

## 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 2 October 2023 / Dydd Llyn Hydref 2 2023</b>	
<b>Week 5 / Wythnos 5</b>	
Monday 2 October / <i>Dydd Llun Hydref 2</i>	<b>Year 11 Food Practical Exam</b>
Tuesday 3 October / <i>Dydd Mawrth Hydref 3</i>	<b>Year 6 Open Evening</b>
Wednesday 4 October / <i>Dydd Mercher Hydref 4</i>	
Thursday 5 October / <i>Dydd Iau Hydref 5</i>	
Friday 6 October / <i>Dydd Gwener Hydref 6</i>	
	<b>Coming Up / I ddod</b>
Monday 9 October / <i>Dydd Llun Hydref 9</i>	<b>Year 11 Food Practical Exam</b>
Tuesday 10 October / <i>Dydd Mawrth Hydref 10</i>	<b>Years 12/13 DT/Swalec Stadium Trip</b>
Wednesday 11 October / <i>Dydd Mercher Hydref 11</i>	<b>Year 11 Skills Cymru Trip</b>
Thursday 12 October / <i>Dydd Iau Hydref 12</i>	<b>Years 12/13 Parents' Evening</b>
Friday 13 October / <i>Dydd Gwener Hydref 13</i>	

### **Message from the Headteacher**

Welcome to the final September edition of Major News.

It was wonderful to see so many pupils, staff and invited guests at our Macmillan coffee morning today. The sixth form team put a lot of work into making this a very successful event and I would like to offer my thanks to them for that and the varied delicious treats on offer!

As you will see from some of the later items in the newsletter, it is great to see so many of our young people getting involved in sporting training and events. The benefits of extra-curricular participation in terms of mental health and wellbeing, team-building and developing confidence cannot be under-estimated. If you would like to find out more about the plethora of opportunities available for our young people please contact the school and we will be delighted to assist you.

May I please remind you again of the importance of your child having their bus pass with them every day as they are now being rigorously checked. There has been a huge improvement, but there are still a number of pupils attempting to board a different route to the one on their pass and being disappointed when this is not permitted. If you think your child is on the wrong route, your child has lost their pass and/or you have moved house please contact school transport. This is not something we are able to rectify in school. Please also be advised that a number of older pupils on the S36/8 are being moved onto the S44 to distribute pupils more evenly. School transport have printed new passes for these pupils and they intend to deliver them in the next few days.

I wish you all an enjoyable weekend and thank you as ever for your continued support.

**Mrs C L Robins**

## **General Information**

### ***Contacting School***

The school Administration Team are experiencing a large increase in telephone calls, many of which are for non-urgent messages. 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) and the message will be swiftly passed to the relevant department. **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.

## School Attendance

We want to remind all parents/carers of the importance of school attendance and our commitment to our pupils.

We would like to ask you to set the highest of expectations for your child's attendance for the coming term and year ahead. A parent/carer has a huge impact on their child's view of school and the importance of good attendance.

When pupils attend school regularly, they are more likely to make friends, enjoy their learning, achieve better results, and increase their life chances. This is something we all want for your child. All pupils should aim for 100% attendance each school year. We do of course understand there can be genuine reasons for absence during the school year, but we cannot stress strongly enough the importance of your child being in school as much as they can.

If you would like to discuss any concerns you may have regarding attendance, please contact the Wellbeing Officer for your child's year group. All shared information will be treated in the strictest confidence and we can offer a wealth of advice and help to support your child in getting back into school.

We wish to provide your child with the very best opportunities to succeed and look forward to working with you and your child this year.

### Attendance figures for 18 – 22 September 2023

YEAR 7	100%
YEAR 8	97%
YEAR 9	97%
YEAR 10	94%
YEAR 11	92%
YEAR 12	97%
YEAR 13	92%

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Prefect Fundraising



So far this year we have raised:

**Macmillan Coffee Morning:  
£200**

**Bake Sale:  
£140**

**Jeans for Genes Day:  
£100**



## Science Department

This week saw the return of our fortnightly Science Club for Year 7 and 8 pupils. The theme of this week's session was engineering. The task was to produce a stable structure using spaghetti and marshmallows that would survive an earthquake.



Each fortnight will involve a themed science lunchtime session where our Years 7 and 8 pupils can experience exciting experiments and activities.

Details will be posted on the Science Google Classrooms in advance of each club meeting.

We look forward to welcoming our budding scientists every Week 2 Wednesday, from 12.15pm to 12.45 pm in L23 (Miss Gunn's Room).

## PE Department

### *Week in Sport*

🏃 Excellent effort this evening in the first girls' cross country fixture of the year! They were an absolute pleasure to take to Pontcanna. It's great to see girls from across the year groups taking part. Another fixture will be coming in the next few weeks. More information will be posted soon! 🏃

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And the first year 7 football fixture is complete. ✅ A valiant effort by our year 7 team but it wasn't to be today, losing to a very strong and excellent Pencoedtre side! Unfortunately that means we are out of the Welsh Cup.. we still have the CVSFA cup to play against St Teilo's in the upcoming weeks. We go again! 💪

⚽ Goal Scorers ⚽

Louis Morris ⚽

Rhys Williams ⚽

Joe James ⚽

🏆 Mr Nunes Players of the Match 🏆

🏆 Rhys Williams 🏆

🏆 Fin Naughton 🏆

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A very strong effort this afternoon from the year 8 football team. ⚽ Not the result we wanted but the whole team kept fighting right until the end against a very strong Cardiff High team. The game finished 7-3 and we wish Cardiff High the best of luck in the next round of the Welsh cup 🏆

Mr Crocker's' Player of the Match:

👉 Jonah Hickman 👈

Goal scorers:

Jac Collins ⚽

Jacob Puddick ⚽

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A huge well done to year 8 pupil Nancy Thomas who represented Wales as a trampolinist and secured a silver medal in her Category at the British finals TRA/DMT/TUM this weekend in Birmingham. 🇬🇧 [#teamlantwit](#)



First rugby game for the year 7 team done! ✅ A game filled with a huge amount of scrums, lineouts and superb defence towards the latter stages of the game to hold out an organised St Richard Gwyn and end the game at 7-7!



🏉 Try Scorers 🏉  
Louis Morris 🏉

👉 Conversion 👈  
Tomos Curtis

🌟 Mr Nunes Player of the Match 🌟

🌟 Evan Clayfield 🌟

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A huge victory for the year 10 rugby team this evening beating a very strong Stanwell team. 🙌 The hosts kept it close for the first half with both teams showing some great running rugby and willing to get the ball wide. Llantwit pushed on in the second half and started to pull away, the game finished 55-27 to [#teamlantwit](#)

Try scorers:

Tyler Lee 🏈

Walker Baugh 🏈

Aaron Moce 🏈

Keenan Faulkner 🏈

Bayley Hillberg 🏈

Mr Crocker's Man of the Match:

★Eli Hickman★

🙌 A special mention to Aaron Price and Camryn Pearce who made their Llantwit Major school debuts. 🙌

## **Academic Year Dates 2023/2024**

### **Autumn 2023:**

- **Start:** Monday 4 September 2023 (**INSET**)  
Tuesday 5 September 2023 (**INSET**)
- **Years 7, 11 & 12:** Wednesday 6 September 2023
- **All Year Groups:** Thursday 7 September 2023 and Friday 8 September 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 1:** Monday 4 September 2023
- **INSET Day 2:** Tuesday 5 September 2023
- **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