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**PENYRHEOL**

Comprehensive School

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2025

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## Headteacher's Fortnightly Letter – Number 10

Dear Parent/Carer,

Since the last Headteacher's letter, we have had Year 9 parents/carers Options Fayre and Options Evening. This was very well attended and I would like to thank the many parents/carers that attended. Year 9 have also started their 'action fortnight' where they work on improving their areas for development from their recent assessments.

On Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February, Year 7 and 8 enjoyed a fabulous Eisteddfod. Participation from across both year groups was very high and it was a great morning of language, culture, music and dance.

Before half term, we ran two 'Getting Revision Right' workshops for Year 11 pupils and parents/carers of Year. The workshops focused on how to revise, what resources to use and how to deal with exam stress (for pupils and parents/carers). Our Year 11s have also started wearing their 'Leavers' Hoodies' and it has been a joy to see so many different colours across the Year group. We have also had lovely feedback from Sew and Sew where the staff said how polite and friendly our Year 11 pupils had been when they came to collect their hoodies.

Yesterday, we took Year 10 and 11 Music and Drama students to Cardiff to watch a theatre performance of Ghost. The conduct of the pupils was exemplary and they embodied our Core Value of respect.

Finally, yesterday afternoon, 38 of our pupils and 5 of our staff set off for our annual weekend in Disneyland Paris. I am sure our pupils will have an enriching experience.

### **Sporting News**

In Boys' rugby, Year 8 rugby entered a festival at Maesydderwen Comprehensive school before half term. They played two games against Maesydderwen and Dylan Thomas and won both games. It was an excellent afternoon of rugby for our team.

Year 7 have their rugby festival next Tuesday at Maesydderwen followed by our Year 9s entering Bishopston Sevens on the Friday. Our Year 9s hope to continue their excellent Sevens form from Rosslyn Park last year.

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We are awaiting our Year 11 and Year 10 Swansea Cup fixtures to be played in the next three weeks.

In Boys' Football, just before half term our year 7s had two fantastic results. Playing two games in two days was a tough ask but the boys were all fantastic and in the first game ran out 5-0 winners over Bishop Gore. The next day saw a tougher task against Pontarddulais and in a very tight game it looked as if the result would end in a 1-1 draw. That was until Thomas Pennino hit a 35 yard screamer meaning we ended the game victorious with a 2-1 win.

The same week our year 8 boys travelled to Morryston and again were involved in a very tough and even battle. Unfortunately, this time we were on the other end of a 2-1 result. Well done to all involved.



In Gymnastics, congratulations to Eve (Year 7) and Lily (Year 8) for winning a bronze medal at the Welsh Schools Sports Acro Championships last month. A fantastic achievement!

Congratulations to Darcy (Year 7) for representing Swansea School Girls in Rugby Union this season. She has also been selected for the District Touch Rugby team.



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The Year 10 Netball team had a strong showing in their tournament last month, securing wins against Bryntawe and Cwmtawe, drawing with Dwr-Y-Felin, and narrowly losing to Bishopston. Each player showcased impressive skills and dedication.



The Year 11 team competed in a tournament at Morryston Comprehensive School, finishing third overall. They won their matches against Bishop Vaughan and Birchgrove but faced tough competition from Morryston and Cefn Hengoed, resulting in close losses despite their excellent play throughout the day.



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Furthermore, the Year 9 team also claimed third place in their recent tournament, demonstrating great performance by defeating St. Joseph's Catholic School and Olchfa, drawing with Bishop Vaughan, and facing losses to Bro Dur and Cwmtawe. Well done to all our Netball teams!

### **Parent/Carer Survey**

I would like to thank the parents/carers that completed the recent survey on Penyrheol School. These are some of the headline results:

72% of parents/carers feel their child likes school all of the time or most of the time.

93% of parents/carers feel the school had helped their child to settle at Penyrheol.

82% of parents/carers feel the school offers their child a range of interesting learning experiences, including educational trips and visits.

77% of parents/carers feel they are well informed about their child's progress.

92% of parents/carers feel the school seeks their views as parents/carers.

93% of parents/carers feel the school shares information in a timely and clear way.

90% of parents/carers would recommend the school to another parent/carers.

The survey also gave us lots of very useful feedback that we will look to act on. This will help us further improve as a school. This is why these surveys are so important for us. I will share more details in future Headteacher letters.

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## Core Value Hot Chocolate Friday



On Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February, I was joined by Ellis (Year 7), Jake (Year 8), Caden (Year 9), Ellie (Year 10) and Theo (Year 11).

Ellis, Jake and Ellie were nominated for the Core Value of **Thrive**.

Caden was nominated for the Core Value of **Aspire** and Theo was nominated for the Core Value of **Belong**.

These pupils have embodied our core values over the last 2 weeks. Congratulations to all our winners.

Who will it be next time?

## Standards

Attendance over the last two weeks has decreased to 88% 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 two school weeks**. This may be a useful comparison when you look at your child's points.

Year	Achievement Points	Behaviour Points
7	23	1
8	20	2
9	13	1.5
10	7	2
11	12	1

Over the last two school weeks, the average Penyrheol pupil has achieved 9 achievement points for every behaviour point awarded.

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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 10 <sup>th</sup> March	
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	GCSE Drama External Exam Year 5/6 Design Technology Event (1.30 p.m. – 3.00 p.m.)
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Health & Wellbeing Lesson 1 GCSE PE Practical Moderation (external verifier in school)
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Transition Council (2.00 p.m. – 3.00 p.m.)
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 10 Progress Evening
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Eisteddfod Winners Showcase in Theatre (11:30 – 12:30)
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 11 Welsh Oral Exam (Unit 1)- rearranged
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 9 Report 1 Issued Year 11 NEA Food and Nutrition (rearranged) Year 11 Welsh Oral Exam (Unit 1)
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	

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