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PENYRHEOL

Comprehensive School

Friday 17th October 2025

Headteacher's Fortnightly Letter – Number 3

Dear Parent/Carer,

Since the last fortnightly letter, the RAF have visited and they gave a talk in a special assembly. Last week, Gower College staff visited and spent an hour with Year 11 pupils sharing information about their potential next steps. Last Friday, Good News came into school and our Year 7 pupils were treated to a special assembly. Our pupils were immaculately well behaved and so respectful to our guests. Many of our pupils took a red bible away as a present.

Last Friday we had a non-uniform day for World Mental Health Day where we encouraged pupils to wear yellow. All donations have gone to the Jac Lewis Foundation.

On Monday 13th October, we welcomed parents/carers into school for a progress evening with their child's Progress and Wellbeing Coach. Attendance was excellent and it was a pleasure to meet so many of our pupils' parents/carers.

Yesterday we welcomed a group called Future Bosses and they spent two lessons with our pupils delivering 'Speak Smart, Write Sharp'.

Our preparation for next week's (amazing) school show 'High School Musical' has really gone up a level and our pupils have been putting the hours in so they are ready to rock next week. I hope they enjoy it- we are all in this together!

On Monday 3rd November we have an INSET day. However, we will be expecting our Year 11s in, and in uniform as normal, for their English GCSE exam.

Sporting News

It's been a busy two weeks for our boys' Football Teams. Last week, Year 8 team went away to Bryntawe and despite a great performance lost narrowly 3-2.

Year 7 boys had a convincing win this week over Gowerton 7-1. Well played to all.

Year 8 played last night and they produced another great performance. The game ended in a well-deserved 1-1 draw against Birchgrove. Well done to all 18 players involved.

Next week is a big week with year 7 and 9 involved in round 2 of the welsh cup.

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In boys' rugby, our year 9 rugby team have had two Ospreys league fixtures over the last two weeks. One excellent win away at Birchgrove and a tough defeat at home to Gwyr. Year 10 also lost in their away fixture at Birchgrove. We await the league outcomes to find out our position in the knockout rounds. Straight after half term Year 7 and Year 8 will be back in action against Morryston.



Year 9 Rugby Team

In girls' football, the only game we had this week was the U13 Cup game against Cefn Hengoed.

It was a very competitive game where both teams played very well and fought right until the end. It ended with a 4-4 draw and then went to penalties. Niamh Davies stepped up as her first game as a goal keeper and saved 4 penalties! Unfortunately, Cefn Hengoed came away with the win on the last penalty. Good luck to them in the next round.

Both U13 and U15 girls teams have upcoming games next week against Gowerton and Coleg Cymunedol Y Dderwen for the cup game.

Our Year 7 Netball match this week was cancelled due to transport issues; however, we have matches next week against Pontardulais and Morryston for Years 7, 8 and 10.

Attendance at Netball club sessions has remained strong, with pupils consistently showing outstanding dedication to weekly training.

Who will it be next time?

Standards

Attendance in the last three weeks has dropped to 88% which does reflect the number of seasonal illnesses that are still circulating. Wherever possible, please ensure your child attends school. Missing school means missing out on learning.

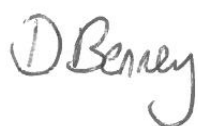
Parents/carers can track their child's achievement and behaviour points on the ClassCharts app. The information below shows the average achievement and behaviour points that a pupil in each year group has accrued **over the last two school weeks**. This may be a useful comparison when you look at your child's points.

Year	Achievement Points	Behaviour Points
7	26	0.8
8	23	1.9
9	23	2.9
10	18	2.2
11	12.8	2.7

Over the last two and a half 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,



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Appendix

What's happening in the next two weeks

Monday 20 th October	School Production Matinee School Production (7pm)
Tuesday 21 st October	School Production (7pm)
Wednesday 22 nd October	School Production (7pm)
Thursday 23 rd October	PTA Meeting in LRC (3:10pm -4:30pm) School Production (7pm)
Friday 24 th October	Careers Bites Lunchtime Sessions (LRC)
Half Term	
Monday 3 rd November	Year 11 Interim Assessment Week Year 11 English Exam INSET Day
Tuesday 4 th November	Year 11 Numeracy Exam
Wednesday 5 th November	Year 11 English Exam Transition Year 6 MAT Science Challenge (1:20pm -3:00pm)
Thursday 6 th November	Health and Wellbeing Lesson 1 Year 11 Numeracy Exam PTA Meeting in LRC (3:10pm -4:30pm)
Friday 7 th November	

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