

## MAJOR NEWS / NEWYDDION MAWR

<b>AUTUMN TERM / TYMOR YR HYDREF</b>	
<b>Start / Dechrau:</b>	<b>Monday 4 September 2023 / Dydd Llun Medi 4 2023</b>
<b>Half Term / Hanner Tymor:</b>	<b>Monday 30 October 2023 – Friday 3 November 2023 / Dydd Llun Hydref 30 – Dydd Gwener Tachwedd 3 2023</b>
<b>End / Diwedd:</b>	<b>Friday 22 December 2023 / Dydd Gwener Rhagfyr 22 2023</b>
<b>Week Beginning – Monday 23 October 2023 / Dydd Llyn Hydref 23 2023</b>	<b>Week 8/ Wythnos 8</b>

### Message from the Headteacher

As we approach the end of a very busy eight weeks, we have much to celebrate. Standards of uniform are much better, the introduction of Class Charts has been a huge success amongst staff and parents and a huge number of our students are enthusiastically getting involved with a wide array of extra-curricular activities, which is fantastic to see.

Today we hosted a marketplace for our Year 11 students so they could find out more about courses they may be interested in studying in the sixth form. The event was a huge success and our sixth form students were fantastic ambassadors for our school. There will be further opportunities for our Year 11 students to find out more about life in the sixth form next month. We will be widening our curriculum offer from September 2024 in order to ensure we offer qualifications that are appropriate for all learners. If you are interested in finding out more please do get in touch with the school.

We hope that your child/children enjoy a relaxing half term break in order to return to school rejuvenated and ready to face the half term ahead.

As ever, many thanks for your continued support.

**Mrs C L Robins**

**Message from the Deputy Headteacher**

I just want to say a huge thank you to all the parents I have had the pleasure of meeting over the last few weeks. For young people to achieve their potential it is vital that the connection between home and school is strong, supportive and collaborative. We really value your support in helping us educate your children. I hope that class charts is helping you have a clearer picture on how your children are getting on day to day in school. We hope that home to school communication can continue to improve, to ensure the very best opportunities for our young people.

I have had the pleasure of delivering celebrating success assemblies this week, to most year groups, and have been really proud of the efforts so many of our amazing young people are making. So many learners are demonstrating the core behaviours and attitudes that we want to encourage, I hope they are proud of themselves. We do need to continue to improve attendance and will be doing some focussed work on this next half term. All learners are expected to attend school full time and we will continue to strive for this whilst helping young people and their families overcome the barriers they face.

Have a lovely half term break, this is always an exciting one with Halloween and Bonfire night. Please stay safe and I look forward to November.

**Mrs E Wilson**

## ParentPay

We are no longer in a position to accept cash payments for school trips and items brought from school. All payments to school will need to be made through ParentPay.

Please ensure that you have set up a ParentPay account in preparation for this. If you have not already created a ParentPay account, please email the School Inbox and we will send you a link to create an account.

## Reach

The Reach Next Generation Summit for 11-15 year old girls will take place at the Principality Stadium on December 2<sup>nd</sup> 2023. More information can be found on their website [www.reachnextgeneration.com](http://www.reachnextgeneration.com) where you can find out all about the day and register if you are interested in attending.



**REACH**  
THE NEXT GENERATION

# THE REACH NEXT GENERATION SUMMIT

## FOR 11-15 YEAR OLD GIRLS

### ON SATURDAY DECEMBER 2ND 2023

### AT THE PRINCIPALITY STADIUM, CARDIFF

The Summit is open to all girls who are 11- 15 years old, and it will be very much a workshop and discussion format to help girls think about their futures in the ever-changing world that we all now live in.

We will be discussing ambition, self confidence, social media, money management, health and nutrition and career choices and lots more with successful women from all these different sectors and from all backgrounds. It will be an amazing, empowering and energising day.

**It's free to attend and lunch is provided.**

**Our anticipated programme will be.**

- 9am Arrival at The Stadium
- 9.45am Morning sessions
- 12.30pm Lunch (will be provided) and make some new friends
- 1.30pm Afternoon sessions
- 3.30pm Ice cream break (will be provided) and make more new friends
- 5.00pm Final sessions followed by a live music performance
- 5.30pm Summit ends

You can reserve your seat at [www.reachnextgeneration.com](http://www.reachnextgeneration.com) or please email [NextGen@wearereach.net](mailto:NextGen@wearereach.net) for more details.

Thank you to all our sponsors and partners.

**FREE TO ATTEND**



## Year 10 - The Duke of Edinburgh Award (DofE) Bronze Award



We have just launched the **Duke of Edinburgh Award Bronze Award** for Year 10. The DofE is all about going the extra mile – gaining new skills, pushing yourself physically, helping others and exploring new territories. At the same time, you'll gather friendships, experiences and memories that will last a lifetime.

To apply to take part you need to complete an online application form, which can be found in the Year 10 Pastoral Classroom, closing date for applications is **3pm on the 10<sup>th</sup> of November 2023**. Successful candidates will be informed by letter the following week.

See Mr Craven in M1 if you need help with applying.

## Seren: Oxford University Lecture Trip



On 18th October 2023, year 10 and 11 Seren students embarked on a journey to the prestigious city of Oxford. The purpose of the trip was to provide students with a glimpse into the world of higher education and to inspire them to pursue their academic goals.

The trip began with a "Think like a Student" session, where students were given the opportunity to learn about the admissions process at Oxford University. They were also given advice on how to prepare for university-level study. In the afternoon, students took part in a walking tour of the city. They visited some of Oxford's most

famous landmarks, such as the Bodleian Library, Christ Church College and Jesus College. Students attended a taster lecture. The lecture was given by Access Fellow Dr Matthew Williams who spoke about thinking skills. Students were also given the opportunity to ask questions about the lecture. There was also a Q&A session with current Oxford students. Students were able to ask questions about student life at Oxford and to get advice on how to apply to the university.

Throughout the trip, students behaved impeccably and showed an exemplary attitude. They were engaged in all of the activities and were eager to learn more about Oxford University. The Seren Oxford trip was a valuable experience for all involved. Students gained a deeper understanding of the university admissions process and were inspired to pursue their academic goals. The trip also provided students with the opportunity to learn about the history and culture of Oxford.

We would like to thank the students for their participation in the trip, inquisitive questions and for their excellent behaviour. We would also like to thank the staff who accompanied the students on the trip.

### **Maths Department**

#### **Maths Numeracy Exam – Year 11**

A reminder that all year 11 pupils will be sitting their Maths Numeracy GCSE on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November and Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

Pupils are reminded to be at school by 8.20am prompt for an 8.30am start.

Pupils should have all equipment needed such as a pen, pencil, ruler, compass, protractor and for Thursday a calculator.

#### **Maths Numeracy Revision Days – Year 11**

A reminder that all year 11 pupils will not be following their normal timetable on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November and Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November. They will instead be in the maths department all day revising key topics and discussing exam technique in preparation for the GCSE exams on Tuesday and Thursday.

Please can you encourage pupils to be in school and making the most of this opportunity in order to get the best grade that they can.

Thank you for all your support.

#### **Sparx Maths**

It has come to our attention, from the parent forum meeting, that not everybody has received our email at the start of term regarding the change from the Hegarty Maths Homework Platform to the Sparx Maths Homework Platform.

A separate letter has been sent home to all parents/carers outlining this change and providing more information about Sparx Maths. Please note that on the email it mentions that homework cannot be submitted until 100% correct answers have been achieved. I would like to reassure you that this is not the case and pupils can attempt questions multiple times and also flag it as an area of concern before moving on. Teachers will be considering how much time has been spent on the homework and using it to identify gaps in knowledge to further their teaching.

#### **Calculator Order**

Thank you all parents that have purchased a calculator via parent pay. Due to unforeseen circumstances the order has been delayed. We are hopeful that the order will be with us within a few weeks.

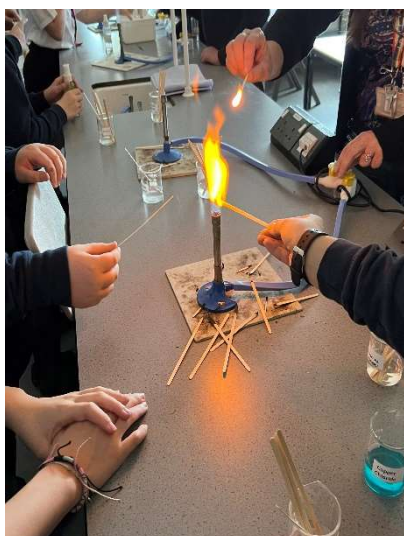
## Science Department



With climate change and the recent flooding in parts of the UK at the forefront of everyone's minds, this week the Year 9 triple physicists took on the challenge of designing life jackets for dogs. As some pupils were not happy about just saving dogs we decided to change the challenge to saving our 'pets'!

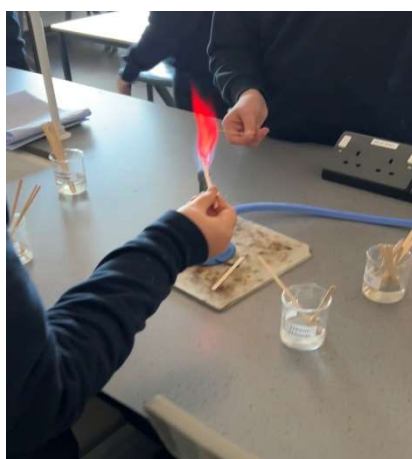
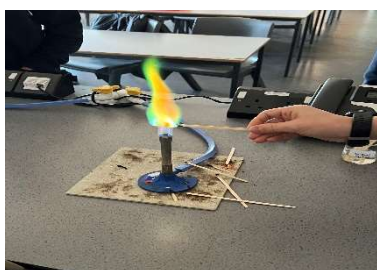
We had some fantastic designs but unfortunately not all the pets survived the flooding.

Congratulations to Kaleb, Bryan and Ryan who had the winning design and saved their 'dog' from drowning.



This week's Lower School Science Club saw a welcomed increase in attendees. Our budding scientists experimented with salt compounds to determine which metals were responsible for the different colours seen in firework displays.

We look forward to seeing more new faces joining in the fun when we return after half term – as always, details will be posted on the Science Google Classrooms in advance of each club meeting.



## A week in Sport

A phenomenal game from start to finish between St Teilos and Llantwit Major in the year 7 CVSFA Cup 🏆. Some huge chances missed from both sides including Llantwit hitting the cross bar and the post twice! An effort like no other in the second half sadly wasn't enough with the game ending 3-2 to the away side ⚽. [#teamlantwit](#)



Goal-scorers ⚽  
Rhys Williams ⚽  
Louis Morris ⚽

🏆 Mr Nunes' Player of the match 🏆  
🏆 Tomos Curtis 🏆  
🏆 Harry Brown-Pilcher 🏆



A wonderful day for the cross country fixture this afternoon ☀️. Well done to all pupils involved in today's fixture! All pupils represented the school impeccably well and ran extremely well 🏃🏃. [#teamlantwit](#)

An emphatic win for our year 9 rugby team against Whitmore 🏉. Some fantastic individual and team tries scored today. Really pleasing to see the progress made from a range of our players 🙌. A strong result of 63-14 to the home side!

A special mention to year 8 pupils who stepped up to help out with player unavailability in key position and held their own. They are Ollie Morris (stepped up to play on the day!), Kyle Pullett-Howe, Rory Edbrooke, Eddie Mullis and Jack Collins. Without them this game would not have gone ahead today 🙌. Another special mention to year 8 pupil Alfie Smith who was an excellent linesman and for helping out Mr Nunes 🙌 [#teamlantwit](#)

Try Scorers 🏉  
Josh Martin 🏉  
Seb Gant 🏉  
Dan Galliford 🏉  
Conversions x 6 by Dan Galliford 🏉  
🏆 Mr Nunes' Player of the Match 🏆  
🏆 Seb Gant 🏆



A tough fought match this afternoon saw the year 10 rugby team take on Cowbridge 🏈. It was an excellent game with both teams fronting up and showing great physicality in tough conditions. Llantwit held off Cowbridge for a large portion of the first half but eventually the attacking Cowbridge found the try line 🏈. Llantwit returned fire and scored one of their own with Tyler Lee breaking through the defence 🌟. During the second half, Cowbridge began to pull away and finished the game 31-14 victors 🏈. Llantwit should be extremely proud of themselves for fronting up against a very strong team and being in contention to win the game #teamllantwit

Try scorers 🏈

Tyler Lee 🏈

Aaron Moce 🏈

Conversions 🏈

Eli Hickman x2

Mr Crocker's men of the match:

Harry Fisher 🏆

Tyler Lee 🏆



School Calendar

Week Beginning – Monday 30 October 2023 / <i>Dydd Llyn Hydref 30 2023</i>		Week 9/ <i>Wythnos 9</i>
Monday 30 October / <i>Dydd Llun Hydref 30</i>	HALF TERM	
Tuesday 31 October / <i>Dydd Mawrth Hydref 31</i>	HALF TERM	
Wednesday 1 November / <i>Dydd Mercher Tachwedd 1</i>	HALF TERM	
Thursday 2 November / <i>Dydd Iau Tachwedd 2</i>	HALF TERM	
Friday 3 November / <i>Dydd Gwener Tachwedd 3</i>	HALF TERM	
	Coming Up/ <i>I ddod</i>	
Monday 6 November / <i>Dydd Llun Tachwedd 6</i>	Year 11 Numeracy revision	
Tuesday 7 November / <i>Dydd Mawrth Tachwedd 7</i>	GCSE Numeracy Unit 1 exam (am)	
Wednesday 8 November / <i>Dydd Mercher Tachwedd 8</i>	Year 11 Numeracy revision	
Thursday 9 November / <i>Dydd Iau Tachwedd 9</i>	GCSE Numeracy Unit 2 exam (am)	
Friday 10 November / <i>Dydd Gwener Tachwedd 10</i>		

## **Key Academic Dates 2023/2024**

### **Autumn 2023:**

- **Half term:** Monday 30 October to Friday 3 November 2023
- **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 3:** Monday 23 October 2023
- **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](mailto: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.