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PENYRHEOL

Comprehensive School

Friday 16th January 2026

Headteacher's Fortnightly Letter – Number 7

Dear Parent/Carer,

The last headteacher's letter was due on Friday 19th December but this was the date that the [Termly Newsletter](#) was published. Therefore, this is the first letter published in the last four school weeks.

Since the last Headteacher's letter, Year 10 have completed their WBQ pitches, we enjoyed a fabulous Christmas Carol Concert at St Catherines Church and our PE Department completed a very successful, tiring but enjoyable skiing trip to Italy.

In this last week, Year 11 have been working on their Practical Exams in Science and Year 7 have had their assessment week.

Before Christmas our PTA ran a very successful Prom Event in the Theatre on Thursday 11th December. A number of our pupils modelled suits and dresses and the event was a massive success.



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Sporting News

In Boys football, Year 9 played Bryntawe earlier this week. In a highly competitive match, we eventually lost 3-2. Next week Year 9 boys play Pontarddulais at home on Tuesday and Year 7 are at home on Thursday to Bishop Gore.

In rugby, our Year 8 and Year 10 suffered two defeats in the Swansea cup knockout rounds at Morriston this week. Year 8 played fantastically well but fell short 28-26. Year 10 lost their fixture 27-10. Year 11 travel to Bryntawe for their Swansea cup fixture next week.

We have had four boys who have been selected for the Ospreys West squad. The boys are Finn Walsh, Logan Ireland, Tom Clapham and Felix Jenkins. This is a brilliant achievement to have four pupils chosen from the same school. Well done, lads!!

Meet our New Year 7 Sports Ambassadors



We are thrilled to introduce our fantastic Year 7 Sports Ambassadors: Penny, Olivia, Sophia, Jake, Jayden and Zakk.

After successfully completing their training course, they have hit the ground running. With staff support, our ambassadors now lead two exciting lunchtime sports clubs:

Mondays - Badminton Club for Years 7 & 8
Wednesdays- Dodgeball Club, exclusively for Year 7

Both clubs take place at lunchtime from 1.25-1.55pm and are a brilliant way to stay active, have fun and get involved. Interested in joining in or supporting the clubs? Catch one of our Sports Ambassadors at school and get involved - everyone is welcome!

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Core Value Hot Chocolate Friday

On Friday 12th December, I was joined by Jenson-Jae (Year 7), Liam (Year 8), Ava (Year 9), Tyler (Year 10) and Polly (Year 11).

Liam was nominated for the Core Value of **Aspire**.
Ava and Tyler were nominated for the Core Value **Thrive**.
Polly and Jenson-Jae were nominated for the Core Value of **Belong**.



On Friday 12th 9th January, I was joined by Harry (Year 7), Mia and Liam – this time he stayed and had his hot chocolate (Year 8), Jake (Year 10) and Dylan (Year 11).



Jake was nominated for the Core Value of **Respect**.
Mia and Dylan were nominated for the Core Value of **Aspire**.
Harry was 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 for the last two weeks was 85%. 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	17.7	1.6
8	17.2	1.7
9	17.6	2.3
10	10.7	1.6
11	7	1.2

Over the last two school weeks, the average Penyrheol pupil has achieved over 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

Monday 19 th January	Health and Wellbeing Lesson 1 Year 9 Tasty Careers Challenge (rearranged) (L3-4)
Tuesday 20 th January	
Wednesday 21 st January	
Thursday 22 nd January	Transition Year 5 Parents/Carers Event at Pontybrenin
Friday 23 rd January	Year 11 H&SC NHS workshop, L2 and 3 (LRC)
Monday 26 th January	Year 7 Action Fortnight
Tuesday 27 th January	Safeguarding Surgery (4.00pm – 6.00pm) Year 11 Business Trip to Swansea.com stadium Holocaust Memorial Day- chamber choir at Swansea.com stadium Year 11 Musical Showcase (Theatre 5:30pm -6:30pm)
Wednesday 28 th January	Year 11 Gower College Interviews Year 11 Reports Issued
Thursday 29 th January	Year 11 Gower College Interviews Ospreys Trip to Sony (L3-5) Transition Year 5 Parents/Carers Event at Treuchaf
Friday 30 th January	ALN Coffee Morning L1 Canteen Careers Bites Lunchtime Sessions (LRC) Year 10 (Year 11) BTEC Sport Exam (11.30am- online) ICT2/3/5 and library