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PENYRHEOL

Comprehensive School

Friday 31st January 2025

Headteacher's Fortnightly Letter – Number 8

Dear Parent/Carer,

Since the last Headteacher's letter, all pupils across the school have undertaken their first Health and Wellbeing lesson of this calendar year. Year 7 have started their 'Action Fortnight' following their recent assessments. This action fortnight is the opportunity for pupils to work on the feedback from their assessments. It has been so pleasing to see how committed and focused our Year 7s have been during their assessment window and through their action fortnight. Year 9 have started their option process and this is an exciting time for the year group. Year 11 have undertaken their Gower College interviews and they have done themselves proud. The Gower College staff have been full of praise for our wonderful students.

Sporting News

Rugby

In boys' rugby, Year 7 lost their Swansea cup fixture away against Pontarddulais on Wednesday 27-14. It was a brilliant effort by all pupils involved.



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Year 8 are in the quarter final of the Swansea cup and will be playing either Bryntawe or Cefn Hengoed.

Year 9 won their first round Swansea cup game home against Bishop Gore last Thursday 42-5.

Year 10 have progressed to the Swansea cup semi-final where they will play either Gwyr or Morryston.

Year 11 play their first round cup game against Cefn Hengoed at home on the 11th February.

Football

It was a great result for the U13 girls football team this week, in their very competitive game against Gwyr. The girls were successful with a 4-2 win. Well done, all.

The Year 8 boys football team were involved in a very close game against local rivals Pontarddulais last week. Despite losing 3-2 the effort and commitment from the boys was amazing, especially as at one point they were 3-0 down.

Year 9 on the same night were also involved in a very close game against the same opponents, but this time the result went in our favour with our boys winning 1-0. To complete a great few weeks for Year 9, the team drew 2-2 with Morryston yesterday after school.

Core Value Hot Chocolate Friday



On Friday 10th January, I was joined by Eva (Year 7), Isabelle (Year 8), Trystan (Year 9), Max (Year 10) and Rhianna (Year 11).

Eva and Max were nominated for the Core Value **Respect**.

Isabelle was nominated for the Core Value of **Thrive**.

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

Trystan 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?

Parent/Carer Survey

We recently asked parents/carers to complete a questionnaire on Wellbeing. The results have been very useful to us as a school and we will be undertaking a number of actions as result of your responses. I would very much appreciate as many parents/carers completing a general questionnaire on the school. The survey is anonymous. Your voice matters and we would like to hear your opinions:

The link to the questionnaire is in the ClassCharts announcement.

Standards

Attendance over the last two weeks has dipped to 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	21	1.5
8	22	2
9	16	1.5
10	10.5	1.5
11	11	1

Over the last four school weeks, the average Penyrheol pupil has achieved **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 3 rd February	Year 11 Photographs Year 11 Progress Evening
Tuesday 4 th February	Health & Wellbeing Lesson 1
Wednesday 5 th February	
Thursday 6 th February	Music Year 11 Controlled Assessment (rearranged) Year 5 Parents/Carers Event at Casllwchwr
Friday 7 th February	
Monday 10 th February	Year 9 Exam Week
Tuesday 11 th February	
Wednesday 12 th February	BTEC Business Exam 11.30am (resit) Year 11 Music Controlled Assessment
Thursday 13 th February	Year 7 Report 1 Issued Year 11 Art GCSE Trip (rearranged)
Friday 14 th February	WJEC INSET DAY