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PENYRHEOL

Comprehensive School

Friday 21st November 2025

Headteacher's Fortnightly Letter – Number 5

Dear Parent/Carer,

Since the last Headteacher's letter, our Year 11s have completed their November GCSE exams, they have undertaken controlled assessments in Drama and Music and they have all taken home their interim reports. On Thursday 20th November, we welcomed our Aspire pupils and parents/carers to a Year 11 Aspire Evening in the canteen.

Our Year 10s have been busy delivering their oral presentations for their English GCSE this week. This morning, we held our usual and regular ALN coffee morning. It was great to see so many parents/carers attend.

Last week we had a 'Lockdown' drill. As I am sure parents/carers have read in the news, over the last few years, a number of schools in Wales have had to go into 'Lockdown.' In nearly all cases, it has been a case of being overly cautious. I am sure parents/carers understand why we need to practise this. We will very likely have another drill later this year.



Next Wednesday 26th November we have our annual Christmas Fayre in the Theatre. This has been a very special event for the last few years and I hope to see as many of you there as possible.

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Sporting News

In Boys Football, Year 8 progressed to the 3rd round of the Welsh cup with a brilliant 4-1 win over Dwr Y Felin in very tough conditions.

The year 9s have their 4th round tie next Monday 24th November at home against Y Dderwen. There are also league matches for year 8 on Tuesday away against Pentrehafod and years 7 and 10 next Thursday who are home against Olchfa.

In Girls Football, the u15s won their league game on Tuesday against Olchfa 4-3 in a very competitive game. Penyrheol even went down to 10 players in the last 10 minutes due to injuries and still managed to hold their own. Well done!

They also have a Welsh cup game against Morryston next Tuesday. We wish them all the luck for that game!

Core Value Hot Chocolate Friday



On Friday 14th November, I was joined by Poppy (Year 7), Elsie (Year 8), Thomas (Year 9), Taya (Year 10) and Liam (Year 11).

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

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

Taya was nominated for the Core Value **Thrive**.

Elsie and Liam 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?

Standards

Attendance in the last three weeks has dropped to 86%. Wherever possible, please ensure your child attends school. Missing school means missing out on learning.

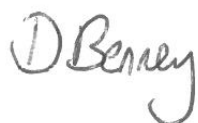
Parents/carers can track their child's achievement and behaviour points on the ClassCharts app. The information below shows the average achievement and behaviour points that a pupil in each year group has accrued **over the last two school weeks**. This may be a useful comparison when you look at your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

Year	Achievement Points	Behaviour Points
7	30.5	1.3
8	29	1.9
9	23	3
10	14.3	1.9
11	13	2.3

Over the last two and a half school weeks, the average Penyrheol pupil has achieved over 10 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 24 th November	Year 11 Geography NEA
Tuesday 25 th November	Year 11 Music Controlled Assessment WBQ Baking Session Preparing for Christmas Fayre (3:00–4:40pm)
Wednesday 26 th November	Year 11 Geography NEA Christmas Fayre in Theatre (3:30pm – 5:00pm)
Thursday 27 th November	Year 10/11 Trip – To Kill a Mockingbird (Millennium Centre, Cardiff)
Friday 28 th November	Year 10 Interim Reports Issued Year 11 Geography NEA Careers Bites Lunchtime Sessions (LRC)
Monday 1 st December	Year 8 Action Fortnight Year 9 Progress Evening
Tuesday 2 nd December	Year 11 Geography NEA
Wednesday 3 rd December	Year 11 Mock Exams Start Year 9 Tasty Careers Challenge
Thursday 4 th December	Fluenz Vaccinations
Friday 5 th December	Fluenz Vaccinations STF Alumni Reunion (1.30pm-3pm)- library