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Headteacher's Letter Friday 3rd February (Letter 10)

Dear Parents/Carers,

This is the tenth Headteacher's letter of this academic year. I trust these letters are keeping everyone informed about what is happening at Penyrheol School.

Since the last Headteacher's letter we have had a Year 9 'Have a Go' Enterprise Workshop, Year 11 have been given their reports, we have had a Year 11 Parents' Evening and Year 11 pupils have also had their Gower College Interviews. Year 9 have started their Option Programme and we enjoyed a very well attended Options Fayre for pupils, parents and carers, followed by an Options talk in the theatre on Thursday 2nd February. This is the start of what is a very exciting time for Year 9. All details about options have been sent via ClassCharts.

Thank you to all parents/carers for your continued support.

Sport

On Monday 30th January, four of our pupils competed in the Welsh School Sports Acro Championships in Cardiff.

Megan Griffiths (Year 11) and Ava Williams (Year 11) won Silver in the Under 19 Pairs event. Valentina Sias (Year 11) and Hollie Bamford (Year 9) won Bronze in the same event. Well done girls - an outstanding achievement!

Our Silver Sports Ambassadors, Ellie Pennino, Sophie Pennino and Annabel Williams from Year 8 have been nominated for the Award of 'Getting Swansea Active' at the upcoming Swansea Sports Awards in March. Being nominated for this award is a wonderful achievement and we wish them the very best of luck!

Last week, our U16 girls football team had a game against a very strong Cefn Hengoed side which we unfortunately lost.

Our U13 girls football team went away to Dyffryn Aman last week where we played a very competitive game, but unfortunately just missed out on the win. We have also had 2 fixtures against Olchfa this week with our U16's narrowly losing 2-1, and our U13's, who played extremely well against a very strong side, losing 4-1.

Better luck next time, girls!

In boys rugby, our Year 9's lost to Gwyr on Tuesday in the Swansea Cup semi-final. It was a brilliant, competitive game, and the boys did the school proud.



Year 11 also lost the week before in their Cup quarter final against Gwyr. A tough few weeks for our teams but I know we will bounce back!

In other sporting news, we have 16 pupils attending the Swansea heats badminton tournament in the LC2 Swansea on Monday. Good luck to you all.

Standards

Attendance for the last 2 weeks dropped slightly to 86.9% If you want to know your child's attendance, the ClassCharts App has all the details. As always, if your child can be in school, please ensure that they attend.

The winners of our 100% attendance prize draw for January are:

Year 7 - Dylan Tudor

Year 8 - Aaron Curvis

Year 9 - Mya Garforth

Year 10 - Samuel Robinson

Year 11 - Macauly Morgan

I know a lot of parents/carers are using the ClassCharts App on a regular basis to monitor the number of achievement and behaviour points that their child is being awarded. For context and as a means of comparison for your child, the average pupil in each year group has attained the following **over the last 2 weeks**:

Year	Achievement Points	Behaviour Points
7	9	1.8
8	7	3.5
9	6.7	4
10	6.9	2
11	4	1.9

School Strikes

The next day of industrial action is February 14th. I will be communicating what will be happening with school in the next few days.

Mobile Phone Policy

In the next Headteacher's letter, I will be seeking parents/carers views on our current mobile phone policy in school. At this moment in time, we aren't thinking of making any further changes, but I wanted some 'parent/carer voice' on the matter. Full details will be in the next letter.

Yours faithfully,



Damian Benney
Headteacher

Appendix

What's happening in the next two weeks:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Monday 6 th February	Year 11 GCSE Music Controlled Assessment Year 11 Photographs (lessons 1 and 2)
Tuesday 7 th February	
Wednesday 8 th February	Year 9 Exam Week (Until Tuesday 14 th)
Thursday 9 th February	
Friday 10 th February	Year 11 GCSE Music Controlled Assessment
Monday 13 th February	Year 11 Progress Interviews (this week) Interim Assessment Week for Years 8 and 10
Tuesday 14th February	
Wednesday 15 th February	
Thursday 16 th February	Energy Council Workshop (9.30am-11am)
Friday 17 th February	INSET Day