

MAJOR NEWS / NEWYDDION MAWR

AUTUMN TERM / TYMOR YR HYDREF	
Start / Dechrau:	Monday 4 September 2023 / Dydd Llun Medi 4 2023
Half Term / Hanner Tymor:	Monday 30 October 2023 – Friday 3 November 2023 / Dydd Llun Hydref 30 – Dydd Gwener Tachwedd 3 2023
End / Diwedd:	Friday 22 December 2023 / Dydd Gwener Rhagfyr 22 2023
Week Beginning – Monday 13 November 2023 / Dydd Llyn Tachwedd 13 2023	Week 10/ Wythnos 10

Message from the Headteacher

Welcome to the latest edition of Major News.

It was wonderful to welcome so many parents to school last night for Year 11 Parents' Evening. This event took place in person in response to some feedback from parents that they would like more opportunities to come into school. We also operated a queueing rather than booking system this time. We would be interested in parents' views on the success of the event. If all Year 11 parents could take the time to complete this short survey by next Friday it would be much appreciated:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc6O5NWautQQkyEHu2fyty0ux17QKJuL_zAny4ADjBTdiOVig/viewform

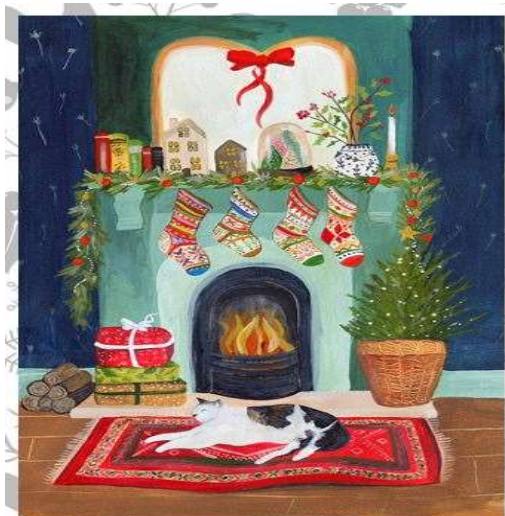
Please be reminded that we are holding our 6th form information evening next Thursday at 6.00pm. All Year 11 pupils and parents are warmly invited to attend. Even if your child feels they have already selected an alternative course of study at another institution, I would encourage you to still come along so you can see what we have on offer.

I am delighted to inform you that Mr Kennedy has joined our Senior Leadership team for the remainder of the academic year. Mr Kennedy has previously worked at Whitmore and Pencoedtre High School and will be leading on school culture, ethos and values. I know that Mr Kennedy has already been in touch with a number of parents and is keen to build relationships with many of you as soon as possible. In addition, Mr Francis has taken up a secondment position in a neighbouring school for the remainder of the academic year and we wish him all the very best in his new role.

As ever, many thanks for your continued support and I very much hope you enjoy a peaceful weekend.

Mrs C L Robins

Art and Design Department



Christmas Card Competition

The Art and Design department would like to invite all students to take part in this year's Christmas Card Competition.

The rules are very simple – **design the front of a Christmas card** using any **2D traditional or digital media**. The design must be **A4 in size**. Students can either work on their own paper or pick up a sheet of paper from the Art department.

Deadline: Thursday 30th November – designs handed in after this date will not be considered.

Please hand your entries in to your Art Teacher.

Miss Donaldson and Miss Barrett will choose the top 10 designs and they will be used to create Christmas Cards that will be sold at the school Christmas Fayre.

The winning students will also receive a prize and their name will be displayed on the printed cards.

A week in Sport

A fantastic game of football today between the year 9s against local school St Richard Gwyn. ⚽ Some excellent passages of play from the home team, reaping the rewards and earning a convincing 9-3 win. 📢 [#teamllantwit](#)

⚽ Goal scorers:

Seb Gant ⚽⚽

Finley Marshalsay ⚽⚽

Josh Martin ⚽⚽

Connor Thomas ⚽⚽

Calum Pilcher ⚽

🏆 Mr Nunes' Players of the Match:

🏆 Tommy Morrison 🏆

🏆 Lucas David 🏆

🏆 Connor Thomas 🏆

🏆 Finley Marshalsay 🏆



A tough battle for the year 10 rugby team who played local team Whitmore this afternoon. 🏉 Very little could separate either team, other than an early break in the first half from Tyler Lee followed by a conversion from Eli Hickman. 🏉 The game continued to be end to end with both teams showing great physicality in windy conditions. 🗣️ There were no further scores in the game resulting in the final score being a low 7-0 to the home team.

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Try scorer: Tyler Lee 🏉

Conversion: Eli Hickman 🏹

Man of the match: Joel Lougher 🏆



A great effort from the Year 11 Netball team this evening. They played two extremely competitive games against Cardiff High and Corpus Christi. They demonstrated excellent skills throughout as well as great sportsmanship. Well done girls! 🏐 [#teamllantwit](#)



Sixth Form News

Sixth Form Open Evening

Subsequent to the opportunity Year 11 had to learn about A-level courses at the Marketplace, the Sixth Form invite all Year 11 students and their parents/carers to the Open Evening on 23rd November 2023, regardless of whether they are currently considering returning to Llantwit for their further study.

The open evening will be a great opportunity for parents/carers and students alike to ask sixth form staff, teachers, and current Year 12 and 13 students any questions about the sixth form courses on offer, and what the Sixth Form environment is like here at Llantwit.

The evening will run from 6pm until 8pm and will begin with presentations by the Head Teacher and Director of Sixth Form in the Main Hall. Following this, we encourage attendees to sit in on department presentations for any of the subjects prospective students are considering to take next year. This will be a beneficial opportunity to learn more about the subjects, students' suitability for different courses and to talk to staff about specifications and job prospects after A levels.

In addition to the host of A level subjects already on offer, our curriculum has been further expanded this year to ensure that all prospective students are provided with the most exciting and rewarding qualifications. We strongly advise attending the evening to ensure that prospective students are making informed decisions about their future study.

Rotary Youth Speaks Competition

Congratulations to Tom Luca and Rizik, who won the first round of the Rotary Youth Speaks Competition on Wednesday 8th November 2023.

Tom, Luca, and Rizik adopted the respective roles of chairperson, proposer and opposer for a 15-minute debate on their chosen topic: "Are electric cars good for the environment?". They demonstrated good use of structure and timing to present an effective and engaging argument, exhibiting their preparation and an in-depth understanding of their topic when answering un-heard questions.

The group clearly impressed the judges, scoring an outstanding 87/100 in the first stage of the competition, allowing them to now progress to the District Finals.

They would recommend this competition to any Year 12 pupil as a great experience to add to their personal statements, an enjoyable way to improve confidence, articulation and public speaking skills.

Well done! We wish them the best of luck as they progress into the next round!



Safeguarding Children's Board, Cardiff and Vale

If you are worried about your child, please speak to the Designated Safeguarding Lead at the school, contact police on 101 or speak to a member of the Family Gateway team on 03000 133 133.

For further support, you can contact PACE (Parents Against Child Exploitation). [Telephone support - Parents Against Child Exploitation \(Pace\) UK \(paceuk.info\)](https://www.paceuk.info)

EXPLOITATION SPOT THE SIGNS

MISSING DAY OR NIGHT
Missing from home or education. Not knowing where they are or who they are with.

NEW PLACES
Discovering they have been going to new places where they have no obvious connections.

ONLINE USE
Spending more time online. Secretive activity, refusal to come offline. Have they distanced themselves from family, friends and usual activities?

CHANGE IN APPEARANCE
Clothing, personal hygiene, talking differently, tired.

INJURIES
Unexplained bruises, cuts, burns, marks. Reluctance to seek medical attention.

EXPLOITATION AWARENESS DAY 18 MARCH

CHANGE IN BEHAVIOUR
Have they become unusually secretive, fearful or withdrawn, aggressive, distanced themselves from family and friends, involved in anti-social behaviour.

COPING MECHANISMS
Alcohol/drug use/self-harm – what they may be doing or using in order to cope.

CHANGE IN FRIENDS
Sudden changes in who they are 'hanging out' with including meeting new people from social media.

POSSESSIONS
Unexplained items e.g. New clothing, money, phone, drugs.

HELP US STOP EXPLOITATION

SAY SOMETHING, IF YOU SEE SOMETHING SUSPICIOUS.

CONTACT:

Crimestoppers **OR** Police **OR**
0800 555 111 101

WWW.STOP-CSE.ORG

Contact:

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SAY SOMETHING
IF YOU SEE SOMETHING

STOPCSE

School Nursing Immunisation Team – Flu Vaccine Information



NASAL FLU VACCINE REMINDER

Parents/guardians who have **not** yet submitted their e-consent form for their child to receive the Nasal Flu vaccine in school please do so as soon possible.

The last date for submission is the21/11/2023..... (11:00am). If you submit a consent form after this date you will be invited to make an appointment at one of our community catch-up clinics.

Kind regards,

School Nursing Immunisation Team

Tel 02920907664

Immunisation.CAVUHBschoolnursing@wales.nhs.uk

Please follow link or scan QR code for the e-consent



<https://forms.office.com/e/gZB4DgXvuq>



School Calendar

Week Beginning – Monday 20 November 2023 / <i>Dydd Llyn Tachwedd 20 2023</i>	Week 11/ <i>Wythnos 11</i>
Monday 20 November / <i>Dydd Llun Tachwedd 20</i>	
Tuesday 21 November / <i>Dydd Mawrth Tachwedd 21</i>	
Wednesday 22 November / <i>Dydd Mercher Tachwedd 22</i>	
Thursday 23 November / <i>Dydd Iau Tachwedd 23</i>	Sixth Form Open Evening Year 7 Team Building – Royal Navy
Friday 24 November / <i>Dydd Gwener Tachwedd 24</i>	
	Coming Up/ <i>I ddod</i>
Monday 27 November / <i>Dydd Llun Tachwedd 27</i>	
Tuesday 28 November / <i>Dydd Mawrth Tachwedd 28</i>	Flu Vaccines – Years 7 - 11
Wednesday 29 November / <i>Dydd Mercher Tachwedd 29</i>	Year 8 Team Building – Royal Navy
Thursday 30 November / <i>Dydd Iau Tachwedd 30</i>	Year 8 Team Building – Royal Navy
Friday 1 December / <i>Dydd Gwener Rhagfyr 1</i>	

Key Academic Dates 2023/2024

Autumn 2023:

- **Term End:** Friday 22 December 2023

Spring 2024:

- **Start:** Monday 8 January 2024
- **Half term:** Monday 12 February 2024 to Friday 16 February 2024
- **End:** Friday 22 March 2024

Summer 2024:

- **Start:** Monday 8 April 2024
- **May Day BH:** Monday 6 May 2024
- **Half term:** Monday 27 May 2024 to Friday 31 May 2024
- **End:** Monday 22 July 2024 (**INSET**) (Students finish on Friday 19 July 2024)

INSET Days:

- **INSET Day 4:** Monday 19 February 2024
- **INSET Day 5:** Monday 8 July 2024
- **INSET Day 6:** Monday 22 July 2024

General Information

Contacting School

Please refrain from telephoning the school, other than for urgent purposes. For all general enquiries please email llantwitmajorhs@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk. **Please be reminded that we operate an appointments only system for meeting with parents and if you present at school requesting an immediate appointment we will not be able to accommodate you.**

Forgotten Items

We can no longer accept the delivery of forgotten items such as PE kit, books, lunch boxes etc. during the school day. Please ensure your child arrives at school with the equipment needed for the day. In the exceptional case that you do need to bring an item into school for your child, you will be asked to leave it on the desk in the main entrance. This is to reduce traffic on to the school site and ensure student safety during lesson transitions.

Medication

Please note we **do not** stock medication of any kind in school, including paracetamol, and we are not allowed to dispense medication without parental consent. If your child receives prescribed medication a medical form, available from main Reception to be collected by your son/daughter, will be required to be completed and returned to Reception. Should your child need medication throughout the school day please ensure they bring just what is needed for the day to school with them.