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**PENYRHEOL**

Comprehensive School

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2024

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## Headteacher's Fortnightly Letter – Number 17

Dear Parent/Carer,

Since the last Headteacher's letter, we have had a very busy and varied two weeks in school. Our Year 10s have had a careers check with the Careers Officer, they have undertaken their English Oral presentations, our music pupils have had their mock performance exam and our Geography pupils have been on a data collection field trip. To top it all off, on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July, our Year 10s had their Gower College taster day and we sent pupils to the Gorseinon, Tycoch and Jubilee Court campuses.

Our Year 9s have brought home their end of year report. We have had a (very impressive) motivational speaker in to deliver workshops with a small group of year 8 and year 9 pupils. We had a very successful Health and Wellbeing day on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June. We also had a non-uniform day on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June and this coincided with the end of Pride month. Many of our pupils took the opportunity to show their support by wearing colourful clothing. On that evening, we enjoyed a wonderful and eclectic Summer Music Concert in the theatre.

Finally, on the evening of Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July, we had our first ever Core Value Awards Evening (it was AMAZING). Congratulations to all our award winners. We are very proud of you. Photos of the event will feature in the end of term Newsletter (to be published in the last week of term).

### **Democracy in Action**

On Thursday July 4<sup>th</sup>, we held our own general election at Penyrheol. Over the last few weeks, we have had pupils representing the parties of the Conservatives, Plaid Cymru, the Liberal Democrats, Labour, the Green Party and the Reform Party. Each group of pupils made a campaign video based on each political parties' actual manifesto. These were shared with all pupils so they could make an informed voting decision. On the 4<sup>th</sup>, over five hundred of our pupils cast their vote. At 2:50pm, our returning officers Georgia Thorne and Annabel Williams announced the results over the school's tannoy system. Labour won the election at Penyrheol. This was clearly a very good omen for Sir Kier Starmer.

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A huge well done to the pupils that represented and campaigned for each party and thank you to all the pupils that exercised their democratic right to vote.



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## Seren Classics Project

Five Year 9 pupils were involved in the Seren Classics Project organised by Gower College and Oxford University. The pupils were Dylan, Declan, Henry, Georgia and Dylan. They had to create a comic strip version of a myth involving the goddess Athena. Our pupils competed against lots of other secondary schools from Swansea. The winning team was announced in New College, Oxford University on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June. We didn't quite win but all pupils thoroughly enjoyed the experience of visiting Oxford University and the Ashmolean Museum. They were wonderful ambassadors for the school.



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## Core Value Hot Chocolate Friday

Last week, the three pupils nominated by their year teams for the fortnightly 'Hot Chocolate Friday' were Sam (Year 7), Taya (Year 8), and Rhys (Year 10).

Sam is **Thriving**. He is a brilliant pupil who is currently flourishing in school. He works so hard in class and is well liked and respected among his peers. Taya is such a supportive, pleasant and helpful pupil. She is incredibly kind and makes everyone feel they are part of the school community. Taya embodies our core value **Belong**. Rhys is showing fantastic **Aspiration**. He has well over 300 achievement points, he has 100% attendance and he is a member of the rugby team. He always gives his very best.



These pupils have embodied our core values over the last 4 weeks. Congratulations to all our winners. Who will it be next time?

## Standards

Attendance over the last two weeks has been around 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	12.5	1
8	11	1
9	7	1
10	7	1

Over the last 2 school weeks, the average Penyrheol pupil has achieved 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

End of School Duty	Front: Back: DB/SG
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 10 Work Experience Week Begins Year 9 Science 'Space to Learn' Event
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 8 Geography Field Trip (provisional)
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 7, 8 and 9 Inter-House Sports Day
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 9 Art Optees Trip to Glynn Vivian Art Gallery and Clyne Gardens Year 7 and 8 Careers Trip
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	MFL/Welsh Department French Trip (returning 18 <sup>th</sup> July) Year 6 Parents/Carers drop in (2pm – 3pm)
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 7 and 8 Reports Issued Sports Day (Finals Day) Summer Term Newsletter Published
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Activity Day
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Last Day of School