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PENYRHEOL

Comprehensive School

Friday 30th January 2026

Headteacher's Fortnightly Letter – Number 8

Dear Parent/Carer,

Since the last Headteacher's letter, Year 7 have started their 'Action Fortnight' following their recent assessments. Some of our Year 9 pupils took part in an Ospreys trip to the Sony factory. It has been a very busy few weeks for Year 11. They have enjoyed an NHS workshop in their Health and Social Care lessons, our Business Studies pupils have been out on a trip to the Swansea.com stadium and our music pupils have performed for parents/carers in their Year 11 Musical Showcase in the theatre. Year 11 have also had their final (ever) school report and they have also had their Gower College interviews this week. The Gower College staff were impressed with their maturity and how personable and polite the pupils were.

A highlight this week was our chamber choir performing at the Holocaust Memorial Day event at the Swansea.com Stadium on Tuesday 29th January. They performed brilliantly and were an absolute credit to their community.



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Sporting News

Despite the difficult weather conditions over the last few weeks, we have still managed to get some fixtures played.

In football, last week our year 7 boys took on an unbeaten Bishop Gore. The game was very tight but, in the end, we were beaten 5-2. Well done to all players who gave their all in tough conditions.

This Tuesday our year 9s took on Pontarddulais (again in horrible conditions). After a great start and some resilient defending we finished the game winning 4-1.

In rugby, our Year 9 boys rugby lost their Ospreys plate semi-final last week in a tightly contested game at Pontarddulais. Good luck to Bont in the final!

Our Year 11 rugby team won their first round Swansea Cup match against Bryntawe today 38-20. It was a thrilling game with some fantastic line breaks from both teams.

Year 7 have their Swansea cup second round next Wednesday against Olchfa at home.



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WED 28TH JAN, 7:15PM KO, CHURCH BANK, LLANDOVERY

FORWARDS	BACKS
1 MATTI HARPER	9 MARTY LEWIS (VC)
2 LOGAN JAMES (C)	10 HARRISON HOOK
3 CHARLIE THOMAS	11 SEGUN AL-BARWANI
4 JOEL WALLACE	12 OLIVER HOPKINS
5 JACOB JONES	13 LOGAN IRELAND
6 IESTYN JONES	14 JAIDYN RYAN-YOUNG
7 FINN WALSH	15 JOSEPH BAILEY
8 THOMAS MAY	

REPLACEMENTS

16 WILL FULLER 17 LIAM MATTHEWS DAVIES 18 COBY ROBBINS 19 ELIS LEWIS
20 KOBY ROGERS 21 BEN MINSHALL 22 THOMAS CLAPHAM 23 IZAK AIONO

Congratulations to Finn Walsh, Logan Ireland and Tom Clapham for representing the Ospreys West U16's against the Scarlets on Wednesday 29th January.

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On Wednesday 28th January, we had 33 pupils across Years 7-11, representing the school at the ANT Cross Country Championships at Margam Park. Despite the sun shining, the underfoot conditions were extremely challenging, with very muddy ground throughout the course. All pupils competed with great determination and represented the school admirably.



Well done to the Year 8 and Year 10 Netball teams who took on Birchgrove Comprehensive this week. The Year 10 team secured a convincing victory, winning 14-2, with everyone playing extremely well and showing excellent skill and teamwork throughout the match. Players of the Match - Ava P and Molly P.

The Year 8 girls also competed strongly and despite a narrow two-goal loss, made it very challenging for the opposition. Both teams showed great determination and represented the school brilliantly. Player of the Match - Seren M

Congratulations to Penny S-D in Year 7, who was crowned Welsh Champion in Ju-Jitsu at the weekend. This is a fantastic achievement and a testament to her hard work, dedication and commitment to her sport.

Core Value Hot Chocolate Friday

On Friday 23rd January, I was joined by Noah (Year 7), Damon (Year 8), Isabel (Year 9), Maddison (Year 10) and Preston (Year 11).



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

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

Noah and Maddison were nominated for the Core Value **Thrive**.

Preston 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 up to 87%. Wherever possible, please ensure your child attends school. Missing school means missing out on learning.

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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	15	2.5
8	21	2.8
9	18.9	2.4
10	15.6	1.5
11	10	2

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,



Damian Benney

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Appendix

What's happening in the next two weeks

Monday 2 nd February	Penyrheol Parliament Meeting (This Week) Year 11 Progress Evening
Tuesday 3 rd February	Health and Wellbeing Lesson 1 Year 9 Exam Week (starts) Year 11 Music Performance Exam
Wednesday 4 th February	
Thursday 5 th February	Year 11 Photos Year 11 Music Performance Exam PTA Meeting in LRC (3:10pm -4:30pm)
Friday 6 th February	
Monday 9 th February	ALN Review Week Year 9 Options Fayre (from 3.15pm) Year 10 English NEA (Group Discussions) this week
Tuesday 10 th February	
Wednesday 11 th February	Year 7 Report 1 Issued Transition Year 6 MAT Science Challenge (1:20pm -3:00pm) Young Dragons Trip
Thursday 12 th February	Year 10/11 Art Trip - Wake the Tiger, Bristol. Year 9 Space Science Event (F12) Year 9 Ethics Trip: Black History Music Event
Friday 13 th February	INSET Day Initial Options Deadline