

Friday 17th March 2026

Headteacher's Fortnightly Letter – Number 12

Dear Parent/Carer,

Since the last Headteacher's letter, our boys Year 8 Sevens Team did themselves proud in the Rosslyn Park Sevens Tournament where they won their group. We also welcomed Year 8 parents/carers into school for a Progress Evening. My thanks go to so many of our parents/carers for coming in and working in partnership with us in the best interest of your child.

Before Easter we also had the pleasure of hosting the Eisteddfod Winners' Musical Showcase in the theatre. It was a wonderful morning of music and culture.

This week, years 7-9 have started their national tests. These tests are low stakes but we wish them pob lwc all the same.

Sporting News

Just before Easter, eighty of our pupils went to Toronto on the school's biannual sports tour. The pupils were wonderful ambassadors for the school and were a credit to their families and our community.



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In boys football, Year 8 played the week before we broke up, knowing a win would help their chances of qualifying for the semi-finals after Easter.

The opponents were Bishopston and in a hard-fought game our boys came out on top 4 - 1. This means that from their 6 matches they have won 4, drew 1 and lost 1. We now wait to see if they progress into the semi-finals. We also hold out hopes for the year 9 boys who, finished the season with 5 wins and 1 loss. We will find out on Monday 27th April so fingers crossed.

We have also had some big sporting successes outside of school.

Alisha (Year 9) competed in Swansea national pool on the 28th and the 29th of March and she placed 1st in 50m breaststroke, 2nd in 50m backstroke and 4th in 50m freestyle



We are very proud to report that Tiano (Year 7) received his Kickboxing black belt recently at G&K Martial Arts academy. He has been training since he was 4 years old and has done amazingly well to achieve this at such a young age!

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Neurodiversity Week



The week before Easter we celebrated Neurodiversity with a week-long celebration and awareness raising of the different ways people can be neurodiverse. The week was organised by our Year 11 pupil Eluned Botzaropoulos. It was rounded off with a fabulous Colour Fun Run which was Eluned's idea. It was lovely to witness all the pupils' smiling faces.

Eluned was delighted that we made her wish come true. She said that it was even better than she imagined!

Core Value Hot Chocolate Friday

On Friday 27th March, I was joined by Rhys (Year 7), Isabelle (Year 9), Thomas (Year 10) and Josh and Michelle (Year 11).



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

Thomas was nominated for the Core Value of **Respect**.

Isabelle, 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?

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Standards

Attendance for the last two weeks remained at 86%. 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	26.5	3.5
8	19.5	2.5
9	20.5	2.2
10	14	1.5
11	9.5	1

Over the last two school weeks, the average Penyrheol pupil has achieved nearly 8 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 20 th April	Year 7 Progress Evening
Tuesday 21 st April	Year 10 Reports Issued -Delayed. Apologies.
Wednesday 22 nd April	
Thursday 23 rd April	Year 11 Art Trip – History Museum and St Fagans PTA Meeting in LRC (3:10pm -4:30pm)
Friday 24 th April	Year 7 Trip to Palace Theatre- Trashed Tech
Monday 27 th April	Year 10 Progress Evening
Tuesday 28 th April	Year 11 Art Exam (library)
Wednesday 29 th April	Year 11 Art Exam (library)
Thursday 30 th April	Year 11 Spanish Orals
Friday 1 st May	Careers Bites Lunchtime Sessions (LRC) Year 11 Spanish Orals