

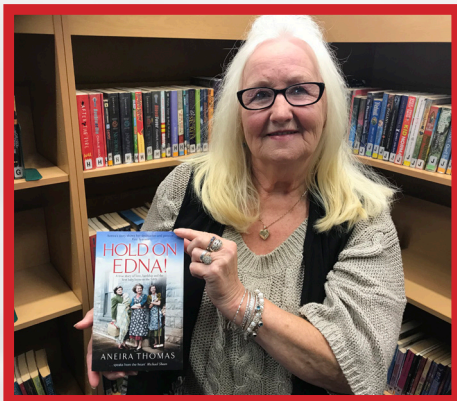


Penyrheol

Christmas Newsletter



*An Interview with
Aneira Thomas,
the First NHS Baby!*



Awards Evening

Blackout Poetry Competition

Achievement Nominations

Enterprise Pitches

& More!

A Message from the Head Teacher



Dear Pupils and Parents/Carers,

We find ourselves at the end of another extraordinary calendar year. Whilst the vaccination programme, launched this time last year, promises some light at the end of the tunnel, we are still very much in the midst of the pandemic. Our thoughts and prayers are with those who have lost loved ones as a result of the pandemic. Let us hope for a more positive 2022 where we get closer to a return of the “old normal”.

Since September, we have tried to make the experience of our pupils in school as close to normal as possible, whilst doing all we can to keep pupils, staff and the community safe. The changes to Covid-19 isolation rules have meant that there have been no bubble quarantines, and the majority of pupils have been in a position where they haven't had to miss a chunk of school time. We have run sporting fixtures, orchestra and choir practices, and we are hopeful that our school show will run in a later-than-usual time slot in February 2022. We have had to continue running some events virtually this term. These have included parents' evenings, the Year 6 open evening, Year 11 awards evening and indeed, the upcoming Christmas concert. All these events are available to view, on our school website www.penyrrheol-comp.net. The school calendar will continue to be under review during 2022.

This is my first newsletter as (acting) headteacher and I am thrilled to see many fantastic events included in this issue. It has been wonderful to have our pupils back, full time in school. So many have benefitted from the consistency and predictability of the routines that school offers. This, along with the rich and varied curriculum we offer, has really helped their wellbeing. I would like to thank the pupils for their efforts this term.

I'd like to sincerely thank parents and carers for their continued support of the school. The partnership between home and school has never been so important.

I wish the whole school community a happy and peaceful Christmas, and remind you that Spring term begins on **Wednesday 5th January**.

Nadolig llawen a blwyddyn newydd dda i gyfeillion Ysgol Gyfun Penyrrheol.

Yours faithfully,

Mr. D. Benney
Headteacher

Important Dates & Information

TERM	TERM BEGINS	TERM ENDS	MID-TERM HOLIDAY		TERM BEGINS	TERM ENDS
SPRING TERM 2022	Tuesday 4th Jan	Friday 18th Feb	Monday 21st Feb	Friday 25th Feb	Monday 28th Feb	Friday 8th Apr
SUMMER TERM 2022	Monday 25th Apr	Friday 27th May	Monday 30th May	Friday 3rd Jun	Monday 6th Jun	Friday 22nd Jul

Bank Holidays

Friday 15th April 2022 - Good Friday
 Monday 18th April 2022 - Easter Monday
 Friday 28th April 2022 - Special Bank Holiday
 Monday 2nd May 2022 - May Day
 Monday 30th May 2022 - Spring Bank Holiday

Inset Days

Tuesday 4th January 2022
 Friday 18th February 2022
 Friday 8th April 2022
 Friday 1st July 2022

Parents' Evenings

Monday 10th January 2022 - Y8 Parents' Evening 3.30-6.30p.m.
 Monday 21st January 2022 - Y11 Parents' Evening 3.30-6.30p.m.
 Monday 7th March 2022 - Y7 Parents' Evening 3.30-6.30p.m.

GCSE Results Day

Thursday 25th August 2022



Aneira Thomas

The First Ever NHS Baby



In November, we had the absolute pleasure of interviewing the first ever NHS baby!

Aneira Thomas, who was born at one-minute past midnight on 5th July 1948, told us all about the day she was born and how the doctors delayed the birth so she would be the first baby born on the NHS.

Aneira, who actually lives very close to the school, (Loughor) has had the most interesting life. Her link with the NHS has offered her some amazing opportunities over the years and she has met numerous celebrities, including Richard Madeley who interviewed her on Breakfast TV, Jeremy Vine, who interviewed her on Radio 2, Shirley Bassey, Frank Bruno, Peter Andre and she has even had lunch with Jane Fonda!



Aneira was delighted to tell us about the time she met Prince Charles and how they shared a joke about being able to afford the the one shilling and sixpence that it cost to give birth in 1948!

Aneira has recently published a novel called 'Hold On Edna!', which is based on her own life, and is a heartwarming read. Aneira has been told by so many people that her life story is so amazing, that finally, she put pen to paper and published her story.





“I found it very interesting that Aneira was named after the founder of the NHS, Aneurin Bevan. I thought this was a fitting tribute to someone who has helped the nation so much.”

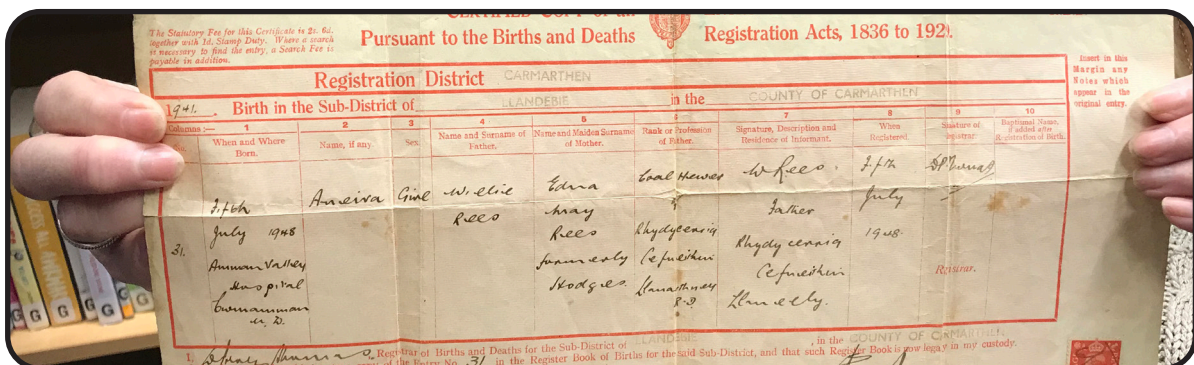
James Havard (Deputy Head Boy)

“I found Aneira’s story extremely interesting and it was wonderful to hear about the history of the NHS. I thought it was incredible to hear about her life and I realised how much the NHS has been so beneficial in our lives.”

Millie Lewis (Head Girl)

“I enjoyed interviewing Aneira and felt honoured to have met the first NHS baby!”

Harvey Thomas (Head Boy)



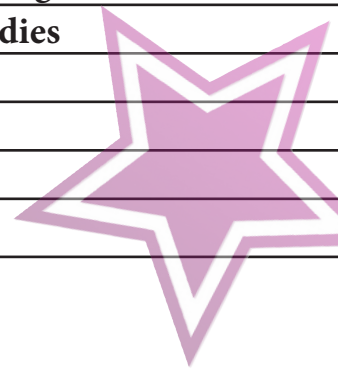
Its not often you meet someone whose birth certificate is in the Imperial War Museum!

Penyrheol Comprehensive

One of the highlights of the school year, is our awards ceremony that celebrates the achievements of our students. This year, the presentation of the awards is available to view on our website. The ceremony was hosted by Mr H Evans (Assistant Head Teacher) and a special speech by our guest speaker.

Congratulations to all our winners this year...There is no doubt that the education they received last year was the key to their success.

1	Memorial Award for outstanding service to the School
2	Penyrheol Award for outstanding service to the School
3	English Excellence Award for best GCSE performance in English
4	English Achievement Award for most praiseworthy effort in English
5	Mathematics Excellence Award for best GCSE performance in Mathematics
6	Mathematics Achievement Award for most praiseworthy effort in Mathematics
7	Marion Williams Science Award for best GCSE performance in Science Subjects
8	Science Achievement Award for most praiseworthy effort in Science
9	Art Excellence Award for best GCSE performance in Art
10	Business Studies Excellence Award for best GCSE performance in Business Studies
11	Child Development Excellence Award for best GCSE performance in Child Development
12	Design Technology Award for best GCSE performance in Design Technology
13	Drama Excellence Award for best GCSE performance in Drama
14	Welsh Baccalaureate Award
15	Geography Excellence Award for best GCSE performance in Geography
16	History Excellence Award for best GCSE performance in History
17	ICT Excellence Award for best GCSE performance in ICT
18	Media Studies Excellence Award for best GCSE performance in Media Studies
19	Lloyds Bank Cup for best GCSE performance in Modern Languages
20	Music Achievement Award for best GCSE performance in Music
21	Performing Arts Achievement Award for best contribution to Music and Drama
22	Physical Education Excellence Award for best GCSE performance in Physical Education
23	Sporting Achievement Award for commitment to Physical Education
24	Religious Studies Excellence Award for best GCSE performance in Religious Studies
25	Vocational Education Award for best performance in Vocational Studies
26	Welsh Excellence Award for best GCSE performance in Welsh
27	Thomas Award for Special Effort
28	Headteacher's Award
29	Catherine Williams Award for outstanding GCSE performance



Comprehensive Awards Evening

As the efforts and achievements of some of our most outstanding pupils. The 30 awards were presented by Mrs. S. Goulden (Deputy Head Teacher) and Mr. Mark Sanger MBE is also available to view online.

But that every award is especially deserved after the disruptive year due to the pandemic.



Harri John
Charlotte Benney
Katlyn Williams
Laith Hazel
Millie Everest
Joshua Griffiths
Katlyn Williams
Jasmine Maclean
Louise Carruthers
Jie Liu
Niamh Thomas
Jie Liu
Charlotte Benney
Alice Austin
Laith Hazel
Joe Bates
Ethan Bowers
Holly Isaac
Keira Newport
Bethan Thomas
Carrie James
Millie Everest
Oscar Scott
Jasmine Lee Llewellyn
Ellie-May West (Public Services)
Joe Bates
Kanye Woods
James Caldon
Joe Bates & Ethan Bowers

CHARITY WEEK

The 15th-19th November was 'Charity Week' at Penrheol, and as usual, our pupils did us proud by raising over £2000.

Part of this was raised by our non-uniform day which was held on the same day as Children in Need and it's this charity who will receive a donation of £720

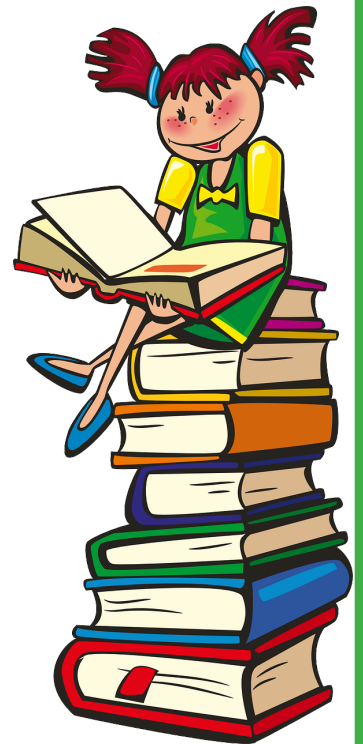
The remainder of the money raised will be donated to Matt's Kitchen and Young Mind, which are the charities chosen this year, by our Student Voice pupils.

Pupils raised the money by baking and selling cakes, guessing the amount of sweets in a jar and selling sweets and drinks that aren't usually allowed in school!





Our annual Book Fair took place at the end of November and was held in our Library Resource Centre.



Throughout the week, pupils was able to browse the fair during break and lunch times and had the opportunity of buying books if they wished.



The Scholastic book fair offers schools the chance to earn commission from the fair in the way of **FREE** books and this year, we managed to get over £75 worth of books for our library!



Pupils Recognised for Attainment and

SUBJECT	YEAR 7	YEAR 8	
ART	Callum Evans Declan Sullivan	Amy Griffiths Josef Nisbet	Me K
BUSINESS STUDIES			
COMPUTER SCIENCE			
CONSTRUCTION			
DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY			
DRAMA	Joshua Wood-Griffiths Ruby Bissmire	Nicole Rice Sophie Brewer	
ENGLISH	Jay James Ruby Bissmire	Joseph Salter Emily Matthews	F M
FOOD & NUTRITION			
FRENCH	Callum Evans Declan Sullivan	Amy Griffiths Josef Nisbet	
GEOGRAPHY	Jessica Whitehurst Zach Willis	Ebony Byrne Joseph Salter	R Ayden
HISTORY			
ICT	Jayden Thomas Gethin Weeks	Darren Taymori Jimmy Elliot	E K
MATHS	Griffith Cadogan Sawyer- Jay Green	Ffion Weed Summer Harris	G C
MEDIA STUDIES			
MUSIC	Lowri Gambell Isabella Stock	Joseph Salter Alex Thomas	E Ch
P.E BOYS	Milo Murphy Joshua Paynter	Morgan Williams Rhys Morgan	Le G
P.E. GIRLS	Ruby Bissmire Ellie Penino	Amelia Hawkins Emily Tucker	Poppy La
PRODUCT DESIGN			
R.E	Lois Bambridge Annabel Williams	Joseph Salter Hannah Evans	Ha I
SCIENCE	Harry Jones Cassandra Deacon	Holly Bamford Ryan Davies	Ce As
SPANISH			Kian As
WBQ			

Overall Winners : **Year 7** Aaron Curvis 7M and Low
Year 9 Gethin Tudor 9H and Tianna Boast 9C , **Year 10** Sasha Hurst 10U

Effort - September to Half Term 2021

YEAR 9	YEAR 10	YEAR 11
Megan Phillips Kian Davies	Megan Sanger Megan Griffiths	Hollie Bainbridge Denisa Neagu
	Sara Walczak Layla Kerr	Logan Harries & Jessica Kelly Tomas Edwards & Kaidy Thomas
	Jordan Marles Rhys James	Jay Jones Harvey Thomas
	Alexander Jones Carwyn Jones	Khalid Jargissa Ryan Burder
	Kenzo Morgan Paige May	
	Maddy Page-Smith Maisie Thornhill	Olivia Burrows-Chambers Abigail Goudge
Ellie Tench Max Morgan	Megan Sanger Kenzo Morgan	Dannty Lewis Haydn Boote
		Tama Swistun
Seuben Rees A Wood Griffiths	Alex James Macey Jenkins	Josh Stokes Daniel Leahy
Than Butler Gyran Dillon		Khalid Jargissa Ben Jones
Grace Harries Carys Ryan	Ffion Morris Rhys Costiniano	Hatty Moroney Megan Cattroll
	Ruby Owen Ellie Phillips	Hannah Roberts Mia Williams
Evie Popham Aloe Holloway	Megan Sanger Abi Thomas	Alfie Atkinson Abi Owens-Williams
Lewis Roberts Bethin Tudor	Ashton Ridd Sam Seager	Jayden Garratt Iestyn Lewis
Whitton-Stroud Macey Bissmire	Macy Jenkins Valentina Sias	Megan Cattroll Ellie Latronico
	Kayla Boast Ellie Phillips	Madison Garforth Kieran Cross
Hannah Beech Dylan Gay	Phoebe Williams Ellie Lewis	
Harrys Morgan Shley Morris	Scott Watkins Declan Wood	Sophie Phillips Abigail Goudge
Rhys Latronico Shley Morris	Ffion Davies Ruby Smith	Sophie Clark Alfie Atkinson
	Phoebe Williams Morgan Williams	Morgan Leocrass Bella Badger

Avri Gambell 7M, **Year 8** Ruby Jones Tworowsky 8S and Josef Nisbet 8D,
and Levi Knight 10S and **Year 11** Nicholas Luca 11Y and Leah Spackman

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ART	Annabelle Williams Betsi-Jayne Bowen- Carey	Sophie Brewer Shey Jones	Noah Poppy
BUSINESS STUDIES			
COMPUTER SCIENCE			
CONSTRUCTION			
DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY			
DRAMA	Henry Davies Dylan Palmer-Sweeney	Josie Swistun Darren Taymori	
ENGLISH	Andrew Nolan Griffith Cadogan	Charlie Para Ruby Griffiths	Poppy Ev
FOOD & NUTRITION			
FRENCH	Lorna Davies Lowri Gambell	Nathan Lee Alexander Thomas	
GEOGRAPHY	Kayden Rees Hallie Brown	Martha Shepherd Ruby Jones-Tworkowsky	C Poppy
HISTORY	Kate Garland-Thomas Thomas Clapham	Hannah Evans Hollie Austin	Abi J
ICT	Alysia Arthurs Ellie Pennino	Lacie Howells Nicole Rice	Ki Java
MATHS	Finn Walsh Declan Pearson	Joanie Peacey Harrison Williams	Mo Cer
MEDIA STUDIES			
MUSIC	Alana Elliot Evie-Jo Cole	Hannah Evans Sophie Brewer	Ja Da
P.E BOYS	Liam Carey Thomas Clapham	Jimmy Elliott Adam Jones	D R
P.E. GIRLS	Pollyanna Richards Annabel Williams	Holly Bamford Isabelle Herbert	T K
PRODUCT DESIGN			
R.E	Finn Walsh Ruby Bissmire	Mollie Bird Joseph Salter	Ha As
SCIENCE	Lia Richards Megan Daszewski	Josef Nisbit Emily Matthews	C B
SPANISH			L Na
WBQ			

Overall Winners : Year 7 Bridget Caswell 7M and

Year 9 Gethin Tudor 9H and Tianna Boast 9C , Year 10 Sasha Hurst 10U and

Effort - Half Term to Christmas 2021

YEAR 9	YEAR 10	YEAR 11
Cartill-Pearce Whitton- Stroud	Freya Stevens Scarlet Pugh	Savannah Anderson Archie Craven
	Morghan Reed Sophie Brannigan	Haydn Jones & Sean Jenkins Iowan George & Nick Luca
	Shaun Davies William Mears	Jay Jones Ervine Bongat
	Reuben Wilkinson Ffion Williams	
	Sasha Hurst Scott Watkins	Bethan Griffiths Liam Davies
Whitton-Stroud ie Popham	Eliza Hazel Sasha Hurst	Tomos Williams Amelia Kent
Carys Ryan Whitton-Stroud	Lucy James Jack Kavanagh	Julia Bargiel James Havard
bie Williams ess Lacey	William Mears Maddy Page-Smith	Abigail Goudge Jack Evans
eran Harris n Bambridge		Finlay Hopkins Jayden Garratt
llie Prothero rrys Morgan	Charlie Pardoe Ellis Bonham-Clatworthy	Ethan Bowen Alfie Morruzi-Jones
	Wiktoria Borycka Amber Treharne	Layla Inkin Jessica Kelly
ck Griffiths niel Swistun	Amber Treharne Felicity Caswell	Diego Findlay Morgan Lecrass
ylan Davies euben Rees	Joshua Penino Emmanuel Sidorenko	Harley Finslebach Steffan Pritchard
ia Broome eira knight	Layla Kerr Millie john	Ashleigh Grove Leah Phillips
attie Hughes hley Morris	Hallie Brown Lili Richards	
Carys Ryan rooke Jones	Megan Berrell Ellie Lewis	Layla Deias Logan Harris
ewis Rees athanial Bell	Ffion Davies Annalina Phelps	Jack Hill Sophie Clark
	Maddy Page Smith Megan Sanger	Haydn Jones James Havard

and Henry Davies 7R, **Year 8** Archie Harris 8D and Summer Harris 8U
and Levi Knight 10S and **Year 11** Alan Gifford 11M and Shona Maddocks 11H

Student Voice 21/22

Y11-Head Boy	Harvey Thomas
Y11- Head Girl	Millie Lewis
Y11- Deputy Head Boy	James Havard
Y11- Deputy Head Girl	Sophie Clark
Y10	Paige Bowen Millie John Jacob Hill Ffion Williams
Y9	Keira Knight Grace Kirsme Ashley Morris Charlie Griffiths
Y8	Joanie Peacey Mollie Bird Darren Taymori Joseph Salter
Y7	Lacey Ford Henry Davies Dylan McComas Bridget Caswell



Class Reps 21/22

7M	Bridget Caswell & Dylan Palmer-Sweeney
7E	Lacey Ford & Ava Badger
7D	Hallie Brown & Ruby Bissmire
7R	Henry Davies & Jessica Whitehurst-Ridler
7U	Dylan McComas & Annabel Williams
7S	Leon Garner & Miley Davies
8M	Sam Prakash & Sophie Nicholas
8E	Lizzie Howells & Nicole Rice
8D	Mollie Bird & Joseph Salter
8R	Darren Taymori & Oliver Davies
8U	Maddie Carey & Tomas Davies
8S	Joanie Peacey & Hollie Austin
9M	Grace Kirsme & Charlie Griffiths
9E	Alick Karim & Maddison Beckinsale
9D	Abbie Williams & Rain Woods
9R	Ashley Morris & Rhys Williams
9C	Jessica Lacey & Tianna Boast
9Y	Keira Knight & Dylan Gay
9H	Lara Thomas & Jayden Thomas
10M	Currently not represented
10E	Emily Isaac and Cody Dennis
10D	Jacob Hills and Millie John
10R	Ffion Williams and Megan Berrell
10U	Paige Bowen and Valentina Sias
10S	Kate Masters and Eliza Hazell

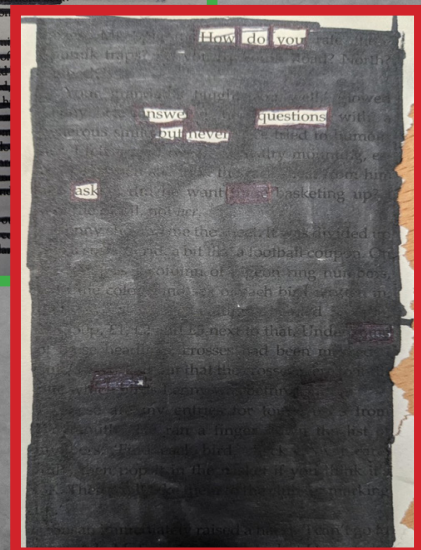
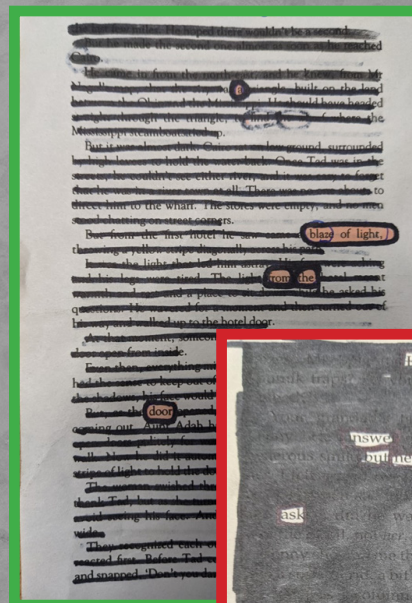
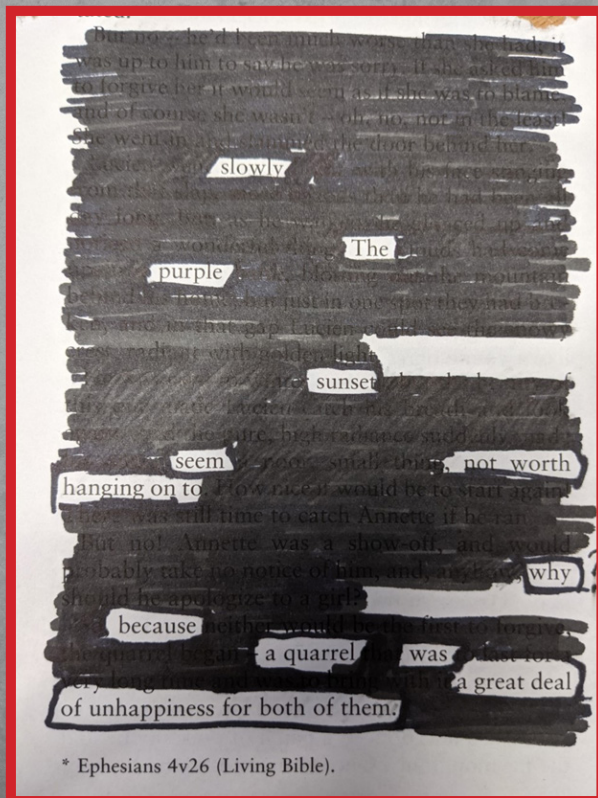


Congratulations to all those who have been appointed to represent the school during 2021/22

BLACKOUT POETRY COMPETITION

Earlier this term, our KS3 pupils were invited to take part in a Blackout Poetry Competition. Pupils were given a page from a novel and asked to pick out words or phrases which interested them and that they felt able to connect and cross out all the rest!

The English department were thrilled to receive fifteen entries from pupils in year 7 and year 9 and the following were rewarded £10 voucher prizes for their efforts. The winners were: Nicole Farcas 9H, Oliver Dyer 7R and Evan Rogers 9H



If you love to write but are struggling to get started, give it a try! It can be a great solution for writer's block so get ready for those creative juices to flow.



WELSH BACCALAUREATE ENTERPRISE & EMPLOYABILITY PITCHES

At the beginning of December all Year 10 pupils took part in the Enterprise and Employability pitches for Welsh Baccalaureate. The pupils created and produced wonderful Christmas products to sell at a Christmas fair.

The pupils were incredibly dedicated and passionate about creating the best product they could. A huge well done to all of the pupils for their hard work and time they devoted into designing and creating their products.



SWAP SHOP

Despite a difficult year with limited opening, we are delighted that our school uniform 'Swap Shop' has continued to thrive and business will be as usual as we head into 2022.

The shop, which is displayed in the school foyer every weekday morning from 8-9 a.m. is staffed by Mrs. T. Fussell, who is thrilled to help pupils find what they need.



The shop includes all items of school uniform as well as coats, shoes, bags and even prom dresses, and is available to all pupils...there is not even a need to have anything to swap...just take whatever you need off the rails...absolutely **FREE!**

All the items, which are good as new, have been donated. They are all washed and ironed and displayed on rails like a normal shop. Parents may submit an order form for specific items of uniform by speaking to a member of staff at our reception or submitting a form online. This can be found on our website at www.penyrrheol-comp.co.uk

Donating Uniform to the Swap Shop

If you are a past pupil or have simply outgrown an item of uniform which is still in great condition, please consider donating it. The Swap Shop is not just a money-saving scheme, but also an environmentally friendly one!

and...Don't Forget Your Lost Property!

A selection of lost property is also available to view in the foyer - come and take a look...its amazing how many pupils have lost coats, pencil cases and yes...even shoes!

Thanks to all those who have donated this year or used the Swap Shop. Mrs Fussell and all the staff wish you a **MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A VERY HAPPY**

