

### A busy first few weeks!

We've enjoyed a busy fortnight, with students settling down well to school life. It was also good to see the tremendous levels of participation in our annual Cross Country race this week and the enjoyment and energy of all those who participated.



*Cross Country 2024*

**School Meals:** Lunchtime arrangements and break time / breakfast club provision are working well and Yr7 pupils have now been enrolled on the system. All Year 7 pupils will have daily access to the canteen from next week both break and lunchtime. If there are difficulties with your ParentPay account, please contact Ms Wiltshire: [Wiltshiree16@hwbcymru.net](mailto:Wiltshiree16@hwbcymru.net)

**Cluster INSET:** A reminder that there is no school for pupils on **Wednesday 25th September** due to our cluster INSET. A list of our 2024-25 INSET and Term dates are included in our [Annual-report](#)

**Yr8 Chromebooks:** We are delighted to confirm that the Chromebooks for Yr8 have arrived on campus and are being configured ready for distribution before half term. A kindly reminder for all Yr8 parents to complete their contributions of £120 towards the cost. Once again, thank you for supporting this scheme of funding 50% of this personal device.

**Information session for parents/carers of children aged 11-16years around online criminal and sexual exploitation:** South Wales Police are offering an interactive webinar for Glantaf parents/carers on **Thursday 3-10-24 from 6pm – 7pm**, to highlight the increasing exposure of children and young people to online content /platforms and the risks around exploitation. Please join here: [Meeting Link](#). We also would draw your attention to a session promoting *Digital Literacy and Wellbeing in the age of AI* through the hwb platform: [Register here](#) for session on 17.9.24 @ 5.15pm

**School photos:** A reminder that individual pupil photos for Yrs 7, 10 and 12 are now available to purchase online through Colorfoto, with the *early bird offer* ending on 23 September.

**School Uniform and our free Facebook site for uniform recycling:** I would like to thank everyone for your support in keeping high standards of school uniform. However a number of pupils continue to wear jewellery to school. Please no necklaces, bracelets or rings and ear rings should be small studs. Please remember that our free uniform site for sharing or requesting different sizes is also available via this link: [Gwisg Ysgol Glantaf School Uniform recycling - Home | Facebook](#)

**School transport:** We are aware of difficulties regarding some of the bus routes to Glantaf, however bus passes have now been distributed and we hope those pupils who wish to travel on the routes are able to be accommodated. However school transport is a matter organised by the Local Authority and if you have concerns they should be directed to the LA or the bus company.

**Numeracy revision sessions for Yr11 for November GCSE examinations:** Weekly revision sessions have commenced for all students in Yr 11 leading to their November Numeracy examinations (5 & 7/11/24). We would like to thank you in advance for your support in ensuring your child attends these valuable revision sessions.



**Communication / Classcharts App and X:** I hope you have successfully registered for our Classcharts ParentApp, which shares live information on attendance, reward and sanctions, homework assignments as well as sharing letters and communication. If you are experiencing difficulties or have not received a code, please contact Ms Emma Wiltshire: [Wiltshiree16@hwbcymru.net](mailto:Wiltshiree16@hwbcymru.net) We are also pleased that each child has received a revised new *Llyfr Cyswllt* for the year which contains their timetable, school calendar, homework assignments, contacts and useful information. Due to the increase of inappropriate content and extremist views on the X platform, we are currently reviewing our usage. Although we will continue posting information on the X platform for the time being, we expect to share information on new ways of communicating successes with our extended community, shortly.

**Yr7 CAT tests:** During next week Yr7 pupils will sit their CAT tests. These online tests are useful for tracking attainment, but are not used at all in setting or placing pupils in different classes. They will be taken using our IT suites and should take two or three lessons to complete during the week.


**Extracurricular: Llangrannog Yr 7 / Art & Design Yr11-12 to London:** Please note the Llangrannog residential course dates for Yr7 (October 2-4th). More details regarding the course will be sent to you shortly and payment details are live on *ParentPay*. It is our intention that all pupils will attend the course and look forward to their good company during the visit. There will be a residential two day visit to London for Yr11-12 Art & Design students on 23-24 September.

**Year 12 and Yr10 and 11 Information Evenings:** We will be hosting information evenings for parents through *Teams* on the following dates. Please join us to discuss the year ahead (Meeting invitation on your child's *Teams* / Hwb site):

Monday, Sept 16	Yr 12	6pm (Welsh medium)	6.30pm (English medium)
Monday, Sept 30	Yr 11	6pm (Welsh medium)	6.30pm (English medium)
Monday 14 Oct	Yr 10	6pm Welsh Medium	6.30pm (English medium)

**Caffi Lles / Parent Wellbeing Cafe drop-in:** We will hold our next *Caffi Lles* session for parents at school on Wednesday 9th October 2-3pm. This informal session will outline the wellbeing support available at Glantaf and through partner organisations. Warm welcome to all!

**Clubs and extra-curricular activities:** It is good to return to our extra-curricular programme at school as teams, choirs and clubs re-start. Practices for the school musical *Shrec* are underway with a reminder to keep the 19-21 November free in your diaries! More information on the extra-curricular clubs will be shared with you shortly, including two fantastic opportunities with our Cluster Orchestra (9th Oct) and South Wales, Welsh Medium Schools United Orchestra (6-8 Nov): more details from the Music department! Finally, we look forward to working with you closely in the coming year, and as always if you need further information, please contact the school or visit our website: [Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Glantaf](http://Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Glantaf)

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Sports Award Evening 2024