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**PENYRHEOL**

Comprehensive School

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2024

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## Headteacher's Fortnightly Letter – Number 1

Dear Parent/Carer,

This is the third year of the Headteacher's fortnightly letter. For new parents/carers, the fortnightly letter is an opportunity to celebrate some of the successes of our fantastic pupils. We can also share what has been happening at school for the last few weeks. At the end of the letter, there is a calendar showing what is happening in school in the next two weeks.

It has been a fabulous start to their time in school for our new Year 7s. They have settled in well and it has been great to see so many smiles over the last few weeks. Their manners have been impeccable. Despite only being here a few weeks, I'm hoping they all feel that sense of belonging at Penyrheol.

In the first few weeks of term, our Year 11 Geographers have been out on a field trip. Yesterday evening, Year 10 had their Open Evening at the theatre. This event was to share with pupils/parents/carers how Year 10 represents a big change in a pupil's schooling. Our Year 11 Head Prefect team also spoke and gave the pupil perspective on the 'jump' from Year 9 to Year 10. It was so pleasing to see such an excellent turn out. This parental support is so important to the school and to your child. Many thanks to all that attended.

As I am typing this, Year 7 are enjoying their Music enrichment day. It certainly sounds like they are enjoying it.

I am also delighted to share that thirteen Yr11 DofE pupils successfully completed their 2 day, 1 night expedition. The pupils were a credit to their families and their community.

### **Sporting News**

We have had a number of sporting fixtures this week. I will report on the scores in the next letter.

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Congratulations to Jacob (Year 7) as he has been selected to play for Swansea School Boys and he is having trials with Swansea City's Academy.

Jacob is a goalkeeper. We wish him every success going forward.

### Core Value Hot Chocolate Friday

Every fortnight, five pupils are nominated by their year teams for the fortnightly 'Hot Chocolate Friday'. Pupils are nominated for embodying one or more of our four Core Values. On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September, I was joined by Edward (Year 7), Lewis (Year 8), Evie (Year 10) and Maiya (Year 11).



Edward is **Thriving**. He has the most achievement points in the year group (so far) and he has made a fabulous impression on all the staff at Penyrheol.

Lewis has had a brilliant start to Year 8 and his positive behaviour and work ethic have been noted by many staff. This year, he is **Thriving**.

Evie always gives her very best in school. The Year team really value her contribution to school life. Evie **Aspires** to be the best that she can be.

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Maiya has had an incredible start to Year 11. She is showing a renewed focus in class and has made many positive changes which means that she is really **Thriving** in school.

These pupils have embodied our core values over the last 3 weeks. Congratulations to all our winners. Who will it be next time?

### Standards

Attendance over the last two weeks has been around 91%. Wherever possible, please ensure your child attends school. Missing school means missing out on learning.

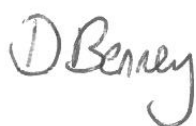
Parents/carers can track their child's achievement and behaviour points on the ClassCharts app. The information below shows the average achievement and behaviour points that a pupil in each year group has accrued **over the last three school weeks**. This may be a useful comparison when you look at your child's points.

Year	Achievement Points	Behaviour Points
7	41	0.1
8	35	1.8
9	26	1.5
10	20.5	1.8
11	14.3	1.2

Over the last three school weeks, the average Penyrheol pupil has achieved an incredible **21** achievement points for every behaviour point awarded.

As always, thank you to all parents/carers for their continued support.

Yours faithfully,



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Appendix

What's happening in the next two weeks

Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> September	
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 5/6 Design Technology Event (1.30 p.m. – 3.00 p.m.)
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> September	
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> October	Health & Wellbeing Lesson 1
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Year 6 Open Evening (6:00pm – 8:00pm)
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	ALN Coffee Morning Lesson 1