



YSGOL GYFUN GYMRAEG  
**GLANTAF**  
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Dear Parent / Guardian,

**Deepest sympathies:** It is with great sadness that we heard of the unexpected passing of Mr Dylan Hughes, Headteacher of Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Nant Caerau over the half term break. Mr Hughes was formerly a teacher at Ysgol Bro Eirwng and Ysgol Pen y Garth, Deputy Head at Ysgol Pwll Coch and appointed Head at Ysgol Nant Caerau since its opening in September 2010. He was an extremely dedicated and well-respected leader, wholly committed to the pupils and wider community of Nant Caerau and a pioneering and inspirational Head within the city and Welsh-medium education sector. We send our most sincere condolences to his family and the wider community who feel his passing with such great loss.

**Inset Day: Friday, March 21 is an Inset Day at school,** so there will be no school for pupils.

**Year 8 HPV vaccination:** On **20 March** there will be an HPV Vaccination Session for ALL pupils in Yr8. Thank you to those of you who have already submitted your electronic consent form for your child to receive the vaccination. If you have not yet done so, the last date to submit the consent form is **16 March** by following the link below. It is important that you let your child know that you have/are not giving consent.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=uChWuyjgkCoVkm8ntyProwc0tRo7SIFodPDo7y1M5RUOTEyTEdKT0ozOERWSEVXSU1aNTdIREo2NS4u>



International Women's Day  
#Merchedymôr

**Eisteddfod Sir yr Urdd:** This year's Eisteddfod Sir will be held on **28 March** at the All Nations Centre. All Yr 7-9 competitions will be held in the morning and all Yr 10-13 competitions in the afternoon. A letter has been sent on Classcharts to those pupils competing individually and/or as a member of a group/choir with further details. **If your child is competing individually the preliminaries will be held on 26 March at Ysgol Glantaf from 4pm. The Urdd will send us the order of competition and details in due course.** The Eisteddfod Sir for Theatre competitions will be held on **1 April** at Cardiff University's Students' Union.

**School Uniform:** All pupils are aware of Glantaf's school uniform rules and standards – the rules can be clearly found on the school website [School Uniform | Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Glantaf](#) and in the pupils' Contact Books. Unfortunately, an increasing number of pupils have started to ignore these rules. We kindly ask for your support to ensure your child does not deviate from our standards –

- NO black trousers; NO jeans style; NO leggings.
- NO white socks – plain navy or black socks ONLY.
- NO hoodies of any type.
- A hairstyle acceptable to the school; NO unnatural colours, lines or patterns.
- One pair of earrings – plain studs in both ears, NO hoops.
- NO jewellery at all; NO necklace/chain/bracelet/nose stud.
- SUBTLE make up only. NO nail colour/nail extension/false eyelashes.

If a pupil continues to breach the school rules, sanctions will be put in place in adherence with our school policy.

**Year 7 one-to-one device:** The school has decided to continue to offer a chromebook device to all current year 7 pupils (Year 8 September 2025) by December 2025. Due to budget difficulties, Cardiff Council are unable to continue to fund this scheme but we hope that with parents' support it can be continued. We will send you a letter in the next few weeks, and an online meeting will be held soon to explain the scheme.



**Under 13 Gymnastics Team  
British Schools Champions**

**Year 8 Options:** An Options Evening for parents and Yr8 pupils will be held virtually (Teams) on **24 March** where we will discuss the options available to pupils for September. Following the virtual meeting on the Monday evening, an Options Presentation Evening (5.30PM - 7.30PM) will be held on **27 March** at the school, where you will be able to visit departments and receive information about different subjects offered in the Yr9 curriculum. This will be followed by a Yr8 Parents' Evening at the school on **April 3**. This will be an evening to receive feedback about your child's academic progress this academic year.

**Reports and Exams:** Full Yr11 reports will be shared next week during registration, and all pupils' interim reports from year 7 – 13 will be shared with you and pupils via email during the week of **31 March**. Yr10 mock exams have finished and a number of GCSE and A-level practical exams will be taking place before the Easter holidays. All pupils will receive their individual exam timetable soon. Check these carefully, as they include all exam registrations for the student.



**Welsh Language Commissioner's visit  
with the Anti-Racism Parliament**

**Maths Revision Sessions for Year 11:** To build on the success of this cohort's Numeracy exam results, revision sessions are held every Wednesday afternoon 3 - 4pm for everyone in Yr11. Your child is required to attend the weekly sessions (8 in total) in preparation for this year's GCSE Maths exams. We look forward to working with you and your child towards their success. *Mr Williams and Ms Lake's classes will be revising on Tuesday afternoons - your child has received the information.*

**Congratulations:** to the school's gymnastics teams for representing Wales at the British Schools Gymnastics Competition - the Under 13 team came 1st and the Under 19 team 2nd; to the Glantaf U18 girls football team for reaching the Welsh Cup final against Ysgol Glan Clwyd on 25 March; to Freya Hughes and Meg Llywelyn (Yr 7) for coming 2nd in their competitions in the Urdd Dance Eisteddfod Sir.

**Finally:** Remember to wear colourful socks on **20 March** which is Down Syndrome Awareness Day – the Ganolfan will be selling cakes during break time in the Cyntedd. For those travelling to school on bus 806, please remember that the bus will be arriving at school by 8:20 every morning from **28 April**.



**Liddington – 100 girls from Yrs 7 & 8**

### Upcoming Events

<b>17 March</b>	Full Yr11 Reports
<b>17&amp;18 March</b>	Pentre Ifan Residential Trip (Yr9) / Graphics Exam (Yr11)
<b>20 March</b>	Down Syndrome Awareness Day / HPV Vaccinations / Psychology Trip Yr 12 + 13
<b>21 March</b>	<b>Inset Day (no school)</b>
<b>24-27 March</b>	Rugby 7 a-side Rosslyn Park
<b>24 March</b>	Yr8 Options Evening (Teams @6pm English Medium)
<b>24-25 March</b>	Photography Exam (Yr11)
<b>26 March</b>	Eisteddfod Sir (Prelims)
<b>27 March</b>	Yr8 Options: Open Evening 5pm - 7pm
<b>27-28 March</b>	3D Art Exam (Yr11)
<b>28 March</b>	Eisteddfod Sir

<b>31 March</b>	Eid ul Fitr / Interim Reports Yr 7-13
<b>31 March &amp; 1 April</b>	Art Exam (Yr11)
<b>3 April</b>	Parents Evening Yr8: 3.15pm - 6.30pm
<b>4 April</b>	Welsh Literature Oral Exam "Y Gwyll" (Yr11)
<b>11 April</b>	<b>End of term</b>

Sincerely,

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Assistant Head  
Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Glantaf

