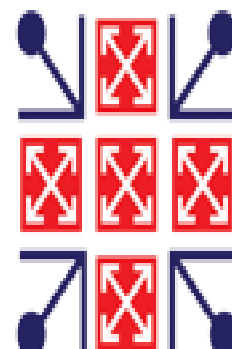


Llantwit Major School

Ysgol Llanilltud Fawr



School News

December 2022



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Greetings

This term has seen rain, wind and sun with forecasts of snow and ice ahead. Together with the usual challenges we continue the adventure of education. In writing this greeting to you I am thinking of all of those learners, parents and staff who ensure that school is a success. We have seen trips to London, Cardiff, rural Wales and many other destinations. The exhibitions of the work of children have been thoroughly enjoyable and the pupils have been praised by visitors to Llantwit Major School. I hope that you enjoy this newsletter which gives you a view of some of the work of pupils this term.

We are currently enjoying a time of examinations in which the older pupils are preparing for their qualification in August, we have had the thrill of the first school fayre and the Welsh Baccalaureate projects are in full swing.

Dymunaf lawenydd a heddwch i chi wrth i chi fynd trwy'r gwyliau a gobeithio y byddwch yn dod o hyd i fwy o lwyddiannau yn 2023. I wish you joy and peace as you go through the holidays and I hope that you find greater successes in 2023.

The final day for pupils this term is Thursday 22nd December 2022. School recommences for all pupils on Monday 9th January 2023 and this will be week 2.

Nadolig Llawen a Blwyddyn Newydd dda i chi, Mr Burden.

Engagement

Engagement in school is vital for success. Please monitor your child's negative points.

Year 11 exam results comparison

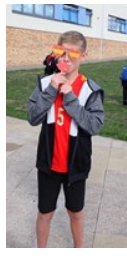
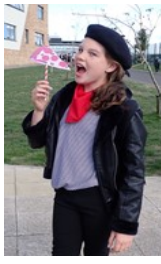
The average negative behaviour points of the top 20 pupils in summer 2022 was 0 points.

Do you know how many negative points your child has?

If not please ask their Progress LSA.



MFL News



Celebrating European Day of Languages

It was wonderful to see so many of our Year 7 students embrace European Day of Languages, arriving at school on Friday 23rd September in an array of colours and costumes depicting different countries. We had students dressed in the colours of various country flags, football shirts, but also some students in French costumes (stripy tops and berets). The prizes for best dressed went to Oakley Burnett, for his wonderful Mexican outfit, Orla Payne, representing Ireland and Lola Rosser in her fabulous customised Greek t-shirt and headdress. Some staff joined in with the dressing up as well, with Mr Rees winning the staff prize.

Next in MFL News – We will soon be sharing news of a future school trip to France, for Summer 2024. Watch this space! Paris, je t'aime!



MFL Mentoring with Cardiff University



Our MFL Mentor is Keyin. Keyin is currently studying at the Royal College of Music and Drama. Keyin will be visiting our school this term to deliver Linking Languages Workshops to our Year 8 classes. The 'Languages and Me' workshops, linked to the New Curriculum, will show students, through various examples, how languages link to our identity. Next term, Keyin will work with a smaller group of Year 8 students to help them to see how learning languages can benefit them in the future.



As well as dressing up, all years had the opportunity to join in through a form-time quiz on European Languages, including the chance to find out some of their teachers' experiences of using their languages abroad. There were also learning activities in lessons throughout the day, which linked to languages from around the world.

Robots are taking over the Digital Technology department



Years 7 and 8 have been busy designing, building and programming robots during lessons and in Code Club. Charlie has created a robot that dances whenever he sees red, and knowing Conor and Cassie; they have probably designed robots to take over the world! Da iawn pawb!

Meanwhile, the current Year 8 Safer Internet Day homework task has had some interesting results so far. Several members of 8D (below) have collaborated to create a TV show, with special guests dropping in via video link to give key information about staying safe online. Dal ati!

Remember, parents and students can always go to www.ceop.police.uk if they need advice with online safety.



Next in Digital Technology

Year 12 get ready for Mock Interviews.

Year 11 will be creating video advertisements for their final segment of coursework.

Remember Years 7 and 8, Code Club is every Tuesday, 12:10PM in M1.

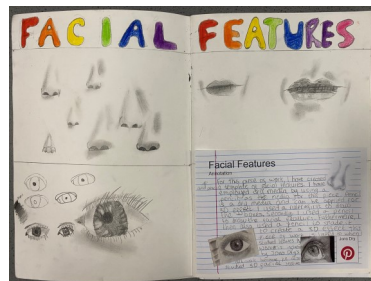
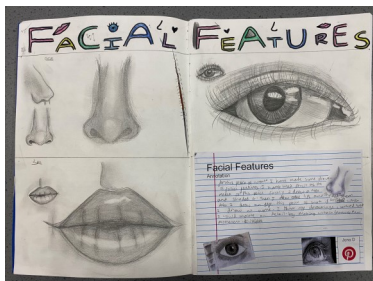
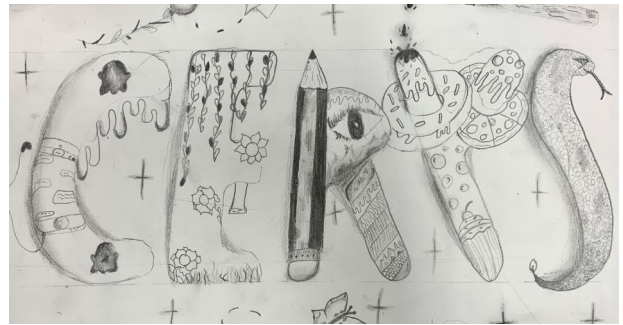
Art and Design, Year 7 & 8

Year 7 Art and Design students spent last term refining their basic skills through a series of creative workshops.

They utilised their drawing and creative skills to create an exciting name page.

Classes also had lots of fun experimenting with a range of different tools and media to practise their mark making skills.

Currently students are working to refine their observational drawing skills and next term they will move on to study colour theory with the aim of producing a creative landscape painting, inspired by their chosen Welsh artist.



Year 8 Art and Design students started the year by working independently to create an introductory name page and a series of facial feature studies.

This term students are working hard to research Pop Art and will move on to produce fantastic Pop Art portraits based on their chosen celebrities.

Once completed these portraits will be displayed in the Community.



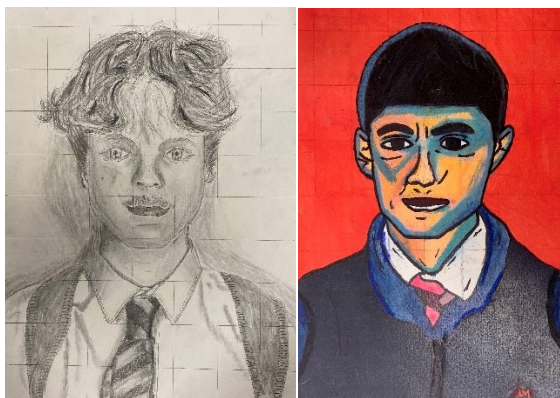
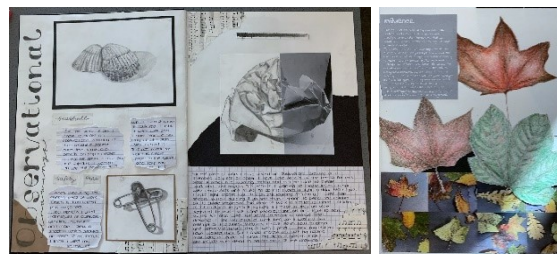
Next in

Key Stage 4 – Year 9 and 10 Art and Photography students make a fantastic start to their GCSE studies.

Art and Design, Key Stage 4

Year 9 GCSE Art students have begun their GCSE Art studies by creating excellent title pages linked to their theme of Quotidian. They have also begun to further develop their drawing skills in a Pencil Study and colour pencil study workshop.

Students will continue to enhance their intermediate skills, using a range of media, such as pen, paint and stencilling as we move in to the second term.



Year 10 GCSE Art students have spent this term experimenting with a range of media and techniques to create a series of portrait studies.

They began by utilising a traditional grid technique to produce realistic self-portraits in pencil, they then went on to produce a colour portrait using paint.

Students have now moved on to start their Personal Projects and will continue to work on these until the December of Year 11.

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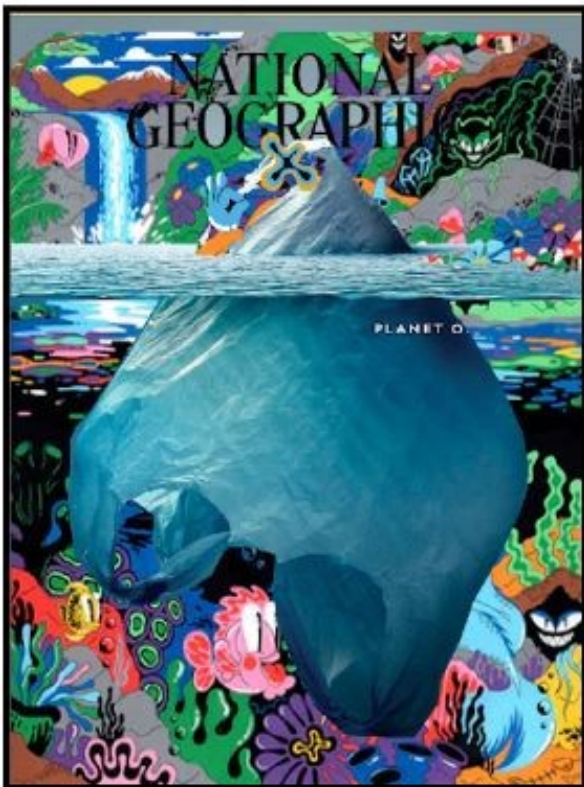
Key Stage 4 – Year 9 and 10 Photography students have been taking part in workshops to produce exciting art work.

Art and Design, Key Stage 4

Year 9 GCSE Photography students have begun their GCSE Art studies by taking part in a series of introductory workshops to produce unique art work.

They have explored their environment to create a photographic alphabet and produced some Hockney inspired joiners.

Students will continue to enhance their intermediate skills, using a range of techniques and media in the second term.



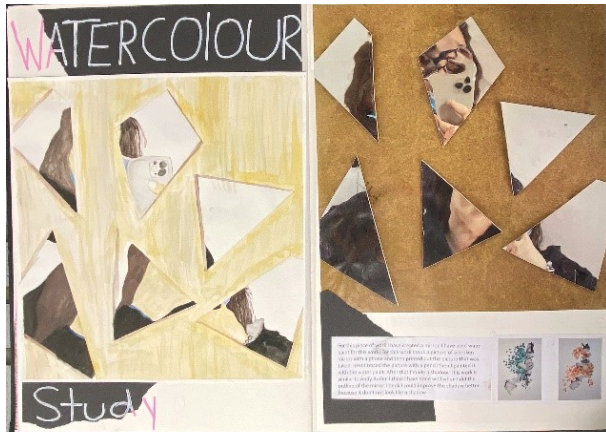
Year 10 Photography students are using this term to continue experimenting with a range of creative techniques, both hand and digital, in preparation for the start of their Personal Projects in January.

So far students have created a series of collaged images and digital drawings. We are excited for students to utilise these skills to develop a project personal to them.

Next in

Key Stage 4 – Year 11 Art and Photography students are working hard to meet their coursework deadline.

Art and Design, GCSE Art and Photography



Year 11 GCSE Art and Design and Photography students are currently working to complete their coursework.

The deadline for all coursework is 3pm on Thursday 22nd December.

Students are making good progress with their projects and we are excited to see the final outcomes they create.

The department is open most lunchtimes for year 11 students to work on their coursework/use materials.



Art Club will also be running after school on a select number of dates, students are invited to attend to complete work independently.



Next in

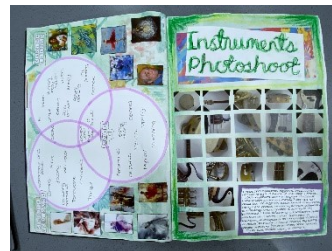
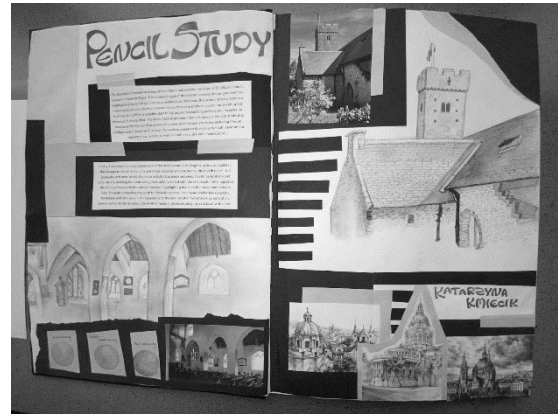
Key Stage 5 – Year 12 and 13 students are working hard to develop their personal investigations.

Art and Design, Key Stage 5

Year 12 AS Art students have started the year by exploring their chosen theme. Each student has begun to interpret their theme in their own way and they have started to explore the topic using a range of creative techniques and media.

As the year progresses students will work independently to develop and create their own final outcome.

We are looking forward to the students' creative journey and the work they go on to create.

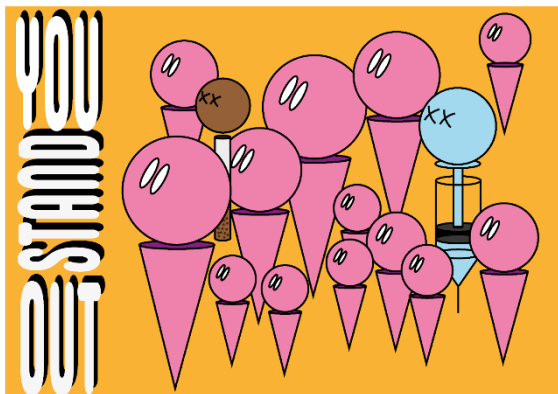


Year 13 A level Art and Design students are also working to complete their coursework.

The deadline for all coursework is 3pm on Friday 27th January.

We cannot wait to see the culmination of their hard work.

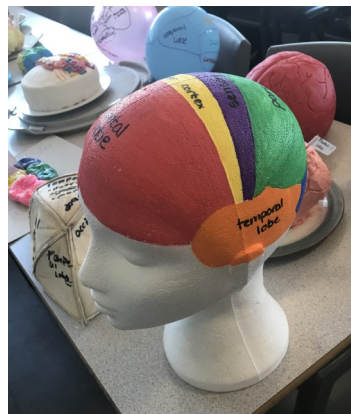
Students are encouraged to make use of their free periods and work in the Art Department when rooms are available – a timetable is displayed on the classroom door. Art Club is also running after school on a number of select dates – students are invited to attend when possible.



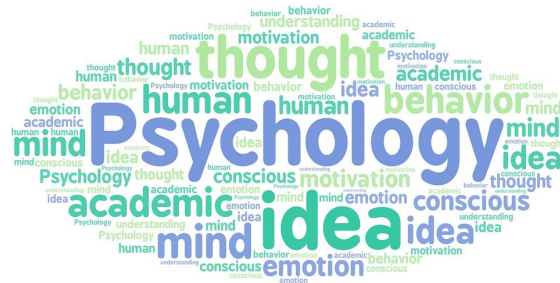
Social Science

In Year 12 Psychology this half term we have been familiarising ourselves with how the brain works as part of biological psychology. Pupils in Year 12 have made.....

Brain hats - worn with pride. Using their imagination they have made model brains out of playdoh, cake, footballs, jigsaw pieces etc. They have then been able to use this knowledge to look into research studying whether our brains can explain why some people commit murder.



Social Science



In Year 13 Psychology, pupils have been carrying out their personal investigations as part of their unit 4 exam. The titles they have been following include..... A questionnaire between perceived stress and pet ownership and a content analysis into anti-social behaviour in the media. They have designed and gathered data - drawing conclusions on these hypothesis - having a pet definitely seems to reduce stress levels!



Year 13 have been busy looking at the Sociological theory of crime and deviance, as well as designing Sociological study into various titles - role of grandparents in the families, the effects of part time working and the effects of social media usage on young people.

Year 12 Sociology- Recently been looking at the Nature Vs Nurture debate. Looking into case studies of feral children to show the importance of socialisation on human behaviour.

Year 11 Sociology- This class has been focussing on the topic of crime and deviance including recent work of deviant patterns and forms of social control in society.

Year10 Sociology- have been focussing on the topic of education. Recently trying to find examples around school of what Sociologists call the Hidden Curriculum - an example of what one pupil pointed out includes - boys and girl uniforms.

Year 9 Sociology- We have recently started the course and been focusing on 'What is Culture?' This has enabled us to look at our own culture and how we learn our norms and values, how this was effected by Covid. It has also allowed us to compare ourselves to other cultures such as Easter in Mexico, The Strange tales of the Shirbut culture and effects of cultural clashes having an interactional event in Qatar.

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Extracurricular Timetable

The extracurricular timetable for pupils in KS3 and KS4 is available below:

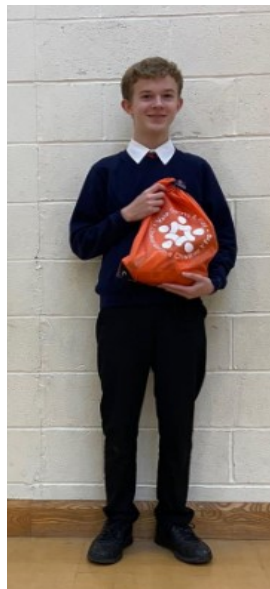
PE EXTRA CURRICULAR TIMETABLE 2022-2023					
WEEK 1/WEEK 2	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 1 3-4PM	RUGBY (ALL YEARS) JC/RJN NETBALL (ALL YEARS) MW	BADMINTON (ALL YEARS) JC GYMNASTICS (ALL YEARS) MW	BASKETBALL (ALL YEARS) RJN	FOOTBALL (YEAR 7&8) JC/RJN	LUNCHTIME SIXTH FORM BASKETBALL RJN
WEEK 2 3-4PM	RUGBY (ALL YEARS) JC/RJN NETBALL (ALL YEARS) MW	BADMINTON (ALL YEARS) JC GYMNASTICS (ALL YEARS) MW	BASKETBALL (ALL YEARS) RJN	FOOTBALL (YEAR 9/10/11) JC/RJN	LUNCHTIME STRENGTH & CONDITIONING (YEAR 10/11/12/13) JWC

Congratulations to the following pupils who won this term's Homework Projects! Winners were:

Finley Marshallsay – Year 8

Ben Lock – Year 9

Please keep an eye out for the next Project coming soon!! All information can be found on the '[Llantwit Major PE Dept facebook page](#)' and on the '[Health, Fitness and Well-Being Homework Projects Google Classroom](#)'. Code can be found below:



GreenSpeed
Healthy snack bar for determined bodies

£1 Contains: 175cal

Contains: Nuts (High in protein), Fruits (Vitamins and minerals), Small Amount of Sugar (Energy boost), Oats (High in carbs and fibre)

Great for sports! High in all necessary nutrients!

Product is 100% environmentally friendly! Made with FAIRTRADE!

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Get the boost you need. Snack smart

LABEL

Fin's Fuel

Banana, Raspberry and Cherry snack bar (175kcal per 100g)

Cost : 70p
Or box of 4 for £2.50

Nutritional Information	Per bar
Kcal	66
Fat	2g
Saturates	0.2g
Carbs	13g
Sugars	8g
Fibre	2g
Protein	2g
Salt	0.1g

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HEALTH FITNESS AND WELL-BEING LEADERS

Congratulations to our newly appointed Year 12 Health, Fitness and Well-Being Leaders:

Maisy Wiggins

Lydia McGinn

Seren Woodley-Thomas

They will join our current Year 13 Health, Fitness and Well-Being Leaders. We are sure they will continue to be great role models and promote Health, Fitness and Wellbeing across the school!



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Honourable Mentions

Vale Rugby



Well done to the following Year 9 and 10 pupils who have been selected for the Vale School Rugby and the development team this year.

Austin Caffery (Year 10)
Rhys Behrens (Year 10)
Tyler Lee – Development (Year 9)
Aaron Moce (Year 9)

Congratulations to Year 13 pupil George Snaith who has been selected for the Welsh Athletics National Development Programme on the basis of his throws this year 🇪🇺 He spent last weekend at a camp held at Cardiff Met. In the picture is another familiar face with former pupil Corey Brown also being included in the programme. 🇪🇺 We wish them all the best moving forward in the programme and well done to both.



Novice Gymnastics Competition

We are so unbelievably proud of each and every one of our gymnasts, competing against other Cardiff and Vale schools in the Novice Gymnastics competition! They've all worked so hard to develop their skills and routines over the last few weeks, and their hard work and determination really shone through in their performances.

The next competition will be the Cardiff and Vale schools Tumble and Vault competition on the **16th January!**

Well done everyone! 🤸 🤸



Maisy Wiggins

Congratulations to Year 12 pupil Maisy Wiggins on being selected in the Cardiff U18s squad 🥇

All the best Maisy from everyone at Llantwit Major 🥇

Eco Club News



Eco-Club are proud to announce we have been successful in retaining our Fair Achiever School status this term. Thank you to everyone who made this possible. With a continued commitment to spreading the Fair Trade message and a passion to make a difference to the lives of farmers in developing countries, pupils of Llantwit Major School have fully embedded Fairtrade into their daily life and are becoming conscientious global citizens and critical ethical consumers.



We are looking forward to planning a number of events during Fair Trade Fortnight in February! Please speak to Mrs Trotman/Eco-Club or anyone on the Student Council if you have any ideas and would like to get involved.

It is also nearly time for us to start working with Mr Jones and his Back to Nature gang to plant an array of delights ready for spring! Pop along lunchtime Friday Week 2 to see how you could get planting!

STEM

STEM Summer Placement Research Awards for Llantwit Major School Students

Nuffield research students, Henry Morgan Geddes, Sanjan Sambahangphe, Molly Kaye & Rosie King, were invited to celebrate their work placement achievements this autumn. The Nuffield scheme provides an opportunity for students to gain experience in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) research institutions or industry over the summer holidays. Henry, Saj, Molly and Rosie of Llantwit Major School were selected to participate in the programme following a rigorous and competitive application process. Henry's project has been rolled out to primary schools by the Cardiff University Outreach team and there are now plans to make a Duplo version for blind children and Saj's project has been put forward for a gold CREST award. All four students were highly commended by their universities and tutors.



Year 7 Church visit

All of our Year 7 pupils had an opportunity to visit St Illtyd's Church as part of our 'We Love Llantwit' project. This project is studied as a Humanities project across RVE, History and Geography.

Pupils had the opportunity to learn about the rich historical, and religious history. We also had an opportunity to explore several of the impressive buildings along the Blue Plaque Trail and learned more about the role of these places in our local community.

We were warmly welcomed at St Illtyd's Church and pupils had a great time exploring the church and learning about the role of the Church in Llantwit today.





A local parent has created a Facebook group for unused / outgrown school uniform. It is specifically for Llantwit Major School and intended to help parents with the cost of buying uniform as well as reducing clothing waste.

There is an option to sell, swap or donate. There are no fees to join the group, however it is a private group so you will need to request to join.

Please find the link below

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/201223287608842/?ref=share>



At the beginning of this academic year, we wrote to all parents regarding the importance of attendance and our commitment to students.

We asked parents to set high attendance expectations for the term and year ahead. It is clear that the majority of parents have done this,

resulting in the majority of pupils having excellent attendance. In meetings with students, they have told us that they come to school because 'their parents expect them to' and 'it is the law'.



As a reminder, our target percentage attendance for each student is 97%

If you have concerns about your child's attendance please do not hesitate to contact the school's attendance officer (Mrs S Johnston) or your child's Progress Leader / Progress LSA.

Importance of Attendance

The rewards for good attendance are clear. Pupils are more likely to enjoy school, achieve better results and increased life chances. The table below shows that even with a 97% attendance, about 30 lessons are missed, which is a very large amount of learning lost.

You are currently able to see your child's attendance on the school gateway app.

Miss School Miss OUT



If you're not going to school you will miss out on...





Learning new skills



Good exam results



Support and help



Time with friends



Best chance to succeed



Sense of belonging



School activities

100%	97%	90%	85%	80%	75%
190 Days	184 Days	171 Days	161 Days	152 Days	143 Days
					
Outstanding	Very Good	Improvement Needed	Concerned	Very Concerned	Serious Concern

Did you know?

The Top 20 Year 11 performers achieved on average;

10 A* - A GCSE Grades

97% Attendance

0 Minus Points





Reporting an Absence - Procedures

If for any reason your child is unable to attend school, please inform the attendance officer (Mrs S Johnston). This may be in writing or by choosing the 'report a pupil's absence' option on the school's telephone system (01446 793301).

If your child's health is an ongoing reason for absence, we will consider how best to support this with input and advice from the school nurse. If you have any information from medical professionals that would support the school in making any necessary reasonable adaptations to meet your child's needs or in ensuring we are able to authorise absences as illness related we would be grateful to receive these.

If your child is absent due to an appointment, which must be taken during the school day, the appointment letter/card can be provided in order to authorise the absence.

In a drive to improve pupil attendance the school does not authorise requests for pupils to be absent from school for holidays in term time.

Please note, if a reason is not provided for absence, the register is marked as an unauthorised absence. This may result in an inclusion service referral and could lead to a Fixed Penalty Notice. If your child is unable to attend school, please ensure you inform the attendance officer of reasons for absence.

Students Arriving Late to School

If for any reason your child is late to school, they must sign in at the pupil entrance. However, **parents should also contact the school to provide a reason for absence.** Students are unable to authorise their own absences. **Please note, if a reason is not provided for lateness, the register is marked as an unauthorised absence. This may result in an inclusion service referral and could lead to a Fixed Penalty Notice.**

Geography News

Year 8 have been studying development this half term. We always get excited during this unit, not just because of the amazing geography, but because we enter all our pupils into the young reporters for the environment competition! We have had 2 previous winners, so fingers crossed our current cohort can produce some great work. Pupils certainly enjoyed gathering their primary research in and around Llantwit Major.



This year we ran a joint DT and Geography trip to London to link with our Tectonics Unit in Year 8. Pupils loved the experience of the Natural History Museum, Science Museum and London Eye! A few of the highlights included the earthquake simulation room and the 3D Red Arrows Simulator!

Goodbye from Mr Rees

To the fantastic pupils who have studied geography in Year 7 – 13, past and present, thank you for being so enthusiastic about the topics we've explored together. It's been a privilege working with you all and I wish you every success in your exams and the future! Also, a huge thank you to the amazing Mrs Trotman who has been the rock our department is built on! Although I'm moving on, I'll look forward to hearing about all the departmental trips and adventures in the future.



Cymraeg



Jambori - Cwpan y Byd / World Cup

Eleni, rydym yn dathlu Cymru yn cyrraedd Cwpan y byd ar ôl 64 mlynedd. Fel ysgol, wnaethon ni ddathlu trwy gymryd rhan yn Jambori'r Urdd a chanu 'Yma o hyd'.

This year we celebrated Wales qualifying for the World Cup after 64 years. As a school, we celebrated by participating in the Urdd's Jamboree and singing 'Yma o hyd'.

Clwb Cymraeg

Diolch yn fawr iawn i Heledd o'r Urdd ac i Nia o Fenter Iaith am ddod mewn i redeg Clwb Cymraeg. Mae'r disgyblion wedi mwynhau arlunio baneru ar gyfer 'Gŵyl Fach y Fro 2023' yn Ynys y Barri.

Thank you very much to Heledd from the Urdd and Nia from Menter Iaith for coming in to run Welsh Club. Pupils have been designing bunting for 'Gŵyl Fach y Fro 2023' at Barry Island.



Nesaf yng Nghymraeg:

Year 10 Unit 1 Speaking Exam – 19th / 20th / 21st of April 2023

Year 11 Unit 2 Speaking Exam – 24th / 25th / 26th of April 2023

Dwyieithrwydd / Bilingualism



Cystadleuaeth Logo'r Eisteddfod / Eisteddfod Logo Competition

Blwyddyn yma, rydym wedi gosod cystadleuaeth ysgol gyfan i greu baneru yn barod i ailgydio yn yr Eisteddfod yn barod am fis Mawrth.

Y dasg oedd creu logo ar gyfer y tai newydd sef Illtud, Branwen a Gelert. Dewiswyd enwau'r tai gan ddisgyblion yr ysgol gyfan ar ôl ymchwilio hanes Cymru.

This year we set a whole school competition to design a logo for each house in preparation to relaunch the school Eisteddfod.

Enillwyr / Winners

Illtud:

1af: Jack Hughes 7DH

2il: Orla Payne 7DH

3ydd: Esme Oxtoby 7DH

Branwen:

1af: Leah Grindley 10NS

2il: Kiara Self 11MJD

3ydd: Sam Lee 8DKH

Gelert:

1af: Imogen Porter 11NBW

2il: Lyla McGuinness 11NBW

3ydd: Elizabeth McFall 7LMS

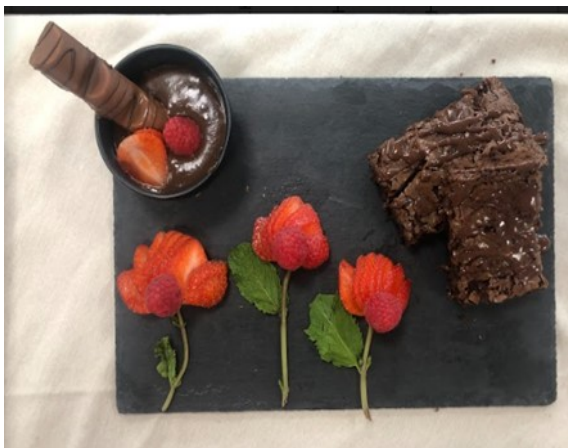
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Home Economics

GCSE Food and Nutrition/Level 2 Hospitality and Catering

Our GCSE Food and Nutrition and Level 2 Hospitality and Catering have been working really hard this term trialing and planning their practical exams. They have produced excellent outcomes showing precision in their making and presentation.



Textiles

Year 9

Our year 9 textiles students have made a fantastic start to the GCSE course. They have been carrying out artist research and producing beautiful responses to the theme 'things that time forgot'.



Year 8 STEM trip to SONY Pencoed



On Thursday 8th December, 14 Year 8 girls visited SONY Pencoed for the purpose of promoting girls in STEM. The girls were chosen for their outstanding attitudes and attainment in Science and they weren't disappointed. The day started with a QA session with a member on the SONY team. The girls learned about what happens at SONY and the technology that is developed 20 minutes away from our own school. Did you know that the video cameras that have been recording the world cup in Qatar were manufactured in Pencoed and each one costs upwards of £80,000.



The girls were given a tour of the SONY facility where they saw first-hand the technology that SONY use to manufacture products such as the Raspberry Pi, small single-board computers developed in the United Kingdom by the Raspberry Pi Foundation in association with Broadcom. The Raspberry Pi project originally leaned towards the promotion of teaching basic computer science in schools and in developing countries.

The girls were then challenged to design and create a protective casing to allow an egg to be dropped from a height of 8 feet. Unfortunately, only one team was able to successfully complete the challenge, much to the annoyance of the cleaners.

Year 8 STEM trip to SONY Pencoed

Before leaving SONY, the girls met one of the apprentices currently working at SONY who shed some light on the amazing opportunities available to young students interested in STEM.

Our final activity of the day took us to the home of STEM Wales and gave the girls a taste of coding and electronics. The girls were tasked with creating and coding their own remote controlled cars by using programs such as Java script and Python code.

It was an incredibly fascinating and enlightening day and the girls clearly enjoyed the challenge and exposure to cutting edge technology available to us on our own doorstep, especially the Robot Wars battle once the coding was complete.

Every SONY and STEM Wales employee had nothing but good things to say about each and every one of our students who attended the trip, well done girls.



Careers

During October all Year 11 pupils visited the Skills Cymru Careers Fayre at the Motorpoint Arena. Skills Cymru provides young people with a chance to explore the exciting education courses available to them with some of Wales' most popular colleges, universities and employers.

It gave students a rare chance to benefit from direct contact with active employers and courses giving them their best chance at choosing a course or role that is right for them.



Next in Careers

OgiWales, a fibre optic broadband company will be talking to a group of Year 10 pupils about roles within their marketing department.

Sixth Form News

The prefect team organised a scary Halloween bake sale to raise money for the Sixth Form Ball and Marie Curie. Tasty treats were enjoyed by all!



Our second attempt at viewing Hamilton as part of Sixth Form Enrichment didn't quite work out as the show was stopped at the interval due to a cast member falling ill. Despite this we had a great time and loved the first half of the show! We also enjoyed having a little time to explore the sites, some of us on electric bikes!

Gethin Punter and the Sixth Form Prefect team were keen to help the current Year 11 pupils in making their Sixth Form options and tell them what Sixth Form is like.

Our Sixth Form pupils prepared 21 stalls representing all of our option subjects. Year 11 were able to find out what the subjects were like and study resources and exam material.

The marketplace event was a real success, with Year 11 having a clear idea of their options next year.



Sixth Form News

By Rizik Salhab

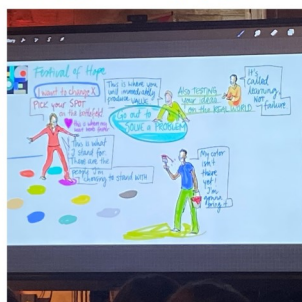
As part of the Seren Network, a quartet of sixth formers accompanied Mr Rees on an eye-opening journey to a worldwide event being held at Atlantic College. Upon arriving, our group were led on a tour of the stunning campus and its' grounds whilst getting to know the multitude of students who had welcomed us into their home. From princesses to singers to villagers, Atlantic College houses them all and welcomes them equally as a symbol of unity, an excellent example of what the world should be and an objective which we should all strive for.

After a lengthy tour and chat with the local students, our group were seated in a hall filled with members of the media and highly respected entrepreneurs from around the world, allowing us to fully appreciate the sheer scale of the event before us. A multitude of speakers discussed key themes on the topic of hope. The most notable of the speakers was Arifa Nasim, an Education Consultant, who founded several charities and campaigned heavily against arranged marriages; posed the question of "What makes a good leader?".

Interestingly, she went on to clarify that leaders are everywhere and that too often we follow an institute led leader and not the leader that we need. Leaders cannot be elected. She further argues that we are all leaders, and we are the only ones holding us back from achieving greatness. Ultimately, Nasim informed us that it is essential that we 'pick our spot on the battlefield of causes' and that if our cause was just, people will rally to the leader. Nasim continued with her talk, describing resilience as needing both the 'flame of hope' and the 'flame of anger against injustice' to work hand in hand to achieve your goal. Nasim's teachings also applied to school life as she described how too much work can cause burnout and ultimately apathy. Fundamentally, Nasim summarised hope as the act of constantly

persevering and to inspire those around you to do better. Nasim concluded her talk with the quote "Changing the world doesn't happen all at once. It isn't a big bang. It's an evolution, the sum of a billion tiny sparks. And some of those sparks will have to come from you."

The enlightening talk ended with a heart-warming meal with Mr Rees and the students of Atlantic College as we discussed how we could apply what we had learned, both in school and within our daily lives.



Important Dates

Friday 23rd December - Inset Day

24th December 2022 - 8th January 2023 - Christmas Holidays

Monday 9th January 2023 - Spring Term begins

18th February 2023 - 26th February 2023 - February Half Term

Monday 27th February 2023 - Inset Day

Tuesday 28th February 2023 - Pupils to return to school

Friday 31st March - Last Day of Spring Term

Please note: There is an additional Bank Holiday on 8th May 2023 for The King's Coronation.



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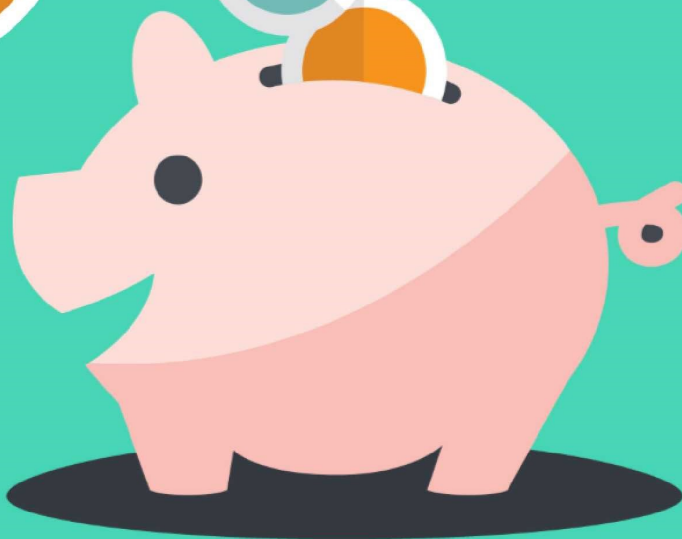
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