

Welcome to the third edition of the **Porthcawl Post** for the school year 2013-2014



Porthcawl Post

Porthcawl Comprehensive School Newsletter ~ Summer 2014



Headteacher's Address

It is hard to think another year has gone past, and quite an eventful one for our school. As the school year draws to a close, there are a number of important issues to share.

First and foremost, there are two teachers who will retire at the end of this year. We will say a fond farewell to Mr John Buckley, teacher of Geography and Head of Year 13. Mr Buckley has taught at our school since 1992 and has made a massive contribution in a variety of roles over the years. The greatest single contribution must be the quality of the pastoral care John has given, especially in the Sixth Form. 'JAB' has always seen the best in everyone, and will go the extra mile to ensure the best outcomes for the youngsters in his charge. Pastoral work with Sixth Form students can be a great challenge, this is a challenge John has risen to and more than met. There are many people in our community of Porthcawl whose lives are all the better for the care, advice and guidance provided by Mr Buckley.

The second teacher to retire this Summer is Ms Siân Davies, Head of Religious Studies. Ms Davies moved from Maesteg School in 1998 and has taught at our school ever since. It is true to say that Religious Studies has undergone a revolution while Ms Davies has been at the helm. Room D9, Ms

Davies' room is the most vibrant and attractive in the school – a testimony to her love for her subject. Her passion and enthusiasm for Religious Studies has been quite infectious in our school, with greatly increased numbers at GCSE and A level. Not only have numbers of students risen, but the quality has remained, with excellent results year on year. Ms Davies has also contributed much outside of the classroom. There have been very exotic trips to India as well as the regular trips to London as part of Activities' Week.

All at our school wish both Mr Buckley and Ms Davies a long, happy and healthy retirement. The school will be a poorer place with the loss of two such excellent teachers.

Visitors to school and readers of the local press will have noted the improvements to A Block. On Friday 9th May, we were delighted to host Madeleine Moon MP, the Mayor and Mayoress of Bridgend, Cllr Clive James and Cllr Pauline James and the Mayor of Porthcawl, Cllr Sean Aspey. Madeleine Moon, accompanied by Mrs Maureen Carlson, Chair of Governors officially opened the improved reception area. The main talking point was the magnificent stained glass window above the entrance. This spectacular piece of art was designed and created by Mr Mike Evans of our Technology Department. Mr Evans has taken the Dragon from our school badge, and immersed it in a maritime theme to recognise the location of our school. This stained glass window will remain as a fitting tribute

to Mr Evans and his work at our school. Finally, I must also thank Bethany Beck and Josi Williams of Year 9 as well as the other children who assisted Mr Evans in the completion of this project.

In our last 'Porthcawl Post', I indicated we would improve the physical security of the campus. The site remains a very open and exposed campus so there is the potential risk to our children. The new gates and fences mean access to and from the site is greatly reduced, this clearly reduces the potential harm to our children. I have had a few complaints about the changes. I must say it saddens me that a short cut to town is more important than child safety, in the view of a few people.

I started this article with a few farewells, and so I will end it. I would like to thank the Head Team for all they have done over the past year. This fine group of young people have helped raise over £7700, which was donated in the vicinity. The Head Team have represented the school locally, and have assisted in all of the events we have enjoyed over the year. So may I, on behalf of everyone, thank Dylan Squires, Jenny Sham and the Head Team for everything. Finally, good luck and best wishes to all who are doing their examinations this Summer – I'm sure they will do us proud. And to those leaving for university or work, good luck and do call in if you are in the area, we are always pleased to see you and hear how well you are doing.

Andrew Slade



Opening of new reception facilities at Porthcawl Comprehensive School

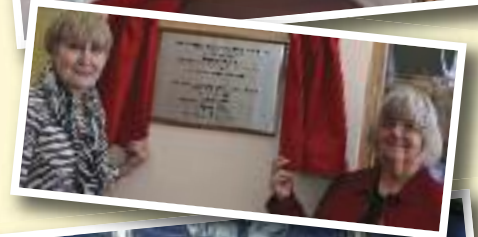


Porthcawl Comprehensive School is delighted to announce the official opening of their new reception area by Madeleine Moon MP. The MP for Bridgend reaffirmed her close relationship with the school when the new suite of facilities was officially opened on Friday 9th May. The Mayor of Bridgend, Cllr Clive James, the Mayoress, Cllr Pauline James and the new Mayor of Porthcawl, Cllr Sean Aspy were all present at the unveiling of the commemorative plaque. Chairperson of Governors, Mrs M Carlson commented on what an improvement the alterations were to the school, and how the changes would help the school function more efficiently.



The centre piece of the development is the stained glass window above the door. This fantastic piece was designed and created by Mr Mike Evans of the School's Technology Department. Mr Evans has expertly taken the school badge and incorporated it into a maritime theme to reflect the seaside location of the school. This project was a collaborative effort, with several younger students, including Bethany Beck and Josi Williams (both Year 9), helping Mr Evans to create this spectacular work of art. Headteacher, Andrew Slade noted, "It is quite incredible how talented some people are, it is also fortunate that they teach at Porthcawl Comprehensive School! Thank you for creating such a fitting legacy which we shall continue to enjoy for the years to come."

Thanks also go to Malcolm Nugent for the excellent photographs.



Debating Club

Porthcawl Comprehensive Debating Society was set up for Year 11's to be able to express ourselves and our opinions on set topics. We meet on Thursday lunchtimes in P15. So far, we've debated: raising the driving age, legalising cannabis, banning Christmas (topical for Christmas), reintroducing capital punishment, condoning corporal punishment and banning tobacco products from the UK.

Debating is a thrilling sport that can give you a great adrenaline rush, as well as giving people the opportunity to express their views – whatever they may be! Being a member of a debating society also looks really good on CVs and UCAS applications: you are confident, able to advocate opinions, are accepting and respectfully challenging of other beliefs and opinions, and are competent at dealing with uncomfortable situations. Feel free to come along, Thursday lunchtimes in P15.

Matthew van Rooyen Year 11



DEVELOPING DYLAN

Lights ... Camera ... Poetry!

On 5th March, sixty Year 9 boys took part in a 'Developing Dylan' creative writing workshop with a local poet. Mab Jones, the first ever Resident Poet in the National Botanic Garden of Wales, introduced the pupils to Dylan Thomas' poetry and to some of her own work. Jacob Evans, Cameron Williams, Sam Edwards and Harry Watkins tell us more...

Mab Jones arrived at our school with a Welsh Government film crew. She seemed intrigued to find out about our interests and what we thought of poetry. X Band boys were quieter than usual and a little camera shy! Mab was pleased with our levels of engagement and enjoyed hearing our ideas.

We worked together to interpret some of the imagery in Dylan Thomas' poems and then discussed idioms. Everyone had the chance to participate and we came up with imaginative, interesting and humorous ideas in the session.

It was interesting to meet a successful writer, and to study the poem 'Fern Hill.' We had a great time, and hope Mab visits again. Thanks to Mab Jones, the film crew and to Mrs Victor for this great opportunity. We look forward to seeing X Band pupils on screen!

Jacob Evans, Cameron Williams, Sam Edwards and Harry Watkins Year 9



Well done to Robert Fenton (Year 9) for his fantastic reading of a Dylan Thomas poem for the 'Quadrant' film crew. You can listen to this on the website at www.developingdylan100.co.uk

Gardening Club

Green Fingers



The allotment at school, (around the back of the art rooms), is coming along nicely, even with some of this rainy, windy weather we have had. So far, we have planted loads of potatoes, garlic, onions, spring onions, rhubarb, asparagus and quite a few fruit trees! There is still plenty for us to plant, and given a bit of time... plenty to eat! Altogether, we have some apple, cherry, pear and plum trees and some blueberry, redberry, blackberry, raspberry and gooseberry bushes growing.

Apart from the odd snail hanging around in our wellingtons, it's good fun getting stuck in. It's a bit muddy at times but we aren't always working in the garden. Sometimes we do a bit of planting in Mrs Pleydell-Pearce's room or Mr Hutchison's; with a lot of seeding and lots of cuttings. We have made lots of new plants from the geraniums they have in the Biology Department as they keep doing experiments on them and need new ones all the time. Also, we have a plant called "the love plant" which is a weird shape but easy to grow.

We are always looking for new people to join 'Green Fingers'. It runs on a Thursday lunchtime at 1.45pm. You can just show up or see Mr Hutchison or Mrs Pleydell-Pearce for some more information. Come along!

Joseph Russell Year 7

EUROPEAN CLUB

European Club is a great way to learn French, German and Spanish through a wide range of games and activities. Recently we have been making signs to go around school in French and German, so look out for your favourite subject translated into different languages! European Club is run by Miss Rosser and Miss Floriani in P25, so if you're Year 7 or 8 come along and join in the fun!

Velindre Cancer Centre,
MacMillan Cancer Unit,
Prince Charles Hospital
TENOVUS



To thank staff for supporting our fundraising effort for these charities in 2014 by knitting and selling coloured chicks. We raised a total of £10,450.00

Mrs Megan Luff
On behalf of "The Rainbow Chicks"



@porthcawlpe

For up to date information on fixtures and practices follow PCS PE department on @porthcawlpe

DNA photocopying workshop

A group of Sixth Form pupils took a trip to Techniquet in Cardiff with the aim of learning more about DNA. A workshop took place over a few hours where we analysed a sample of our own DNA from our cheek cells, using the process of PCR and gel electrophoresis. It was an enjoyable experience which gave us the rare opportunity to view our own DNA. We also discussed the applications of these techniques in genetic engineering, gene therapy and genetic selection. We also had a fantastic time playing within Techniquet!

Tom Hunt and Sarah Kavanagh Year 13

A Polite Reminder

May I remind parents and carers that the Headteacher may only send learners home on medical grounds after consultation between yourselves and a member of staff such as our First Aider, or a Head of Year. Pupils should NOT be contacting home and signing out themselves, as this will lead to an unauthorised absence, and unnecessary distress.

Mrs V Hunt Assistant Headteacher

Gadget Show LIVE 2014

This year's Gadget Show Live was from 9th – 13th April. The ICT Department recently ran a trip to the show in Birmingham on the last day, Sunday 13th. Leaving school at 6:30am and arriving by 10:30am, we quickly went to Hall 20 to get in to the event. The Super Theatre live show started at 11am and while we were waiting, one of our tweets was shown on the big screen (Well done Peter!).

We thoroughly enjoyed the 1½ hour live show. The theme was gadgets and technology over the last 10 years. Who thought Facebook and Wi-Fi was from 2004 or YouTube started in 2005? Do you remember when the first iPhone was out in 2007? Think how much life would be different without all of these things!

After the show was over, we spent the rest of the day walking around the various stalls, looking at and buying the latest gadgets. There was masses of new techy stuff to buy, and there were lots people around. Some of us bought a new headset, someone else bought a keyboard. There was a wide range of things to buy. There were big companies there, such as Go-Pro, Cooler Master and Microsoft, as well as the small companies.

See far right for what some of us thought about the experience.



One of our tweets was shown on the big screen - well done Peter!



Amazon Rainforest in Ecuador



2015

The pupils of Porthcawl Comprehensive School have been offered the opportunity of a lifetime. Seventeen pupils will travel to Ecuador to visit the Amazon Rainforest with Plan-It Eco. Plan-It Eco is a local company run by Phil Williams.

Plan-It Eco has the aim of promoting environmental/sustainable and cultural awareness and understanding. Through that awareness, Phil encourages people to become more actively involved in developing a more responsible and sustainable lifestyle at home and/or in the workplace. This is very much in keeping with UK Government, Welsh Assembly Government and Scottish Parliament guidelines.

Plan-It Eco also assists schools in sending students out to the Amazon Rainforest on educational trips. These trips bring many aspects of the national curriculum to life, often with life changing results for those taking part. We are lucky to be one of those schools taking part in 2015. On this visit pupils will have the opportunity to see the shanty towns of Quito, the diverse ecology of the cloud and rainforest and examine first hand the impacts of the deforestation of the rainforest. They will have a chance to meet with pupils of 2 schools in the area and witness how different life is in a less economically developed country. Some pupils have already expressed the intention of taking donations of basic school supplies out for these schools.

This experience is not being taken for granted or indeed taken lightly by our pupils. *In their own words, see panel right.*

The approximate cost per pupil is £2700. Obviously this is a huge amount, which is not affordable to all, so the Geography Department, pupils and parents are busy fundraising! So far we had a lovely charity curry night in La Raj, where we all enjoyed delicious curries and amazing company. The pupils have also been busy packing bags in Sainsbury's to raise further funds, and we have sold cakes during break time.

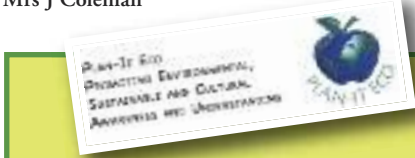
We are presently selling raffle tickets for a framed and signed Swansea City shirt! An amazing prize! Tickets are available Tuesday and Thursday break times from the Sixth Form Hall.

If there are any suggestions for any other fundraising opportunities we would be grateful to hear them! Also if there is anyone out there who would like to sponsor this opportunity, or offer a raffle prize, the students would be really appreciative. All contributors will be mentioned in all publicity surrounding this opportunity and we are happy to display company logos on our trip sweatshirts.

A contribution towards this project would have a significant impact on the lives of these local teenagers, giving them the opportunity to see life in a completely different culture from the one they know. It will help them appreciate the value of education, resources, and become more aware of the increasingly important issue of climate change and the need for sustainable development. This increased awareness and knowledge will hopefully cascade to the rest of the school to inspire more pupils to act and live in a sustainable manner. Plan-It Eco has reported a very positive impact on the pupils it has taken from other schools in the past.

This is not a holiday. It is an experience which is humbling and life changing. On return to school the pupils will produce and deliver a presentation on their experiences to pupils, parents and contributors. I have personally undertaken this visit in 2007 and it was a truly life changing experience.

Mrs J Coleman



"I am looking forward to experiencing different cultures."

"I can't wait to see all the wildlife of the cloud and rainforest!"

"Life is so different in Ecuador from here, I think it will make me more appreciative of the simple things!"

"It is a massive, life changing opportunity!"

"It's a once in a lifetime chance! I can't wait!"



"It was very interesting and a unique experience."

Josh Wootton 10OW

"It was very interesting."

Peter Kavanagh 10NM

"I thought it was a different from what the school usually put on, it was so diverse!"

Lorcan Breheny 10ER

"A very interesting and enjoyable experience to see the level of technology currently in the world and what's yet to come!"

Michael Thomas 10UM

"We all thought the day was a very interesting experience of the latest technology. We look forward to going back next year."

Lik Kan Chung Year 10

PTA Awards Evening

On Tuesday 8th April, we held our Annual PTA Awards Evening in the Sixth Form Hall for the academic year 2012-13. As usual, this was tremendously well attended event, which gave us the chance to celebrate the talents and achievements of our students during the previous school year. Awards were given for Excellence, Progress and Honours for children from Years 7-10, and Academic and Effort Awards were given out to children from Years 10 – 13, as well as individual subject awards. Pupils were also able to collect their hard earned Silver Duke of Edinburgh Awards.

Special thanks to Ms Crook who was our photographer for the evening and of course our thanks and gratitude to the Friends of Porthcawl Comprehensive School for sponsoring the evening.

Congratulations to the following pupils who received awards;

CURRENT

Year 7 Honours		
7AS		Anni Martin
7JS		Zack Wilson
7AF		Cerian Troakes
7TS		Kai Williams
7LE		Jareth Kale/Amy Bradbury
7EH		Elodie Guillerm
7GM		Jack Williams
7LS		Paige Sheen
7CW		Asia Farnworth

LAST YEARS

Year 7 Excellence	Progress	Honours
7KV Ieuan Walmsley-Williams	Nathan Tilley	Phoebe Roach
7HD Emily Barnston	Casey Brown	Rhiannon Tuckett-Jones
7RL Zak Bennett	Lauren Slaughter	Jamimah Cook
7KE Elen McCloy	Amberley Paul	Nia Eales
7HR Millie Fry	Rachel Williams	Conor Farrell-John
7SR Steffan Davies	Dylan Lewis	Thomas Wright
7ST Rhys Leary	Aaron Watkins	Sophie Williams
7SW Anna Biju	Bethan Jenkins	Levi Snell

LAST YEARS

Year 8 Excellence	Progress	Honours
8AC Katie John/ Chloe Green	Meurnyn Nelson	Rhianwen Keirl
8CJ Harry Watkins	Ashley Jones	Ethan Waters
8AW Jack Davies	Georgia Baglow	Rebecca Adams
8RP Olivia Brown	Max Taylor	Lilli Furness
8EC Brandon Cooper	Rhys Reid	Emily Stradling
8AM Patrick Mathew	Mai Phillips	Lucy Vinen
8AR Laurence Hunt	Robert Fenton	Jaycie Dyer/ Rose Ferris-Grice
8KH Rhiannon Mainwaring	Aislinn Morgan	Harry Evans

LAST YEARS

Year 9 Excellence	Progress	Honours
9SB Chloe Jenkins/ Joshua Brown	Katie Bowles	William Stonehouse
9NM Jonathan Grosse	Ashton Magni	Bradley Griffiths
9HP Alexandra Hunt	Megan Perrin	Lowri Howell
9JW Luke Atherton	Jai Lewis	Charlotte Owen
9UM Jack Ellis	Keitan Li	Lik Kan Chung
9KE Hee-Chan Kang	Morgan Carter	Lauren Pugh
9CL Elle Morey	Grace Hadley	Bradley Clarke
9LM Katie Davies	Jessica Lee	Euan Manley
9IE Joseph Williams	Samantha Timbrell	Gabriel Williams-Rumble

Year 10	Academic	Selin Millward
	Effort	Rebecca Green
Year 11	Academic	Tabitha Carrington
	Effort	Thomas Sheppard
Year 12	Academic	Yuri Roberts
	Effort	Chloe Jaques
Year 13	Academic	Joseph Strong
	Effort	Lewis Gallent

SPORTS AWARDS

GCSE PE	Boy	Owen Leary
	Girl	Olivia Norris
Key Stage 3	Boy	Joseph Williams
	Girl	Gabriella Smith

DRAMA AWARDS

Junior Drama Student of the Year	Lauren Ellis-Stretch
Senior Drama Student of the Year	Natasja Bryant
Drama Performance of the Year	Joe Wiltshire-Smith
Porthcawl Little Theatre Award	Kieran Bluck

MISCELLANEOUS AWARDS

Howard Cave Memorial Trophy for Art	Jake Bowdidge
Christmas Swim Award Technology	Abbie Owen
Stuart Gass Memorial Award Maths	Joseph Strong
EBP – Compact Award	Megan Jones
Science Student of the Year	Kieran Richards
Geraint Watkins Memorial Trophy	
Junior Musician	Rhianwen Keirl
Gwen Hughes Memorial Cup	
Lower School Wind Player	Laurence Hunt
Senior Musician of the Year	Lucy Pugh-Bevan
Eisteddfod - Chair	Madeleine Williamson-Sarll
Lions Leos Awards	Charlie Harries, Jack Piper, Tom Parsons
Town Twinning Award	Jamie Lees/ Jemimah Williams-Rumble

DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD - SILVER

Amelia Walters	Rhiannon Bevan	Tara Evans
Tom Hunt	William Evans	Madeleine Williamson-Sarll
Hope Dabernig	Nathan Williams	Georgia Shallah
Chloe Jaques	Sebin Baiju	Laura Mackey
Thomas Allen	Eve Lewis	Jennifer Sham
Isabella Pill-Williams	Rachel Battrick	Lucy Pugh-Bevan



German Trip to the Cologne Christmas Markets



On December 19th the German GCSE and A Level students boarded the bus for Köln (Cologne) to improve our German, to do some shopping and to see the sights! We visited lots of different markets full of traditional food and gifts, as well as some weird and wonderful things! We went ice-skating – not giving the best impression of the Brits as most of us were terrible! We walked up about a million steps on the spiralling staircase of the amazing Gothic Cathedral – the view was amazing but a bit too high for some! We also visited the World Famous Lindt Chocolate Museum! We travelled safely through six countries to arrive at our destination but nearly lost about ten people when they couldn't get out of the underground train quickly enough! All in all, it was a really good trip, (apart from the sketchy ferry journey on the way back). Let's go back next year!

Cameron Rees Year 10





Maths Success at Porthcawl Comprehensive School

Six pupils from Porthcawl Comprehensive School have attended the maths master classes at the University of South Wales every Saturday morning over the last few months.

Heechan Kang, Sultaan Azam, Daniel Song, Callum Evans and Elle Morey (Year 10) all attended the Key Stage 4 master classes for pupils in Year 10/11. Mitchell Davies of Year 9 attended the Key Stage 3 master class.

All pupils successfully completed the course and studied such things as the maths behind nuclear physics, coding and cryptography and the maths of the electric guitar. Heechan said, "What made the Saturday master classes so useful was that virtually all of the topics required us to

use our existing mathematics knowledge. It opened us up to the endless possibilities maths gives us."

Heechan and Sultaan were also successful in the Intermediate Maths Challenge run by the UKMT trust at Leeds University. The school enters many pupils for this challenge and these two pupils obtained a gold certificate and were in the top 7000 of over 200,000 entries that made it through to the International follow up competition.



Intermediate Maths Challenge REPORT - APRIL 2014

In March, 51 pupils entered the Intermediate Maths challenge, run by The UKMT Trust at Leeds University. Once again a challenging set of questions were attempted by our Year 10 and Year 9 students and all did well.

Over 200,000 pupils across the UK sat the challenge from Year 9 through to Year 11. The top 6% achieved Gold Certificates, the next 13% achieved Silver Certificates and the next 21% Bronze.

A big well done to all entrants, and if you were not successful this time then have another go next year. Well done to the following pupils who achieved a Certificate:

YEAR 10

Sultaan Azam and Heechan Kang received GOLD certificates and entrance to the follow up International paper where they achieved participation certificates.

SILVER CERTIFICATES: Daniel Song, Samuel Prytherch, Peter Kavanagh, Rhys Davies, Calum Joseph.

BRONZE CERTIFICATES: Luke Atherton, Amelia Thomas, Lydia Pickett and Josh Brown.

YEAR 9

This was their first intermediate challenge.

SILVER CERTIFICATES: Mit Russell and Claudia Keepins.

BRONZE CERTIFICATES: Lloyd Mortimer, Angel Williams, Olivia Lewis and Laurence Hunt.

The UK Mathematics Trust is a registered charity whose aim is to advance the education of children and young people in Mathematics. It organises national mathematics competitions and other mathematical enrichment activities across the UK for secondary school pupils. The web site is a useful resource to anyone interested in extending their mathematical knowledge and further information can be found at www.ukmt.org.uk.

Here is a sample question from this years challenge:

Zac halves a certain number and then adds 8 to the result. He finds that he obtains the same answer if he doubles his original number and then subtracts 8 from the result. What is Zac's original number?

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A) 8 2/3 B) 9 1/3 C) 9 2/3 D) 10 1/3 E) 10 2/3

Peers In Schools Visit from Lord Touhig

Porthcawl Comprehensive School hosted a talk from a member of the House of Lords on Friday 4th April to encourage students to engage more with the political and parliamentary process. Lord Touhig met with Sixth Form students for an hour to talk about the work and role of the House of Lords. This was followed by a question and answer session on various aspects of the parliamentary process and life at Westminster generally.



Miss Crook, Head of Sixth Form at Porthcawl Comprehensive School said, "This was a wonderful opportunity for our students to interact with someone who knows the parliamentary system inside out, as it can sometimes seem so far removed from their daily lives. The students thoroughly enjoyed the visit and took the opportunity to ask Lord Touhig some very insightful and thought provoking questions. After the session, Lord Touhig remarked upon how engaging he had found our students, and that he had thoroughly enjoyed his visit to Porthcawl."



The visit was arranged through the Lord Speaker's "Peers in Schools" programme, which has been running across the UK since 2007 and has so far involved around 50,000 young people. This continuing outreach programme sends members of the House of Lords into schools and colleges across the country to give talks in support of the citizenship curriculum. For further information, see the Lord Speaker's web page at www.parliament.uk/lordspeaker.

Dance to Attendance

On Sunday 4th May, the "Heart of the Dragon" – IDO Street Dance Federation Competition was held at the Civic Centre in Port Talbot. Amongst the competitors was our own Mrs Britt Henderson from the Attendance Office, who was part of the group, "Mommalicious", who scooped first place in the Competition.

The newly crowned IDO Wales Parent Team Champions now automatically qualify for the World Championships next year in Germany. More realistically, their sights are set on competing along side their children in 'Varsity' in the

UDO British Championships in Brean Sands in March 2015.

Their 2½ minute routine involved the girls dressing up as "Grannies" and dancing to music from the Cheeky Girls and "Tricky" by Run DMC, and experts from London came to judge the competition. Other members of "Mommalicious" included Charlotte Worth, (Mother of Hannah Worth 9AR and Molly Worth 6TL), Rhiannon Murrell-Page from Emotive Dance School and Michelle John. New members are most welcome, and any budding street dancer parents out there can find more information from Mrs Henderson at school.



Dance Maniax Dance With Diversity

During the Easter holidays on Sunday 13th April, several girls and boys from 'Dance Maniax', a fantastic street dance group run by Alisha Barron went to 'Danceworks' in Essex to dance with Britain's Got Talent winners... DIVERSITY!

The pupils said that the day was amazing and they hope to do it again. Ellie Granville (Year 7), Tilly Perks, Tegan Delbridge, Jack Tossell (Year 8), Hannah Davies, Jodie Poacher and Ethan Granville all from Year 9 all took part in this once in a lifetime workshop with Jordan Bnajo and Perri Kiely.

A big thank you to Danceworks for having us all there, and to Alisha Barron for giving us the opportunity.

Tilly Perks Year 8



ICT/Computing - March 2014

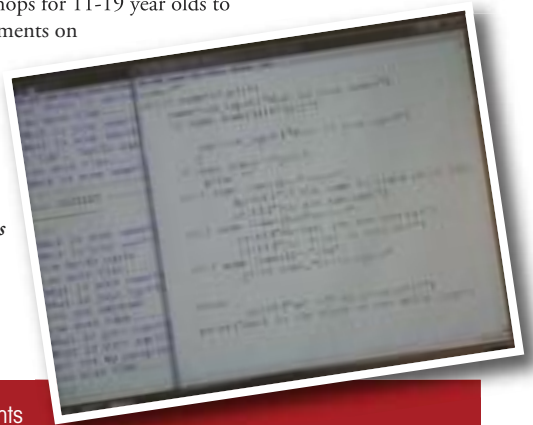
Technocamps Trip



Technocamps delivers a series of free workshops for 11-19 year olds to schools, colleges and educational establishments on Computing and STEM based topics. Led by Swansea University, in partnership with Aberystwyth, Bangor and Glamorgan Universities, young people of any ability can engage with this exciting project.

'Rather than users of technology, we want the young people we work with to imagine themselves as the creator of the next Facebook or next generation smartphone, or better yet, something unimaginable that is going to radically change the world.'

Professor Faron Moller Director of Technocamps



During March approximately 80 Year 9 students attended an ICT/Computing workshop at the University of Glamorgan. Pupils had a tour of the University and took part in activities involving Python Programming, Sketchpatch Programming and an Introduction to Artificial Intelligence. It was a very productive day which gave an insight into emerging technologies that no doubt will have an impact on our lives in the future.

Mr A Pucella ICT Dept

Mayor's Citizenship Awards 2014

We were absolutely delighted to have two representatives from Porthcawl Comprehensive School recognised in the Mayor's Citizenship Awards 2014.

Rebecca Green, (Year 11), won a Mayor's Citizenship Award in recognition of her volunteer and fundraising activities within Scouting, Karate, Youth Council and AYPD and for

speaking at various clubs about her experiences at the Girl Guide Jamboree in Austria.

Mr Angelo Pucella of the ICT Department also won a Mayor's Citizenship Award, and this was in recognition of all the monies he has raised, and indeed continues to raise for Ty Hafan. Last year alone, he raised over £7000 for the charity by undertaking many and varied sponsored events,

including the Bubble Football Tournament that we featured in the last edition.

We are extremely proud of them both here at Porthcawl Comprehensive School, and were thrilled that they were recognised so publically at the ceremony which was held at the Civic Offices in Bridgend on 14th March.





WORLD AUTISM Awareness Day

The AN Department would like to thank staff and pupils at PCS for their support on 2nd April for World Autism Awareness Day. The theme for the day was 'Light it up Blue'. All Pupils and staff wore something blue for the day, with a group of pupils and staff wearing Autism T shirts that were kindly donated by Park Supporting Families and G4S. In celebrating 'Light it up Blue', the school participated in an annual, international event.

The purpose of the day was to raise awareness of the condition. This is important since there are over 20,000 people in Wales who are on the autistic spectrum, including a number of pupils in PCS. People with autism may have difficulties with imagination, social communication and social

interaction (the 'triad of impairments'). In asking questions like, 'What is autism?' and 'What is it like to be autistic?', students were able to gain further insights into the condition, and find out more about how to be a good friend to a pupil with autism.

There were a number of activities in the AN Department to mark the day. The Department held a poetry competition, and we received several excellent entries. The competition was fierce, but our overall winners were Chloe Lawrence from 10JW, (pupil entry), and Support Assistant Miss Pearsall, (staff entry). Special commendation also went to: Shannon Strong (9AR), Emily Parker (8RL), Ellodie Gullerm (7EH), Danielle Littleford (11RB) and Chloe Owen (11HT). Congratulations to you all!

Congratulations must also be extended to Iwan Richards from 7CW. Iwan was the winner of the AN Department's Autism Awareness Day Quiz. This was particularly challenging, so well done Iwan!

In keeping with the 'Light it up Blue' theme, Ms Dilley baked some very impressive blue cupcakes. These were extremely popular with our pupils, as were the blue balloons in the Department (despite their message of 'Birthday Boy!'). The displays in

and around G15 also helped promote World Autism Awareness Day and 'Light it up Blue'. Thank you to those pupils who made decorations for the wall, such as blue plastic flowers, cardboard ribbons and paper chains.

The day was a great success and staff and students can be proud of their efforts. Should any pupils wish to find out more about autism or autistic spectrum conditions, please feel free to ask the AN Department or consult the literature on the wall outside G15. We can also recommend some excellent books and DVDs on the topic. Some of our younger pupils particularly enjoyed *All Cats Have Asperger Syndrome*.

by Kathy Hoopmann!



Autism

You may be offended by our criticism,
We can't read your body language or emotions.
We are in prison: this is our realism,
There is something that bugs us in all our sensations.

Everyone has a form of Autism,
Some of us don't like loud music,
Doesn't mean we have no rhythm,
Also find it hard to connect with the public.

We can misunderstand others' individualism,
Some of us may not participate in class.
Others may work with great enthusiasm,
Some of us may despise the smell of cut grass.

Elodie Guillerm 7EH

Hi, My Name is Ryan

My name is Ryan: I'm different to you
I don't see the world the same as you do.
You see a classroom and I see a chair,
I don't always see what else is there.
Too much information keeps coming my way
It's so hard to cope with, day after day.
You show me so much I don't always see,
One step at a time is the best thing for me.
Bright lights and loud noises upset me so much
An unusual smell or somebody's touch.
When you look into my eye and I'm looking away
I'm not being rude if I don't hear what you say.
I'm not being awkward: I'm just doing my best
I'm striving so hard to be just like the rest.
The times when you think I've not really tried -
If you only know how it hurts me inside.
I want you to like me the way I like you
If only you saw things from my point of view.
Your life and my life both run parallel,
Yours seems like heaven, mine's sometimes hell.
Whenever you're frustrated at the things that I do
Remember,
You could be me, and I could be you.

Chloe Lawrence 10JW

Five years on I see his smile,
I think about him and wish for a while
To have him close if only it could be,
My brother home, laughing and joking with me.

His eyes so bright yet full of pain,
His daily struggle with his literal brain,
A room full of people but he still feels alone,
His only wish is to be able to go home.

I hope I pray to see him every day,
Yet the miles that part us,
It's hard there's no way
I love him so, forever and always,
My brother I miss you
Shine bright like sun rays.

Danielle Littleford 11RB
Chloe Owen 11HT

Autism

You see celebration
I see nothing
You hear loud bangs
I hear pain
You taste food
It tastes horrible
You get interested
But I don't
But you have friends
But I don't
Why can't I be more like you?

Shannon Strong 9AR

People may think I'm different
But really I'm the same
Discrimination annoys me
And it makes me feel insane

We're the same me and you
We have the same opportunities too
Very clever or not so smart
We're all the same, we all have a heart

The tip of the iceberg,
The wood through the trees.
They make sense to you,
But they don't to me.

We're not really that different
It's just a different brain
But that's ordinary really
No brain is the same.

Emily Parker 8RL

You think that I'm the funny one
You think I'm a little strange
But I think it's you that's deranged

You say "It's raining cats and dogs"
But from my window what do I see
No felines falling from the skies
Or even canines tumbling by
Just plain and boring rain
You must be seeing things again

You tell me "That cost me an arm and a leg!"
Well I'm a little worried, I beg
To know who was the unfortunate soul
That lost their limbs to give you an iPhone
You're really sounding rather barbaric
I think you're going to make me sick

You tell me you're feeling blue today
You say it with such dismay
That I gather you're feeling rather sad
That your day has been quite bad

Today I'm the one feeling blue
But I'm a little different to you
This blue does not make me feel sad
It fills me with joy makes me feel glad

This Blue is the colour of blueberries juicy and sweet
This Blue is the blue jay who sings just for me
This Blue is the ocean filled with great wonders
This Blue is the sky in the middle of summer
This Blue is water we all need to survive
This Blue is wonderful. This Blue is mine!

Miss Pearsall

Kindertransport

Fresh from the success of producing this year's school production 'Guys and Dolls' the BTEC Performing Arts group tackled one of their biggest challenges to date – Kindertransport.

This was a project that stretched the group providing them with an opportunity to take on roles that crossed generations. Kindertransport is a play that looks closely at the lives of Jewish children who, like British evacuees, were rescued from the horrors of war. The lucky few boarded trains, (Kindertransport), that were bound for parts of Britain. Having travelled across land and sea these children were temporarily adopted by British families.

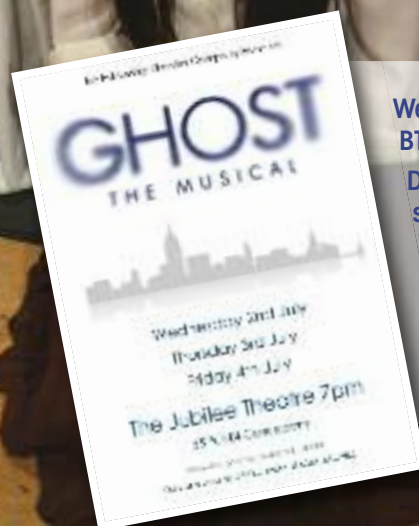
The play deals with one such child who rather than returning to Germany, decides that she would rather begin a new life in Britain. A hard hitting topic that offers an alternative view point to the atrocities of war and certainly opened the cast's eyes to how the Nazi regime affected those who survived the holocaust.

The most challenging aspect of the play was that it crossed time periods – scenes would shift from 40's Germany to 60's Britain through flashbacks and moments of memory.

Special mention must go to Sam Spriggs 6LT who has recently joined the course and provided excellent assistant direction and lighting operation.

This play marks my proudest moment teaching this group of pupils and for them to have achieved such a high standard of work is testament to how far they have progressed as young performers.

Mr Smith



We are pleased to announce that the BTEC musical this year is 'Ghost'!

Dates: 3rd and 4th of July with a special discounted preview night on Wednesday 2nd July!!

Be sure to buy your tickets from the BTEC pupils or the Drama/Music Departments to avoid disappointment!

Year 7 Drama Club Present...

'The Hobbit' Tuesday 20th May in the Drama Studio



A couple of months ago, Miss Hardwick came and asked me if I would like to direct Year 7 Drama Club's annual production. Immediately, myself and Rhys Owen were straight into casting and blocking the show. It has been a challenging but rewarding process! The cast have been brilliant, attending rehearsals and putting their best into the show! Hopefully they'll be taking part in The Young Playwrights' Festival as they are very talented. Although it was a very ambitious choice, we really enjoyed doing 'The Hobbit' as it is a popular book and film and also gave the cast a chance to have fun, playing the all the different characters – goblins, trolls, hobbits, dragons, elves, eagles and giants!

Lauren Ellis-Stretch Year 10

Here is what the Year 7 pupils think of Drama Club:

"Drama club is amazing because you get to put your own ideas into the plays."

Aimee Brown

"The guys who run it are fun!"

Amber Levey

"I look forward to Drama Club every week!"

Emily Morgan

"Year 7 Drama Club is a great place to meet new people and express yourself."

Max Williams



Mrs Atherton Interview on her role in South Pacific

By Lauren Ellis-Stretch
& Phoebe Lewis

What have you learnt from the production of 'South Pacific'?

Well, I've been very fortunate to play many parts, e.g. Maria in 'The Sound of Music', which is another Rogers and Hammerstein musical, I've gained more confidence in performing and have had such a great time just doing a musical I've never done before.

What was your favourite song from the show?

'Wash That Man Right out of My Hair', it was great to dance, sing and act at the same time! I loved performing with loads of other girls on stage in a big number together. It has a lot more energy and enthusiasm!

How did you prepare for the role?

Loads of rehearsing! Practising at home with my family, running lines with my husband and watching the film.

How did you feel about the various Drama, Music and BTEC students coming to watch you?

I've never been so nervous in my entire life. I was shaking throughout the entire first scene. I was so thrilled so many pupils came to support me!

What's your next performance so we can put in our calendar?

Adams Family the Musical.

Year 10 Drama Class Hospital Visit



On the 15th April 2014, we were admitted to hospital! Luckily this was not due to an illness of any sort, but due to Cardiff University students who were sitting their Year 4 Undergraduate Health Medical Examinations. I and ten others from our Drama class had the experience of acting out scenarios as young patients for the examination.

The week prior to the event we received a training session from a professional actor on how to act as a patient and we were given a scenario which included particular symptoms that we had to learn ready for the day.

Prepped and ready, the next week, we set off for the Princess of Wales Hospital. We were a little nervous as we wanted to give the students an accurate account of our symptoms so that they could gain the best results possible. All of the

students were very skilled, and by the end of the morning, we all felt they had done really well.

After a long morning it was time to go home! We received Odeon Cinema tickets and a Certificate of Achievement for our efforts.

We all really enjoyed the morning and it was a great experience. It's definitely the best trip to the hospital you could have!

Ciera Johnson-Cooper Year 10

"It was a really fun experience."

Phoebe Howells

"It was definitely a new experience!"

Samantha Timbrell

"It was lots of fun and the students were really friendly."

Elin Morris

Year 11 Drama Set Text Examinations

On Thursday 2nd May, the Year 11 GCSE Drama Class performed their set text pieces in the Drama Studio to an outside examiner. Students gave their best on the day and the Drama Department was pleased with the effort and professionalism shown by the students – well done everyone.

"I've never been so nervous!" Lucy Peckham

"It was definitely our best performance." Jack Davies

"I really enjoyed performing this character.it was so much fun!" Max Bravery



Year 12 Drama

Devised Practical

Performing 'Devised' was a challenge compared with Set Text, as we had to create an original concept for a piece of theatre. In the end we were very happy with the outcome and as a team, we pulled through together to present a thought provoking performance. Working on the 'Devised' was a huge challenge creatively and technically but we learnt so much.

Molly Wright, Stefan Farmer and Kate Slennett



Drama & Music

Blood Brothers Theatre Trip

Starring Mrs Davies

Interviewed by Lauren Ellis-Stretch & Phoebe Lewis

Did your life as a teacher inspire you to play the part of Mrs Lyons a certain way?

Um, oh gosh no, not really to be honest! I can't even think what inspired me to do it the way that I did it! Mrs Coombs (ex-Head of Music) as a director helped me. Of course I knew the character was bonkers as well!

How would you describe your character?

At first she's a lovely lady, but then goes mad at the end! She was great fun to play, I loved it.

Was Mrs Lyons the character you immediately wanted to play?

I wanted to be Mrs Johnson - that was my first choice. I've always liked Willy Russell plays and I find the Liverpool accent very easy to do. I'm actually so glad that I got casted as Mrs Lyons because there's so much you can do with the character. I really missed her after the show ended. I've been acting for 20 years now and this is the first character that I've really missed!

What have you learnt from the production?

I have learned that obsession is bad. I liked the fact she thought superstitions were complete rubbish, but then grew to believe her own superstition she made up, and then became obsessed over it. All she wanted was a baby; her obsession just completely took over.



How did you feel to play such a psychopathic woman?

I found it frighteningly easy, it's not the first time I've played a murderer - people should be careful around me! I've found it really fun to do. It's the third time I've been a murderer...



Year 13 Drama

Practical Examinations

After a rather stressful few months in the run up to our final practical exams, we were somewhat excited and relieved to perform our Devised and Set Text pieces on the theme of 'Running' to an external examiner.

Although the process was nerve-racking, we thoroughly enjoyed the creative scope of our pieces, and have loved the time spent working together, gaining confidence and valuable performance skills over the past two years.

Year 13 Drama Class

"Playing Eddie Carbone was a challenge, but also highly rewarding for my last performance."

Jamie Sayce

"I enjoyed multi-rolling in my last practical at Porthcawl."

Rachel Allen



March 11th saw the entire school troop down to the Grand Pavilion in the sunshine, to enjoy our School Eisteddfod. With the Junior competitions being held in the afternoon, and the Seniors' in the morning, pupils and staff enjoyed an extravaganza of young talent with both traditional and non traditional events taking place all day.

The results were as follows:

OVERALL EISTEDDFOD RESULT

1st	Powys	675
2nd	Morgannwg	595
3rd	Dyfed	553
4th	Gwynedd	504

ON STAGE COMPETITION

1st	Powys	442
2nd	Morgannwg	386
3rd	Dyfed	318
4th	Gwynedd	278

OFF STAGE COMPETITION

1st	Dyfed	235
2nd	Powys	233
3rd	Gwynedd	226
4th	Morgannwg	209

CHOIR COMPETITION

1st	Gwynedd
2nd	Morgannwg
3rd	Dyfed & Powys (Joint)

JUNIOR EISTEDDFOD CHAMPION

Layla Miller (Morgannwg)

SENIOR EISTEDDFOD CHAMPION

Phoebe Lewis (Dyfed)

SENIOR DRAMA COMPETITION

Richard Price (Gwynedd)

WINNER OF JUNIOR WELSH CHAIR

Anushruti Yadav (Powys)

WINNER OF JUNIOR ENGLISH CHAIR

Hannah Parry (Powys)

WINNER OF SENIOR WELSH CHAIR

Madeleine Williamson-Sarll (Powys)

WINNER OF SENIOR ENGLISH CHAIR

Jack Ellis (Morgannwg)

Eisteddfod

March 2014



Eisteddfod yr Ysgol 2014

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Mrs A Weedon





Off-Stage RESULTS

	Pupil Name	House
ADDITIONAL NEEDS		
1st Place	Scott Beck (Yr 7)	Morgannwg
	Rhiannon Warren-Hopkin (Yr 10)	Dyfed
2nd Place	Asia Farnworth (Yr 7)	Gwynedd
3rd Place	Luke Bertorelli (Yr 8)	Powys
Highly Commended:	Courtney Thomas (Yr 8)	Gwynedd

	Pupil Name	House
ART		
YEAR 7		
1st Place	John Eynon	Powys
2nd Place	Will James	Powys
	Tom Watkins	Powys
3rd Place	Charlotte Newman- Williams	Powys
	Sam Bridger	Gwynedd
Highly Commended:	Maicie Williams	Powys
	Jessica Jones	Morgannwg

	Pupil Name	House
BIOLOGY		
YEAR 7		
1st Place	Ewan Coles	Morgannwg
2nd Place	Zoe Holmes	Powys
3rd Place	Zak Powell	Morgannwg
Highly Commended:	Cerian Troakes	Gwynedd
YEAR 8		
1st Place	Abigail Smith	Dyfed
2nd Place	Jemimah Cook	Gwynedd
3rd Place	Connor Farrell John	Powys
Highly Commended:	Anna Biju	Gwynedd
YEAR 9		
1st Place	Rhiannon Mainwaring	Powys
2nd Place	Hannah Parry	Morgannwg
3rd Place	James Evan Jones	Powys

	Pupil Name	House
BUSINESS STUDIES		
YEAR 7		
1st Place	Zoe Holmes	Powys
YEAR 10		
1st Place	Samantha Butcher	Morgannwg
2nd Place	Catherine Chick	Gwynedd
3rd Place	Alecia Wilson Morgan	Powys

	Pupil Name	House
CHEMISTRY		
YEAR 7		
1st Place	Evie Williams	Dyfed
2nd Place	Naomi Keirl	Dyfed
3rd Place	Olivia Pownall	Gwynedd
YEAR 8		
1st Place	Leia Sawdon	Dyfed
2nd Place	Chloe Davies	Gwynedd
3rd Place	Holly Davies	Dyfed

	Pupil Name	House
CYMRAG		
YEAR 7		
1st Place	Cerian Troakes	Gwynedd
2nd Place	Will James	Powys
3rd Place	Iwan Hill	Morgannwg
Highly Commended:	Anni Martin	Morgannwg
	Jaden Davies	Morgannwg
YEAR 8		
1st Place	Nia Eales	Powys
	Abigail Smith	Dyfed
2nd Place	Rhiannon Tuckett-Jones	Dyfed
	Elen McCloy	Powys
3rd Place	Bethan Jenkins	Gwynedd
	Anna Biju	Gwynedd
4th Place	Amy Davies	Morgannwg
Highly Commended:	Kaisha Hughes	Powys
	Jamimah Cook	Morgannwg
	Katie Pickett	Powys
YEAR 9		
1st Place	James Evans-Jones	Powys
2nd Place	Alice Webber	Powys
3rd Place	Rhiannon Mainwaring	Powys
Highly Commended:	Maia Rees	Gwynedd
	Karys Staveley	Dyfed

	Pupil Name	House
DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY		
YEAR 7		
1st Place	Elodie Guillerm	Morgannwg
2nd Place	Laura Davies	Morgannwg
3rd Place	Lauren Bailey	Morgannwg

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	Pupil Name	House
YEAR 8		
1st Place	Cerys Powell	Gwynedd
2nd Place	Bethan Jenkins	Gwynedd
3rd Place	Katie Pickett	Powys
YEAR 9		
1st Place	Jenna Blake	Dyfed
2nd Place	Tara Phillips	Dyfed
3rd Place	Eleanor Page	Morgannwg

ENGLISH

YEAR 7		
1st Place	Olivia Pownall	Gwynedd
2nd Place	Cerian Troakes	Gwynedd
3rd Place	India Clatworthy	Gwynedd
Highly Commended:	Georgina Anderson	Dyfed
	Jamie Davies	Gwynedd
	Holly Clatworthy	Gwynedd

YEAR 8		
1st Place	William George	Morgannwg
2nd Place	Leia Sawdon	Dyfed
3rd Place	Lois Flower	Powys
Highly Commended:	Rebecca Owen	Morgannwg
	Eleanor Wilsher	Morgannwg
	Emily Hooper	Gwynedd

YEAR 9		
1st Place	Hannah Parry	Powys
2nd Place	Laura Webster	Dyfed
3rd Place	Phoebe Berwick	Dyfed
Highly Commended:	Brandon Cooper	Gwynedd
	Layla Millar	Morgannwg
	Cerys O'Sullivan	Morgannwg

English off stage Housepoints		
	Gwynedd	65
	Powys	65
	Dyfed	69
	Morgannwg	64

FOOD & TEXTILES

YEAR 7		
1st Place	Megan Morris	Gwynedd
2nd Place	Bethan Jenkins	Gwynedd
3rd Place	Luke Bertorelli	Powys
Highly Commended:	Charlotte Morgan	Dyfed
	Amman Abbas	Powys

YEAR 8		
1st Place	Kai Williams	Powys
2nd Place	Melissa Harris	Morgannwg
3rd Place	Emily Ezard	Dyfed
Highly Commended:	Mia Jones	Powys

YEAR 9		
1st Place	Rose Ferris-Grice	Powys
2nd Place	Cerys O'Sullivan	Morgannwg
3rd Place	Olivia Brown	Dyfed
Highly Commended:	Matthew Azzopardi	Dyfed

FRENCH

YEAR 7		
1st Place	Cerian Troakes	Gwynedd
2nd Place	Olivia Pownall	Gwynedd
3rd Place	Jazmin Gamble	Morgannwg
Highly Commended:	Caitlin Rees	Dyfed
	Carys Rosser-Stanford	Dyfed
	Ben Hughes	Gwynedd

	Pupil Name	House
YEAR 8		
1st Place	Bethan Jenkins	Gwynedd
2nd Place	Abigail Smith	Dyfed
	Hannah Ashton	Dyfed
3rd Place	Anna Biju	Gwynedd
Highly Commended:	Jennifer Passingham	Gwynedd
	Maya Squires	Powys
	Grace Meredith	Dyfed

YEAR 9		
1st Place	Katie Hill	Dyfed
2nd Place	Mai Phillips	Morgannwg
3rd Place	Chloe Green	Morgannwg
	Jenna Blake	Dyfed
Highly Commended:	Sachin Sunil	Powys
	Josi Williams	Dyfed
	Laura Webster	Dyfed

YEAR 10		
1st Place	Katie Davies	Gwynedd
2nd Place	Lowri Connick	Powys
3rd Place	Lauren Ellis-Stretch	Dyfed

GEOGRAPHY

YEAR 7		
1st Place	Hannah Davies	Morgannwg
2nd Place	Anna Henderson	Powys
3rd Place	Carys Rosser- Stanford	Dyfed
Highly Commended:	Cerian Troakes	Gwynedd
	Jessica Jones	Morgannwg

YEAR 8		
1st Place	Abigail Smith	Dyfed
2nd Place	Emily Hutton-Davies	Morgannwg
3rd Place	Gracie Nicholls	Gwynedd
Highly Commended:	Rebecca Owen	Morgannwg

YEAR 9		
1st Place	Hannah Parry	Morgannwg
2nd Place	Mitchell Davies	Gwynedd
3rd Place	Ashley Jones	Dyfed
Highly Commended:	Harry Nicholls	Dyfed

GERMAN

YEAR 7		
1st Place	Cerian Troakes	Gwynedd
2nd Place	Olivia Pownall	Gwynedd
3rd Place	Emily Morgan	Dyfed
Highly Commended:	Phoebe Keepins	Powys
	Carys Rosser-Stanford	Dyfed
	Charlotte Newman- Williams	Powys

YEAR 8		
1st Place	Bethan Jenkins	Gwynedd
2nd Place	Abigail Smith	Dyfed
3rd Place	Elen McCloy	Powys
Highly Commended:	Caitlin Traylor	Dyfed
	Cerys Powell	Gwynedd



	Pupil Name	House
YEAR 9		
1st Place	Laura Webster	Dyfed
2nd Place	Katie Hill	Dyfed
3rd Place	Olivia Lewis	Morgannwg
Highly Commended:	Tara Phillips	Dyfed
	Chloe Green	Morgannwg
	Hannah Parry	Powys

YEAR 10		
1st Place	Megan Cobb	Morgannwg
2nd Place	Cerian Jones	Gwynedd
3rd Place	Levi Ryan	Powys
Highly Commended:	Bethan Clift	Dyfed
	Isobel Overton	Powys

HISTORY

YEAR 7		
1st Place	Maicie Williams	Powys
2nd Place	Charlotte Liddon- Newman	Powys
3rd Place	Lucy Watts	Morgannwg
	Niamh Evans	Morgannwg
	Eliza Knowles	Morgannwg
Highly Commended:	Luke Peterson	Morgannwg

YEAR 8		
1st Place	Kian Delbridge	Powys
2nd Place	Emily Hutton-Davies	Morgannwg
3rd Place	Rebecca Sutton	Dyfed
Highly Commended:	Cerys Powell	Gwynedd

YEAR 9		
1st Place	Lili Furness	Dyfed
2nd Place	Hannah Parry	Morgannwg
	Mai-Blossom Brown	Powys
	Rhiannon Mainwaring	Powys
3rd Place	Laurence Hunt	Powys
Highly Commended:	Rebecca Adams	Gwynedd

ICT

YEAR 7		
1st Place	Abbi Audsley	Powys
2nd Place	Rhiannon Drummond	Gwynedd
3rd Place	Daniel Jones	Gwynedd
Highly Commended:	Erin Richards	Powys
	Sophia Keepins	Powys
	Korben Tandy	Dyfed

YEAR 8		
1st Place	Eleanor Wisher	Morgannwg
2nd Place	Scott Pope	Powys
3rd Place	Aaron Watkins	Morgannwg
Highly Commended:	Mia Pass	Morgannwg
	Katie Pickett	Powys
	Rebecca Owen	Morgannwg

YEAR 9		
1st Place	Jenna Blake	Dyfed
2nd Place	Josi Williams	Dyfed
3rd Place	Charlotte Clarke	Morgannwg
Highly Commended:	Maksym Randall	Morganwwg
	Ben Merchant	Morganwwg
	Patrick Mathew	

MATHS

YEAR 7		
1st Place	Ben Hughes	Gwynedd
2nd Place	Harrison Lewis	Morgannwg
3rd Place	Andrew Munro	Gwynedd



	Pupil Name	House
Highly Commended:	Iwan Richards	Gwynedd
	Hannah Strong	Gwynedd

YEAR 8		
1st Place	Bethan Jenkins	Gwynedd
	Anna Biju	Gwynedd
	Tegan Delbridge	Gwynedd
	Cerys Powell	Gwynedd
2nd Place	Aidan Aitchison-Hough	Morgannwg
3rd Place	Grace Meredith	Dyfed
Highly Commended:	Hannah Ashton	Dyfed

YEAR 9		
1st Place	Sam Elsey	Gwynedd
	Jordan Price	Gwynedd
2nd Place	Lucy Godwin	Dyfed
	Bethan Rees	Dyfed
3rd Place	Jonathan Barton	Powys
Highly Commended:	Ethan Granville	Dyfed
	Matthew Azzopardi	Dyfed

MEDIA STUDIES

YEAR 10		
1st Place	Chelsea Rees	Powys
	Caitlin Whiteley	Powys
2nd Place	Hannah Robertson	Powys
	Emily Leydon	Gwynedd
3rd Place	Nia Clee	Dyfed
	Gabby Brothers	Dyfed
	Adele Powell	Morgannwg
	Samantha Butcher	Morgannwg

PHYSICS

YEAR 7		
1st Place	Pheobe Keepins	Powys
2nd Place	William James	Powys
3rd Place	Carys Rosser- Stanford	Dyfed
Highly Commended:	Cerian Troakes	Gwynedd
	Ben Hughes	Gwynedd
	Tom Watkins	Powys

YEAR 8		
1st Place	Abigail Smith	Dyfed
2nd Place	Bethan Jenkins	Gwynedd
3rd Place	Natalie Morley	Dyfed
Highly Commended:	Grace Meredith	Dyfed
	Alys Risdale	Dyfed
	Hannah Ashton	Dyfed

YEAR 13		
1st Place	Ben Cole	Morgannwg
2nd Place	Ford Cooper	Morgannwg
	Ross Jenkins	Dyfed
3rd Place	Sebin Biju	Gwynedd

March 2014

The Sainsbury's Sport Relief SWIMATHON

The *Swimathon* was part of the Sainsbury's Sport Relief Games which took place between Friday 21st and Sunday 23rd March 2014. There were over 600 participating pools nationwide and staff from Porthcawl Comprehensive School entered two teams, the 'Porthcawl Sharks' and the 'Porthcawl Pirates'.

Our venue was the Olympic Pool in Swansea, and each team had to swim a total of 5km (100 lengths). We very soon realised that swimming in a 50m pool is a great deal more challenging than swimming in the school or a local pool! Everyone did very well and thoroughly deserved their medal, and of course the compulsory hot chocolate afterwards! Well done to all the staff who joined me, Miss Owens, Mr Edwards, Mrs Hammerton and Ms Crook's daughter Mary for 'Porthcawl Pirates'. Congratulations also to 'Porthcawl Sharks', consisting of Mrs Rosser, Mrs Lerway, Miss Pritchard, Miss Brown, and to Mrs Barron's son who stepped in last minute to complete the team. I think with the exception of Mary and Miss Owens who make swimming long distances look very easy, (I am sure they were both fish in a previous life!), swimming the distance expected was a huge challenge for everyone. Mary and Miss Owens have trained exceptionally hard over the years to reach the standard they have achieved, and it showed! The message here is simple, if you set yourself realistic goals, put strategies in place to work towards them, then you can achieve your goals.

Mr A Pucella



Margam Abbey Foundation Music Competition 2014

I was really excited to take part in the Margam Music Competition this year on clarinet. In the first round, there were ten of us in the competition, and we each had to perform a programme five minutes long. Everyone played excellently, and really musically, but only five could go through to the finals. I felt so lucky to get into the finals, along with Lauren Pugh, and three students from Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Llangynwyd.

The final took place on the 6th March, and five of us had to perform a programme between ten and fifteen minutes long. I enjoyed the experience a lot and was happy to get to the final. Everyone performed to an exceptional standard, and I didn't think I was going to win. When the results were announced, I was so surprised that I won, and couldn't believe it! Winning was absolutely amazing, and the prize money was an added bonus, which I'm going to put towards improving my clarinet. I would recommend the experience to anyone!

Alexandra Hunt Year 10

Congratulations go to Lauren Pugh and Alexandra Hunt, (both Year 10), for reaching the final of the prestigious Margam Abbey Music Competition 2014.

The finalists all won £50 each, and Alexandra, the outright winner received £300. Well done to you both!

Mrs K Hnyda



Visit to RAF St Athan

After a few months of cancelled flying due to weather and operational conditions, finally on Wednesday 26 March, some good weather arrived in time for two 2117 (Kenfig Hill) Sqn cadets to get their first flights in a Grob Tutor aircraft. Escorted by Sgt (ATC) Peckham, Cdt Sgt J Morris and Cdt E Asba arrived early at MoD St Athan for the morning flying slot.

The cadets were shown a safety video, then had to carry out a physical test on emergency aircraft evacuation procedures which includes how to get out of the aircraft in whilst in flight fast and parachuting safely to the ground, all done inside a hangar. Then after a short wait, the cadets, one at a time, took to the

skies for a 30 minute flight. Cdt Asba said she was slightly scared before the flight but now can't wait to go up again! Cdt Sgt Morris, who has already starting his training for his private pilots licence, performed some aerobatic manoeuvres during his flight.

The Royal Air Force Air Cadets is the only cadet force to have flying and gliding as part of its normal activities, and Sgt (ATC) Peckham, 2117 (Kenfig Hill) Sqn training and flying officer, tries to get all cadets on the squadron flying or gliding twice a year where possible. It is possible to achieve flying and gliding scholarships from the age of 16, all with no cost to the individual cadets.

Sgt Peckham

Duchess of Cornwall

In the Autumn 2013 edition of the Porthcawl Post we featured an article about the Duchess of Cornwall's visit to the Emmaus shop in Porthcawl, where some of our pupils went to see her. When we sent the Duchess of Cornwall a copy, we did not expect to hear back from her!

To our surprise and delight, the Duchess kindly took the trouble to write back to us – please see her letter below.



8th January, 2014

Dear Mr Slade,

Thank you for sending me a copy of your school magazine 'Porthcawl Post', with an article about my visit to your local Emmaus shop.

I was delighted to be able to meet some of your pupils that day and I look forward to reading more about them all in the magazine.

With my best wishes to you all for a Happy New Year

Camilla



Year 10

Modern Foreign Languages Trip to Eversheds Law Firm in Cardiff

On May 15th, Year 10 had the unique opportunity to visit the International Law Firm 'Eversheds' in Cardiff. 'Eversheds' has 52 offices in 30 countries around the world and, consequently, employs and is always on the look out for bright linguists to join its growing business.

The Year 10 students were able to tour the huge offices (which included its very own Starbucks!), and to learn about the opportunities available to students with Languages Degrees. In fact, all of the Lawyers who hosted the event had degrees in Languages and had spent time abroad in France, Germany, Austria, Italy or Spain. Some of the lawyers had even been lucky enough to spend six months based in the Paris office with views of the Eiffel Tower!

The highlight of my day was hearing the students ask the Lawyers questions in French and German. The highlight for the students, though, may well have been the gourmet burger and chips for lunch! Either way, it was a great day out for all involved and, hopefully, an experience we will be able to repeat in the years to come!

MFL Dept

On Donnerstag 13th März, we had a visit from German exchange students from Tübingen. We showed them around our school and they sat in on some Welsh, German and French lessons. After break, we met at A Block and boarded the buses to travel to St Fagans. When we arrived, we were put into 'German/Welsh' mixed groups. We visited the different houses and the adventure playground!!!! We learnt lots of new German words, (though maybe they shouldn't be repeated!), and we taught the German pupils some Welsh and English words. The weather was uncharacteristically sunny and so we had a picnic and we bought fudge and dragon poo from the little shop! We had a lovely day out, an unforgettable experience and we would really like to visit them in the near future! Can we go please Mr Slade?

8Y1 Languages

St Fagans



APRIL 2014



Paris Trip

On April 11th 2014, Year 7 and 8 pupils went to Paris for 4 days. We left at midnight on the Friday and came back on the Tuesday. During the trip we saw The Eiffel Tower, The Military School where Napoleon is buried, the Arc de Triomphe, la Place de la Concorde, le Louvre and la Défense. We also went on a boat trip on the River Seine, where we saw Notre Dame. The first night we ate bolognese and the second night we had poulet et frites! We spent the last day in Disneyland - that was fun!! The teachers that came were: Miss Rosser, Mr Smith, Miss Pritchard, Mr Short and Mrs Bishop. I really enjoyed the trip and would love to go again in Year 8.

Elodie Guillerm Year 7



We set off at midnight, all really excited for our new adventure, especially when we picked up Mr Smith from a Cardiff service station! The excitement soon wore off and most of us fell asleep, (although I'm sure Miss Rosser was up for half the journey trying to play flappy bird!). After a lot of driving, we finally arrived at Paris and everyone looked to Elodie for translations! We drove to the Eiffel Tower and went up to the second floor to look at the views of Paris. After the Eiffel Tower, we went to the hotel, unpacked, had tea and then went to bed!

Seven o'clock and time to get ready for a bus tour on our very own bus. We then went shopping and went on a cruise on the River Seine, where we saw a couple getting married!

On our last day, we went to Disney and it was epic! A day of roller coasters and fun and then back to the bus for another night of travelling and home!

Jenny Tanner Year 7



The highlight of the Paris trip for me was Disneyland. There were a lot of great rides to go on and the crêpes were really nice. We also went to the Eiffel Tower, which had a nice view of the parks and tourist attractions. As well as Disney and the Eiffel Tower, we also went on a boat on the River Seine. We could see lots of the famous buildings and it taught us a lot about the history of Paris.

Adam Williams Year 7

Competition Experience

After winning the local heats, I had to start preparation for the regional finals. During this preparation, I had to research and prepare a menu. This menu had to include produce from a local source and produce that was in season. I had one month to complete this.

On February 10th I travelled up to Treforest, to the University of Pontypridd to compete in the regional finals of Future Chef. There were eight competitors including myself, aged from 14-16. Before we began, we were given personalised chef whites as a memento of our experience. This is when I got to meet my competitors and discuss how anxious we were all feeling.

The menu I decided on was a Chicken and Mushroom Ravioli on a bed of wilted Spinach, accompanied by a Red Pepper Coulis. For dessert, I prepared a Chocolate Frangipane Tart with an Orange Chantilly Cream and a Spiced Poached Pear. I had just 90 precious minutes including my mis-en-place, (preparation time), to complete this. The time limit increased my anxiety for the event but thankfully my dishes went well and pleased the judges.

After some positive comments from the judges, I was placed third out of the competition's 8 contestants. At third place I received some prizes to make all my efforts worthwhile. I was rewarded with a basket of local produce including Welsh cheeses, smoked salmon, chutneys and white chocolate and cranberry Welsh cakes from the 'Fabulous Welsh Cake Company'. I met lots of interesting people and was offered a week's work experience in the patisserie section of a prestigious kitchen in mid Wales.

I thoroughly enjoyed my experience and am very thankful for the opportunity. I wish luck to this year's competitors and look forward to judging the school heats this year!

Megan Goldberger Year 11



Formula One in Schools CHALLENGE

At the start of Year 11, a group of students were selected to participate in the Formula One in Schools Challenge. Several boys from Mr Evans' engineering class, including Steffan Moody, Ross Waters, and Will Jones were set the task of designing, creating and racing a miniature race car in a day's tournament at the Water Front Museum Swansea. We competed for the prize and opportunity of winning a trip to America to continue competing on a global scale. Our team came second, three hundredths of a second slower than the winning car!

The day started promptly at 9:00 am when the two dozen teams participating were briefed on the day ahead. After our meeting we set up our stall which included original designs, aerodynamic readings and a folder full of course work. We broke for lunch before the race where we set up the car and waited for our race.

There were a total of three races to be done and after fifteen minutes the results were posted and the awards were given out.

However, despite the fact that we didn't quite win, we left with extra experience in both the CAD, (Computer Aided Design), and CAM, (Computer Aided Manufacturing) aspects of Formula One racing. Porthcawl's racing team had the highest speed average for the day as well as near top marks for the course work, presentation and interviews. In addition, we thoroughly enjoyed the experience and we hope that the Year 11's of next year have as much fun as we did.

The whole team would like to thank the Hi-Tide for being our team sponsor and providing the team shirts, they looked fantastic!

Gethin Phillips Year 11





Cardiff & Vale School's BASKETBALL LEAGUE

After another successful season, PCS U14 basketball team made it through to the play off finals of the Cardiff and Vale Schools' Basketball League. Previously this highly talented team had dispatched Cowbridge, Bro Morgannwg, Barry Boys and Cardiff High with their only loss coming against their old rivals Sir Richard Gwynn.

In a repeat of last year's final it was to be Sir Richard Gwynn of Barry who would represent the sternest of opponents once again. Having lost comprehensively to them earlier in the season this was to prove a true test of character as well as basketball ability.

Porthcawl were down for most of the game but always kept within 5 points, thanks to a great defensive effort from Ethan Waters and Matt Roberts and some powerful driving play from Joe Stradling. With 2 minutes left to play of the final quarter, Ben Merchant pulled a shooting foul off a typically brave drive to the basket. The young guard stepped to the free throw line and sunk both to draw the teams level at 60-60. There followed some frantic defence from Porthcawl and some wayward shooting from Sir Richard Gwynn and with 1 minute left and nerves shredded Emily Stradling drove hard to the edge of the key and sent up a hopeful floating shot which dropped unerringly into the opposition hoop. The boys from Barry were broken and Porthcawl had pulled off the most unlikely of victories.

This was a great example of school sport at its most competitive and compelling with victory going to a team that has trained hard and committed all season. It was a true team effort with every member of the team giving their all.

Stand up and take a bow;
Ben Merchant, Emily Stradling, Ethan Waters, Joe Stradling, Matt Roberts, Jack Maund, Mit Russell and Jacob Evans.

Mr A Stradling



WALES Basketball



Winning the Cardiff and Vale Schools' Basketball League was obviously the highlight of our season and it has been another amazing year for Porthcawl Comprehensive School basketball players. The game is flourishing at the school with record numbers participating in 5x60 clubs (5 times a week) and links with the Cynffig Cougars are as strong as ever.

The hard work, dedication and talent of Porthcawl's players has been recognised this year with a record number being called up to represent Wales at international level; Ethan Waters U14, Ben Merchant U15, Gabriel Williams-Rumble U16, Morgan Carter U16, Lucy Edwards U16 and Emily Stradling U16 and U18.

Point guard Stradling has two European missions this year at the FIBA European Championships for U16 Women in Malta, and then two weeks later for the U18 Women in Andorra. Her talents have been recognised by local businessman and personal trainer David Quinn, who has sponsored the young athlete this year and has taken her under his wing at QBA Fitness at New Road Porthcawl.

As an ex Porthcawl Comprehensive pupil, David is keen to foster strong links with his old school helping to develop the fitness of young people at all levels.

Mr A Stradling

Pen y Bond Dragons Netball Team

Amy Bradbury, (Year 7), has played for the Pen y Bont Dragons Netball team at U12 and U13 level this season. The U12's were the league runners up and also competed in the Glamorgan Valleys Netball tournament in April, which they won. Amy was also recognised as one of the top 20 most talented players of the tournament.

Congratulations!

Miss H Davies PE Department

SURFING SUCCESS

Angharad John has had an incredible run with her surfing over the last year, culminating in her being selected for the Welsh U18 Surf Team for the World Championships in Ecuador in April 2014. Recent achievements of note include;

- 2nd U18 Girls' Welsh National Championship 2013
- 3rd Women's Welsh National Championship 2013
- 2nd 2013 Splashup U18 Girls'
- 1st 2013 Porthcawl Women's Longboard Classic
- 2nd 2013 Women's Elusive Open
- 3rd 2013 Junior Boys' Elusive Open
- 3rd 2013 U18 British Longboard Union event Freshwater West

Selected in the Welsh Junior Surf Team 2014 – World Surf Championships 2013, 2014



MAY 2014

British Gymnastics CHAMPIONSHIPS

On the 10th May, Porthcawl Comprehensive Gymnastics team represented Wales for the first time in its history by competing in the British Championships in Stoke on Trent. The 7 strong team qualified by winning the Welsh Championships in March.

With around 500 gymnasts, from all over the UK competing over the two day event, competition was tough and plentiful. For some of the girls this was their first experience of competing at National level but they remained undaunted, performing with composure skill and maturity which was a credit to the school, their families and clubs. After a busy two days, the team finished in the top 10 in both the Floor & Vault and Acrobatic Competitions, and their scores contributed to the

overall Welsh team finishing 2nd in the whole competition. Congratulations to Year 7's Paige Sheen, Asia Farnworth and Jazmin Gamble and to Year 8's Stepheny Chilcott, Nia Eales Skylar Evans and Bethan Golding!

In the Individual Tumbling Competition, Year 8's Nia Eales competed in the U14 category against strong completion from the English regions, Ireland and Scotland. Nia managed to flip and somersault her way to a silver medal and contributed to the Welsh team winning the overall tumbling section of the competition. Nia goes on to tumble for Wales again this summer in Telford, while team mate Paige Sheen flies the Welsh flag in British Acrobatic Championships. Good luck girls!!

P Eales



Gymnastics Update

Very well done from all in the PE Department to our Gymnastics team who represented Wales in the British Championships in May - some of them are going to need bigger medal/ trophy cabinets soon they are doing so well!

Miss H Davies



National URDD 7's Rugby Tournament

Another successful rugby season was rounded off in traditional style with the annual National URDD 7's held in Llanelli. The standard is always extremely high and the inexperienced yet enthusiastic Year 8 team battled hard but failed to get past the preliminary rounds.

The Year 10 team however was full of experienced school, club and district players and was to prove stern opposition to the best rugby playing schools in Wales. In the pool stages, captain Joe Williams led his team against the likes of Gwendraeth, Bro Morgannwg, Cwmtawe and Birchgrove. With resounding victories against Gwendraeth and Birchgrove, Porthcawl qualified as runners up from

their pool as a result of a superior points difference knocking out the much fancied Bro Morgannwg team from Barry.

At the end of a very long day this left the PCS boys the unenviable task of playing the top placed team from Pool F Ysgol Gyfun Gartholwg, (arguably the strongest team from RCT), for a place in the quarter finals the next day. In a topsy turvy match, the scores were drawn 17-17 after full time. The rule book was consulted and the game went into a period of golden try overtime; the next team to score would win!

In a performance of real grit and determination every player dug deep into their reserves of energy and fashioned good field position which allowed the illusive running Ben Lacey to ride a few tired tackles from the Ponty boys to score a dramatic last gasp golden try.

To achieve a quarter final place with little or no

specialist 7's rugby training was truly remarkable, and a reflection on the rugby playing ability of this group of young men. Unfortunately the quarter finals the following day were one step too far for this developing 7's outfit and the old enemy Brynteg finally broke Porthcawl hearts with a try in the final 30 seconds of their encounter.

Many of Wales' finest rugby talents have been nurtured through 7's rugby, and this is definitely an area for development in the future, with plans already in place to take teams to the prestigious Rosslyn Park 7's Tournament next season.

Well done to:

Kyle Thomas, Ben Jones, Ollie Woodall, Ben Lacey, Dan Male, Rhys Thomas, Liam Abbott, Joe Stradling, Aron Woolcock, Leon Evans, Joe Williams (captain), Ben Asprea, Jack Palmer, Jack Richards, Euan Manley and Corey Dyer.

Mr A Stradling PE Department

Pupil Achievements

Many congratulations go to the following:-

Rebecca Green – Year 11

Mayor's Citizenship Award Winner - in recognition of her voluntary and fundraising activities

Emily Williams – Year 8

Member of first placed team in The British Latin Formation Team Dance Championships

Grace Dalton – Year 9

Selected to represent Wales at The Royal Windsor Horse Show as part of the U16 Welsh Mounted Games Team

Angharad John – Year 11

Represented Wales in ISA World Surfing Championships in Ecuador in April

Laura Ashton – Year 11

Represented Wales at Swimming – Luxembourg May 2014

Ioan Evans – Year 7

Represented Bridgend County Swimming Club in an International Competition in Belgium where he won 6 Gold Medals, 1 Silver Medal and 1 Bronze Medal, and was awarded "Best Boy U13s"

Rebecca Sutton – Year 8

Represented Bridgend County Swimming Club in an International Competition in Belgium

Ben Cannon – Year 11

Represented Wales U16 at Football (CYP Boys and Girls Club of Wales)

Scott Hodgson - Year 11

Represented Wales U16 at Football (CYP Boys and Girls Club of Wales)

Harriet Thomas – Year 8

Achieved Royal Yachting Association Stage 4 advanced sailing qualification

4th place in National Randoori Ju Jitsu Competition held at University of Wolverhampton

Ethan Waters (U14)

Ben Merchant (U15)

Gabriel Williams-Rumble (U16)

Morgan Carter (U16)

Lucy Edwards (U16)

Emily Stradling (U16 & U18)

All represented Wales at Basketball this season at various age groups

Amelia Walters, Rhiannon Bevan, Tara Evans, Tom Hunt, Will Evans, Hope Dabernig, Madeleine Williamson-Sarll, Nathan Williams, Georgia Shallish, Chloe Jaques, Sebin Baiju, Laura Mackey, Tom Allen, Eve Lewis, Jennifer Sham, Lucy Pugh-Bevan, Isabella Pili-Williams, Rachel Battrick, Tom Richardson and Geraint Davies

Year 13 pupils who completed their Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award during 2013/14

Musical Achievements

Alex Hunt - Year 10

Winner of Margam Abbey Foundation Music Competition Instrumentalist - March 2014

Grade 8 Clarinet (Distinction)

Lauren Pugh - Year 10

Runner up Margam Abbey Foundation Music Competition – Instrumentalist – March 2014

Grade 8 Clarinet (Merit)

Harriet Maine - Year 12

Grade 8 Violin (Merit)

Imogen Kent - Year 12

Grade 8 Violin (Merit)

Yuri Roberts - Year 13

Grade 7 Violin

Naomi Keirl - Year 7

Grade 6 Violin (Merit)

Laurence Hunt - Year 9

Grade 6 Saxophone (Distinction)

Katie Pickett - Year 8

Grade 5 Violin

Katie Davies - Year 10

Grade 5 Flute (Merit)

Layla Miller - Year 9

Grade 5 Clarinet (Merit)

Grade 5 Music Theory (Distinction)

Mark Pugh-Bevan - Year 10

Grade 5 French Horn

Grade 3 Guitar (Merit)

Megan Perrin - Year 10

Grade 4 Flute

Olivia Lewis - Year 9

Grade 4 Violin

Nicola Hughes - Year 7

Grade 4 Violin (Merit)

Berry Williams - Year 10

Grade 4 Electric Guitar (Merit)

Kai Williams - Year 7

Grade 4 Electric Guitar (Merit)

Millie Fry - Year 8

Grade 3 Flute

Matthew Pugh - Year 7

Grade 3 Trombone (Merit)

Conor Farrell-John - Year 8

Grade 3 Violin

Rhys Leary - Year 8

Grade 2 Trombone

Aidan Aitichison-Hough - Year 8

Grade 2 Violin

Ewan Aitichison-Hough - Year 7

Grade 1 Violin (Merit)

PARENTS/GUARDIANS

Has your child achieved success or recognition relating to an extra-curricular activity? If so, please email pressbox@porthcawlschool.co.uk

