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# PENYRHEOL

Comprehensive School

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2025

## Headteacher's Fortnightly Letter – Number 9

Dear Parent/Carer,

Since the last Headteacher's letter, Year 11 pupils have undertaken their Music Controlled Assessments, our Business Studies pupils have sat their online exam and our Art students have been to an immersive Art Exhibition in Bristol. Our Year 9s have had a busy week taking their Year 9 exams. It is their first experience of taking exams in the more formal setting of the theatre. This will help them be prepared for their GCSEs next year. Year 9 have conducted themselves superbly during their exam week. Yesterday, our Year 7s took home their first report. I hope that parents/carers can see the progress they have made since joining us.

### Sporting News

Last week the Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9/10 teams competed at the Swansea School girls football tournament. All of the teams played superbly and represented the school with honour. Although the year 8 team came 2<sup>nd</sup> in their pool, unfortunately they were not able to qualify for the final. The football girls have been incredibly dedicated to every training session this year and are so motivated to play their best in every match. They have been a pleasure to coach!



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Congratulations to Grace who was selected to represent Swansea School girls and Swansea City Football Club to play numerous games last weekend in Bristol and Kent. Grace is thriving in her football career and has played numerous games just in the last week. We wish Grace every success in her upcoming games.



Congratulations to Harry and Ellis in Year 7 who were selected to represent Swansea School Boys in a recent game in Liverpool. Unfortunately, they were not successful with a win but they both played very well and enjoyed the match. Well done boys!

### Netball

Well done to Libby Beynon (Year 8) and Annabel Williams (Year 10) who represented West Wales last weekend at the Inter-Counties Netball Championships in Bangor. A great achievement for both girls!

### Badminton

Well done to all our pupils who took part in the Badminton Wales Shuttle Time Competition at the LC last Monday. All our pupils demonstrated commendable performance, competing exceptionally well against other schools. Despite all our teams securing second place in their respective pools and narrowly missing out on advancement to the semi-final stage, they achieved numerous victories in both singles and doubles matches throughout the day.

### Gymnastics

Good luck to Eve Williams (Year 7) and Lily Gaisford (Year 8) who travel to Newport next week to represent the school at the Welsh Schools Sports Acro Championships.

### Boys Football

In the last two weeks our boys football teams have moved from strength to strength. Last Tuesday, our year 9 boys earned a 2-2 draw with Morryston. Despite missing a few key players, the boys that were available put in a strong performance.

Last Thursday, the attention turned to our year 11 boys. Having recently won their first ever match the boys were confident going into a home game against Bishop Vaughan. However, the boys did not get off to a great start when just after half time they found themselves 3 nil down, then from somewhere they found an inner belief and with 4 second half goals ended up winning 4-3. AMAZING!

This week saw the year 8 boys back in action against Cefn Hengoed. Just like the year 11s, they didn't start well going 1 nil down in the first few minutes. They however then managed to compose themselves, running out 5-1 winners in the end.

Well done to all players.

Next week is a busy week for year 7 with a match on Monday and Tuesday, both at home.

### Boys Rugby

Year 11 rugby had an excellent start to their Swansea cup campaign last night, beating Cefn Hengoed 45-0. Only 7 points were scored in the first half, which showed how competitive the game started. Penyrheol managed to pull away in the second half.



Year 8 had their rugby festival at Maesydderwen yesterday. Details will follow in the next Headteacher's Letter.

### Parent/Carer Survey

Two weeks ago, we asked parents/carers to complete a general questionnaire. The results so far have been very useful and we looking to identify a number of follow up actions as a result of your responses. Please can any parents/carers that have not yet completed the survey, please do so if you have a chance. Your voice matters and we would like to hear your opinions. The survey link is in the ClassCharts message that shared this letter.

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## Core Value Hot Chocolate Friday



On Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February, I was joined by Eli (Year 7), Jacob (Year 8), Rosa (Year 9), Gem (Year 10) and Phoebe (Year 11).

Phoebe was nominated for the Core Value **Respect**.

Eli, Jacob and Rosa were nominated for the Core Value of **Thrive**.

Gem 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?

## Year 11 Parents/Carers and Pupils – Exams

All Year 11 parents/carers and pupils are invited to one of the following sessions we have on exams, exam stress and revision next Thursday:

Getting Revision Right-  
a 'how to' guide for  
parents/carers and pupils



JOIN US ON THURSDAY 20TH FEBRUARY  
3.30 - 4.30PM OR 5 - 6PM IN THE  
SCHOOL CANTEEN FOR ADVICE ON  
HOW TO REVISE AND MANAGE STRESS  
DURING YOUR GCSE'S.



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## Standards

Attendance over the last two weeks has increased to 89% 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	23	1
8	23	2.4
9	11	1.5
10	10	2
11	11	0.5

Over the last four school weeks, the average Penyrheol pupil has achieved 9.5 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 17 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 9 Options Fayre (3:10pm to 4:00pm) and presentation for Parents/Carers (4:10pm – 4:40pm)
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> February	
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	Health & Wellbeing Lesson 1 Year 6 MAT Science Challenge (1.20 p.m. – 3.00 p.m.)
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 11 Parents/Carers Revision Information Evening
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	Year 7 and 8 Eisteddfod
Half Term Holiday	
Monday March 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 9 Action Fortnight Initial Option Deadline <b>Year 8 Progress Evening</b>
Tuesday March 4 <sup>th</sup>	
Wednesday March 5 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 MAT Maths Challenge (2.00 p.m. – 3.00 p.m.)
Thursday March 6 <sup>th</sup>	Year 10 and 11 Drama and Music Trip Disneyland Paris trip departs (evening)
Friday March 7 <sup>th</sup>	ALN Coffee Morning Lesson 1