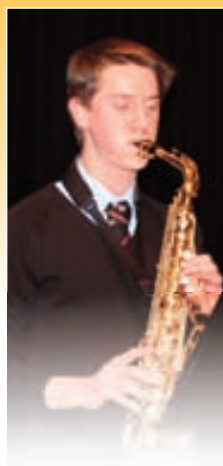


Welcome to the third edition
of the **Porthcawl Post** for
the school year 2017-2018



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Porthcawl Comprehensive School Newsletter ~ Summer 2018

Headteacher's Address



I would like to begin this piece with a reply to recent media speculation as to Sixth Forms in Bridgend schools. A recent article commented that "Bridgend Sixth Forms are not fit for purpose," this may be the case for some, but certainly not for our school. We have a vibrant, sustainable and very successful Sixth Form, which is a key part of our school. In September we are expecting a combined Year 12 and 13 to be around 310 pupils. This group of students will access over 35 A Level courses, a mix of vocational courses and additional subjects in collaboration with other partners. Our Sixth Form has continually been exceptionally well represented in Russell Group university places with students from our school regularly securing places at "Oxbridge". I feel there is an ethical question here, "Does our Sixth Form meet the needs of our students?" For me the answer is an overwhelming yes!!

The overriding issue is that of choice, progression and eventual outcomes for our students. Porthcawl students choose to stay with us, (more than 70% do so), and others choose college or work. Porthcawl students make very good progress in their two year courses and outcomes, in terms of results, have consistently been well

above local, regional and national averages. I am intensely proud that our school meets the needs and aspirations of our learners and we meet the wider needs of our town. There may well be a final consultation process in the months to come centred on the future of Post 16 Education in Bridgend. Should such an exercise take place, I will write again with details of how you may support our school and our Sixth Form.

As you read this newsletter, later on you will note the remarkable success enjoyed at our "Awards Evening". The evening had one simple theme; celebrating the success of our pupils, this we achieved with ease. I feel this evening captures the school as a whole as we celebrate academic, sporting, musical and endeavour in equal measure.

As always, the School Eisteddfod was held in the Grand Pavilion and again, it was a tremendous success. The event celebrated Welsh culture in a variety of ways, and I am very grateful to Mrs Lloyd who organised and co-ordinated the event. This year, the winning house was Gwynedd, so congratulations to Gwynedd and all who successfully represented their houses.

The external examinations have finally drawn to a close after a frenetic few weeks at school. Naturally, I wish all the students the very best of luck with their results. The pupils, supported by their parents/ carers and teachers, have done all I could ask of them and I am confident that our school will be celebrating a record breaking set of results in August. Good luck to all pupils leaving us this Summer with their chosen areas of study, and to all those embarking on their first jobs.

The usual transition programme has been very well received over the past months. Pupils from a variety of local schools have enjoyed a series of visits to become

familiar with our school in readiness for September. The transition programme ended with the usual full transition day when over 210 young people visited us. One final piece of good news is that pupil numbers are on the increase. September's Year 7 looks likely to have over thirty more pupils than the current Year 7. I feel this is a vote of confidence and people have trust in our school, what we stand for and collectively what we achieve.

I will draw your attention to several members of staff who will be leaving us in the Summer. Mr Adam Edwards will retire from the Technology Department after 28 years' service at our school. Also leaving the Technology Faculty is Mrs Julie Howells who joined us in 2002. Many of our students have benefitted greatly from the teaching of Mr Edwards and Mrs Howells and they will be greatly missed from the Faculty. Also, leaving the English/Media Studies Faculty is Mrs Felton who joined the school in 2001 and who has worked tirelessly over the years. We wish all three of them the very best in their retirement.

Mrs Kathryn Lewis will leave her post as Teacher of Music after 12 years at PCS. Many of you will recognise and be familiar with Mrs Lewis who has done so much to help with our school shows. I am pleased to announce that Mrs Lewis has been appointed as Head of Performing Arts at Ysgol Nant Gwyn, Tonypandy. All at school wish Mrs Lewis well in the next stage of her career.

May I end by thanking you for all your support over the past year. It has been a pleasure to meet so many of you, and I look forward to us working together in the future.

Andrew Slade Headteacher

Housekeeping

Uniform reminder

JEWELLERY

On health and safety grounds we do not allow pupils to wear any jewellery in our school. The exception to this rule is a wrist watch. We ask the pupils to remove these objects during PE and games, to prevent them from causing injury.

EXTREME HAIRCUTS AND COLOURS

The school does not permit children to have 'extreme' haircuts and unnatural hair colours that could serve as a distraction to other pupils. Only basic hair accessories to be worn ie: scrunchies, bobbles and headbands which should be appropriate.

TROUSERS

Plain, classic school- style trousers.

These should be straight legged and not a tight, 'bootleg', 'drainpipe' or 'jeans' style, nor should they be 'low-rise'. This includes NO 'ankle grazers'. There should be no large belts or buckles. Trousers should not be made out of a denim fabric or leather.

SOCKS

Grey, black or navy socks. No white socks to be worn with uniform.

FOOTWEAR

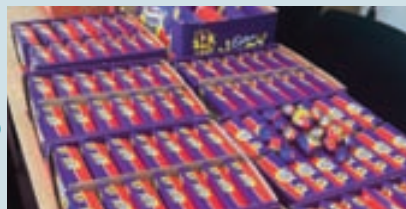
The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for pupils to wear shoes that have platform soles or high heels, so we do not allow pupils to wear such shoes in our school. Neither do we allow pupils to wear trainers to school; this is because we think that this footwear is appropriate for sport or for leisurewear, but is not in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform. We require all pupils to wear shoes as stated in the uniform list – black, flat shoes. We would expect the shoes to be leather or leather-look and so no canvas shoes.

Mrs V Hunt
Assistant Headteacher

School Counselling Service

All pupils are able to access the support of a trained counsellor in school. Any pupil who feels they would benefit from speaking to someone independent of school, family and friends can do so by speaking to their Form Teacher, Head of Year, Student Support staff or Mrs Sloggett.

Charity



Easter Eggs for Romania

The Head Team did another wonderful job this year collecting Easter Eggs for Romanian street children from pupils across the school. They did this by going into assemblies and encouraging pupils to bring in cream eggs for the campaign. They collected on behalf of Gilgal Baptist Church which contributes to the overall Cardiff based charity Support for Romania. The charity volunteers drive lorries across Europe in time for Christmas and Easter, packed full of supplies, taking bedding, clothing, medical supplies plus sweet parcels at Christmas and eggs at Easter time. This Easter, they collected 2160 eggs from across Porthcawl.

Gilgal Church representative and former teacher Mrs Ruth Evans co-ordinated the collection from school and commented "Thanks so much for your support in collecting eggs for this year's campaign. The Head Team have been fantastic! The grand total is 710 eggs from school which is superb!"

To find out more about the work of Support for Romania, have a look at their website: <http://www.supportforromania.org.uk>



Food for Thought

On Thursday 8th February, a group of pupils from PCS went to one of Bridgend's Foodbanks.

During our visit there, we found out about the three-day emergency food supplies given to people in crisis. Last year alone, the Foodbank provided 4004 bags for adults and 1456 for children. They are part of a nationwide network of Foodbanks, supported by The Trussell Trust, working to combat poverty and hunger across the UK. An incredible 1 in 5 children of the UK population live below the poverty line.

As a school we hope to do a whole school food collection in the near future and will use the fantastic trolley designed especially by Daniel Evans of Year 9. We also hope to encourage shoppers to donate when we promote the vital work the Trussell Trust do to collect food for those in need at Bridgend Tesco at the end of June.



Giving Blood

27 February 2018



Welsh Blood Service arrives at Porthcawl Comprehensive

An incredible 127 pupils and staff volunteered to give blood at school when we had a visit from the Welsh Blood Service on 27th February. Staff worked all day long, with as many as 6 beds being occupied at any one time.

The standout factor was the enthusiasm of the pupils and their willingness to donate blood for the first time. Significant too was the number of staff who were making their first donation.

"It wasn't as bad as I expected! I'm glad I did it because I know I won't be as nervous to do it in the future" - Chloe Green

"I would definitely donate again" - Lucy Vinen

"It wasn't as long as I expected" - Lauren Evans

"It's great knowing that my donation has the potential to save three lives" - Harry Evans

"Once you get past the finger prick, the rest is easy!" - George Walters

"It's great knowing that it'll go towards someone who needs it" - Jenna Blake

"Great to see so many new donors! Last time I was in the 'Give Blood Van' I was a young 18 year old. Hope all the new donors don't wait 20 years to visit again. I won't be that long again before my next visit!" Mr G Davies.



Swimathon 2018

In previous years, we entered two staff teams into this year's Swimathon. Each team completed a 5K challenge in aid of Cancer Research UK and Marie Curie Cancer. It was a very successful event in which we raised a total of £300 for the two charities. Thank you to everyone who supported the event.



Tŷ HAFAN #5IN55 MOUNTAIN CHALLENGE



Between the 5th and 7th July 2018, a group of Dads and a few uncles, whose families have been supported by Tŷ Hafan, will be aiming to climb and travel between five UK mountains in a maximum of 55 hours. The five mountains are Ben Nevis (highest in the UK), Scafell Pike (highest in England), Snowdon (highest in Wales), Cadair Idris and Pen y Fan (2nd and 3rd highest in Wales).

Tŷ Hafan is one of the UK's leading paediatric palliative care charities and offers care to children and support for their families, throughout Wales.

Bunting Magnetics Europe has been announced as the headline sponsor for the Ben Nevis stage of the Tŷ Hafan #5in55 Mountain Challenge.

"It is a crazy challenge and we wanted to show our support for such an amazing charity," explained Simon Ayling, Bunting's Managing Director. "Walking up five mountains in 55 hours was considered to be tough enough to be a real challenge, but is nothing compared to the daily challenges faced by the families and children who are supported by Tŷ Hafan. Immediately, we wanted to support them and asked to sponsor the climb to the top of the UK's highest mountain, Ben Nevis."

As a group of Dads, we just wanted to do something to promote Tŷ Hafan and thank the staff and care team. The #5in55 team are thrilled to have Bunting as a headline sponsor.



TRAINING

Training has been steadily increasing over the last few weeks. At the start of April we completed our first team walk in Brecon by walking Pen y Fan but what made it more challenging was the fact that at times we were a foot deep in snow. I took part in the recent Tŷ Hafan Rainbow Run in Swansea and have been up Pen y Fan with family. I have been building up my cardio and increasing length of walks to build up stamina and miles. Things are beginning to step up now and become more serious. On the 13th May we had a challenging training walk in the Brecon Beacons walking from Talybont-on-Usk, covering all the central Beacons summits and a circuit of Talybont reservoir, including the tops of the east side. The walk was approx. 23 miles and approx. 4800ft ascent/descent.



PRO FITNESS LTD

The Pro Fitness Gym in Penarth in Cardiff are also supporting the 5in55 event. On the 5th May they put on a circuit/crossfit training session for 55 minutes and the donation per person was £5 which went towards the Tŷ Hafan 5in55 event. The idea being 5th May is 5/5 for 55mins and £5 donation so nicely links in with the 5in55 theme. The session was greatly supported by staff and pupils at Porthcawl Comprehensive although I think some felt the effects more than others the next day (James Short, Alan Thomas!).



The event raised £156.06 and was such a success that staff at Pro Fitness organised a further training session on Sunday 17th June at 11am. Thank you very much to everyone who is supporting and have already donated to this event. Any donations for the Tŷ Hafan #5in55 Mountain Challenge can be made on this Just Giving site.

www.justgiving.com/pucella

Thank you very much Angelo Pucella.

Sixth Form Charity Five-a-side Football League - Tŷ Hafan



Match Reports – Week 1

Rugby City Town Athletic FC v 50 Shades of O'Shea

1-4

Captain Teilo Bowen and his team went for intimidation and scare tactics turning up in full rugby attire and skull caps. 50 Shades were not phased. With their experience they had seen it all before and experience certainly showed as their superior skills and crisp clean passing soon got the better of Rugby City. 10/10 for Reuben Harris who ran around like a headless chicken and certainly covered the most ground. If you put rugby boys against football boys in a 5 a-side football match, there is only 1 winner really! Or maybe it is was to do with super wonder boy in goals!

Italiani BMT on Brown Bread v Do we get a participation medal?

5-2

There was certainly nerves and anxiety in the girls' camp. However, with two early successful penalties the nervousness soon passed to the Italiani's. The girls team drafted in a few ringers in the last minute before the match which proved difficult for Italiani. They found themselves 2-0 down and for the first 4 minutes could not break the girls team down. However, they soon got the upper hand and proved too good for their mystery keeper and in the end easily slotted away 5 goals. A very good first effort by 'Do we get a participation medal' who also had a very good following with their faithful supporters.

Ellie Lloyds Barmy Army v Furness' Dream Team

4-0

Furness' Dream Team did not look the Dream as they only sided 4 players. A good start by both teams. But gaps opened up and Ellie Lloyds Barmy Army took full advantage. With tiring bodies, Furness' Dream Team did their best but with tiring legs there was not enough left in the tank and Ellie Lloyds Barmy Army went on to achieve an easy first victory. The big question one must ask which could have changed the balance of the results of week 1 – Where was Louis Protheroe?

Week 2 – Match Reports

Rugby City turned up again with their intimidation tactics with their skull caps but also a team chant before the game. On this occasion it paid off with a victory over Con John's Cup Cakes. Con John's team looked as if they held them off for a draw but perhaps too many cup-cakes were eaten before the match which meant there was not enough in the tank. 50 shades were confident after a 4-1 victory last week but they were not as experienced as they first thought and were taught a harsh lesson by Ellie Lloyds Barmy Army. Italiani BMT won by default against Furness' Dream Team who failed to present a team. The question remains – Where is Louis Protheroe? Ellie Lloyd used their match against Do we get a participation medal as a warm up but Participation Medal did score their 2nd goal of the season. Rugby City Vs Italiani BMT was a close game but Rugby City scored in the last minute to push them up to 2nd in the league. Ellie Lloyds Barmy Army have now won 3 out of 3 but, will it continue?

Week 3 – Match Reports

Furness' Dream Team seem to have fallen apart with yet another no show. The pressure of losing to Year 12 seems to have got to them. Remember, perseverance creates success! Con John's Cupcakes started sprightly and held off Ellie Lloyd for half the game but then golden boot Lewis Hodder scored and that started a flurry of goals. A gallant effort by the Cupcakes who were up against tough opposition. SHOCK of the week was the Rugby City boys lost to Do we get a participation medal! The girls had to play subs to start with but Rugby City were happy with that. The girls scored a lucky early goal. As soon as Cerys Davenport arrived (captain) she joined the team and her defensive tactics paid off because despite numerous chances from Rugby City the girls held them off and won 1-0. 50 shades V Italiani was a close match to start with but Maksym was asleep in goals for Italiani and they had an own goal, 50 Shades capitalised on their mistakes and won 4-2.

Week 4 – Match Reports

There was huge pressure on Con John's team to beat the girls and they certainly did feel it, they did create chances but the keeper kept saving every shot. The girls did manage to complete a last minute signing and Zara

Christopher made her debut. She immediately had an impact on the game, breaking through the defence but failed to score. Eventually the Cupcakes broke through and won 1-0. The Cupcakes almost kept their momentum going against 50 shades but tired legs took their toll or was it too many cupcakes again? 50 Shades won 2-1. Ellie Lloyd's Barmy Army continued to dominate with a 3-0 victory over the Italiani's. There is just 1 week left of matches. Who will be crowned Champion? Favourites are Ellie Lloyd's Barmy Army but statistically 50 Shades could spoil the party.

Week 5 – Match Reports

The reputation of Ellie Lloyd's Barmy Army was just too much for Rugby City to cope with and captain Teilo Bowen and his team pulled out of the match rather than face a defeat at the hands of Ellie Lloyd who have been totally consistent all season. Some players were so scared of the Barmy Army they even had a day off school e.g. Ryan Mahoney-Jones.

Italiani turned up the heat on the Cupcakes with a season's best victory of 8-0. 50 Shades claimed victory over 'Do we get a Participation Medal'. Despite their signing from Miskin 'Zara Christopher' before Easter they failed to get a team together. 50 Shades beat the Italiani's 2-1 in a friendly and a shock result was the Cupcakes held 50 Shades to a 3-3 draw in a friendly. Ellie Lloyd were worthy champions of the 2018 League and go on to play exhibition games next week.

Exhibition Match Reports

Lewis Hodder and his team were on fire but could it continue. Two touring teams played them today. 'The Last Minute Legends' captained by Lowri Powis were up for the challenge. Nerves got the better of them as Ellie Lloyds Barmy Army quickly went into a 3-0 lead. However, the Year 9 girls came back to 3-2 and put the boys under pressure for a period of time. However, Ellie Lloyds Barmy Army eventually took control and won 5-2. The next touring team to challenge the champions was the 'Spaghetti Westerns' captained by Ed Neeson in Year 8. Another gallant effort from Year 8 who scored 2 goals but eventually lost 5-2. However, both challenging teams did better than most 6th Form teams so well done!

Mr A Pucella

Porthcawl Comprehensive School

Sixth Form Charity 5 a-side Football League

For Pupils for children 16-18 years
or Young - 18 years and up

Rugby City Town Athletic FC		Con Johns Cup Cakes		50 Shades of O'Shea	
Terilo	Bowen ID	Connor	John ID	Harry	Evans ID
Jayden	Jones	James	Powell	Ethan	Waters
Ryan	Jones	James	Grandon	Harry	Watkins
Scott	Dixon	Aidan	Aitcheson	Rhys	Lewis
Reuben J	Harris	Tom	Francis	?? Secret	Wonderboy
Marcus J	Fish				
Dylan B	Matthews				

Do we get a participation medal?		Ellie Lloyds Barmy Army		Italiani BMT on Brown Bread	
Cerys	Davenport ID	Ross	Overton ID	Rob	Burke ID
Sarah	Davidson	George	Rossini	George	Walters
Abbie	Perkins	Patrick	Coleman	Steve	Daveeb
Emily	Childs	Lewis	Hodder	Sam	Edwards
Katie	Pickett	Joe	Culbertson	Caru	Williams
		Jake	Atherton	Maksym	Randal
		Harry	Phillips		

Exhibition Teams Who Played the Champions					
The Last Minute Legends		The Spaghetti Westerns		Furness' Dream Team	
Lowri	Powis ID	Ed	Neeson ID	Zakk	Furness-Jones ID
Shauna	Gamble	Reuben	Howley	Dan	Williams
Cery	Mikendie	Morgan	James	Louis	Protheroe
Carmen	Lynch	Ben	Kiernan	Nathan	Jones
Abi	Williams	Joe	Bartlett	Max	Budding
		Ethan	Stanton		

Porthcawl Comprehensive - 6th Form Charity 5 a-side LEAGUE TABLE								
Position	Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
1	Ellie Lloyds Barmy Army	6	6	0	0	18	2	18
2	50 Shades of O'Shea	6	5	1	0	11	8	15
3	Italiani BMT on Brown Bread	6	3	3	0	16	3	9
4	Rugby City Town Athletic FC	6	3	3	0	5	3	9
5	Con Johns Cup Cakes	6	2	4	0	3	15	6
6	Do we get a participation medal?	6	2	4	0	4	5	6
7	Furness' Dream Team	6	0	6	0	0	4	0

Week 1 Fixtures		Wednesday 7th March	
1	Rugby City Town Athletic FC	v	50 Shades of O'Shea
5	Italiani BMT on Brown Bread	v	Do we get a participation medal?
4	Ellie Lloyds Barmy Army	v	Furness' Dream Team
Week 2 Fixtures		Wednesday 14th March	
2	Rugby City Town Athletic FC	v	Con Johns Cup Cakes
4	Ellie Lloyds Barmy Army	v	50 Shades of O'Shea
Win by default	Italiani BMT on Brown Bread	v	Furness' Dream Team
4	Ellie Lloyds Barmy Army	v	Do we get a participation medal?
2	Rugby City Town Athletic FC	v	Italiani BMT on Brown Bread
Week 3 Fixtures		Wednesday 21st March	
Win by default	50 Shades of O'Shea	v	Furness' Dream Team
3	Ellie Lloyds Barmy Army	v	Con Johns Cup Cakes
0	Rugby City Town Athletic FC	v	Do we get a participation medal?
4	50 Shades of O'Shea	v	Italiani BMT on Brown Bread
Week 4 Fixtures		Wednesday 28th March	
Win by default	Con Johns Cup Cakes	v	Furness' Dream Team
Win by default	Rugby City Town Athletic FC	v	Furness' Dream Team
1	Con Johns Cup Cakes	v	Do we get a participation medal?
1	Con Johns Cup Cakes	v	50 Shades of O'Shea
3	Ellie Lloyds Barmy Army	v	Italiani BMT on Brown Bread
Win by default	Do we get a participation medal?	v	Furness' Dream Team
Week 5 Fixtures		Wednesday 18th April	
0	Con Johns Cup Cakes	v	Italiani BMT on Brown Bread
Win by default	Ellie Lloyds Barmy Army	v	Rugby City Town Athletic FC
Win by default	50 Shades of O'Shea	v	Do we get a participation medal?
Week 6 Fixtures		Wednesday 25th April	
CHAMPIONS		Challengers from different Year Group	
5	Ellie Lloyds Barmy Army		The Last Minute Legends
5	Ellie Lloyds Barmy Army		The Spaghetti Westerns



Season Statistics

Category	Player/Team
Golden Boot Award	Lewis Hodder
Most goals scored with left foot	George Rossini
Most distance covered in a game	Reuben Harris
Transfer signing with most impact	Zara Christopher
Most own goals	Stephen Davies
Most improved team	Con John's Cup Cakes



MARIE CURIE

During the month of March, we raised money for Marie Curie Cancer Care by selling daffodils and Welsh cakes in school. Our local Marie Curie representative, Mrs Jean Humphreys, spoke to Year 8 in assembly about Marie Curie's life and her outstanding achievements which led to her being the first woman to win the Nobel Prize. As a school we raised £138.72 all proceeds of which are spent on supporting our local community.



Two Faces



Drama

On the 1st and 2nd of May the BTEC Performing Arts group performed the play 'Two Faces' to packed out audiences in the Drama Studio. As the play is a GCSE Drama text, the Tuesday audience was full of Year 10 and 11 pupils who took the opportunity to see the text performed live.

'Two Faces' is a drama that explores our use of social media. The internet provides us with an opportunity to make the best of ourselves - pretty selfies, smart remarks and thousands of friends. But what is the relationship between web and real life? Is everyone telling lies on the web, and what happens when those lies turn to dangerous deceptions?

"I have thoroughly enjoyed working on the Year 11 play. I have learnt that I just need to forget what I think other people will say and

just get on with it. I have learnt a lot from this experience."

Rebecca Adams - 6DL - Cast Member

"This was my most challenging role yet in Performing Arts, but I am glad that it was because it allowed me to push the limits of my ability as an actor. I am so pleased that we were able to talk about this real issue and we hope you enjoyed."

James Grandon - 6DL - Cast Member

"It was a really good educational experience being able to see the text we're studying in class performed live. It was also free!!!"

Scarlett Jenkins Year - 10 Drama Pupil

"It was very engaging and really enjoyable"

Kiera Ellis-Stretch - Year 10 Drama Pupil

Year 7 Drama Club Production

Alice in Wonderland



On the 23rd of March, Year 7 Drama Club pupils performed a production of 'Alice in Wonderland' to a packed-out audience of family and friends in the Drama Studio. It was directed by five Year 9 Drama pupils - Olivia Baglow, Kara Morgan-Rees, Holly Thomas, Ffion Walmsley-Williams and Samantha Wensley. Over thirty Year 7 pupils performed in the show and they did an excellent job! There are definitely a lot of future drama stars to look out for over the coming years.

We had such a fun time directing the show and running Drama Club. It was a great experience and we got to work with such an incredible group of people. We enjoyed every second of it! The Year 7 pupils were extremely hardworking and showed such amazing commitment! Well done everyone!

Ffion Walmsley-Williams and Samantha Wensley
Year 9



"I really enjoyed performing Alice in Wonderland - everyone was amazing and I loved performing the Cheshire Cat" Amelie

"A great production by the Year 9 girls and all who performed, also very enjoyable!" Issie Comley

"It was a great opportunity and experience performing Alice in Wonderland! I would highly recommend joining Drama Club as it's lots of fun! Izy

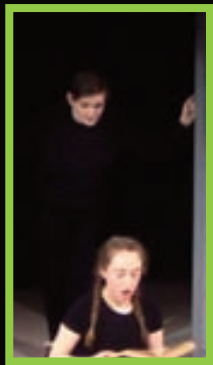
Year 11 GCSE Set Text Practical Exams



On the 20th April the Year 11 GCSE Drama students completed their final practical performance exams. This performance represents 20% of the final GCSE grade and so the pressure was high. The pupils certainly rose to the occasion and everyone did their best on the day!



AS DRAMA PRACTICAL EXAMS



In February this year, the AS Drama class completed their examined performance of a reinterpretation of a Set Text. There were four groups in total reinterpreting the texts – ‘Antigone’, ‘Blue Remembered Hills’, ‘The Glass Menagerie’ and ‘The Hypochondriac’. The class also included two technical students who were assessed on lighting and sound as opposed to acting. It was a demanding project but everyone was pleased with the work created.



'The Journey'



Year 13 Drama Pracs



The Year 13 Drama Class performed their polished devised and set text pieces to a live audience and an examiner on the 15th March, 2018. All based around the central theme of 'The Journey', the students' devised work considered a broad range of subjects and their performances showcased extracts from many different playwrights.

Here's what other students thought:

'I felt it went very well. Despite the pressure we all enjoyed and hope for good results at the end of the year' - Kathryn Shears

'A very memorable experience' - Emily Hughes - Consortium Pupil Maesteg Comprehensive School

'Our practical examinations took a lot of hard work, time and effort over a fairly long period, however in the end it was a great relief to perform for the final time in front of friends and family and to feel the reward of our dedicated efforts' - Thara Hopkin

'Our practical exams despite being stressful, were overall a very enjoyable experience and I hope for good results in the Summer' - Layla Millar

Lions' May Fayre

Music

On Monday 7th May, some of our talented Year 10 pupils performed during the May Fayre held at All Saint's Church, organised by the Porthcawl Lions Club. Money was raised for many different charities during the day, however the girls chose one special charity to collect for which was the ROHHAD Association in memory of Luca Pucella. A heart felt thank you to Beci Senior, Millie Stables, Liliana Miller, Erin Thomas-Parker, and Annalise Kavanagh for volunteering to spend their bank holiday Monday performing to raise money for such a worthy cause. Also, a big thank you to the staff at PCS for their extra donations.

Over £100 was raised just from this one event, so please keep this charity in mind whenever you have the opportunity to raise money. These donations could make a big difference to those living with this rare condition and their families.

Mrs Giles
Music Department .



Spring Concert

This year we decided to move our annual Summer Concert to the Spring term, with the hope of celebrating all of our talented musicians and performers before they embark on their exams during the Summer term. The Jubilee Theatre was filled with beaming parents and friends, ready to enjoy an evening of talent. We started off with an amazing performance from the Wind Band with 'Shrek'. Each student had shown fantastic commitment and dedication to the Music Department, by attending extra rehearsals in the upcoming weeks to the concert.

There were many excellent solos, duets and group performances from students such as Laurence Hunt, Taya Beechey, Eddy Osborne, Elys Davies, Rhys Lloyd, James Evans Jones, Lucy Vinen, The 'Weenie Boys', and the BTEC Performing Arts group. There was also an exceptional string trio from Isabel Appleton, Jenny Tanner and Katie Pickett and another toe tapping performance from the Guitar Group. The audience gave us some fantastic feedback and thoroughly enjoyed the talent that they witnessed. They all commented on the magical sounds created by Junior Orchestra, String Group and Senior Orchestra, along with Junior Voices and Senior Choir.

We would like to thank the wonderful Music Teachers and peripatetic teachers who helped put this evening together, and the students who made the evening mesmerising. We would also like to congratulate the hilarious Mitchell Davies, on doing a fantastic job of helping keep the audience entertained in between the performances. Sadly, it was Year 13's last school concert. We wish them all the best for the future. They have really been an asset to the Music Department these past few years.

Well done to all involved in the Spring Concert 2018. The Performing Arts Department are very proud of the outstanding performances given by pupils and it was truly a wonderful evening!

We are now looking forward to the new academic year, with preparations for the Christmas Carol Concert and the next school production! We hope to see you all there.

BTEC Performing Arts





Music Service

During February 2018, Bridgend Music Service ran a weekend residential youth orchestra course. The course was held at the Urdd Centre in Cardiff Bay. During the weekend, the service arranged for members of the BBC National Orchestra of Wales to work with the pupils during rehearsals. To get to work with professionals such as these was so inspiring and had a huge impact on the pupils.

The course concluded with an hour-long concert in the BBC Hoddinott Hall, the home to the BBC National Orchestra of Wales. The orchestra performed six pieces including, 'Mars' from the 'Planet Suite' by Holst, 'Mambo' from 'West Side Story' and 'Finlandia' by Sibelius. The string orchestra also performed two pieces, 'Ashken Farewell' and 'It Don't Mean a Thing (if it ain't got that swing)'.

This course was a huge success with 65 pupils making up a full symphony orchestra.

Well done to the following PCS pupils who attended this fantastic course and benefitted from such a valuable experience:

Olivia Geddes	Grace Clear	Jenny Tanner
James Clear	Sophie Edwards	Stella Marks
Pippa Harrowing	Jamie Harrowing	Anousha Cronje
Isaak Cronje	Katie Pickett	Beth Pickett

Music for Youth Festival

On the 28 March, Bridgend Music Service hosted the Music for Youth Regional Festival at the Grand Pavilion, Porthcawl. It was the first time the event had been held within the county and involved over 600 pupils from Bridgend, Neath Port Talbot, Rhondda Cynon Taff and Newport.

The Music for Youth Festival is the biggest youth music festival in the world with over 70,000 young musicians taking part in regional festivals all over the UK. Ensembles that excel in their area can be invited to perform at the National Festival.

Bridgend Music Service had nine ensembles performing this year, including their very experienced Symphonic Brass ensemble, who has been invited to the National Festival twice over the last three years. The service is very proud to announce that this year, their County Symphonic Brass and County Strings Plus ensembles have been invited to perform at the National Festival which will be held in Birmingham on 4 July.

Congratulations to all PCS pupils who were involved in the Music for Youth Festival, representing the school as well as the county ensembles! Best of luck to the following PCS pupils who are part of the successful ensembles that will perform at the National Festival in July:

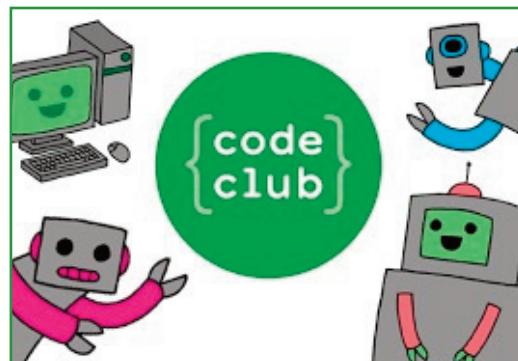
Symphonic Brass

Laurence Hunt Matthew Pugh

Strings Plus

Olivia Geddes Jenny Tanner Grace Clear
James Clear Trent Francis

Code Club



THE AIM OF CODE CLUB IS TO INSPIRE THE NEXT GENERATION TO GET EXCITED ABOUT COMPUTING AND DIGITAL MAKING.

What is it?

At Code Club, all children should have the opportunity to learn to code, no matter who they are or where they come from.

Code Club supports a nationwide network of volunteers and educators who run free coding clubs where young people aged 9-13 build and share their ideas, learning along the way.

We currently have more than 10000 clubs in over 100 countries, and our club projects have been translated into 28 languages.

Our projects are easy to follow, step-by-step guides which help young people learn Scratch, HTML & CSS, and Python by making games, animations, and websites. The projects gradually introduce coding concepts to allow young people to build their knowledge incrementally, which also means there's no need for the adult running the session to be a computing expert.

We also support active clubs with a range of extra resources, including certificates and posters, as well as offering competitions and prize draws for them.

Code Club was founded in 2012, and in 2015 joined forces with the Raspberry Pi Foundation, a registered UK charity. Code Club is a key educational programme for the Foundation, working to help many more young people learn how to build their ideas with code.

Where is it?

Code Club is run at lunchtimes on a Tuesday in G5.

What have the pupils learnt?

They started learning the basic programming concepts using a program called 'Scratch'. Pupils then progressed onto HTML to learn the basics of Web Design. They then did some work using the BBC Microbits and are currently building circuits using the Inventor toolkit. They have also taken part in various coding competitions throughout the year. A big thank you must go to Aaron Watkins, Jamimah Cook, Mathew Turner and Matthew Key who have helped run the Code Club this year and prepare additional resources as part of their Community Action with the Welsh Baccalaureate qualification in the Sixth Form.

YEAR 10 WELSH BACCALAUREATE PITCHES

Recently, our budding entrepreneurs pitched their innovative business proposals to a range of well-qualified dragons and business titans.

As part of the Welsh Baccalaureate qualification, all of our Year 10 students had to apply for roles in teams to generate ideas for a fresh and feasible business proposition that is then developed ready for a Dragons' Den meets The Apprentice sales pitch.

We had milkshakes, travel apps, wicker furniture and edible lovespoons. There were coffee shop pop-ups and personalised slate place mats, all locally sourced and reflecting the potentially vibrant Welsh economy.

The pupils were tremendously effective, creative and collaborative participants and the quality of the pitches astounded the assorted Dragons.

Watch out Alan Sugar, we've got some serious young talent coming your way.

Mr Thomas ~ Director of Studies



Intermediate Maths Challenge

Over 250,000 students from more than 3,000 schools and colleges across the UK participated in the Intermediate Maths Challenge on 1st February. Students had 60 minutes to answer 25 varied multiple choice Mathematical problems. High scorers are awarded certificates to recognise their success in Mathematics.

The Intermediate Maths Challenge is one of a number of Maths competitions run by the UK Mathematics Trust. The challenges aim to stimulate Mathematical thinking and enhance problem solving skills. Over 650,000 pupils from more than 4,500 UK secondary schools and colleges take part in the UKMT Mathematical Challenges every year.

A big well done and thank you to Year 10 and 11 for having a go! There were 12 certificate winners:

YEAR 11
BEST IN YEAR/SILVER
CERTIFICATE

Max Williams / Jamie Harrowing

Silver Certificate Winners

Penny Sinclair and Sunil Vummiti

Bronze Winners

Ewan Aitchinson-Hough and Lik To Chung

YEAR 10
BEST IN SCHOOL / BEST IN
YEAR and SILVER
CERTIFICATE WINNER

Isaak Cronjé

Silver Certificate Winner

Annot Ignescious Regington

Bronze Certificate Winners

Scarlett Jenkins
Jack Bartlett
Katie Liu
Dylan Perrin

SAMPLE QUESTION IN THE INTERMEDIATE MATHS CHALLENGE

In 2014 in Boston, Massachusetts, Eli Bishop set a world record for the greatest number of claps per minute. He achieved 1020 claps in one minute. How many claps is that per second?

A 17 B 16.5 C 16 D 15.5
E 15

Awards

Presentation of Academic Achievement, Effort and Honours Awards 2017/18

On 13th March 2018 we held our annual Awards Evening. As usual this rewarded the efforts of the pupils for the previous academic year. The evening was very well attended, and it was lovely to see some old faces returning, as well as the new Year 7 pupils attending their first Awards Evening.

Year 7 Honours

7ES	Tristyn James	7TL	Max Shirley
7JS	Efa Morris, Roddy Evans	7GD	Mali Perry
7JC	Sam Weaver, Seren Cole	7TE	Seren Protheroe
7LT	Finty Kehoe		

Last Year's

Year 7	Excellence	Progress	Honours
7EH	Bronwyn Jones	Molly Brennan	Tom Tweedy, Connor Whitney-Embleton
7AS	Oskar Wojtasinski	Holly Mainwaring	Rachael Tombs
7AL	Ava Verderame	Seren Power	Ewan Hall
7LC	Polly James	Lucas Wiseman	Storm Woods
7RB	Tegan Davies	Oliver Burke	Eleni Jones
7KH	Daisy Richards	Carys Clee	Tegan McGlynn
7JS	Lucy Griffiths	Erin Watkin	Connor Mundy
7CJ	Joseph Dingle	Morgan Evans	Libby Mumford
	Archie Jenkins	Seren Roberts-Brown	

Last Year's

Year 8	Excellence	Progress	Honours
8SB	Pippa Harrowing	Katie Lloyd	Eleri Williams
8ME	Trent Francis	James Clear	Beth Pickett
8KE	Miles Thomas	Elliott Davies	Lucy Stradling, Lewys Audsley
8JW	Abigail Tibbs	Sophia John	Megan Frole
8HD	Curtis Willmott	Cerys McKenzie-Smith	Lauren Colley
8MS	Evan Jones	Jessica Hughes	Lowri Powis
8LM	Katie Jones	Milly Aplin	Grace Strong

Last Year's

Year 9	Excellence	Progress	Honours
9AE	Meg McCloy	Dylan Rees	Nia Clatworthy
9MC	Rohan Johns	Oliver Williams	Joe Markey
9OS	Jonathan Munro	Liliana Millar	Hannah Davidson
9HG	Isabelle Hone	Ellie Graham	Stella Marks
9EJ	Mary-Jane Kutkaitis Carys Mainwaring	Kyle Walsh	Cameron Beale
9GD	Ashleigh Phillips	Willis Deeks	Krista Kavanagh
9TH	Scarlett Jenkins	Lucia Brown	Rachel Appleton, Chloe Wyatt



Awards

Year 10	Academic Effort	Sunil Vummiti India Clatworthy
Year 11	Academic Effort	Catherine Pickett Joel Williams
Year 12	Academic Effort	Laurence Hunt James Evans-Jones
Year 13	Academic Effort	Mohammed Sultaan Azam Anna Weston

Sports Awards

GCSE	PE	Boy Girl	Morgan Roberts Nia Eales
Key Stage 3		Boy Girl	Jonathan Munro Nia Clatworthy

Drama Awards

Junior Drama Student of the Year	Carys Mainwaring
Senior Drama Student of the Year	Elin Morris
Drama Performance of the Year	Molly Brace
Porthcawl Little Theatre Award	Lauren Ellis-Stretch

Miscellaneous Awards

Howard Cave Memorial Trophy for Art	Anna Weston
Christmas Swim Award (Technology)	Grace Hadley
Stuart Gass Memorial Award (Maths)	Mohammed Sultaan Azam
Science Student of the Year	Mohammed Sultaan Azam
Elizabeth Sumner Challenge Award	Ryan Thomas
Geraint Watkins Memorial Trophy - Junior Musician	Olivia Geddes
Gwen Hughes Memorial Cup - Lower School Wind Player	Pippa Harrowing
Senior Musician of the Year	James Evans-Jones
Eisteddfod - Chair	Hannah Strong
Town Twinning Award	Bethan Rees

100% Attendance Award (Years 8-11)	Georgina Andersson
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Presentation to Head Team 2016-17

Harry Evans (Head Boy), Lucy Vinen (Head Girl), James Evans-Jones (Deputy), Caitlin Toy (Deputy), Lili Price-Bevan, Claudia Keepins, Alice Webber, Mitchell Davies, Chloe Green, Hannah Jenkins, Chelsea Cooper, Isabel Humphries, Tara Phillips & Cameron Williams.



Awards

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EISTEDDFOD 2018

Overall Eisteddfod Result: 2018

1st Gwynedd	592 points
2nd Morgannwg	557 points
3rd Powys	499 points
4th Dyfed	447 points

Off-Stage Winners Morgannwg On Stage Winners Gwynedd

Junior Eisteddfod Champion	Grace Clear Year 7
Senior Eisteddfod Champion	Millie Stables Year 10
Senior Drama Winner	Carys Rosser Stanford Year 12
Junior Welsh Chair	Olivia Geddes Year 9
Junior English Chair	Laila Foode Year 8
Senior Welsh Chair	Hannah Strong Year 11
Senior English Chair	Alice Webber Year 13



March 9th was a notable day for our annual school Eisteddfod. The arrival of the Beast from the East the previous week had forced us to postpone our School Eisteddfod for the first time in School's history. However, no amount of snow or freezing conditions were going to prevent us celebrating such an important festival and, thankfully, the following week, the sun was shining and we were all ready to celebrate how proud we are to be Welsh.

Once again, the standard of competition was of the highest level. The immense talent of our pupils impressed everyone involved with the event. The Senior Eisteddfod ranged from singing to recitation, instrumentals to dance with each competitor displaying a maturity and stage presence which would, indeed, have received many a 'Yes' from certain celebrity judges!

In the afternoon, it was the turn of our junior pupils. The Junior Eisteddfod started, as usual, with the traditional folk dance performed by Year 7 pupils. However, half way through the performance, the audience was taken completely by surprise when the music changed, the pupils donned their cool shades and started rapping!

Again, the audience was treated to talented performances from pupils in Years 7, 8 and 9 reciting and singing in both Welsh and English, piano, wind and string instrumental competitions and the junior drama competitions. The standard of competition augers very well for the future!

Both Eisteddfodau ended with the chairing of the bard with two pupils being recognised for their outstanding work in Welsh and English. The colour and tradition of the ceremony was a fitting end to another Eisteddfod which was full of music, poetry and outstanding performances – in the best traditions of this unique festival.

Roedd Mawrth 9fed yn ddiwrnod o bwys i Eisteddfod yr ysgol eleni. Oherwydd dyfodiad 'Beast of the East' yr wythnos flaenorol, roedd rhaid i ni ohirio'r Eisteddfod am y tro cyntaf yn hanes yr ysgol. Fodd bynnag, doedd yr eira na'r amodau rhewi yn mynd i'n rhwystro rhag ddathlu gŵyl mor bwysig a diolch byth, yr wythnos ganlynol, roedd yr haul yn disgleirio a roedden ni i gyd yn barod i ddathlu ein Cymreictod.

Unwaith eto, roedd safon y cystadleuthau yn uchel iawn. Gwnaeth dalent enfawr ein disgyblion argraff ar bawb a oedd yn ymwneud â'r digwyddiad. Yn yr Eisteddfod hŷn roedd amrywiaeth o ganu, adrodd, dawnio ac offerynnau cerdd gyda phob cystadluydd yn arddangos aeddfedrwydd a phresenoldeb llwyfan a fyddai wedi derbyn 'Ie' gan sawl feirniad enwog.

Yn y prynhawn, roedd tro ein disgyblion iau. Dechreuodd yr Eisteddfod Iau yn ôl yr arfer gyda Blwyddyn 7 yn dawnio gwerin traddodiadol. Fodd bynnag, hanner ffordd drwyddo, syddanodd y gynulleidfa pan newidiodd y gerddoriaeth, gwisgodd y disgyblion eu sbectol haul cŵl a dechreuon nhw rapio!

Eto, cafwyd perfformiadau talentog dros ben gan ddisgyblion ym mlyneddodd 7, 8 a 9 yn adrodd a chanu yn Saesneg a Chymraeg, cystadleuthau piano, offeryn chwyth a llinynnol a chystadleuthau drama iau. Mae safon y gystadlueaeth yn argoeli'n dda am y dyfodol!

Gorffennodd y ddwy Eisteddfod gyda seremoni cadeirio'r bardd yn cydnabod dau ddisgybl am eu gwaith eithriadol yn y Gymraeg a Saesneg. Roedd lliw a thraddodiad y seremoni yn ddiwedd addas iawn i Eisteddfod arall llawn cerddoriaeth, barddoniaeth a pherfformiadau eithriadol – yn nhraddodiad gorau'r Wyl unigryw hon.



ON-STAGE RESULTS

Senior Eisteddfod

Boys' Solo Song from a Musical or a Film

	Pupil Name	House
1st Place	Mitchell Davies	Gwynedd
2nd Place	Keighan Dyer	Dyfed
3rd Place	Marcus Ryan	Powys
Highly Commended	James Evans-Jones	Powys

Piano Solo

1st Place	Katie Pickett	Powys
2nd Place	Olivia Pownall	Gwynedd
3rd Place	Isabel Appleton	Gwynedd

English Recitation

1st Place	Millie Stables & Beci Senior	Gwynedd
2nd Place	Conor Farrell-John	Powys
3rd Place	Ellie Graham & Nathan Powell	Morgannwg

Welsh Vocal Solo

1st Place	Carys Mainwaring	Dyfed
2nd Place	Millie Stables	Gwynedd
3rd Place	Annalise Trayler	Morgannwg
	Ewan Aitchison-Hough	Powys

Instrumental Solo (Wind)

1st Place	Laurence Hunt	Powys
2nd Place	Jamie Harrowing	Dyfed
3rd Place	Millie Fry	Dyfed

Senior Drama

1st Place	Carys Rosser-Stanford	Dyfed
2nd Place	Conor Farrell-John	Powys

Group Song from a Show or a Film

1st Place	Elys Davies & Eddy Osbourne	Gwynedd
2nd Place	Mitchell Davies & Thara Hopkin	Gwynedd

Instrumental Solo (String)

1st Place	Katie Pickett	Powys
2nd Place	Nicola Hughes	Morgannwg
3rd Place	Jenny Tanner	Dyfed
Highly Commended	Conor Farrell-John	Powys

Solo Dance

1st Place	Emily James	Powys
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Group Dance

1st Place	Scarlett Jenkins, Orla Danahar & Sophie Edwards	Dyfed
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Girls' Solo Song from a Musical or a Film

1st Place	Lucy Vinen	Morgannwg
2nd Place	Eddy Osborne	Gwynedd
	Elys Davies	Gwynedd
	Holly Sinclair	Powys

Welsh Chair Winner

Hannah Strong	Gwynedd
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English Chair Winner

Alice Webber	Powys
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Senior Drama Winner

Carys Rosser-Stanford	Dyfed
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Senior Eisteddfod Champion

Millie Stables	Gwynedd
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Junior Eisteddfod

Welsh Recitation

1st Place	Amy Thompson, Amelie Symons & Cara Wheatley	Gwynedd
2nd Place	Ellie John, Poppy Shingler, Mollie Prance, Isabella Wintle, Ellen Hughes, Rozee Lewis & Jasmin Roberts	Morgannwg
3rd Place	Enzo Lipley	Morgannwg

Solo Song from a Show or a Film

1st Place	Kara Morgan-Rees	Morgannwg
2nd Place	Grace Clear	Dyfed
3rd Place	Isabella-Riley Thomas	Morgannwg
Highly Commended	Enzo Lipley	Morgannwg

Y8 Junior Drama Winners

1st Place	Tegan Duhig and Owen Lloyd	Gwynedd
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English Group Recitation

1st Place	Oliver Burke & Joe Dingle	Gwynedd
2nd Place	Alice Beesley, Taya Beechey & Grace Clear	Dyfed
3rd Place	Naaryanan Rajasubeshai	Powys

Instrumental Solo (Wind)

1st Place	Pippa Harrowing	Morgannwg
2nd Place	Ben Pownall	Powys
3rd Place	Samuel Weaver	Powys

Welsh Vocal Solo

1st Place	Taya Beechey	Dyfed
2nd Place	Grace Clear	Dyfed
3rd Place	Kate Evans	Powys
Highly Commended	Zane Aldridge McLean	Morgannwg

Y7 Junior Drama Winners

1st Place	Elys Pride, Alice Beesley, Taya Beechey & Sofia Chayka	Dyfed
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English Group Recitation

1st Place	Finty Kehoe, Alice Beesley, Grace Clear & Taya Beechey	Dyfed
2nd Place	Joe Dingle & Oliver Burke Elin Jarman, Luke Wyatt & Saul Williams	Gwynedd
3rd Place	Poppy Shingler, Olivia Geddes, Beth Pickett & Rhiannon Watkins	Morgannwg

Piano Solo

1st Place	James Clear	Morgannwg
2nd Place	Elys Pride	Dyfed
3rd Place	Grace Clear	Dyfed

Group Song from a show or film

1st Place	Grace Clear & Finty Kehoe	Dyfed
2nd Place	Maria Lynn & Scarlett Osborne	Gwynedd
3rd Place	Kara Morgan-Rees & Samantha Wensley	Morgannwg

Junior Group Dance

1st Place	Scarlett Osborne & Maria Lynn	Morgannwg
Highly Commended	Darcy Williams & Izzy O'Brien	Gwynedd

Junior Solo Dance

1st Place	Cara Wheatley	Gwynedd
	Enzo Lipley	Morgannwg



Instrumental Solo (String)

1st Place	Rhys Lloyd	Morgannwg
2nd Place	Olivia Geddes Grace Clear	Morgannwg Dyfed

Welsh Chair Winner

Olivia Geddes	Morgannwg
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English Chair Winner

Laila Foode	Gwynedd
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Junior Eisteddfod Champion

Grace Clear	Dyfed
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OFF-STAGE RESULTS

ADDITIONAL NEEDS/ANGHENION YCHWANEGOL

	Pupil Name	House
Year 7/Blwyddyn 7		
1st	Owen Kapoutsis	Morgannwg
2nd	Ethan Penny	Dyfed
3rd	Michael Howell	Morgannwg
Highly Commended:		
	Zach Jones	Powys

Year 8/Blwyddyn 8		
1st	Ethan King	Dyfed
2nd	Yaian Watkins	Morgannwg
3rd	Joe Senior	Morgannwg
Highly Commended:		
	Rachel Tombs	Dyfed

Year 9/Blwyddyn 9		
1st	Dylan Lawrence	Powys
2nd	Morgan Wagstaff	Morgannwg
3rd	Sarah Aubrey	Powys

ENGLISH/SAESNEG

	Pupil Name	House
Year 7 - Story		
1st	Cameron Thompson-Burke	Gwynedd
2nd	Samuel Weaver	Powys
3rd	Libby Geddes	Powys

Year 7 – Poem		
1st	Leon Hamilton	Gwynedd
2nd	Amelie Symmons	Gwynedd
3rd	James Browning	Gwynedd

Year 8 – Blog/Vlog		
1st	Madison McGuire & Emma Jones	Morgannwg
2nd	Cerys Williams	Gwynedd
3rd	Alisha Watkins	Gwynedd

Year 8- Poem		
1st	Bronwyn Jones	Morgannwg
2nd	Laila Foode	Gwynedd
3rd	Macho Frizz (Pen Name)	

Year 9 – Description of a Welsh place		
1st	Katie Jones	Gwynedd

Year 9 – Poem		
1st	Grace Lovell	Powys
2nd	Isabella Riley Thomas	Morgannwg
3rd	Eleri Williams	Dyfed

KS4		
1st	Emily Jame (Pen Name)	Morgannwg
2nd	Marcus Ryan	Powys

BIOLOGY/BIOLEG

	Pupil Name	House
Year 7		
1st	Libby Geddes	Powys
2nd	Amelie Symmons	Gwynedd
3rd	Scarlett Osborne	Morgannwg
Highly Commended:		
	Caitlin Jones	Powys

Year 8		
1st	Daisy Richards	Powys
2nd	Sophia Sleep	Powys
	Grace Baker	Powys
	Rhys Tunnadine	Powys
Highly Commended:		
	Carys Richards	Powys

Year 9		
1st	Olivia Geddes	Morgannwg
2nd	Abigail Rounce	Morgannwg
3rd	Daniel Evans	Powys
Highly Commended:		
	Samuel Mainwaring	Morgannwg

CYMRAEG

	Pupil Name	House
Year 7		
1st	Amelie Symmons	Gwynedd
2nd	Libby Geddes	Gwynedd
	Amy Thompson	Gwynedd
3rd	Cara Wheatley	Gwynedd

Year 8		
1st	Hattie Shroll	Dyfed
2nd	Alina Biju	Dyfed
3rd	Ava Verderame	Dyfed

FOOD & TEXTILES/BWYD & TECSTILIAU

	Pupil Name	House
Year 7		
1st	Rhiannon Watkins	Morgannwg
2nd	Dylan Bell	Morgannwg
3rd	Kate Evans	Powys
Highly Commended:		
	Mali Powell	Dyfed

Year 8		
1st	Georgia Jenkins	Powys
2nd	Seren Brown	Gwynedd
3rd	Elis Jones	Gwynedd
Highly Commended:		
	Rhys Tunnadine	Powys

Year 9		
1st	Katie Jones	Gwynedd
2nd	Lauren Colley	Dyfed
3rd	Olivia Davies	Gwynedd
Highly Commended:		
	Nell Howells	Morgannwg

FRENCH/FFRANGEG

	Pupil Name	House
Year 7		
1st	Samuel Weaver	Powys
2nd	Rhiannon Watkins	Morgannwg
3rd	Poppy Shingler	Morgannwg
Highly Commended:		
	Amelie Symmons	Gwynedd
	Amy Thomson	Gwynedd

Year 8		
1st	Lucy Griffiths	Powys
2nd	Eleni Jones	Gwynedd
3rd	Tegan McGlynn	Powys
	Josie Lewis	Powys
Highly Commended:		
	Tegan Davies	Gwynedd

Year 9		
1st	Lucy Roach	Powys
2nd	Kara Morgan-Rees	Morgannwg
3rd	Amy Griffiths	Morgannwg
Highly Commended:		
	Olivia Geddes	Morgannwg

GEOGRAPHY/DAEARYDDIAETH

	Pupil Name	House
Year 7		
1st	Cara Wheatley	Gwynedd
2nd	Amy Thomson	Gwynedd
3rd	Samuel Weaver	Powys
Highly Commended:		
	Zane Aldridge	Morgannwg
	Poppy Shingler	Morgannwg
	Ellen Hughes	Morgannwg

Year 9		
1st	Olivia Geddes	Morgannwg
2nd	James Clear	Morgannwg
3rd	Ffion Walmsley-Williams	Dyfed
Highly Commended:		
	Dylan Wisden	Powys

GERMAN/ALMAENEG

	Pupil Name	House
Year 7		
1st	Libby Geddes	Powys
	Jess Orum	Morgannwg
2nd	Scarlett Osborne	Morgannwg
3rd	Alice Beesley	Dyfed
Highly Commended:		
	Lidia Stamp	Morgannwg

Year 8		
1st	Eleni Jones	Gwynedd
2nd	Tegan McGlynn	Powys
	Josie Lewis	Powys
3rd	Tegan Davies	Powys

Highly Commended:

Oliver Burke	Gwynedd
Drew Howells	Dyfed

Year 9

1st	Rosie Smith	Gwynedd
2nd	Sidnei Dunn	Morgannwg
3rd	Holly Thomas	Dyfed
	Cassie Burke	Dyfed

Highly Commended:

Mia Brown	Gwynedd
Lowri Powis	Gwynedd
Olivia Davies	Gwynedd

HISTORY/HANES

Pupil Name House

Year 7

1st	Evan Carless	Gwynedd
2nd	Finty Kehoe	Dyfed
3rd	Mollie Prance	Morgannwg

Highly Commended:

Ffion Pryce	Gwynedd
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Year 8

1st	Josie Lewis	Powys
2nd	James Page	Morgannwg
3rd	Ronan Lewis	Gwynedd

Highly Commended:

Polly James	Morgannwg
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Year 9

1st	Tia Magan	Gwynedd
2nd	Eleri Williams	Morgannwg
	Elli Martin	Dyfed
3rd	Jess Hughes	Morgannwg

Highly Commended:

Olivia Geddes	Morgannwg
Pippa Harrowing	Morgannwg

ICT/TGCh

Pupil Name House

Year 7

1st	Mia Cray	Gwynedd
2nd	Morgan Davies	Morgannwg
3rd	Grace Evans	Gwynedd

Highly Commended:

Efa Morris	Gwynedd
Roxy Marks	Dyfed
Cole Rees	Gwynedd

Year 8

1st	Imran Azam	Powys
2nd	Thomas Burke	Powys
3rd	Angelica Davies	Gwynedd

Highly Commended:

Aled Davies	Powys
Tegan Davies	Gwynedd

Year 9

1st	Eleri Williams	Dyfed
2nd	Natasha Fray	Morgannwg
3rd	Harriette Williams	Dyfed

Highly Commended:

Samantha Wensley	Dyfed
Misty Fraser	Morgannwg
Morgan Paige-Thomas	Dyfed

MATHS/MATHEMATEG

Pupil Name House

Year 7

1st	Seren Protheroe	Morgannwg
2nd	Rhiannon Watkins	Morgannwg
3rd	Mollie Prance	Morgannwg

Highly Commended:

Caitlin Jones	Dyfed
Eve Hickman	Morgannwg
Amelie Symmons	Gwynedd

Year 8

1st	Ava Verderame	Dyfed
2nd	James Page	Morgannwg
3rd	Owen Lloyd-Walker	Gwynedd
	Morgan Evans	Gwynedd

Highly Commended:

Hannah Dickson-Jardine	Dyfed
Alina Biju	Morgannwg
Bronwyn Jones	Morgannwg
Ewan Hall	Dyfed
Jess Mullins	Powys
Grace Preece-Jones	Gwynedd

DT/DYLUNIO & THECHNOLEG

Pupil Name House

Year 7

1st	Amy Thomson	Gwynedd
2nd	Darcy Williams	Gwynedd
3rd	Cara Wheatley	Gwynedd

Highly Commended:

Rhiannon Watkins	Morgannwg
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Year 8

1st	Robin Berwaets	Dyfed
2nd	Tom Tweedy	Morgannwg
3rd	Callie Spiller	Dyfed

Highly Commended:

Owen Hancock-Yates	Powys
Bronagh O'Neill	Gwynedd

Year 9

1st	Lauren Colley	Dyfed
2nd	Ellie Bennet	Dyfed
3rd	Beth Pickett	Morgannwg

Highly Commended:

Amy Griffiths	Morgannwg
Emily Cox	Morgannwg

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Pupil Name House

Year 7

1st	Ellis Foode	Gwynedd
2nd	Cara Wheatley	Gwynedd
3rd	Isobel Comley	Dyfed

Highly Commended:

Sophie Bellhouse	Powys
Finty Kehoe	Dyfed
Tristyn James	Dyfed
Libby Geddes	Powys

Year 8

1st	David Morgan	Gwynedd
2nd	Oliver Jones	Powys
3rd	Josie Lewis	Powys
	Bethan Morgan	Powys

Highly Commended:

Sophia Sleep	Powys
Aaron Peterson	Powys
Carys Richards	Powys
Angelica Davies	Gwynedd

Year 9

1st	Olivia Geddes	Morgannwg
2nd	Kara Morgan-Rees	Morgannwg





The Big Dig

History Club's World War 1 Project

The team are now busy preparing the allotments for planting the vegetables to use as ingredients in their wartime recipes. They are attempting to recreate the types of food recipes that were common among the local community during the Great War of 1914-18.

It also involves creating a lesson to be delivered to the primary schools, and this includes a source pack exercise with PowerPoint presentation and drama re-enactment. With strong community connections and the backing of the Welsh First Minister, the project has really built up momentum this year. Dig For Victory!

Mr A Shutt - History Department

Independent Learning and Thinking Skills in History A-level



The History Department has been busy this term promoting independent learning skills within their lessons with a key focus on thinking and communication skills.

When Mrs Hammerton's Year 13 class were nearing the end of their course about establishment of a Nazi Dictatorship in Germany 1933-1945, the last section we had to complete was about Hitler's Foreign Policy. This section studied the Nazi 'Blitzkrieg' tactics -

meaning "lightning war" - which was an innovative military technique first used by the Germans in World War II and was a tactic based on speed and surprise. It includes the Nazi occupation of Austria, Holland, Denmark, The Netherlands, Belgium and France and battles such as the Battle of Stalingrad in 1942.

Pupils in Year 13 produced some innovative and detailed projects including a mock news report of Hitler's progress in Western Europe by Thara Hopkin

and Kelsey Griffiths, Harry Evans and Steve Davies produced an original and witty twitter feed, while Hannah Parry, Kiera Mitchell, Bronty Freeman and Lili Price Bevan indulged in two very well planned, visual narration presentations. While others, such as Karys Staveley, Dania John, Max Budding, George Walters and Nia Bowen used "movie maker" to produce mini-documentaries about Hitler's aims and successes.

These presentations were outstanding in their detail and creative in their approach, some are available to view on our shared You Tube page, the link: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCiyUZA_wMJp9Ap3zqXDrZrg. Or if you prefer, at home you can access it through the QR code.



Visit from Madeleine Moon MP

On 27th April, we had a visit from the Rt. Hon. Madeleine Moon, Member of Parliament for Bridgend, who came in to school to talk to Sixth Formers about the workings of Parliament and her life as an MP.

Having been an experienced social worker and a local counsellor, she talked about how daunting it had been to actually arrive in Westminster when she was first elected in 2005, and the honour of being sworn in as the 264th female MP of all time. She joked that there was no training for the job and nothing could have prepared her for the overwhelming sense of responsibility when she entered the chamber for the first time.

Mrs Moon took questions from the pupils about manifesto promises and her career to date. She said that the most useful piece of advice she could give pupils was to find out the very best universities to study the courses they were interested in and to go for it! Oh yes, and to join the Debating Society when they got there!



Sitting Priti with the Sixth Formers



Sixth Form pupils at PCS had the opportunity to grill the Rt. Hon. Priti Patel MP, Suzy Davies AM and Cllr. Carolyn Webster at school just before the February half term. Pupils questioned them on a range of issues from the uses of technology in government to Brexit. Ms Patel was pleased to hear the passion from the questioning and the interest in politics, both devolved and national, and "was impressed at the level of engagement by the students of the school".



UK Parliament Teacher Ambassador Programme



There were over 180 applicants from across the UK for a place on the UK Parliament Teacher Ambassador Programme, and Mr Short from our History Department has been successful in gaining a spot on this highly competitive course. The scheme involves an invitation to attend the Teachers' Institute at the Houses of Parliament for three days in July. Whilst at the Palaces of Westminster, there will be tours of the Palaces, an opportunity to watch debates in the chambers, experience Q&A sessions with the Speaker and Members from both Houses and take part in workshops to develop a knowledge and understanding of Parliament and democracy.

As a graduate of the Teachers' Institute, there will be an opportunity for our school to gain accredited status for having a teacher ambassador and access will be provided to free resources to help develop our students' and colleagues' understanding of Parliament and democracy, whilst benefiting from a continuing partnership with Parliament's Education Service.

A delighted Mr Short commented, "I am really pleased to have been selected for this Ambassador role. I certainly hope to be proactive in marking significant upcoming anniversaries at our school. For example, the 100th anniversary of the Representation of the People Act 1918 (which enabled all men and some women over the age of 30 to vote for the first time) and the 70th Anniversary of the establishment of the National Health Service by the great Welshman, Aneurin Bevan! I am looking forward to continuing to share my experiences of Parliament and the democratic process with colleagues and pupils."

Mr Short - UK Parliament Teacher Ambassador



Stephen Davies Nominated for Student Innovation Award

Whilst still in the throes of external examinations here at Porthcawl Comprehensive, Stephen Davies of Year 13, already had his Design and Technology 'A' Level piece nominated for an award by the visiting moderator. Stephen's meticulously detailed design of a prosthetic arm, to enable injured servicemen to kitesurf, impressed the WJEC examiner so much that he nominated it for a Student Innovation Award. Many congratulations Stephen on an outstanding piece of work. Other particularly striking exhibits were Nathan Jones' dragon fire pit and Molly Ashton of Year 12's stained glass window, depicting the lifeboat, designed with the new maritime centre in mind.



Future Chef

Regional Heats



Mackenzie Jenkins and myself, Fin were selected to represent Porthcawl Comprehensive in the regional heats of the Future Chef competition at Bridgend College in January.

My menu: Salmon en papillote, served with new potatoes and spinach
Dessert: Eton mess, using homemade meringues

As I prepared to start cooking on the morning, the atmosphere in the professional kitchen became more exciting. When it came to 10am, the clock started and I started to cook the main course and dessert.

Time was up and the cooking stopped. We waited outside anxiously as the judges tasted our carefully crafted meals. Finally, it was time to find out what the result was. Unfortunately, I didn't go through to the next round. My salmon dish with potatoes and spinach, served with an Eton mess as a dessert, was good, as were all the other chefs' dishes, but it wasn't the best dish on the day. Tommy Heaney was one of the judges, he is a local celebrity chef who has competed on the Great British menu and he offered some constructive feedback.

Taking part in the Future Chef competition has been fantastic, I also got to experience a professional kitchen at the Royal Porthcawl golf club and I now have a job!

Finley Hemsley - Year 11





Hospitality Restaurant

As part of the Hospitality GCSE course, students had to organise an event; this is worth 60% of their GCSE.

Pupils were expected to research, plan and run a restaurant. There were 4 groups, all of which decided on a different theme, such as a Mexican lunch for friends, an international 3 course meal for parents and a Jamaican lunch for staff. The final group served a roast dinner on St Dwywen's Day.

Pupils worked as a team; they trialled a range of dishes, they researched different countries and cuisines, deciding on the style of menu and the dishes they wanted to create. They produced invitations, decorated the restaurant and invited guests. Once they knew who was able to attend, they costed their menu, working out how much profit they would make and organised job roles.

On the day of the event the pupils prepared and cooked their dishes and then served them to their guests. All events were a great success and they felt a real sense of achievement and pride.

Good luck with your exam results and your future studies, you have been a pleasure!

Mrs Thelwell-Davies - Technology Department





Pop up Restaurant



The Food and Nutrition Technology Restaurant was a fantastic event which pupils took part in on the 20th March. Pupils worked independently throughout the event and developed their confidence and teamwork skills as a result of participating. On the evening of the event, the following was prepared, cooked and served by the pupils:

Starter: Vegetable Samosas, Onion Bhaji with Mango Chutney

Main Course: Homemade Chicken (or Vegetable) Curry with Rice and Naan Bread

Dessert: Raspberry Panna Cotta

Both the PCS staff and the parents and guardians of the pupils who participated were delighted with the standard of the food produced on the evening. It was great to see pupils enjoying the whole experience, building new friendships and showcasing their passion for nutrition throughout the project.

History Department trip to Hawaii, LA and San Francisco

February 2018



Our adventure began early on the morning of Saturday 17th February, when we left Porthcawl and headed to Heathrow airport. Everyone was unbelievably excited and we were soon on our way to the USA...first stop San Francisco!

After we landed, we got the chance to see the Golden Gate Bridge, which was an amazing experience on our very first day. On our next day in San Francisco we headed to Alcatraz. This was an incredibly interesting experience and we were able to see where a lot of America's most notorious criminals were imprisoned in the past. After this, we had some time to walk around Fisherman's Wharf before heading back to the hotel on one of the city's famous cable cars. Our time in San Francisco was short but very sweet and it was time for our next destination... Hawaii!

The next day we travelled to Honolulu and as soon as we walked outside, we could tell the temperature difference. On our first day in Hawaii, we got the chance to go in the hotel pool before heading to Tommy Bahama's for our evening meal. The next morning, we headed to Pearl Harbor for our full tour and talk. It was memorable experience and we even got the chance to see the USS Arizona, which is still at the bottom of the harbour and hasn't been moved since it was sunk in 1941. Following this, we went to the Ala Moana Mall for some much needed shopping time. The mall is the biggest in Hawaii and we also had our evening meal in Bubba Gump's whilst we were there. After the mall we headed back to the hotel and spent some more time in the pool. On our last day in Hawaii, we went to the famous Waikiki Bay beach and even got to see some of the teachers taking a splash in the Pacific Ocean. It was then time to say goodbye to Hawaii and hello to Los Angeles... so we headed to the airport and off we went.

During our first day in LA, we went to the Six Flags Magic Mountain Theme Park. The park was amazing and we went on some brilliant roller-coasters. Everyone had a fantastic day and we finished it off with some pizza near our hotel. Our next day was all about the sights and sounds of LA. We saw the Hollywood sign, the Walk of Fame, Beverly Hills, Rodeo Drive and Santa Monica Pier before heading off to the Staples Centre to watch a basketball game. After the LA Lakers won, we headed back to the hotel for our final night's sleep in America. When we woke up the following morning, it was time to head home. We stopped at the Westfield Culver City mall for some last minute shopping, before going to LAX Airport. The trip was over but the memories of such as amazing experience will last forever. A massive thanks to Mr. Holt for making the experience possible...we all had a fantastic time! Also, thanks to Mrs. Hammerton, Mrs. James and Mr. Short for coming on the trip as well.





Sixth Form History Trip to London

When you think of London, its amazing and varied iconic buildings are one of the first things that spring to mind. The one building, which resonates as London with me, is certainly Westminster Palace and the Houses of Parliament. Of course, as a political historian, the Houses of Parliament have held a certain extra appeal to me! I planned this trip to London with our Sixth Form students, as I strongly believe that our students need to have greater awareness of their citizenship and an understanding of how government, parliament and democracy operate. Our tour of Parliament was organised through the office of Madeline Moon MP, whose staff greeted us as we arrived in Westminster Hall.

Once the tour began, one of the biggest highlights was actually being inside the chambers of the House of

Commons and House of Lords. The rooms are so much smaller than they appear on television and it is very surreal to be in the place where all the bills, legislation and political decisions that affect us all happen. The tour made it clear that Parliament is a place steeped in magnificent history, which became the home of political giants such as Winston Churchill, Clement Attlee and David Lloyd George. We also explored Westminster Hall, a building begun over nine hundred years ago! We learnt that Westminster Hall has witnessed grim trials, the sentencing to death of a King (Charles I), coronation banquets, ceremonial addresses (from leaders such as President Barack Obama and Nelson Mandela) and the coffins of those receiving the last respects of our people.

After the tour, we visited the Imperial War Museum –

which provided students with an opportunity to explore its varying exhibitions and how war has affected our society. The Holocaust Exhibition was particularly an emotional experience, which told the story of the Nazi persecution of the Jews and other groups before and during the Second World War. The origins and implementation of the 'Final Solution' were laid bare, with photographs, documents, artefacts, posters and film offering stark evidence of how persecution turned to mass extermination.

It was a real pleasure to organise this trip for our 6th Form students and I hope that it will be an experience that they will never forget. Thank you also to Mr Holt and Ms Stanton for all their help on the day.

Mr Short - History Department

A Grand Theatre Experience

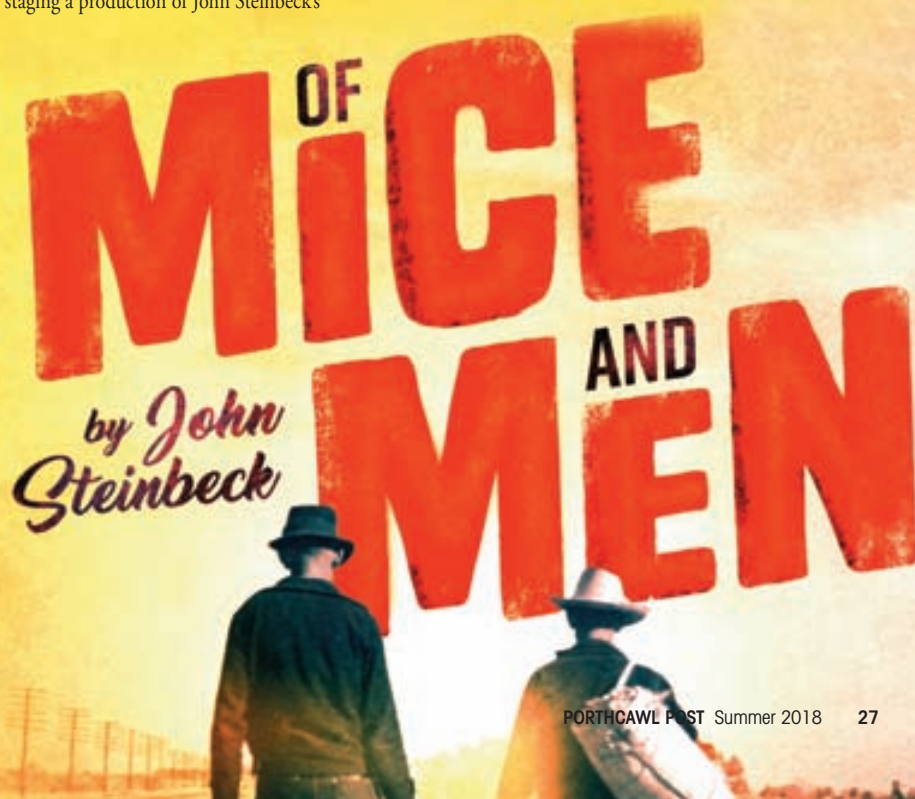
Mrs Dabernig, Miss James and Ms Raine took 56 excited Year 9 and 10 pupils to Swansea's Grand Theatre to enjoy an afternoon of entertainment. Selladoor Productions were staging a production of John Steinbeck's *Of Mice and Men* which is an English Literature GCSE text.

Indoor scenes, including the bunkhouse, were faithfully recreated on the small stage, whilst the outdoor scenes were represented by clever use of grasses and blankets and a simple fire. The young people were captivated by performances by Lennie and George. Lennie's character and huge frame were realistically brought to life by the actor. Candy's old dog deserves a special mention as he was cleverly represented by an intricate puppet very similar to the ones used in the highly successful stage production of *War Horse*.

It was almost impossible to not shed a tear at the end. Spoiler alert! When George shot Lennie, the loud gunshot sound effect resounded throughout the auditorium and the audience seemed visibly shaken.

It must be said, that Porthcawl Comprehensive's pupils were impeccably behaved both on the coach and in the theatre. Well done to all of you! Let's hope that watching the production helped to bring the characters and setting to life and will enrich your reading of the book.

Mrs Dabernig, English Department



ICELAND

Over February half term, the Geography Department and 40 pupils were in Iceland. After loading up the cases and saying our goodbyes, we began our journey to Luton Airport - however we did stop briefly at Cardiff West Services as Alys had forgotten her coat... oops! Surprise, surprise there had been an accident on the M25 - which added some time to the journey so we only had about half an hour before our flight was due to leave, but luckily we all made it through in time and no-one got left behind! Fifteen minutes after take-off, they started to bring the food cart down the aisle - which was very good news for us as we hadn't eaten! I expect EasyJet made a lot of money from us in that flight.

We touched down in Keflavik airport, collected our luggage and made our way to the bus; which meant that we had our first experience of Icelandic weather when we stepped outside - and it was a very windy experience. We then were taken to the hostel which was located on the outskirts of Reykjavik. A few people slipped on the snowy paths but we were sure that we would get used to it over time (spoiler alert: we didn't...). We settled in and unpacked, and then made our way downstairs for our first meal in Iceland - fish balls and baked potato balls!

Our first morning started early with breakfast at 7:30am; but the bus was stuck in traffic so we went outside and released our inner child by playing in the snow, which was a lot of fun. We journeyed to Iceland's South shore, where we went to see the Skógafoss Waterfall - and a very impressive one as well! There happened to also be a rainbow by the waterfall, which was an amazing sight. Then we got back on the bus and drove to the Sólheimajökull Glacier tongue, which wasn't great news to the more accident-prone as many people were slipping on the path along the way! We couldn't go on to the glacier sadly as we did not have the crampons to put on our shoes, but we did get close enough to see it properly, and get some good photos of the deep blue colours we could see in the ice. Then it was back on the bus again, and we stopped in a small town called Vik for lunch. We continued on to the Black Beach, named that because of its black sand made of volcanic material. However, we had to be careful to not get too close to the water as there are very strong currents in the sea, and we did not want to be pulled in by the so-called "deadly sneaker waves!" I don't think any of us have experienced winds as strong as they were here- it really was hold on to your hats. The last part of our tour - Seljalandsfoss Waterfall, which was extremely tall and thin, with frozen waterfalls around it - it was a brilliant sight. This evening we walked into Reykjavik.

Day 3 in Iceland started again with a 7:30am breakfast and really bad weather which closed all the roads in and out of Reykjavik, so we were

temporarily stuck in the city - This meant a change in schedule so a tour of the shops this morning and then by 1 pm the roads had opened so we left Reykjavik for our Golden Circle Tour. The first thing we saw was the Gullfoss Waterfall, which is actually two waterfalls in one - but to get to the viewing platforms you had to go across an icy path, which proved a challenge for many people (including me)! Then we went to the Geyser Hot Springs, a geothermal area that is very active, a geyser shoots water up as high as 30 metres every 5 minutes - we were all standing ready for a while with our phones to start videoing! On our drive back to the hostel, we drove across the Mid-Atlantic Ridge: the place where the North American plate and Eurasian plate meet each other - when we were in the middle, you could say that we weren't actually on a tectonic plate. This evening, we had a chance to relax and a quiz night! Unfortunately, the weather had beaten us again and whale watching was off- we really did pick the best week for the weather.

The next day we all woke up very excited, knowing what we would be doing later. First, a couple of hours free time in Reykjavik to do some souvenir shopping and maybe try out some Icelandic food - most people went to a crêpe shop, which sold some of the best crêpes ever! Then it was the Blue Lagoon: a natural, geothermally heated outdoor pool and spa with the water temperature warmer than your bath most probably- fab! We all tried the silica face masks, steam rooms and saunas - what a sight! Whilst in the lagoon the weather changed to become blizzard-like, but we were still just relaxing in an outdoor pool, not feeling the cold at all. Well, that was until you stepped out of the warm water and realised how cold it really was.... Tomorrow would be our last day, but we forgot about that briefly when we were told that the Northern Lights would be visible tonight! Sadly they only showed once for a few seconds and then were gone; some people didn't even see them. Maybe we will have to come again in the future! But it was a good way to end our final night.

After a birthday breakfast for Anu who was 18 and a quick journey to the airport, then a goodbye to our bus driver, Bryn, we headed into Departures to be told of our flight delay- but no worries a nice lunch and shop and then we would be off. Yes, we arrived home tired but we had loads of stories to tell and loads of photos to share with our families. A great time was had by all- what a country to visit! I think I can say on behalf of all who went a big thank you to the Geography Department and especially Mrs Mackey for organising the trip as it was an unforgettable experience that we all loved.

Max Williams - Year 11



Ski Trip



Bulgaria Ski 2018 was another hugely successful ski trip for Year 8 pupils at Porthcawl Comprehensive School. Easter skiing can be very unpredictable but we were blessed with excellent skiing conditions and glorious blue skies. This allowed our skiers of all levels to flourish and our beginners in particular were incredible as they responded to the fantastic tuition from our ski school.

The five hours of skiing a day did very little to subdue the energy levels of this enthusiastic group and they were always ready for the swimming pool, jacuzzi, steam room and sauna at the end of the day and the evening entertainments which followed. A firm favourite being karaoke night but unfortunately we failed to unearth a new vocal talent this year for our Performing Arts Department.

It's always a relief when the end of the week arrives and everyone is able to return home safe and sound but this year our return was tinged with some sadness as it was our last ski trip with the school (for a while at least). However I have been in discussion with my colleagues and Porthcawl Comp ski trips will continue! So watch this space!

Finally a massive thank you to Mrs S and Mr Stratford for their unwavering support and hard work in helping to organise and run the trip, I know that the pupils and I are very grateful for all your efforts.

Mr A Stradling



Premiership Experience Trip

West Bromwich Albion 1 v Leicester City 4

Sat 10th March 2018



The statistics were bleak for WBA ahead of their match with Leicester City, bottom of the table they had won just once in their last 28 premier league matches and only 3 times in 38, the length of a full premier league season.

WBA Strategies - Head Coach (Alan Pardew)

Oliver Burke made his only 2nd league start for WBA but head coach Alan Pardew wanted an attacking team and he thought Oliver would make the difference. However, the Baggies had not won in any of Oliver's previous 12 appearances so would it really make a difference. Alan Pardew was without Jonny Evans who was ill so Craig Dawson switched to the centre of defence with a team line-up of 4-2-3-1.

Leicester City Strategies – Manager (Claude Puel)

Jamie Vardy has scored the winning goal in the last 3 premier league matches at the Hawthorne's and Puel is relying on Vardy to have a positive impact on the game. Vardy will be helped by No. 20 Okazaki who returns after injury. The attacking pair look to inflict further misery on WBA by halting their own run of 5 games without a win in the Premiership. Puel also went for a 4-2-3-1 line-up.

THE MATCH

Oliver Burke was brought into the starting 11 to create chances and the first did fall to Oliver. He made a great run down the right and with a precise cross, Rondon got on the end of it and scored the opening goal after 8 minutes taking his number of premier league goals up to 8.

There was almost a smile on the face of Alan Pardew. What a start for West Brom. A few moments later WBA were pressing again and forced Kasper Schmeichel to deflect a shot onto the crossbar. For the next 10 mins it was end to end football with chances falling to both teams.

However, on 21 minutes there was a long ball over the top from Mahrez, dropping over the shoulder of Vardy and without looking at the goal, Vardy beautifully guided the ball to the bottom corner. Vardy's 16th goal of the season and I am sure it will be in contention for Goal of the Season.

A few minutes later Vardy scored again but it was disallowed for being offside. On 62 minutes Mahrez used excellent control to put it past the keeper and score Leicester's second goal of the afternoon and take the lead. WBA heads dropped and it was if they gave up.

Iheanacho scored for Leicester on 76 minutes with his 1st premier league goal, a beautifully controlled header to the corner. This goal may well have earned Leicester all 3 points. To add further misery to WBA, Iborra scored a header in the 90+3 minute to make the final score 4-1 to Leicester City. WBA had already been relegated 3 times from the premier league and a 4th relegation loomed large.

"An astonishing goal that transformed the match. I think Vardy's goal could be Goal of the Season". (Gary Lineker, BBC Match of the Day).

And what the pupils thought...

The football trip was so amazing; the whole day was filled with excitement. We had a quiz and raffle prizes on the bus but I didn't win. We also did a charity collection for Ty Hafan charity as Mr. Pucella is taking part in the 5 Peaks Challenge in the Summer, which raised £54.06. To find out more and support, please visit: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/pucella>

I enjoyed the stadium tour and visiting the club shop. My favourite part was when we were practicing our skills with the West Brom coaches which took place in an indoor dome on a huge 4G AstroTurf pitch. It was very enjoyable and our team won the training match. I also enjoyed watching the Premiership game. I thought for a moment that West Bromwich Albion were going to win as they scored an early goal, but after a while it was obvious that Leicester were going to win. They won 4-1. But all in all I thought the trip was spectacular. Our school group even made it on TV during Match of the Day.

Naaryanan Rajasubeshan 7JC

MATCH STATISTICS

Attendance: 23,558

	WBA	Leicester City
Bookings	Livermore	Vardy, Simpson, Ndidi
Corners	7	6
Possession	44%	56%
On Target	2	6



News from the PRIMARIES

Nottage Primary

This year's Eisteddfod at Nottage Primary School was brilliant with each house taking the lead, back and forth, changing all the time! Every house put in a humongous amount of effort with crazy craft, cool cakes and perfect poetry. Hundreds and hundreds of points were given out but there was only one winner and Sker took that position! There were multiple winners for various reasons; one winner explained, "I am very proud that I won points for my house". We hope for even better and more exciting Eisteddfod in years to come and hope for more wonderful winners. We chose a lucky person to be the bard this year, Jessica. With amazing entries from everybody, it was a close competition this year! Well done Nottage Primary School this has been the best Eisteddfod yet!

The Year 5 and 6 pupils have recently returned from their residential trip to London. During the visit they toured Windsor Castle, exploring St George's Chapel, the State Apartments, the Drawings Gallery and Queen Mary's Dolls' House. After a lovely meal at Planet Hollywood, the children thoroughly enjoyed the award winning show 'Wicked'. After a quick visit to the National Science Museum, the children had time to explore the Harry Potter Studios. The school would like to take this opportunity to thank the pupils for their exceptional behaviour in such a busy city, and for the commitment of all of the staff that attended.

Adam, Lily and Ethan (School Newspaper Editors)



Newton Primary

During the Summer Term, the title of the topic was 'Champions' and we focused on studying sports, the human body and the importance of healthy living. It was also linked to major sporting events such as the Olympics and the World Cup. The unit culminated in a sporting open day where pupils planned, organised and led their own sporting events for other children to participate in!

We continued our participation in the Ospreys schools 'Try' programme and were able to host a Q&A session with current player, Gareth Thomas. In June we visited the Liberty Stadium in Swansea for a tour and participated in many digital learning activities.

In addition to the weekly basketball and cricket fixtures against other schools in Porthcawl, we also entered the School's Swimming Gala at Pyle Pool and participated in the very enjoyable football and netball tournament at Litchard Primary School.

Our Year 5/6 pupils visited the Urdd's residential centre in Llangrannog for 3 days of team building, fun and adventure. We experienced archery, tobogganing, quad biking, skiing, horse riding and the high ropes course. The event was a brilliant experience for the children and also allowed them to practice their Welsh language skills throughout the duration of the stay.

We would like to wish our Year 6 pupils every success in September, when they begin their new adventures at Porthcawl Comprehensive School. Good Luck!

Henley Jenkins ~ Year 5/6 Teacher





West Park Primary

This half term, we have been busy focusing on our writing skills. We started with writing some great letters of complaint. We looked at good examples of letters and developed our own 'Steps to Success'. We only hope that we are not provided with too many substandard products in the future. Many customer service departments may find we are a force to be reckoned with! The pen is mightier than the sword.

Our topic work has taken us outside this term. We are studying 'Peace and Conflict' and became a refugee for the afternoon, involving some great use of our thinking skills and teamwork. We will also be completing a number of Science experiments to see which materials are best to build a shelter from.

This term, our class novel has been 'The Silver Sword' from which we have found out a lot more about the conflict faced by people during World War II. We used our independent learning by creating an extended story about the main characters. This encouraged us to show empathy and compassion for the characters as well as developing our higher order writing skills.

We are all now looking forward to our final half term in Year 6 and all the celebrations it will bring. We have taken an active part in organising our school trip to Morfa Bay Adventure Park and are looking forward to our Summer Concert!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Porthcawl Comprehensive School for all their help and support with Year 6 this year. Their transition lessons have been very exciting and informative. They have ensured our transition to the comprehensive has been smooth and we are all enthusiastic to be a part of your school.



Porthcawl Primary

We love learning at PPS and understand the importance of ensuring our lessons are engaging and meaningful.

We have recently started COOL Days – this stands for Choosing Our Own Learning. Our children start the beginning of each term dressed according to their topic and have a fun filled day full of topic based activities. Key Stage 2 children recently had a World War 2 Day and Foundation Phase had a Ship to Shore Day! The children made decisions about what they would like to learn for the topic during the coming term and came up with amazing ideas. Staff ensure the appropriate skills are covered.

We have also just heard the exciting news that we have come joint first for Bridgend in the 'Bike It Challenge'. We like to keep fit and healthy and encourage children and parents to cycle to school.

Foundation Phase recently celebrated the wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle by dressing up as princes and princesses for the day. We had our own wedding ceremony where all children had an important role to play. After the wedding we celebrated with a garden party where we played lots of games and the happy couple cut the cake and shared their first dance!



BCBC Learning Festival

On 22nd March, pupils from our feeder primaries came up to take part in a School Council event held here at PCS. The focus was to look at 'what makes us happy in school' and we all worked together to come up with ideas of what works well and what we could do to improve.

It was a very successful day and it generated lots of good ideas and interesting discussion. We are hoping to be more closely involved with the primaries and their councils in the future.

PCS School Council



Year 7 Health and Wellbeing

As part of our new Health and Wellbeing programme in Year 7, X band took part in a physical challenge in May. The aim of the challenge was to focus on perseverance and mindfulness. Mr Stradling and Mr Davies devised team challenges to test and stretch their physical capabilities. They wanted pupils to think about how sport is a great way to unwind and to take a break from studying. What a lovely way to start a Friday morning (even if it was raining). Many thanks to the PE department.

Surf Lifesaving

There were some excellent results by some of our pupils in the recent British Surf Lifesaving Championships.

Angelica Davies (Year 8), Emily Cox (Year 9), and Hannah Davidson (Year 10), were all members of a team from Sker and Pink Bay that won the Club U15 British Surf Lifesaving Relay Championship. Emily Cox also won a personal gold in the Medley Relay. Well done girls!

We are aware that there are various Surf Lifesaving successes across the school with pupils from different clubs. Unless we are informed about these, we can't include them in the Porthcawl Post! So please, parents, carers and pupils, email the school with any successes that you think are worthy of note for future articles on: pressbox@porthcawlschool.co.uk.

Thank you!

Josh Earns Black Belt in Kickboxing

Many congratulations to Josh Lewis of Year 11 who has earned his 1st Degree Black Belt in Korean Kickboxing after 7 years of training. Josh is a member of Scorpion Martial Arts Kickboxing Club in Bridgend and trains and teaches 5 times a week!



Athletics Round Up

Congratulations to Abi Davies (Year 8) and Nia Clatworthy (Year 10) who as a result of their performances in the Welsh Schools X Country Championships, (3rd and 2nd respectively), were both selected to represent Wales at the Schools International Athletics Board X Country Championships. They competed against England, Ireland and Scotland at Wollaton Park, Nottingham.

Other pupils who also placed well in the Welsh Schools and are worthy of mention are Eve Hickman (Year 7) who came 10th, Luke Wyatt (Year 8) who came 14th and Tristan James (Year 7) who finished 27th.

Abi Davies and Nia Clatworthy were also selected to compete for Wales in the London Mini Marathon held on April 22nd in conjunction with the London Marathon and run over the last 3 miles of the iconic course. This was again, a fantastic achievement as only 6 pupils from Wales, per age group, are selected for this prestigious event. In the U15's race, Nia finished 11th out of 350 in a time of 17.47 mins, breaking through the 18 minute barrier for the first time. In the U13's, Abi was also a scoring athlete for Wales, finishing 37th in a time of 19.30 mins. Well done to both girls – this is a superb achievement, and we continue to watch your achievements with great interest!

We also had some fantastic results from the Middle and Senior Glamorgan Valleys Athletics

Championships which were held in Brecon on 1st May:

Jeri Grabham (Year 12) 1st 400m & 1st 800m

Skylar Evans (Year 12) 2nd in 100m & 2nd 200m

Nia Clatworthy (Year 10) 1st 1500m

Leonora Breheny (Year 10) 2nd 800m

Amber Williams (Year 10) 2nd 300m

Superb performances by all involved! Skylar, Jeri and Nia will now go through to represent Glamorgan Valleys in the Welsh Championships in July and all the other girls will be 1st reserves for their events. We wish them every success for the next round of the competition.

Miss H Davies – PE Department



Jones Siblings make their mark in Welsh Athletics



Siblings, Evan and Eleni Jones took part in the Welsh Athletics East/South Regional Championships on Saturday 12 May in Cardiff.

Evan won Gold in the U15 200M Sprint with a new PB of 23.33 secs, now ranking him as number 1 in Wales and 7th in the UK. Eleni won Bronze in the U15 200M Sprint with a new PB of 27.69 secs. Eleni is only in her first year at U15 and already ranks as 3rd in Wales. With being diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes in October last year, this is an amazing achievement.

Other pupils who did well in this event from PCS include; Skylar Evans of Year 12 who got Silver for the 200m and Bronze for the 100m (U20); Nia Clatworthy who got Gold in the 800m (U17) and Jeri Grabham who got Gold in the 400m and 800m (U20). Congratulations to all who took part!



U16 Hockey

The U16 hockey squad have had a very successful season, culminating in a recent trip to Mid Wales to compete in the Welsh final.

In the pool stages of the competition, we travelled to Treorchy Comprehensive, where we sealed victories over Treorchy 12-0 and St Cenydd 2-0. This resulted in the team making it through to the County final, where we beat Brynteg 1-0 and Cwm Rhymini 2-0. Both of these games were extremely tough and the determination of the team was evident throughout, particularly in defence.

On becoming County Champions, the team secured a place in the Welsh final, representing Glamorgan Valleys. This was originally planned to be held in Wrexham at the end of February. However, the heavy snow caused disruption and the event was postponed, to be held in Newtown a few weeks later.

On the day of the final, we played three hard fought matches, with our best performance against Bishopston, where we lost 1-0.

Well done to all the girls involved and we look forward to another successful hockey season next year.



Rugby in the Spring/Summer Term

Our busy Winter programme of rugby was rounded off in the Spring, with the focus shifted to 7's and girls' rugby.

Each year group has played in a 7's festival, ranging from local school festivals, to the National Urdd Competition, Ospreys East Tournament and the prestigious Rosslyn Park 7's Competition. Pupils have experienced first-hand the physical demands the 7's game has, and the high level of skill required. A number of players have shown the skill, speed and determination that are necessary to succeed in 7's rugby.

As has become a regular feature for Year 8 pupils, a squad of 12 boys were selected to experience playing in the world's largest schools' sporting tournament; Rosslyn Park 7's. In March, we travelled through a wintery South Wales landscape on a Sunday afternoon in the hope of finding some Spring-like weather when we arrived in London. Unfortunately the 'Beast from the East' was waiting up there to greet us on Monday morning. We arrived at the playing venue to be met with snowy white fields as far as the eye could see! Not to be beaten, we played a few games of touch rugby, waiting for the ground to thaw. Then in the afternoon, we managed to start group games and won 3 out of our 4 matches. The players were a credit to themselves, their parents and the school in their behaviour and attitude that weekend and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

The National Urdd 7's Tournament was hosted this year in Pontcanna Fields, Cardiff. A Year 7, 8 and 9 team attended over three consecutive days and gave a good account of themselves on and off the field.

The girls' programme has continued with training on a Tuesday after school, although numbers have been varied. The girls' rugby teams attended Dwr-y-Felin School to play a round robin of games versus local schools. We had 50 girls playing and for many, this was their first competitive rugby experience. If any girls are interested in joining a girls' only centre, 'Ogwr Hawks', have started sessions on a Monday evening at Brynteg Lower School site at 6pm-7pm.

Mr Davies



Sofia becomes Welsh Freestyle Champion

I started swimming when I was 4 years old, and had lessons once a week at my local pool. From the very beginning of my swimming life, I loved to swim and progressed very well with ease. I knew that I wanted to carry on swimming for the rest of my life!

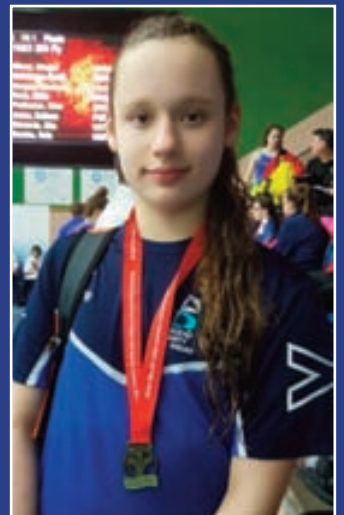
I finished lessons at 8 years of age and I became a member of Bridgend County Swim Squad when I was 9. This was when my journey started. My family never thought that I would ever compete and that swimming would be such a big, important part of my life, until I competed for the first time at 10 years of age. From that first day, people saw big potential in me and I got chosen to represent Bridgend in the Arena League and raced against British teams.

From then on, I had a busy year in 2017 with almost a competition every month. I progressed up the rankings and

had some very tough races in the first year of competing; I managed to win medals and went through difficult and disappointing times. But I had courage and determination and I never gave up. I started to feel strong and confident with my abilities and this experience has also helped me succeed in life.

I worked hard and still work hard 6 times a week and this will increase to 9 times a week, training for 1-2 hours long with an upcoming 3 training sessions in the mornings. I have finally achieved my goal and now have increased my amount of Gold medals and have become Welsh Champion in the 12 year old category in my best stroke, freestyle! I thought that to become Welsh Champion would be impossible, but I did it in the end. If I can do it, you can do the same with what you love, all you need is courage and experience.

Sofia Chayka - Year 7



Pupil Achievements

Summer 2018

Many congratulations go to the following:-

Isaak Cronjé & Jude Dabernig Year 10
Selection for Mid Glamorgan U15 Cricket Squad

Nia Clatworthy Year 10
Abbi Davies Year 8
Selected to represent Wales in Nottingham in the Schools International Athletics Board Cross Country Championships March 18
Selected to run for Wales in the London Mini Marathon – April 18

Amy Bradbury, Lucia Brown, Hannah Davidson, Jazmin Gamble, Lauren Hancock, Isabelle Hone, Nicola Hughes, Meg McCloy, Megan Pritlove, Ocean Poultny-Maddy, Erin Richards, Amber Williams, Annie Williams, Cerys Williams & Chloe Wyatt.
U16 Hockey County Champions and Welsh Finalists

Sofia Chayka Year 7
Swim Wales Long Course Championships April 2018
100m Freestyle – Gold Medal, 50m Freestyle, Gold Medal

Tal Juliff-Jones Year 8
Selection for 2018 Welsh Pony Club Mounted Games Team at Royal Windsor Horse Show

Josh Lewis Year 11
1st Degree Black Belt in Korean Kickboxing

Luke Wyatt Year 8
Winner of the Park Run 05.05.18 – setting a new record for Age 11-14 category of 17 mins 39 seconds.

Instrument exams

Congratulations to all musicians that have sat grade exams over the past term!!

Remember to update your music teacher on any success that you achieve or see Mrs. Giles so that she can update her records and publish your achievement in the next Porthcawl Post!

Diolch, Mrs. Giles.

Name	Year	Instrument	Grade
Laurence Hunt	13	Saxophone	Grade 8 Distinction
Pippa Harrowing	9	Flute	Grade 5 Merit
Eleri Williams	9	Clarinet	Grade 2 Merit
Samuel Weaver	7	Flute	Grade 3 Distinction
Rebecca Coleman	12	Clarinet	Grade 5 Pass
Olivia Lewis	13	Violin	Grade 6 Pass
Trent Francis	9	Theory	Grade 5 Pass
Nicola Hughes	11	Theory	Grade 5 Pass
Phoebe Roach	12	Theory	Grade 5 Pass
Danielle Fisher	10	Cello	Grade 1 Merit
Ethan Kenifick	7	Piano	Grade 3
Annalise Kavanagh	10	Theory	Grade 5 Distinction
Conor Farrell-John	2	Violin	Grade 6 Pass
Rachael Tombs	8	Music Theatre	Grade 4 Distinction

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We rely on you for our information! Has your child achieved success or recognition relating to an extra-curricular activity?
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Answer from the Intermediate Maths Challenge A.17



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