



Friday 16th May 2025

Headteacher's Fortnightly Letter – Number 14

Dear Parent/Carer,

Since the last Headteacher's letter, the focus in school has very much been on our Year 11s and their GCSE/BTEC exams. We have ensured that pupils have had revision sessions before their exams to help them be as prepared as possible. There have been a number of big exams this week and we are proud of how well the pupils are dealing with the stress that these exams can bring.

Sporting News

This week our year 8 and 9 boys have been involved in football semi-finals. On Tuesday our year 9 boys went to Pentrehafod and after a hard fought 2-2 draw the game went to a penalty shootout. Unfortunately, our boys lost 3-2 in the shootout. Mr Clapperton would like to say a massive well done to all the boys involved.

On Wednesday our year 8s took on Bryntawe in another semi-final. This time the result went our way with us eventually winning 5-4. A brilliant performance by all involved. The final is now next Tuesday at Briton Ferry with a 2pm kick off against Pontarddulais.

Next Tuesday our year 10 boys are also involved in the Swansea schools plate football final against Bishop Vaughan. This is being played at Olchfa with a 3.15pm kick off.

Our U15 girls have won through to the Swansea Schools final at Britton Ferry on Monday and will play against Cefn Hengoed. This will be a very exciting match!

The U13 girls unfortunately lost in the semi-final against Bryntawe 3-2. The U13 girls have had an outstanding season where they have been unbeaten until now and have shown so much dedication and motivation throughout the season. Well done. We are looking forward to another positive season next year.

Well done to all the football teams this year - boys and girls. Out of 7 teams we reached 4 semi-finals and 3 finals. This has made the PE department (and the whole school) very proud!!

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In athletics, well done to Caitlyn (Year 8) who won a bronze medal in the 100 metres at the West Wales Athletics Championships last weekend! She also finished 4th in the 200 metres.



In Girls rugby, congratulations to Darcey (Year 7) who has been selected to represent Wales in Touch Rugby. A wonderful achievement!

Parent/Carer Survey

We have conducted a number of surveys this year and we have had some excellent feedback which will help us make further improvements as we move forward. I would like parents/carers to complete a survey which is about communication. Please click on the link in the original classcharts announcement that shared this letter. Your feedback matters!

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Core Value Hot Chocolate Friday



On Friday 9th May, I was joined by Freddie (Year 7), Ayse (Year 8), Ashton (Year 9), Harry (Year 10) and Caitlin (Year 11).

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

Ashton and Ayse were nominated for the Core Value of **Aspire**.

Freddie and Caitlin were 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 dropped to 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	17	1.4
8	19	2
9	13	1.4
10	10	1.7
11	5	0.3

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Year 11 pupils have been in revision and exams so their totals are lower than normal. Over the last two school weeks, the average Penyrheol pupil has achieved over 9 achievement points for every behaviour point awarded.

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 19 th May	
Tuesday 20 th May	Year 10 Reports Issued
Wednesday 21 st May	
Thursday 22 nd May	Transition Council (2.00 p.m. – 3.00 p.m.)
Friday 23 rd May	Staff v Year 11 Football Match (2:10pm) – weather permitting
HALF TERM	
Monday 2 nd June	Year 11 Study Leave Starts Year 9 Action Fortnight
Tuesday 3 rd June	
Wednesday 4 th June	
Thursday 5 th June	
Friday 6 th June	ALN Coffee Morning Lesson 1

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