



Ysgol Gyfun

PENYRHEOL

Comprehensive School

Friday 13th February 2026

Headteacher's Fortnightly Letter – Number 9

Dear Parent/Carer,

Since the last Headteacher's letter, Year 11 have had their Music Performance Exam and on Monday 2nd February we welcomed Year 11 Parents/Carers in to discuss their child's progress in their final Progress Evening. Thank you to all parents/carers that attended. Year 9 pupils and parents/carers enjoyed their 'Options Fayre' on Monday 9th February. We had a great turnout and again, thank you to parents/carers for your attendance and support.

Yesterday, we had four trips leaving Penyrheol. Our Year 10 and 11 Art Students attended Wake the Tiger in Bristol for an immersive art experience. We also took Year 10 and 11 Drama students to visit The Dylan Thomas Theatre in Swansea to watch a production of 'The Curious Incident of The Dog in the Night-time'. One of our ex-pupils was a lead in the show.



Finally, I took a group of 12 Year 9 pupils to the Swansea.com stadium to take part in a wellbeing session. The pupils got to meet Lynne Neagle, the Welsh Minister for Education. The session was filmed with the view to our school featuring on the Welsh news.

We also took a group of Year 9 pupils to attend a Black History Month Music event at the Swansea Arena.



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Year 7 reports were supposed to come out this week. Due to ongoing issues we (as well as every other Swansea school) are having with our change of Management Information Systems, there has been a delay until after half term. My apologies for this inconvenience.

Parent Governors

Congratulations to:

Drew Shepherd (returning)

Jo Ralph (returning)

Katy Booth

Carly Stevens

These Parent Governors are now starting their two-year post as Governors of the school.

Sporting News



On Monday 9th February, 16 pupils attended the Badminton Wales competition at LC2. Everyone competed extremely well against other Swansea schools. A special mention goes to our Year 8 boys' team (Derrick O, Panos D, Jack T and Weitong Y) who reached the semi-final stage where they faced Ysgol Gyfun Gwyr. Although they were narrowly defeated, the team performed brilliantly and just missed out on a place in the final.

Congratulations to Alisha in Year 9, who recently competed in a Clubs competition. She achieved an excellent 5th place in her 50m freestyle race and 5th in breaststroke. A fantastic achievement - well done and keep up the hard work!



Our Netball teams have also been in action over the last fortnight. The Year 9 team played against Pentrehafod and secured an impressive 9-2 victory.

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Meanwhile, the Year 7 teams took on Birchgrove in two closely contested matches. Despite both games being very competitive, we unfortunately lost each by just one goal.

In Boys Rugby, Year 7 lost their Swansea Cup clash with Olchfa last week. It was a quick and open running game which led to some excellent rugby being played. Unfortunately, the home team fell short.

This week Year 7 got the win against Bishop Gore in a friendly match after drawing the same fixture earlier this year. It was excellent seeing some new faces in the squad. The game ended 36-19. Well done to all involved.

After half term we hope to get our combined Year 10 and 11 teams involved in two friendly fixtures in preparation for our upcoming Toronto sports tour.

In Boys football, last Thursday saw the year 10s take on local rivals Pontarddulias, and once again in very tough conditions. After a very tight game we eventually lost 1-0.

Core Value Hot Chocolate Friday



On Friday 6th February, I was joined by Isla (Year 7), Cameron (Year 8), Harley (Year 9), Caydian (Year 10) and Ashton, Hallie and Sawyer (Year 11).

Isla and Harley were nominated for the Core Value of **Respect**. Cameron, Caydian, Ashton, Hallie and Sawyer 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 for the last two weeks remained at 87 %. 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	24	2.5
8	18.5	4
9	12	2
10	15.5	1.5
11	8	1.5

Over the last two school weeks, the average Penyrheol pupil has achieved 7 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 23 rd February	Year 9 Action Fortnight Year 9 Film and Digital Media Workshop (L4-5)
Tuesday 24 th February	Hospitality and Catering Year 11 Practical
Wednesday 25 th February	Health and Wellbeing Lesson 1 Hospitality and Catering Year 11 Practical
Thursday 26 th February	Year 8 HPV vaccination
Friday 27 th February	Year 7/8 Eisteddfod Careers Bites Lunchtime Sessions (LRC)
Monday 2 nd March	Year 10 Exam Week
Tuesday 3 rd March	
Wednesday 4 th March	Transition Year 6 MAT Maths Challenge (2:00pm -3:00pm)
Thursday 5 th March	Disney Trip Departs (Returning 8 th March) PE Moderator in school HPV vaccination catch up (Year 8) PTA Meeting in LRC (3:10pm -4:30pm)
Friday 6 th March	ALN Coffee Morning L1 Canteen