

MAJOR NEWS / NEWYDDION MAWR

SUMMER TERM / TYMOR Y HAF	
Start / Dechrau:	Monday 8 April 2024 / Dydd Llun Ebrill 8 2024
Half Term / Hanner Tymor:	Monday 27 May 2024 – Friday 31 May 2024/ Dydd Llun Mai 27 – Dydd Gwener Mai 31 2024
End / Diwedd:	Friday 19 July 2024 / Dydd Gwener Gorffennaf 19 2024
Week Beginning – Monday 8 July 2024 / Dydd Llun Gorffennaf 8 2024	Week 38/ Wythnos 38

Message from the Headteacher

Welcome to the penultimate edition of the academic year of Major News.

As per my previous communication, Sports Day will not go ahead on Monday due to the poor weather forecast and instead will take place on Thursday 18th July. All pupils are expected to be in full uniform and have their books with them on Monday as lessons will run as normal.

On Tuesday, a number of pupils in the school will be on rewards trips. All other students are expected to attend school to participate in an enrichment day which will be led by our sixth form pupils. Pupils should wear uniform to school but must bring their PE kit with them please as they will need to change for some of the activities planned throughout the day.

Today we held a lockdown drill and pupils' behaviour was exemplary. Please pass on your child/children how impressed staff were by their conduct.

Finally, may I remind you that next Friday, 19th July, buses will arrive at 1pm and depart at 1.15pm. If you would prefer for your child to remain in school until the end of the day please email the High School inbox and we would be delighted to accommodate them.

As ever, many thanks for your continued support and I wish you an enjoyable weekend.

Mrs C L Robins

Primary Contact Email Addresses

Progress Leader Teams - Email Addresses

Progress Leader Team	Email Address
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Progress Leader Yr11	Year11ProgTeam@llantwitschool.org.uk
Progress Leader 6th Form	Year1213ProgTeam@llantwitschool.org.uk

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Business/Careers	CareersDepartment@llantwitschool.org.uk
Cymraeg	CymraegDepartment@llantwitschool.org.uk
D&T	DTDepartment@llantwitschool.org.uk
English	EnglishDepartment@llantwitschool.org.uk
Geography	GeogDepartment@llantwitschool.org.uk
History	HistoryDepartment@llantwitschool.org.uk
ICT	ICTDepartment@llantwitschool.org.uk
Maths	MathsDepartment@llantwitschool.org.uk
MFL	MFLDepartment@llantwitschool.org.uk
PE	PEDepartment@llantwitschool.org.uk
Performing Arts	PerformingArtsDepartment@llantwitschool.org.uk
Religious Studies	RSDepartment@llantwitschool.org.uk
Science	ScienceDepartment@llantwitschool.org.uk
Welsh Bacc	WelshBacc@llantwitschool.org.uk

School Calendar

Week Beginning – Monday 15 July 2024 / <i>Dydd Llun Gorffennaf 15 2024</i>		Week 39
Monday 15 July / <i>Dydd Llun Gorffennaf 15</i>		
Tuesday 16 July / <i>Dydd Mawrth Gorffennaf 16</i>		END OF YEAR REWARDS TRIPS: Year 7 & 8 – Oakwood Year 9 & 10 – Drayton Manor
Wednesday 17 July / <i>Dydd Mercher Gorffennaf 17</i>		
Thursday 18 July / <i>Dydd Iau Gorffennaf 18</i>		SPORTS DAY Paris Trip
Friday 19 July / <i>Dydd Gwener Gorffennaf 19</i>		LAST DAY OF TERM Day ends at 1:00pm
		Coming Up/ <i>I ddod</i>
Monday 2 September / <i>Dydd Llun Medi 2</i>		FIRST DAY OF TERM INSET DAY
Tuesday 3 September / <i>Dydd Mawrth Medi 3</i>		INSET DAY
Wednesday 4 September / <i>Dydd Mercher Medi 4</i>		Years 7, 11 and 12 return
Thursday 5 September / <i>Dydd Iau Medi 5</i>		Whole School return
Friday 6 September / <i>Dydd Gwener Medi 6</i>		Year 7 Photos

Duke of Edinburgh's Award Bronze Expedition



The Duke of Edinburgh's Award program at Llantwit Major School celebrated another milestone with the successful completion of the Bronze expedition by a group of determined and enthusiastic Year 10 students. The expedition saw the participants embark on an adventurous journey from our school to Peterston-super-Ely and camping overnight at the picturesque Jubilee Camp Site.

Preparation and Training

The journey began weeks in advance with rigorous preparation and training. Students participated in navigation workshops, first aid training, and physical conditioning to ensure they were ready for the challenges ahead. Their commitment to teamwork and perseverance was evident as they honed their skills under the guidance of our experienced DofE leaders.



The Expedition

The two-day expedition kicked off on a bright Friday morning. Spirits were high as the groups left the school grounds, maps in hand, and backpacks loaded with essentials. The route led them through a variety of terrains, from scenic countryside paths to fields full of cows.



Despite the physical demands, the participants displayed remarkable resilience and teamwork. Most groups navigated through the landscape well, although some did get lost getting out of Llantwit itself, and the less said about the groups who ended up in Cowbridge the better! All groups showed the ability to support one another throughout the journey. Eventually, their hard work and preparation paid off as they reached the halfway point at the beautiful Jubilee Camp Site in Prestatyn-super-Ely.



Camping at Jubilee Camp Site



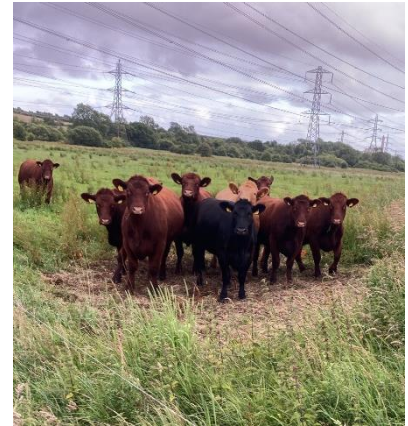
Arriving at the Jubilee Camp Site was a welcome respite after a day of hiking. The site, known for its stunning views and tranquil environment, provided the perfect setting for the students to rest and recharge. They pitched their tents with enthusiasm and shared stories of their day's adventures while preparing their evening meal, all cooked on Trangias.

The evening was filled with laughter, camaraderie, and a sense of achievement. The students demonstrated excellent campcraft skills, preparing a hot meal and, with some nagging from staff, they all adhered to Leave No Trace principles. The night under the stars was an unforgettable experience, fostering a deep appreciation for nature and the outdoors.

The Final Stretch

The second day began with an early rise, as the group prepared for the final leg of their journey. Energised by a hearty breakfast and a good night's sleep, the students set off with renewed determination and fresh plasters on their blisters. The route back to school was no less challenging, but the sense of accomplishment carried them through.

As they approached the school grounds, the feeling of triumph was palpable. Parents, teachers, and fellow students gathered to welcome the expedition teams back, applauding their hard work and perseverance.



Reflections and Lessons Learned



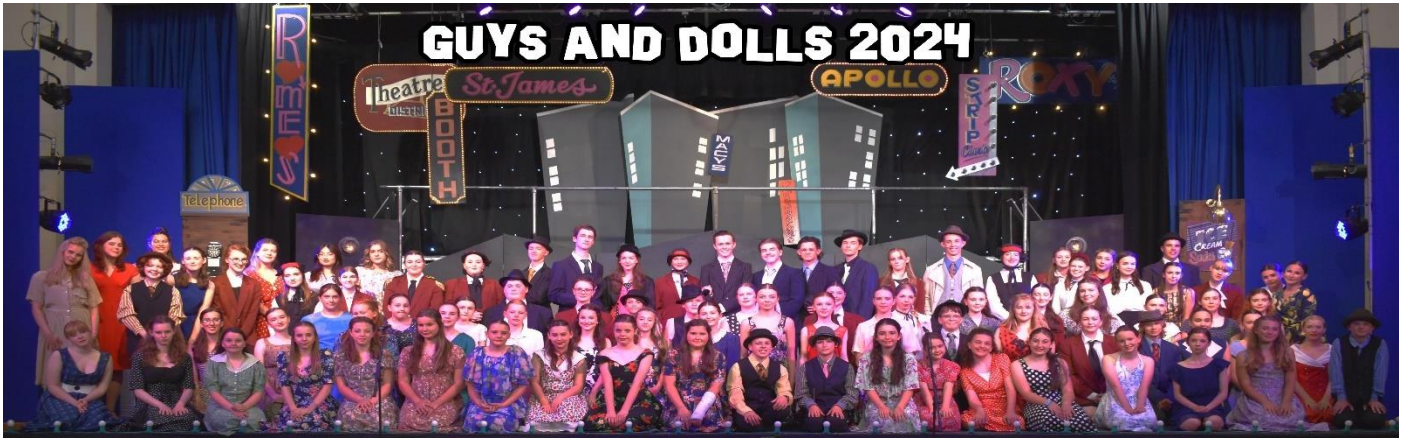
The successful completion of the DofE Bronze expedition is a testament to the dedication and spirit of our students. They have not only developed essential survival and teamwork skills but also grown in confidence and resilience. Each participant has returned with stories to tell, lessons learned, and a deeper understanding of their capabilities.

Acknowledgments

Mr Craven and the students would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to the DofE team – Mrs Miles, Mr Bell, Mrs Dobbins, Mr Pascoe and Mrs Trotman whose support and encouragement made this expedition possible. Mr Craven would also like to thank all the other staff at school who helped with the organising of DofE this year – especially the Office staff! Congratulations to all the participants for their outstanding achievement. We look forward to seeing you complete your Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

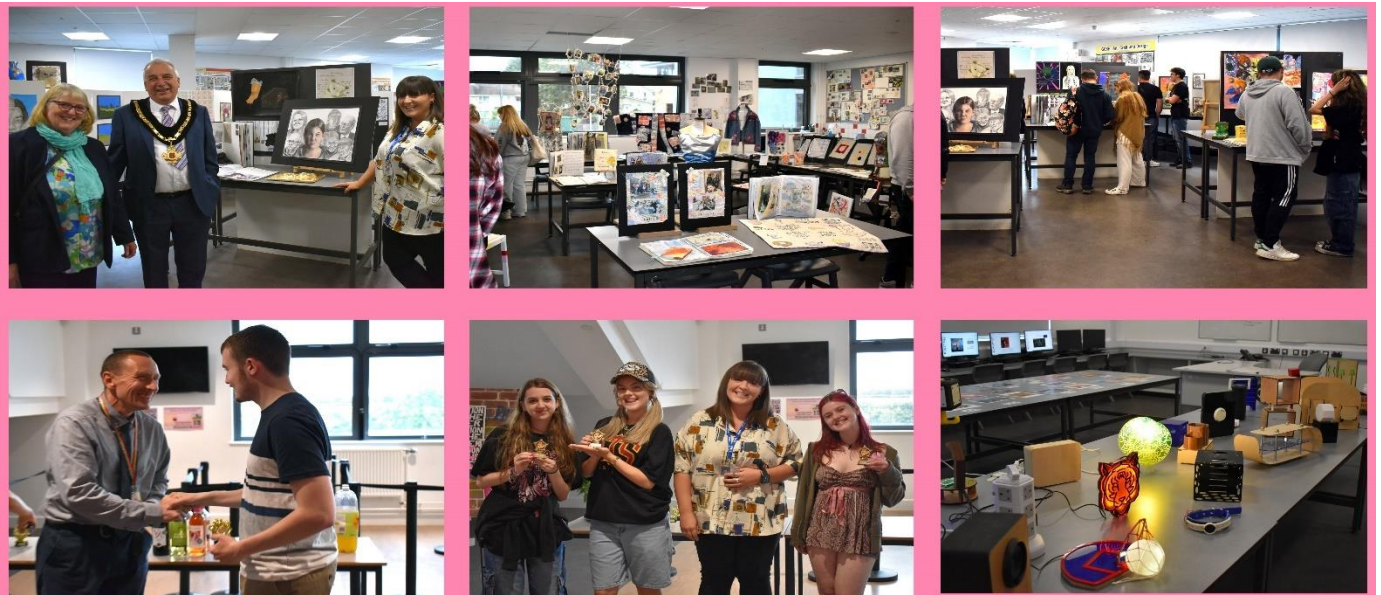
The Bronze DofE award runs during Year 10, any Year 9 students wishing to take part next year should look out for Mr Craven in an assembly during the Winter Term!

Drama and Music Department



Thank you to everyone who came to support Guys and Dolls and making it a grand success. Your support and encouragement meant the world to us!

Art Department



**THANK YOU FOR VISITING OUR 2024
ART & DESIGN EXHIBITION**

Thank you for visiting the 2024 Art & Design exhibition. We had a fantastic turnout and appreciate all of the support from those who came to see the exhibit and celebrate the creative talent we have at our school. Diolch yn fawr pawb!

Week in Sport

A very successful weekend for some of our [#teamllantwit](#) students with Owen Hignell winning 2 Gold medals and 1 Bronze medal, Mike Davies winning 2 Gold medals and 1 Silver medal and Daniel Winther-Hartley 3 Gold medals, 1 Silver medal and 2 Bronze medals at the Welsh Open Taekwondo Championship.



Well done from all of us here at [#teamllantwit](#) and how great is it to see so many students competing together!



Congratulations to year 8 pupil Nancy Thomas who competed at the British gymnastics RCC finals again in Birmingham Utilita Arena and secured a Gold medal. This is her third year competing for Wales and her third medal after gaining Silver last year and Bronze the previous year. Nancy is now 1st in her category in Britain! Well done from all of us here at [#teamllantwit](https://www.facebook.com/teamllantwit)



Sports Day – 18th July 2024

Following the recent postponement of Sports Day due to bad weather, it will now take place on Thursday 18th July (weather permitting).

LLANTWIT MAJOR SPORTS DAY

Thursday 18TH JULY

AT LLANTWIT MAJOR

What's on offer..

- Bake sale*
- Tuck Shop*
- Pizza Stall*
- Ice Cream*
- Fun games!*

ATHLETICS COMPETITIONS

Field Events: Discus, Shot Putt, Javelin, Long Jump.

Track Events: 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m and Relay

Inter House Games

Football Netball Dodgeball

ILLTYD VS BRANWEN VS GELERT

Lego and K'NEX Club

We are starting a Lego and K'NEX club in September. If you are sorting over the holidays and have any spare lego, base plates, books or K'NEX that you would be willing to donate to the club it would be greatly appreciated. Any donations can be brought to Mrs Newton. Diolch yn fawr.

Water Safety Wales information

In 2023 there was an increase in the number of fatalities in and around water amongst young people, and we have already seen a number of drowning fatalities this year. We must work together to prevent more deaths.

Data from 2023 shows that boys aged 10-19 are particularly at risk of accidental drowning and that 59% of fatalities occurred on inland waters (rivers, lakes, canals etc).

One drowning is too many. We urge you to remind children and young people of our four simple tips to help them stay safe around open water. Knowing these tips can save a life.



Help and Support Information

If you feel you may need help and support with the cost of living crisis the links below may be of use.

Is my child eligible to receive free school meals?

<https://www.gov.wales/free-school-meals-information-parents-and-carers>

Services and support that help with food costs. Information on food vouchers and food banks.

Penarth food pod:

<https://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/en/our-council/press-and-communications/latest-news/2022/March/New-Food-Pod-opens-in-Penarth.aspx>

Vale Food Bank: <https://vale.foodbank.org.uk/get-help/foodbank-vouchers/#Vale%20foodbank>

Food Vale: <https://foodvale.org/where-can-i-get-support/>

How to get free or cheap food: <https://www.moneysavingexpert.com/shopping/how-to-get-free-or-cheap-food/>

Find information on grants and benefits available to you such as Council Tax Reduction.

<https://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/en/living/Cost-of-Living/Grants-and-benefits.aspx>

Get help with household and energy bills.

<https://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/en/living/Cost-of-Living/Household-and-energy-bills.aspx>

If your child is in receipt of free schools meals and you would like to discuss any aspect of their school life please contact Mrs L Pownall at pownalll@llantwitschool.org.uk

Key Academic Dates 2023/2024

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 @ 1pm)

INSET Days:

- **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. Email is the preferred means of communication. If you know which dept/team you wish to contact, please use the direct email addresses provided in the newsletter. For all general enquiries please email llantwitmajorhs@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk. **Please be reminded that we operate an appointments only system for meeting with parents/carers 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.