



Ysgol Gyfun

PENYRHEOL

Comprehensive School

Friday 4th July 2025

Headteacher's Fortnightly Letter – Number 17

Dear Parent/Carer,

Since the last Headteacher's letter, we enjoyed a spectacular Summer Concert last week in the theatre. We had over ninety pupils involved and it was a joyous night of high-quality music across an eclectic range of genres. Who needs Glastonbury?

We have also welcomed our new Year 7s for September into school for two taster days. This was followed up with a Year 6 sports day, with our pupils officiating, at Ashleigh Road yesterday. Earlier in the week, Year 10 enjoyed an exciting and informative taster day at Gower College. This morning we held the last ALN Coffee Morning of the year. We will continue to offer ALN Coffee Mornings next academic year but we will also offer a number of different coffee mornings to help us fully engage with our community.

As I am typing this, we have just over two weeks to go until the end of term. This letter is fairly short and it will be the final letter of this academic year. During the last week of term, the Summer Newsletter will be published. This will be packed with photos and articles and will show what brilliant things our pupils have achieved this year.

Sporting News

Some of our Y7-10 pupils took part in the Afan Need Tawe schools athletics boys competition on Thursday 26th June. All pupils showed great determination and efforts in their events. Here are some of our standout performers:

Leon Harris - Junior Boys 100m Final - 2nd Place
Sam Jones - Junior Boys High Jump - 1st Place
Awstin Guy - Junior Boys 300m Final - 3rd Place
Alex Griffiths - Junior Boys 800m Final - 5th place
Joshua Edwards - Junior Boys Triple Jump - 3rd Place
Felix Jenkins - Middle Boys 100m Final - 2nd Place

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Parent/Carer Survey – Mobile Phones

Early next week, I will be sharing a video with all parents/carers with regards to our plans for mobile phone use next year. I will also be sharing parent/carers feedback and also how we have used that parent/carers feedback in our planning for next year. Please keep an eye out for that.

Core Value Hot Chocolate Friday



On Friday 27th June, I was joined by Owen (Year 7), Ben (Year 8), Aimee (Year 9), and Polly (Year 10)

Polly was nominated for the Core Value of **Thrive**.
Ben and Aimee were nominated for the Core Value of **Aspire**.
Owen 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 in the last two weeks has been 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	16	2
8	17	2
9	14	2.3
10	9	1.4

Over the last two school weeks, the average Penyrheol pupil has achieved over 7 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 7 th July	Year 10 Work Experience Begins
Tuesday 8 th July	
Wednesday 9 th July	Sports Day Core Values Awards Evening (5:00pm – 7:00pm)
Thursday 10 th July	Year 9 Geography Optees Trip
Friday 11 th July	
Monday 14 th July	
Tuesday 15 th July	Activity Day (rearranged)
Wednesday 16 th July	Year 7 Report 2 Issued Year 8 Report 2 Issued Sports Day (Finals)
Thursday 17 th July	
Friday 18 th July	Last Day of Term!!!!!!!