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PENYRHEOL

Comprehensive School

Friday 6th March 2026

Headteacher's Fortnightly Letter – Number 10

Dear Parent/Carer,

Since the last Headteacher's letter, Year 7 and 8 have enjoyed a fabulous Eisteddfod. It was a wonderful event and it helped build pride in our Welsh culture and our sense of 'cynefin'. Our Year 9s have had their 'action fortnight' following their recent assessments. Our Year 10s have had their exam week and I must compliment them on how they have approached these. I hope they get the results they deserve. Year 11 have had their Hospitality and Catering exam and our GCSE PE pupils have had their sporting skills moderated.

Yesterday, we waved goodbye to a bus full of pupils as they embarked on the EuroDisney trip. I am share they will have an amazing time.

I have attached in the appendix of this letter a message of thanks from the Lord Mayor of Swansea to our pupils that performed at the recent Holocaust Memorial Event.

Sporting News

Well done to our Netball teams for their fantastic performances against Morryston and Pontardulais.

Our mixed Year 7 & 8 team secured an impressive 12–2 victory over Morryston, demonstrating excellent teamwork and determination throughout. Meanwhile, the Year 9 team battled hard in a closely contested match, edging a thrilling 6–5 win. Players of the Match - Penny S-D (Year 7), Seren M (Year 8), Libby B (Year 9).



Year 7 & 8



Year 9

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Our U16 team also enjoyed success this week, claiming a well-earned 10–8 victory over Pontardulais in another exciting and closely fought game. Players of the Match were Ellie P and Sophie P.

Well done to everyone involved!

In boys football, last week, once again in dreadful conditions, our year 8 boys took on Gwyr. In a very well contested game, we eventually came out 3-0 winners. Well done to all. This week, the year 8 boys put in another great performance last night, beating Morryston 4-1.

The PE Department are very excited about the upcoming Sports Tour to Toronto.

Swansea City Premier League Inspires



A group of Year 9 pupils have been working with the Swansea City Foundation. This week they won a competition against other schools across Swansea and Neath Port Talbot. They had some amazing ideas and they will be presenting this to Premier League Inspires team in Everton in April!

They will be running an event in school for the month of April and I know the school will get behind them! We are so proud of these pupils!!

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Core Value Hot Chocolate Friday

On Friday 27th February, I was joined by Finley (Year 7), Rhys (Year 8), Jake (Year 9), Seren (Year 10) and Lukas and Lacey (Year 11).



Jake was nominated for the Core Value of **Aspire**.

Finley, Rhys, Seren, Lacey and Lukas were nominated for the Core Value of **Belong**.

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

Who will it be next time?

Standards

Attendance for the last two weeks remained at 87%. 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	2.5
8	19.5	3.8
9	20.5	1.8
10	9.5	1.3
11	11.5	1.3

Over the last two school weeks, the average Penyrheol pupil has achieved 7.5 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,



Damian Benney

Headteacher

Appendix

What's happening in the next two weeks

Monday 9 th March	Year 11 GCSE Drama Unit 2 Performing Theatre Practical Examination (Examiner in school)
Tuesday 10 th March	Welsh Oral Exams Year 11 (up to lunchtime)
Wednesday 11 th March	Welsh Oral Exams Year 11 (up to lunchtime) Transition Year 5/6 MAT Design and Technology Event (1:30pm - 3:00pm)
Thursday 12 th March	Year 9 Report Number 1 Issued Health and Wellbeing Lesson 1 Welsh Oral Exams Year 11 (mop ups only- up to lesson 2)
Friday 13 th March	Transition Council Meeting (2:00pm -3:00pm)
Monday 16 th March	INSET WJEC Penyrheol Parliament Meeting (This Week)
Tuesday 17 th March	Welsh Oral Exams Year 11 (up to lunchtime)
Wednesday 18 th March	Welsh Oral Exams Year 11 (up to lunchtime)
Thursday 19 th March	Welsh Oral Exams Year 11 (mop ups only- up to lesson 2)
Friday 20 th March	Year 9 Final Option Deadline

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4 March 2026

Damian Benney
Penyrheol Secondary School

BY EMAIL

Dear Mr Benney

As Lord Mayor of the City and County of Swansea I wish to express my sincere thanks to the pupils who took part in Swansea's commemoration of Holocaust Memorial Day on 27th January 2026.

Marking this National commemoration is an incredibly important occasion, and I was very proud of the performance of the pupils, showing an exceptionally mature understanding of the tragedies of genocide that we hope and pray will not occur again.

I would be grateful if you could pass on my thanks to the pupils involved for their unique interpretations and contribution to this commemoration. It is incredibly important the lessons of the past and not forgotten by our young citizens.

Once again, my sincere thanks to the pupils who contributed to the event in such a moving and thought-provoking way.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cheryl Philpott".

**COUNCILLOR CHERYL PHILPOTT
THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL THE LORD MAYOR
OF THE CITY & COUNTY OF SWANSEA**

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