



WELCOME TO THE
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FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR
2018-2019

Porthcawl Post



Porthcawl Comprehensive School Newsletter

Headteacher's Address

May I welcome you to the Summer edition of our Porthcawl Post. Since the last copy, much has happened at school, and I hope you enjoy the read.

As usual, we held our School Eisteddfod in the Grand Pavilion on 15th March; Grace Clear was crowned Junior Eisteddfod Champion and Conor Farrell-John, Olivia Geddes and Millie Stables shared the Senior title. Congratulations to all and the many winners will be celebrated later on in this issue. This was a whole school event and was greatly enjoyed by the participants and audience alike. May I thank all the staff, under the direction of Mrs Lloyd, who arranged such a superb day. A very special mention must go to Mrs Carole Davies of our Welsh Department. Mrs Davies will retire from our school at the end of term, so this "chairing ceremony" will be her last. The passion and enthusiasm that Mrs Davies has for the Welsh language has inspired all those who have had the pleasure to know her. Mrs Davies has been a mainstay of the Welsh Department since her arrival here in 2004. We will all miss her sense of humour and her commitment to our school and learners. On behalf of all of us at PCS I wish her "pob lwc" and "diolch yn fawr".

There are the usual departures and arrivals in terms

of staffing at this time of year and recent additions to our permanent teaching staff are outlined below.

- **Mr Roger Pettit is the new Head of Technology**
- **Mr Jordan Tobin will join the Welsh Department in September**
- **Mrs Alison Withers will join the English Department in September**
- **Miss Rebecca Stanton joins the Religious Studies Department**
- **Ms Laura Ylinen joins the Science Department**

At the same time, Miss Natascha Luhr and Mrs Aimee Rowberry have accepted permanent contracts as ALN Support Workers.

Ms Rhian Thomas has returned to school following her maternity leave, and Mr Jack Davies has left for a post at Ysgol Cum Brombil. Also in the Music Department, Mr Jon Powell will leave to pursue his career in London.

Mr Ben Piejko, Site Assistant since 2007, has decided to leave Porthcawl for his native Poland. All of us wish Ben, Daria and the children the very best of luck.

My final note of farewell concerns Mrs Alyson Dabernig who has decided to relocate with her family to Kent. Alyson joined the school as Literacy Support and has worked tirelessly to support our students. Alyson joined us in September 2014 and her impact on our students is a big factor in the sustained results in the English Department over recent years. As well as her work with our learners, Alyson was a steadfast and loyal governor. She provided expert advice and guidance in the appointment of staff and served two terms as a parent governor representative. The school will miss Alyson and we wish her and her family all the very best.



SUMMER 2019

Headteacher's Address

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As one group of staff leave us and others take their place, I am reminded of one thing, the constant commitment to our learners. During the Easter holiday, staff put on well over 50 sessions for the children. This collection of lessons, revision sessions and workshops bore witness to the sheer commitment our staff have towards the learners.

Some will remember that we have held two consultation meetings with parents over the last months. The first was to look at the BCBC proposals to examine and reorganise sixth form education in the area. My views on this are crystal clear, Porthcawl, currently, has the largest sixth form in BCBC. Our students benefit from excellent teaching and achieve results continually above local and national averages. Given the points above, I will continue to argue that our sixth form is strong and successful and doesn't need to change.

The second meeting was to seek views on the proposal to amend the end of the school day. The statement of intent letter that was published made clear the solid and valid educational reason to end lessons at 3pm. The statement of intent letter remains on our website should parents/learners wish to refresh their memories. The main driver is to widen student course choices while not reducing the time spent teaching. I am pleased to announce that the Governing Body meeting held on 21.05.19 has approved the change with effect from September 2019. By the time you read this you will have received the formal letter on the matter.

And finally and most importantly, all the very best of luck to all our learners who are sitting their examinations this Summer. Staff and teachers, supported by parents and carers have done all they can, so let's eagerly await the results in August. We have all enjoyed another fulfilling and exciting year at our school. As always, may I thank you for your support over the year. I look forward to meeting you again in the Autumn term.

Andrew Slade Headteacher

Sixth Form Interact Group



We now say a farewell and a big thank you to this year's Sixth Form Interact group:-

Sarah Davidson, Abbie Perkins, Ellie McCloy, Lauren Cooper, Molly Ashton, Lauren Slaughter, Katie Pickett, Cerys Davenport, Beth Burke and Emily Childs.

Throughout the year they have organised and participated in numerous events to raise money for many local charities. Their most recent event was the Krispy Kreme doughnut sale where they raised £125 towards the work of Tenovus Cancer Care.

Donations such as this help keep funding life-changing cancer research.

In fact, a donation of £125 will pay for one day of cancer research in a lab carried out by our their PHD funded students, so imagine that one day of research could take us one step closer to a Wales where no-one dies of cancer.

Charlotte Liddon-Newman and Anna Henderson recently joined the Interact Group and they will hopefully be the driving force in continuing the good work next year. If anyone else is interested in finding out more about Interact and wants to get involved, please see Mr. Pucella in G5. Thanks.

Mr. Pucella



Swimathon 2009

The Swimathon is an annual charity event to raise money for Cancer Research UK and Marie Curie. This year we entered a staff team into the 5K team challenge under the name of Porthcawl Pirates. Dr Hunt made his debut appearance in the team and Mr Edwards returned from retirement to ensure we had a full crew. Our other team members were Mrs Morgan and her daughter Grace, Mr Pucella and Miss Owens.

The team successfully completed the 5K challenge and raised a total of £180 for Cancer Research UK and Marie Curie. A big thank you to everyone who supported the event.



Blood Donation



The Welsh Blood Service visited school again on 20th March. This time there was over 70 donations made by both staff and students, with the vast majority being newcomers!

Well done to everyone who volunteered!



FUTURE CHEF NATIONAL FINALS, LONDON

GCSE Food and Nutrition

I have been lucky enough to be competing in The Future Chef Competition for the last 2 years and I was fortunate to make it to the National Final this year in London. This competition has opened my eyes to how broad this industry is for young people who have a passion for food like me.

As a result of winning the Regional Final in Cardiff, the Head Chef at the Hilton Hotel, Cardiff offered to mentor me through the last round of the competition. The whole experience was amazing! During the week leading up to the Final, I had the opportunity to practice my dishes with the support of experienced chefs at the Hilton. It has been awesome to have had the opportunity to work in a real commercial kitchen and to find out more about the career I wish to pursue.

During the competition weekend, my family, mentor and I got to stay in a 5-star hotel in Mayfair, London, but the highlight for me was a three course meal in Café Royal. The competition took place in Westminster College, one of the country's leading

catering colleges. It was very exciting to prepare a two course meal which I had worked so hard to create. The judges were some of the leading chefs in the industry, including some celebrity chefs. Even though I didn't win, I am very proud to have made it to the final 12 out of the 14 thousand young chefs who entered the competition. I was also one of the youngest competitors which means that I have the opportunity to compete again in Year 10 and Year 11!

The Future Chef Challenge has opened many doors for me including an offer of a Summer job at Royal Porthcawl Golf Club this year. I have also thoroughly enjoyed the work experience I have had at one of Cardiff's top restaurants, Grey, at the Hilton Hotel. I would highly recommend this competition to anyone who is interested in working in the catering industry or anyone who loves cooking – I am already planning what I will cook next year!

Mack Jenkins ~ Year 9

Pupils doing GCSE Food and Nutrition completed their non-examination assessment to produce a three course meal based on French Cuisine.

Pupils and staff were invited along to a taste testing of their dishes during lunchtime. The tasters were very complimentary about all of the dishes produced. Well done chefs for all your hard work.

Ms Cook



Careers

As the Summer fast approaches, some of you will be thinking of looking for some part time work. Many employers will be asking for a CV, but you may not have ever done one. On Careers Wales.com you will find information and suggestions to help you create your own CV. Just go to the Jobs and Training tab and click on this picture. Good luck!



Awards

Presentation of Academic Achievement, Effort and Honours Awards 2018/19

On 19th March 2019 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		
7ME	Reuben Stroud	7HS	Dylan Bridge/Matthew Neeson
7AM	Poppy Shears	7RS	Megan O'Leary
7JM	Adam Matthews	7WS	Sunny Pritchard
7RM	Alfie Smallman	7OT	Anna-Rose Merchant

Last Year's

Year 7	Excellence	Progress	Honours
7ES	Isabella Hemington-Gorse	Ruby Froley	Eve Hickman
7JS	Efa Morris	Elliot Sadd	Sofia Chayka
7JC	Samuel Weaver	Will Thomas-Parker	Ellie Morris
7LT	Grace Clear	Taya Beechey	Ella Matthews
7TL	Amy Thomson	James Browning	Amelie Symmons
7GD	Kate Evans	Emily Griffiths	Jasmin Roberts
7TE	Poppy Shingler	Lily Slaughter	Ellen Hughes

Last Year's

Year 8	Excellence	Progress	Honours
8EH	Bronwyn Jones	Jackson Yeow	Tal Juliff-Jones
8AS	Oskar Wojtasinski	Rhys Jenkins	Rachael Tombs
8AL	Ava Verderame	Ethan King	Drew Howells
8LC	Abigail Street	Billybob Davison	Alina Biju
8RB	Bronagh O'Neill	Nathan Chung	Abigail Davies
8KH	Sophia Sleep	Imran Azam	Carys Richards
8AE	Lucy Griffiths	Erin Watkin	Ellie Evans
8JG	Joseph Dingle	Morgan Evans	Anousha Cronje
	Cerys Williams	Alisha Watkins	

Last Year's

Year 9	Excellence	Progress	Honours
9SB	Pippa Harrowing	Katie Lloyd	Eleri Williams
9ME	Trent Francis	Elizabeth Pickett	James Clear
9TH	Olivia Lovell	Megan Carey	Kara Morgan-Rees, Lucy Stradling
9JW	Lucy Roach	Joseph Peterson	Megan Froley
9RM	Molly Gilbert	Max Page-Longman	Pfion Walmsley Williams
9MS	Holly Thomas	Huw Davies	Evan Jones
9LM	Katie Jones	Ethan Rand	Grace Strong



Awards

Year 10	Academic Effort	Scarlett Jenkins Amelia Jones
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Year 11	Academic Effort	Sunil Vummiti Henry Milgate
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Year 12	Academic Effort	Catherine Pickett Zara Christopher
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Year 13	Academic Effort	James Evans-Jones Rebecca Adams
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Sports Awards

GCSE	PE	Boy	Joshua Audsley
		Girl	Cherisse Lau



Key Stage 3	Boy	Evan Jones
	Girl	Lucy Stradling

Drama Awards

Junior Drama Student of the Year	Samantha Wensley
Senior Drama Student of the Year	Chelsea Cooper
Drama Performance of the Year	Lucy Vinen
Porthcawl Little Theatre Award	James Evans-Jones

Miscellaneous Awards

Howard Cave Memorial Trophy for Art	Alice Webber
The Laura Thompson Award for Textiles	Maya Squires
Technology Award	Megan Babbage
Stuart Gass Memorial Award (Maths)	Maksym Randall
Science Student of the Year	Josi Williams
Elizabeth Sumner Challenge Award	India Clatworthy & Willis Deeks
Geraint Watkins Memorial Trophy - Junior Musician	Olivia Geddes
Gwen Hughes Memorial Cup - Lower School Wind Player	Eleri Williams
Senior Musician of the Year	James Evans-Jones
Eisteddfod – Senior Welsh Chair	Katie Liu
Town Twinning Award	Hannah Parry
100% Attendance Award (Years 7-11)	Noah Henderson



Head Team 2018-19

Zak Bennett (Head Boy), Anna Biju (Head Girl), Rhys Leary (Deputy Head Boy), Maya Squires (Deputy Head Girl), Tilly Perks, Morgan Roberts, Lauren Slaughter, Ieuan Walmsley Williams, Hannah Scourfield, Owen Jeal, Zara Christopher, Emily James, Conor Farrell-John, Lucie Bentley.



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EISTEDDFOD 2019

Overall Eisteddfod Result: 2019

1st Powys	715
2nd Dyfed	662
3rd Morgannwg	571
4th Gwynedd	455

Junior Eisteddfod Champion	Grace Clear (Dyfed)
Senior Eisteddfod Champion	Conor Farrell-John (Powys), Millie Stables (Gwynedd) & Olivia Geddes (Morgannwg)
Senior Drama Winner	Carys Rosser-Stanford (Dyfed)
Junior Welsh Chair	Joe Dingle (Powys)
Junior English Chair	Ben Pownall (Powys)
Senior Welsh Chair	Katie Liu (Dyfed)
Senior English Chair	Anna Henderson (Powys)



The Eisteddfod is a unique cultural festival which can trace its origins in Wales back to 1176 when Lords would gather musicians, orators and dancers in a celebration of culture and language. Today, three Eisteddfodau are held annually in Wales – the Urdd Eisteddfod in May, the National Eisteddfod in August and the International Eisteddfod in July and, indeed, many countries now embrace the Eisteddfod tradition including Argentina, Australia, South Africa and North America.

March 15th welcomed our annual school Eisteddfod- and possibly the most torrential rain of the year to date! However, no amount of rain was going to prevent us from celebrating such an important festival and showcasing in words and music how proud we all are to be Welsh.

Once again, the immense talent of our pupils impressed everyone involved with the event, especially our three esteemed judges. The standard of competition was of the highest level and we enjoyed superb performances ranging from singing to recitation, instrumental pieces to dance with each competitor showing off their talents to a very receptive audience.

We were honoured to welcome Porthcawl Male Voice Choir to the stage to perform a number of traditional Welsh songs which was a very fitting and uplifting finale to our Senior Eisteddfod.

In the afternoon, the Junior Eisteddfod started, as usual, with the traditional folk dance performed by Year 7 and 8 pupils. However, half way through the performance, the music changed and pupils performed a more contemporary dance which took the audience completely by surprise!

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 augurs very well for the future!

Both Eisteddfodau ended with the charring 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.

This was a very emotional day for the school as this was Mrs Carole Davies' last school Eisteddfod and last charring ceremony and she will be sorely missed by all. She has, however, promised to come out of retirement next year to make a welcome return as one of our judges.

Gŵyl ddiwylliannol unigryw yw'r Eisteddfod sy'n deillio o 1176 pan gasglwyd Arglwyddi cerddorion, areithwyr a dawnswyr at ei gilydd i ddathlu iaith a diwylliant Cymru. Erbyn heddiw cynhelir tair Eisteddfod yn flynyddol – Eisteddfod yr Urdd ym mis Mai, yr Eisteddfod Genedlaethol ym mis Awst a'r Eisteddfod Ryngwladol ym mis Gorffennaf, ac yn wir, mae nifer o wledydd erbyn hyn yn cofleidio traddodiad yr Eisteddfod gan gynnwys yr Ariannin, Awstralia, De Affrica a Gogledd America.

Cynhaliwyd Eisteddfod yr ysgol eleni ar Fawrth 15fed – o bosib, diwrnod mwy gwlyb y flwyddyn hyd at hyn! Fodd bynnag, doedd y glaw ddim yn mynd i'n rhwystro rhag ddathlu gŵyl mor bwysig a dangos i bawb, trwy gerddoriaeth a geiriau, pa mor falch yr ydym o'n Cymreictod.

Unwaith eto, gwnaeth dalent enfawr ein disgyblion argraff ar bawb a oedd yn ymwneud â'r digwyddiad, gan gynnwys ein tri beirniad parchus. Roedd safon y cystadleuthau yn uchel iawn a mwynheuo ni berfformiadau amrywiol o ganu, adrodd, dawnio ac offerynnau cerdd gyda phob cystadleuydd yn arddangos eu talentau i'r eithaf.

Roedd yn anrhydedd croesawu Côr Meibion Porthcawl i'r llwyfan i berfformio nifer o ganeuon Cymreig traddodiadol ac roedd hyn yn ddiweddglo addas ac ysbrydoledig i'r Eisteddfod Hŷn.

Yn y prynhawn, dechreuodd yr Eisteddfod Iau yn ôl yr arfer gyda Blwyddyn 7 ac 8 yn perfformio dawns werin draddodiadol. Fodd bynnag, hanner ffordd drwyddi, newidiwyd y gerddoriaeth a pherfformiwyd dawns fwy cyfoes a syfrdanodd y gynulleidfa yn gyfan gwbl!

Eto, cafwyd perfformiadau talentog dros ben gan ddisgyblion ym mlynnyddoedd 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 ddiweddd addas iawn i Eisteddfod arall llawn cerddoriaeth, barddoniaeth a pherfformiadau eithriadol – yn nhraddodiad gorau'r wyl unigryw hon.

Roedd heddiw yn ddiwrnod emosiynol iawn i'r ysgol am mai Eisteddfod ysgol olaf a seremoni cadeirio olaf Mrs Carole Davies oedd hi, a bydd hi'n golled enfawr i'r ysgol. Fodd bynnag, mae hi wedi addo, yn ffodus, i ddychwelyd blwyddyn nesaf fel un o'n beirniad – diolch byth!

ON-STAGE RESULTS

Senior Eisteddfod



Group Song from a Musical or a Film

- 1st Elys Davies & Eddylia Osborne Gwynedd
- 2nd Ewan Aitchison-Hough, Aidan Aitchison-Hough, James Powell & Owen Thomas Morgannwg
- 3rd Millie Stables & Meg McCloy Gwynedd



Solo Song from a Musical or a Film

- 1st Eddylia Osborne Gwynedd
- 2nd Elys Davies Gwynedd
- 3rd Rebecca Coleman Powys
Ellie Jones Gwynedd

English Recitation

- 1st Conor Farrell-John Powys
- 2nd Millie Stables & Elin Jarman Gwynedd
- 3rd Olivia Geddes & Beth Pickett Morgannwg

Piano Solo

- 1st Jamie Harrowing Dyfed
- 2nd James Clear Morgannwg

Instrumental Solo String

- 1st Olivia Geddes Morgannwg
- 2nd Trent Francis Morgannwg
- 3rd Conor Farrell-John Powys

Welsh Vocal Solo

- 1st Millie Stables Gwynedd
- 2nd Olivia Geddes Morgannwg

Senior Drama

- 1st Carys Rosser-Stanford Dyfed
- 2nd Conor Farrell-John Powys
- 3rd Elin Jarman Gwynedd

Instrumental Solo Wind

- 1st Millie Fry Powys
- 2nd Matthew Pugh Morgannwg
- 3rd Rebecca Coleman Powys

Solo Dance

- Joint Winners – Emily James Powys
& Scarlett Jenkins Dyfed



Junior Eisteddfod

Welsh Recitation

1st	Powys
2nd	Morgannwg
3rd	Gwynedd
Highly Commended:	Dyfed

Solo Song from a Musical or a Film

1st	Scarlett Osborne	Morgannwg
2nd	Taya Beechey	Dyfed
3rd	Daisy Barber	Powys
Highly Commended:	Courtney Bartle	Morgannwg

English Group Recitation

1st	Morgannwg
2nd	Powys
3rd	Gwynedd
Highly Commended:	Dyfed

Instrumental Solo (Wind)

1st	Samuel Weaver	Powys
2nd	Maria Lynn	Gwynedd
3rd	Libby Geddes	Powys

Welsh Vocal Solo

1st	Grace Clear	Dyfed
2nd	Eve Linehan	Gwynedd

Group Song from a Musical or Film

1st	Dyfed
2nd	Gwynedd
3rd	Dyfed

Instrumental Solo String

1st	Grace Clear	Dyfed
2nd	William Bloomfield	Morgannwg
3rd	Poppy Shingler	Morgannwg

Piano Solo

1st	Grace Clear	Dyfed
2nd	Ellis Pride	Dyfed
3rd	Samuel Weaver	Powys
Highly Commended:	Scarlett Osborne	Morgannwg

Junior Drama Year 7

1st	Wil Morgans, Amba Thomas, Ella Verderame, Tillie Shaw, Seren Lock, Isobel James & Darcie Rose	Dyfed & Morgannwg
2nd	Charlie Rundle, Dylan Bridge, Meg O'Leary, Romy Francombe & Kate O'Leary	Powys & Gwynedd
3rd	Grace Edwards, Amelie Gee-Wing, Caitlin Brennan, Roxy Howells & George Matthews	Dyfed & Morgannwg

Junior Drama Year 8

1st	Grace Clear & Finty Kehoe	Dyfed
2nd	Alice Beesley & Taya Beechey	Dyfed
3rd	Seren Protheroe & Rhiannon Watkins	Morgannwg
Highly Commended:	Seren Coles & Scarlett Osborne	Powys & Morgannwg

Junior Drama Year 9

1st	Aled Davies, Quinn Stables, Will Stradling, Ellison Roberts, Frankie Ezard & Ed Neeson	Powys
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Solo Dance

1st	Ella Matthews	Dyfed
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OFF-STAGE RESULTS

ENGLISH/SAESNEG

Year 7 - Story

1st	Ava Davies	Gwynedd
2nd	Euan Sainsbury	Powys
3rd	Iolo Evans	Dyfed

Year 7 – Poetry

1st	Seren Lock	Morgannwg
2nd	Romy Francombe	Powys
3rd	Toby Abraham	Gwynedd

Year 8 – Poetry

1st	Amelie Symmons	Gwynedd
2nd	Odyssey	Powys
3rd	Hazelnut	Morgannwg

Year 8 – Blog/Vlog

1st	Samuel Weaver	Powys
2nd	Sophie Bellhouse	Powys
3rd	Ali Charles	Powys

Year 9 – Description of a Welsh Place

1st	Josie Lewis	Powys
2nd	Bethan Morgan	Powys
3rd	Isabella Hemington-Gorse	Morgannwg

Year 9 – Poetry

1st	Titanic	Powys
2nd	Jorja Jenkins	Gwynedd
3rd	Spencer Morgan	Dyfed

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1st	Anna Henderson	Powys
2nd	Pentwyn	Dyfed
3rd	Johnny Depp	Powys

Poetry Chair

Junior	Ben Pownall	Powys
Senior	Anna Henderson	Powys

BIOLOGY/BIOLEG

Year 7

1st	Romy Francombe	Powys
2nd	Grace Phillips	Dyfed
3rd	Tia Ruddle	Morgannwg
Highly Commended:	Scarlett Arnott-Jones	Dyfed

Year 8

1st	Isobel Comley	Dyfed
2nd	Amelie Symmons	Gwynedd
3rd	Alice Beesley	Dyfed

Highly Commended:

Poppy Shingler	Morgannwg
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Year 9

1st	Grace Lloyd	Morgannwg
2nd	Madison Maguire	Morgannwg
3rd	Harleen Chaudry	Dyfed

Highly Commended:

Storm Woods	Morgannwg
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CHEMISTRY/CEMEG

Year 7

1st	Grace Edwards	Dyfed
2nd	Reuben Stroud & Kian Griffiths	Dyfed
3rd	Poppy Shears	Morgannwg

Highly Commended:

Dylan Burge-Jones & Tia Ruddle	Morgannwg & Dyfed
Leala Tossell & Poppy Newton Williams	Morgannwg & Dyfed

Year 8

1st	Ella Matthews	Dyfed
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WELSH/CYMRAEG

Year 7

1st	Ava Davies	Gwynedd
2nd	Chloe Berry	Morgannwg
3rd	Ella Verderame	Dyfed

Highly Commended:

Katie Coombes	Morgannwg
Ruby Lewis & Amelie Gee-Wing	Dyfed

Year 8

1st	Lidia Stamp	Morgannwg
2nd	Cara Wheatley	Gwynedd
3rd	Amy Thomson	Gwynedd

Highly Commended:

Scarlett Osborne & Madi Pang	Morgannwg
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Year 9

1st	Carys Clee	Powys
2nd	Katie Sinclair	Powys
3rd	Grace Preece-Jones	Gwynedd

Welsh Chair

Junior	Joe Dingle	Gwynedd
Senior	Katie Liu	Dyfed

FOOD & TEXTILES/BWYD & TECSTILIAU

Year 7

1st	Joshua Jones	Morgannwg
2nd	Ellie Parry	Morgannwg
3rd	Ruby Harvey	Dyfed

Highly Commended:

Seren Lock	Morgannwg
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Year 8

1st	Seren Protheroe	Morgannwg
2nd	Lidia Stamp	Morgannwg
3rd	Lily Slaughter	Morgannwg

Highly Commended:

Mollie Prance	Morgannwg
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Year 9

1st	Joe Dingle	Gwynedd
2nd	Grace Preece-Jones	Gwynedd
3rd	Sophia Walters	Dyfed

Highly Commended:

Ed Slaughter	Dyfed
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FRENCH/FFRANGEG

Year 7

1st	Ffion David-Knight	Powys
2nd	Scarlett Arnott-Jones	Dyfed
3rd	Dylan Burge-Jones	Morgannwg

Highly Commended:

Molly Williams	Dyfed
Carys Griffiths-Cole, Angelica Griffiths & Ben Dingle	Powys

Year 8

1st	Amy Thomson	Powys
2nd	Isobel Comley	Dyfed
3rd	Samuel Weaver	Powys

Highly Commended:

Lidia Stamp	Morgannwg
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Year 9

1st	Libby Mumford, Abigail O'Neill, Jorja Jenkins, Imogen Hopkin & Ellie Dummett,	Gwynedd
	Tegan McGlynn, Josie Lewis, Nia MacLellan (Joint Winners)	Powys
3rd	Tegan Davies, Georgia Jenkins, Anousha Cronje and team	Gwynedd

Highly Commended:

Joe Dingle, Luke Wyatt, Matthew Powell & Ronan Lewis	Gwynedd
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GEOGRAPHY/DAEARYDDIAETH

Year 7

1st	Dylan Burge-Jones	Morgannwg
2nd	Poppy Newton-Williams	Dyfed
3rd	Lucy McConnell	Dyfed

Highly Commended:

Leala Tossell	Dyfed
Katie Coombes	Morgannwg
Nayyer Hopkin	Powys

Year 8

1st	Grace Clear & Lyla Evans	Dyfed
2nd	Cara Wheatley, Amelie Symmons & Amy Thomson	Gwynedd
3rd	Ellie John	Morgannwg

Highly Commended:

Tristyn James, Ella Matthews, Ella Hunt & Tomas Levey	Dyfed
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Year 9

1st	Joe Dingle	Gwynedd
2nd	Tegan McGlynn	Dyfed
3rd	Eleni Jones	Gwynedd

Highly Commended:

Oliver Burke & Abigail O'Neill	Gwynedd
Lucy Griffiths	Dyfed

GERMAN/ALMAENEG

Year 7

1st	Tia Ruddle	Morgannwg
2nd	Nayyer Hopkin	Powys
3rd	Ava Davies	Gwynedd

Highly Commended:

Scarlett Arnott-Jones	Dyfed
Romy Francombe	Powys

Year 8

1st	Amy Thomson	Powys
	Isobel Comley (Joint winners)	Dyfed
3rd	Samuel Weaver	Powys

Highly Commended:

Lidia Stamp	Morgannwg
Libby Geddes	Powys

Year 9

1st	Bronwyn Jones & Polly James	Morgannwg
2nd	Tegan Davies, Eleni Jones, Georgia Jenkins, Megan-Leigh Prance & Angelica Davies	Gwynedd
3rd	James Page & Barnaby Millgate	Morgannwg

Highly Commended:

Emma Jones	
Georgia Evans	
Bethan Owen & Alina Biju	Morgannwg

HISTORY/HANES

Year 7

1st	Amelie Gee-Wing	Dyfed
2nd	Sabine Guillerm	Morgannwg
3rd	Charlie Horton	Gwynedd

Highly Commended:

Wil Morgans	Dyfed
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Year 8

1st	Ella Matthews	Dyfed
2nd	Alice Beesley	Dyfed
3rd	Harri Nicholas	Dyfed

Highly Commended:

Libby Geddes	Powys
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Year 9

1st	Cerys Williams	Gwynedd
2nd	Brianna Woodgates	Dyfed
3rd	Bronwyn Jones	Morgannwg

Highly Commended:

Bronagh O'Neill	Gwynedd
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ICT/TGCh

Year 7

1st	Wil Morgans	Dyfed
2nd	Jacqueline Styrnik	Powys
3rd	Thomas Browning	Gwynedd

Highly Commended:

Ava Davies, Chloe Tell & Olivia Foreman	Gwynedd
Dani-Lee Phillips	Morgannwg
Ella Verderame	Dyfed
Ellie Davies	Powys

Year 8

1st	Alice Beesley	Dyfed
2nd	Amelie Symmons	Gwynedd
3rd	Eve Hickman	Morgannwg

Highly Commended:

Amy Thomson, Charlotte Morgan & Isabella Walters	Gwynedd
Finty Kehoe	Dyfed
Isobel Evans & Rowan Hill	Morgannwg
Kate Evans	Powys

Year 9

1st	Ben Scourfield	Powys
2nd	Carys Richards	Powys
3rd	David Morgan	Gwynedd

Highly Commended:

Connor Kedward, Keiran Williams & Erin Watkin	Powys
Saul Williams	Gwynedd

MATHS/MATHEMATEG

Year 8

1st	Isabella Hemington-Gorse	Morgannwg
2nd	Ella Matthews	Dyfed
3rd	Finty Kehoe	Dyfed

Highly Commended:

Tristyn James	Dyfed
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DT/DYLUNIO & THECHNOLEG

Year 7

1st	Rhodri Howell	Powys
2nd	Joel Griffiths	Morgannwg
3rd	Romy Francombe	Powys

Year 9

1st	Oliver Jones	Powys
2nd	Aaron Peterson	Powys
3rd	Matthew Powell	Gwynedd

PHYSICS/FFISEG

Year 8

1st	Finty Kehoe	Dyfed
2nd	Grace Clear	Dyfed
3rd	Libby Geddes	Powys
	Alice Beesley (Joint)	Dyfed

Highly Commended:

Sofia Chayka	Morgannwg
Efa Morris	Gwynedd

RELIGIOUS STUDIES/ADDYSG GREFYDDOL

Year 7

1st	Katie Coombes	Morgannwg
2nd	Samuel Richards	Dyfed
3rd	Dylan Burge-Jones	Morgannwg

Highly Commended:

Ioan Evans, Eryn Williams & Grace Owen	Morgannwg
Grace Edwards	Dyfed

Year 8

1st	Libby Geddes	Powys
2nd	Cara Wheatley	Gwynedd
3rd	Alice Beesley	Dyfed

Highly Commended:

Lidia Stamp	Morgannwg
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World Autism Day

In order to raise awareness of World Autism Day on 2nd April, every year group wrote an article similar to the one below about Elijah. The main theme was that we are all different but also all the same.

Form Tutors read them out to pupils during registration and some Heads of Year used them for assemblies. We have had some very positive feedback from teachers who said that the social stories generated discussion and opened up conversations about Autism.

Mrs Dilley ~ ALNCo

The Difference Between Elijah and Everyone Else

There's something different about Elijah. He's a lot like many other people. Still there's a huge difference between Elijah and everyone else.

Elijah is 15 years old and is tall. He has brown eyes and blonde hair. He has fair skin like his mother and a chuckle that is all his own. Elijah's height, eye colour, skin and the shape of his nose and mouth are all physical characteristics.

Elijah is usually shy but is often determined. He is respectful and nice to others. He works very hard at school. Being shy, determined, respectful and nice to others are part of Elijah's personality.

Elijah can surf and can name all the characters in Star Wars. He is brilliant at trampolining. These are just a few of Elijah's many talents.

Elijah has personal preferences, things that he likes and dislikes. He likes to wrap up warm and does not like the cold. He likes to cook but does not like to try new food or do the dishes!

Elijah lives in a house with his parents. He lives in Bridgend. He goes to many places and one of his favourite places is the beach. Where Elijah lives, where he goes and what he does are his experiences.

Elijah is diagnosed with autism. To Elijah, the diagnosis of autism means he needs more help and practice to stay organised and to make friends at school. He needs help in crowds and noisy situations. Elijah needs to talk through changes in advance.

Elijah has physical characteristics, personality traits, talents, personal preferences, experiences, a family, friends and autism. But... there is something that makes him different from everyone else. In the United

Kingdom the name Elijah is ranked 41 in the most popular names list- so that's not it.

There are millions of people with brown eyes, blonde hair and fair skin. That's like Elijah except that ...it isn't. None of them look like Elijah.

There are millions of people who are shy, determined, respectful, hardworking and nice to others. That's like Elijah except that ...it isn't. None of them are like Elijah, or have Elijah's voice.

There are thousands of people who can surf, name all of the characters in Star Wars and trampolining.

That's like Elijah except that ... it isn't. Not everyone can do tricks on a trampoline and knows all the Star Wars characters.

There are millions of people who like to wrap up warm, don't like the cold and love to cook. That's like Elijah except that ...it isn't. They may not like cooking the same thing or wrapping up in the same warm clothes.

There are many people who don't like crowds, noisy situations and doing the dishes. That's like Elijah except that ...it isn't. If each of these people were asked what they don't like, not one of them would list crowds, noisy situations, being cold and doing the dishes. That's Elijah's list of dislikes.

There are millions of people who live with their parents. There are thousands of people who live in Bridgend. There are millions of people who like going to the beach. That's like Elijah except that ... it isn't.

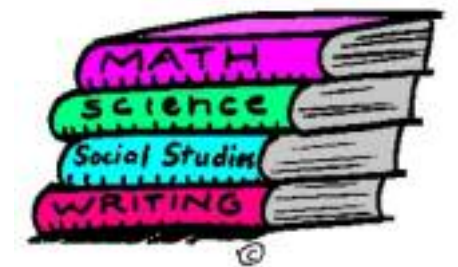
Elijah's experience of living with his parents, living in Bridgend and going to the beach are not exactly like anyone else's experience of doing the same thing.

Many people have a diagnosis, and many have lifelong disorders like autism. In the United Kingdom there are about 700,000 people diagnosed with autism. That's like Elijah except that ...it isn't. No one will experience autism like Elijah.

Elijah is a lot like everyone else except that... he isn't. Whether looking at his physical characteristics, his personality, his experiences, his autism, or anything else, it's always the same thing that makes Elijah different. He's a person, and there's only one of each.

This is of course, true for everybody. What really makes Elijah different from everyone else is the same thing that makes everyone different from Elijah.

Each one of them is a person. Like.... Like Elijah.





Come along to AS for the second half of lunchtime. There's a different activity every day and everyone is welcome!

This is what pupils say about AS Clubs:-

"In AS there are many fantastic clubs going on, feel free to come in any day of the week. On Mondays there is Maths and Spelling Club. Come in if you need help with your spelling and maths and if you want to play maths board games like bingo."

Yaian Watkins 9LC

"My favourite club is Art and Reading in AS because I love reading and art is very fun so come to AS on Tuesdays."

Bethany Powell 7JM

"Wednesday is Homework Club. If you don't have enough time to do homework or it's too hard to do at home, it's the place to come!"

Balin Brown 9AS

"In AS my favourite club is Board Games Club because it is ever so fun. My favourite games are Connect 4 and Snakes and Ladders. Board Games happen every Thursday lunchtime."

Sam Phillips 7JM

"My favourite club is Free Choice on a Friday when I like to play with Lego. And you can go and play outside when the weather is nice and see the fish."

Jackson Yeow 9EH

"In AS there are an array of different clubs in the duration of lunchtime throughout the week. The staff are approachable and will listen to what you have to say and help."

David Morgan 9RB



DT Moderation

Congratulations to all pupils whose DT examination pieces were of an exceptionally high standard this year. We took the opportunity to photograph the GCSE pieces and some of the AS work when it was set up for moderation.



Higher Education and Careers Talks



Medicine

Visits by Laurence Hunt, Medical Student at Cambridge University, Dr Tim Paget, Professor of Medical Microbiology and Medical Admissions Tutor, University of Sunderland and Lauren Pugh, Psychology Student at York University

On Friday 29th March, we were visited by Dr Tim Paget, from the University of Sunderland, who, having made an offer to one of our Year 13 Medics to study at the new medical school at Sunderland in September, contacted us to ask if he could provide a talk to students about studying Medicine. Naturally we jumped at the chance! A group of 40 highly motivated students from Years 10, 11 and 12 were rewarded with a very helpful session on becoming a doctor, a practice MMI interview with one of our Year 13 medics as a guinea pig, and then an extremely valuable Q and A session. The students made notes, asked and answered questions and really did themselves and us proud. Dr Paget was extremely complimentary of our students and will be happy to return to us again!

Following on from this, on Friday April 5th, we were proud to welcome back to school Laurence Hunt, who began his studies at Cambridge University medical school last October and who volunteered to return to give us the benefit of his experiences. He brought with him his skeleton, (Simon!) and proceeded to quiz our students (again Years 10, 11 and 12) on their knowledge of anatomy! He told us all about the study of Medicine at Cambridge and also gave us a flavour of student life there, which he is clearly fully involved in. The students really enjoyed this session presented by one of their peers – thank you Lol!

To finish the term, we also had another past pupil, Lauren Pugh, who is studying Psychology at York University, with us in school. She very kindly offered to run a session for any Year 11 and 12 students who may be interested in studying Psychology. The information she was able to provide was both illuminating and motivating and we are extremely grateful for her input – many thanks to Lauren, and it is always good to catch up with our past students who go on to do such varied and challenging things. They really do make us very proud.

Mrs Williams - Higher Education Access Tutor

Visit by Oxford Outreach and The Brilliant Club

On Monday 11th March, two Oxbridge scholars, past pupil Daniel Pugh-Bevan (Outreach Officer for St Peter's College, Oxford) and Dr Katherine Fender of the Brilliant Club ran a session for Year 12 pupils to educate them on applying to the more academically challenging universities such as Oxford, Cambridge and the other Russell Group universities. They gave us an insight into the application and interview process and on the writing of personal statements. They provided us with the confidence to aim high and made the transition from comprehensive school to university appear less daunting and more achievable – a reassurance that was definitely appreciated! They offered a variety of information on different future pathways, from Medicine to English! It was an extremely valuable experience and we thank them for taking the time to share their insights.

Carys Rosser-Stanford & Caitlin Rees - Year 12



As well as speaking to Year 12, Dan and Katherine ran sessions for Years 9, 10 and 11 on Oxplore, giving groups engaging topics to discuss and to challenge their ideas and thinking. All groups thoroughly enjoyed the session and a group of scientifically minded Year 12 are now using the Oxplore website in their lunchtime Science Café.

Mrs Williams Higher Education Access Tutor

Dan Pugh-Bevan remarked, "We want to help young people to make competitive applications to university, be that Oxford or elsewhere. Oxplore.org is a free resource that has been designed to stretch minds and to present ideas that young people come across in school in a multi-disciplinary way. At Oxford we want applications from young people who can see the bigger picture, who can think creatively, and who are confident when using their reasoning and debating skills. All of the year groups demonstrated this really well during my visit."

"I was delighted to be provided with an opportunity to return to Porthcawl Comprehensive School. This school provided me with a wealth of opportunities both academic and co-curricular that have set me up for life."

Sixth Form Finance Evening

In February we held our annual Finance Evening for Year 13 pupils pursuing Further Education, to unravel the complexities of the Student Finance system. We were joined by Iwan Hopkins, Schools and Colleges Liaison Officer from Cardiff University, who talked through the expenses involved in going to university and what students spend their money on. He also went through how exactly Student Finance works, how to apply and the funding available for students. The evening was very well attended by parents who learned a lot from the presentation.





Online Safety Update

As the only secondary school in South Wales to have achieved the 360 Cymru online safety award, we were asked by South West Grid for Learning to host their Online Safety Live briefing session for the children's workforce. As well as schools, this included many education practitioners and professionals working with children and young people.

This is a complex and constantly changing arena which we strive to keep up to date with and instil in our young people. The session was informative as well as interesting. Tiktok is the fastest growing online platform for children as they have a need for video content and visual learning whilst Instagram is still the number 1 online social media platform with our youngsters. Fake news is an increasing problem and ensuring our children question what they view on the Internet and understand why those sites appear to them in particular, based on their searching habits will be an area we continue to look at in school.

The online safety zone in Hwb is constantly kept up to date by SWGfL in conjunction with Welsh Government. There is a wealth of updated information for learners, parents, carers and extended families and well as education practitioners and governors. <https://hwb.gov.wales/zones/online-safety/repository/tree?sort=created&language=en>

The latest resources include a focus on privacy and data for all stakeholders, online bullying and cybercrime for pupils. They also prepare a monthly online safety newsletter that you can subscribe to. <https://hwb.gov.wales/zones/online-safety/news/articles/68f3d2e7-8307-4740-86e3-d888750eb2b2>. Up to date help and advice can be accessed here.

The school also took part in Safer Internet Day in February, where the aim was to inspire conversations about using technology responsibly, respectfully, critically and creatively. Our online safety committee created assemblies which were delivered across various year groups.

A letter was received from the ico (Information Commissioner's Office) thanking the school for participating in the research they conducted on 'Age-appropriate design code'. They have put a draft version of the code on their website for further consultation. <https://ico.org.uk/about-the-ico/ico-and-stakeholder-consultations/call-for-views-age-appropriate-design-code/>

The school was also successful in its bid to be the Lead Practitioner for Secondary Online Safety for Central South Consortium. This involves assisting other schools within their area over the coming year.

Miss Christopher - Head of ITC

Visit from Deloitte

On Friday April the 5th we also welcomed to the Sixth Form Sophie Fuller of the international Financial Services firm, Deloitte. She spoke to a mixed group of Year 12 and 13 students interested in business, accounting and related subjects. They learned about the varied work of companies such as Deloitte, as well as finding out about the various school-leaver apprenticeship schemes and graduate internships and sponsorship that the company offers. It provided a valuable and exciting insight into opportunities in the corporate world which our students found extremely illuminating.

Rhian Williams - Head of Year/UCAS Advisor



Language Ambassadors

It was an absolute pleasure last term to go to a Year 9 assembly to present 4 very special students with a certificate and badge for their hard-work and enthusiasm in languages. Bethan Owen, Olivia Kirby, Ruby Griffiths and Natalia Furness of Year 9 are our new Language Ambassadors in school and their job is to promote languages around the school, a job I know they'll do brilliantly. Well done girls and thank you for your continuous support! Merci beaucoup.

Madame Morgan



Goodbye to Year 13!

On 10 May, we held a special assembly to say goodbye to our Year 13 leavers who were about to embark on study leave and A Levels. All the form teachers, and as many other staff as were able, gathered together in the Sixth Form Hall to wish them well. Pupils were given good luck cards and leavers' mugs by their form teachers and listened to words of wisdom from Mrs O'Brien, Miss Crook and Mrs Williams. Many other teachers had also sent good luck messages and favourite anecdotes to be read to the pupils, much to their enjoyment! It was an emotional last Leavers' Tea for Form Tutor Mrs Carole Davies (6CD), who has taught at PCS since 2004. We wish her a long and happy retirement!



Visit from the Children's Commissioner

The Children's Commissioner of Wales, Sally Holland, visited our school on 17th May to discuss with the School Council what her job is and to explain some of the children's rights. We played some games to raise awareness of children's rights and agreed about their importance. Next year, we will be taking part in a project to become Children's Rights Ambassadors and we hope to also raise awareness of the rights around our school.

School Council



Bridgend Councillors Visit

Pupils from Years 7-10 were involved in a consultation with members of Bridgend Council to discuss ideas for the re-generation of Salt Lake Car Park and the Promenade.

Pupils were asked to give details on what activities they already do after school and what they would ideally like to see as part of the re-generation.

We gave our opinions on lots of ideas, which included:

- A leisure centre
- Market stalls
- Parks
- Space for leisure activities, such as table tennis tables
- More cafés /food shops
- Social housing
- Shelter from bad weather

The councillors will be back for another meeting once they have put our ideas forward, so if there is anything you would like to suggest for those areas then let your Year Rep know!

School Council



School Council Water Bottle and Fountain Project

The School Council pupils are planning to reduce the amount of plastic being used around the school. We would like to provide each pupil with their own re-usable water bottle and provide access to more water fountains in the school grounds.

If there are any local companies who would like to support us in this project, then please get in touch!



Gethin becomes 'French Bake Off' Champion

Gethin Davies of 7RS was the winner of the 'French Bake Off' with his delicious quiche Lorraine! Well done Gethin!

Three Peaks Trial



My name is Chantal Martinez-Perez. I am 14 years old and I am in Year 9.

On Saturday the 30th March, I completed the Three Peaks Trial in Abergavenny. My Dad, my brother Pascal and I registered to do the Platinum Route, which is about 17 miles long with 5000 feet of ascent from Llanthony Priory to Abergavenny over Bal Mawr, Pen Cerrig Calch and Sugar Loaf. Entry to the Platinum Route is limited to 200 and it is graded as being more difficult than the Gold Route because although slightly shorter, is steeper with more challenging navigation.

The photo shows us climbing the third mountain and behind me is the Sugar Loaf, which is the very last mountain to climb. I still had long distance to walk!

I have been told by the organizer Chris that I am the youngest walker ever to have completed the Platinum Route!



Gardening for Wildlife



Our prize for coming second in Pencoed College's Wildlife Border Design competition was a rowan tree, delivered and planted by college tutors and students. We had a great afternoon and our wildlife corner is developing nicely. Thank you to all of our students who came along to lend a hand.

Miss Raine



Year 10 Welsh Baccalaureate - *Chocolate Bahhh!*

The name of our group was Bobl Bach and our product was called the Chocolate Bahhh. The idea for the sheep came from the group when we found that it best suited our task. We chose to make the sheep because it represents a big part of Wales and that was part of our task. The sheep is made out of milk and white chocolate and isn't hollow. The sheep was made using a mould and only took one hour to make.

Jake Morgan - Year 10



An amusing and touching play performed for an audience who thoroughly enjoyed.



A Night on the Tiles

The BTEC Performing Arts pupils have recently completed their 'Contemporary Theatre' assessment. They performed their own version of the play 'A Night on the Tiles' by Frank Vickery. Frank Vickery's plays hold a mirror up to life in a small community and 'A Night on the Tiles' was no exception as laugh after laugh mingled with drama and touching moments of pathos. It is set in the back garden of a valley terrace house, a pregnant bride on her wedding day and two brothers, but who's the dad?

The rivalry between the brothers was well played out in strong well-defined and contrasting characters. Ken, the older brother, confidently played by Patrick O'Neill and husband-to-be, the quiet and caring Gareth, played by Jack M Williams.

Their strident, exasperated mother (Elys Davies and Karah Watkins) rules the household with a tongue of steel, gentle husband Reg (Keighan Dyer), just wants a quiet life.

Angharad Thomas and Eddy Osborne played with sensitivity the bride Shirley, and over-the-garden-fence nosy neighbour Mrs Morris (Meg Morris and Carys Morgan), completed this strong and evenly balanced cast capable of taking comedy to the edge of tears and find the quiet moments within the play.

An amusing and touching play performed for an audience who thoroughly enjoyed.

BTEC Performing Arts Pupils



Come and see The Performing Arts' final project of the year, 'Ghost' the Musical. It's a timeless fantasy about the power of love. Long-time couple Sam and Molly are happily in love and living together in Brooklyn. Walking back to their apartment one night, they are mugged at gunpoint, leaving Sam murdered on a dark street. Sam is trapped between this world and the next as a ghost and unable to leave Molly, who he quickly learns is in grave danger. With the help of a storefront psychic named Oda Mae Brown, Sam tries to communicate with Molly in the hope of protecting her. Featuring such popular songs as "With You" and the Righteous Brothers' classic "Unchained Melody," this powerful love story is sure to become a fan favourite!

3rd, 4th, 5th July 2019 - Tickets £4 students

Tickets available from Mr Smith and the Performing Arts Department

Year 7 Drama Club Production



The Wizard of Oz

On the 5th of April, Year 7 Drama Club pupils performed a production of 'The Wizard of Oz' to a packed out audience of family and friends in the Jubilee Theatre. It was directed by 6 Year 10 GCSE Drama pupils – Olivia Baglow, Kara Morgan-Rees, Holly Thomas, Ffion Walmsley-Williams, Samantha Wensley and Evie Bennett. Over 30 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. Year 7 pupils were also involved in

the technical side of the production, designing the lighting and sound and operating the equipment on the night!

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!

Year 10 Directors



My love for Latin Dance



"I really enjoyed performing in The Wizard of Oz – Everyone was amazing and I loved performing the Lion" – Wil Morgans – Year 7

"A great production by the Year 10 girls and all who performed, also very enjoyable!"
Romy Francome – Year 7

"It was a great opportunity and experience! It was lots of fun and I enjoyed performing with my friends!" – Ruby Schofield Year 7



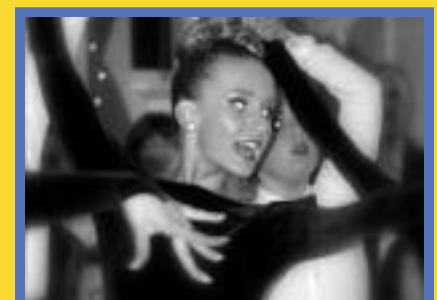
Hi my name is Ella and I have a passion for dance. I started dance lessons at the age of nine and have experience of Hip-hop, Contemporary, Latin American and more recently Ballet. I've entered competitions in all bar Ballet and have been very successful. I am now focussing on Latin American as it is both highly energetic and exhilarating. I've also done particularly well in these competitions which consist of Cha, Samba, Rumba and Jive; winning the Under 12's All Girls' Open Championship in Wales, placing 2nd in the British Championships held in Bournemouth and my greatest achievement to date winning the 'Stars of the Future' which is a European Championship held in Essex. My passion for dance stems from watching 'Strictly Come Dancing', 'Dancing with the Stars' and 'Dance Moms'. Latin is a highly energetic and a good cardiovascular workout so I have to keep my fitness up at all times.

Over the last few months I've been training for Junior U16's competitions. The commitment to achieve at this level is huge due to the amount of hours training. This year I will also be part of a formation team and will need to put in an extra several hours of practice each week. I am very grateful to my parents who drive me to my dance studio; fortunately, they both love dancing as much as I do!

Recently, I attended an 'Abby Lee Dance Mom's Master Class' in Cardiff. She is an inspirational choreographer and I came joint first in her mock-auditions. This has given me the drive to take my dance career to the next-level. Dancing is a wonderful way to express myself and the adrenaline that you get is a feeling like no other.

If you haven't tried dance, why not have a go. You may get as hooked as I have!

Ella Matthews - Year 8



Year 8 Drama Club Production

Matilda



From the beginning of the school year, a group of dedicated Year 8's took part in a weekly Drama Club as they worked towards what turned out to be an outstanding performance of Roald Dahl's 'Matilda'. The piece was directed by Year 12 Drama Students – Carys Rosser-Stanford, Molly Corthine and Rachel Whistance.

There was much to do before show night which meant we had to get straight into the audition process - a challenge in itself! Although this entailed many difficult decisions, we were ecstatic with our cast of 'Revolting Children' and the truly gruesome Mrs. Trunchbull! Rehearsals were jam packed with character work, line-learning and some interesting dance moves - thankfully we had many talented dancers to help this part along!

As we came closer to the date, rehearsals increased and involved many lunchtimes, which while it was a commitment, the positivity and dedication of the cast made for enjoyable and often comical sessions. We had help from Year 12 Technical Drama student, Max Williams, who worked the lighting and sound to accompany the performance, giving it the 'Matilda Magic' it needed! It was truly rewarding to see how well all their hard worked paid off on the day. The performance was fun and had many comedic moments that parents and friends clearly enjoyed! Well done to all the Year 8's who took part.

Carys Rosser-Stanford – Year 12



Year 11 GCSE Set Text Practical Exams

On Thursday 28th March 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!

“I enjoyed playing such a naturalistic and emotional character.” – Carys Mainwaring

“I found it very interesting and challenging to play a character much older than myself and someone I couldn't really relate to.” – Orla Danahar

“Sustaining a strong Welsh accent for the entire performance was tough but I really enjoyed it. I will never forget Doris and Mrs Morris (and the Nun's costume... you had to be there!)” - Meg McCloy



Year 12 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 five groups in total reinterpreting the texts – ‘A Taste of Honey’, ‘My Mother Said I Never Should’, ‘Two’, ‘The Glass Menagerie’ and ‘Waiting for Godot’. The class also included one technical student who was assessed on lighting as opposed to acting. It was a demanding project but everyone was pleased with the work created.

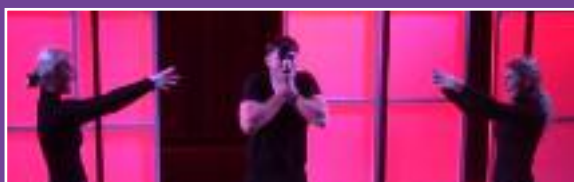
“It was really interesting to interpret a piece of theatre in a different style; I had never done something like it before.” Max Williams – Year 12

“I enjoyed learning about different theatre practitioners and their unique approaches to creating theatre.” Keighan Dyer – Year 12

“The practitioner Artaud was extremely challenging for me personally as it was totally out of my comfort zone.” Eliza Knowles – Year 12



Year 13 Practical Exam



‘I am Not a Number, I am a Human Being’

The Year 13 Drama Class performed their polished devised and set text pieces to a live audience and an examiner on Wednesday 20th March, 2019. All based around the central theme of ‘I am Not a Number...’, 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. It was a very pressured time but I think our hard work paid off!” - Karah Watkins Year 13

“A very memorable experience! It was good to produce a piece of theatre influenced by Kneehigh Theatre Company.” Meg Morris Year 13

“It was quite stressful but an enjoyable experience.” Olivia Widdrington-Jones Year 13

Newton Primary School



During the Summer term, Years 5&6 studied the exciting curriculum topic entitled 'Summer Camp'. This was based around the creation of an original campsite on the school grounds with associated shelters, tents, food and songs. The children developed a variety of different skills including research, planning, innovation and working as part of a team.

We also had an amazing visit to the Wild Spirit Bush Craft Centre in Merthyr Mawr to engage in shelter

building and camp craft activities during the day. We then hiked the 5-mile route back to school across the dunes in time for the end of school. This was a fun experience but a real challenge! All the skills gained were used in the preparation of their own campsite and our younger pupils in Years 3&4 were invited to join in the fun.

We also had an amazing time during our Year 5/6 residential trip to Llangrannog. We enjoyed three days

of outdoor and adventurous activities which included quad biking, climbing, archery, horse riding and a huge team building obstacle course!

We would like to thank our Year 6 pupils for their hard work, creativity and enthusiasm again this year. We wish them every success in September, when they begin their new adventures at Porthcawl Comprehensive School. Good Luck!

Mr H Jenkins - Year 5/6 Teacher

Nottage Primary School



'Love It Don't Trash It'

The Eco Committee have been working really hard to spread awareness of the problem of litter in Porthcawl. The school took part in lots of competitions. The Eco Committee collaborated to write an acrostic poem to go on a leaflet which could be posted to all the homes in Porthcawl and the whole school took part in a poster competition.

On 29th March the Eco Committee went to the Hi-Tide for a presentation and award ceremony. Our pupils told the audience; other local schools, town and county councillors and environment related agencies, about our litter picks and beach cleans and all the hard work we had been doing in school. The town Mayor presented certificates to the winners of the competitions.

Rebekah won the poster competition and her design will be seen around Porthcawl soon.

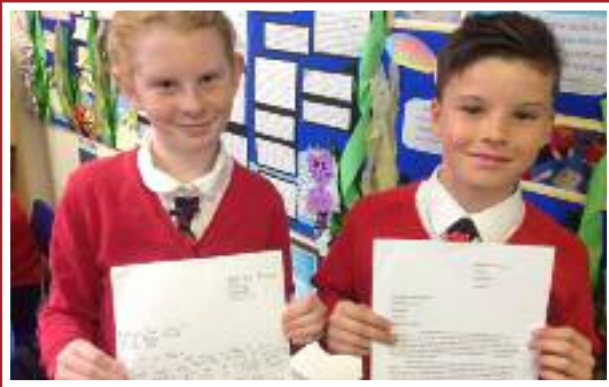
Felix received a special award for his colourful design on our acrostic poem which will be displayed in the local area. All the children represented the school proudly.



Porthcawl Primary School

One of the many highlights of the Spring Term was our fun packed Welsh Week. Children wrote poetry with a visiting poet, created stories with the U3A Porthcawl Writing Group and cooked Welsh cakes with family members. Traditional Welsh dance was performed by a visiting dance group and our own talented dancers performed a modern dance. Our singing group and Criw Cymraeg sang Welsh songs, shared Welsh myths and ate cakes with our new friends at Newton Care Home. Some of our talented artists were lucky enough to spend time working with local artists Mel and Keith. The children worked together to paint their favourite things about Porthcawl. They wanted the finished piece of artwork to look fun, vibrant and interesting – just like their beautiful town. We were absolutely delighted that Porthcawl Male Voice Choir visited. We loved listening to them and joining in with some of the Welsh songs. As we had previously challenged ourselves to learning the national anthem, we were proud to be able to stand and sing it with a proper choir.

Our KS2 children have recently worked with Keep Wales Tidy, Porthcawl Town Council, Surfers against Sewage and SeaQuest on the 'Porthcawl – Love It Don't Trash It' campaign. Children have carried out a litter survey and beach clean and were appalled by the amount of plastic waste – particularly from single use plastic bottles. The children are proud of their town and want to keep it looking its best; they designed litter prevention posters and leaflets as part of a Porthcawl Schools' Competition. We were very proud that the winning poster, which will be displayed throughout Porthcawl, was designed by one of our children.



West Park Primary School

This half term, we have been busy focusing on our writing skills. We developed our literacy skills by writing some great letters of persuasion to Porthcawl Town Council about banning the use of single-use plastic in the local shops and cafes. We looked at good examples of letters and developed our own Steps to Success. Our hope is to inform the council of the dangers of plastics and see a difference in our town.

This term, our class novel has been 'The Day I met a Whale', from which we wrote our own stories containing a flashback and a range of sentence types. This encouraged us to show empathy and compassion for animals as well as developing our higher order writing skills. We also completed a 'Shine Day' about how many straws our school actually uses and designed a plastic collection device for the ocean. We used our oracy skills to present the ideas to the class.

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 the London Aquarium 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.

Mr Tunnadine - Year 6 Teacher



AYPD Real Leaders Welcome Year 6



In our Health and Wellbeing lessons we have been working on Leadership and completed the AYPD Real Leaders course. In our form classes we worked through a booklet that made us discuss and think about the skills, qualities and responsibilities of a leader. We then did some practical games and activities that helped us develop our leadership skills. From these lessons, our form teachers selected 16 of us to lead the Transition Festival for pupils from Porthcawl Primary, Newton Primary and out of catchment pupils. We were selected because we worked well in lessons and showed good leadership skills.



On the Tuesday before the Year 6 Festival, we got together to plan our activities and to prepare for the event. We created our own activities in groups of 4 and we practiced them later that day. In order to practice, we tested out each other's activities then gave feedback on how we could have improved. We then got into pairs within those groups of 4 and decided who was working in the morning or the afternoon and then alternating between the skills and then the games run by the Year 11 BTEC students.

On Friday 3rd May the Year 6 pupils arrived at school for a Sports Festival. After our training and planning, we felt ready and prepared to work with our selected groups. We set our equipment up ready for our activity then joined our groups in the Jubilee Theatre. Some of the groups played games on the astro-turf with the Year 11 BTEC pupils refereeing and us being team captains. Some of the groups worked in the cage on our activity stations, developing their power, agility, balance and co-ordination.



It was a great day and was thoroughly enjoyed by all those who attended! Thanks to:-

Ellie John, Tia Lynch, Ruby Jenkins, Max Street, Jasmin Roberts, Jacob Richards - 8GD

Isabella Walters, Grace Evans, Evan Carless, Darcy Williams - 8TL

Ellen Hughes, Lidia Stamp, Max Williams, Elliot Evans, Zane Aldridge-McLean, Oliver Russell - 8KE

Sixth Form Trip to Parliament



Through collaboration with other colleagues, I have been working on gaining our school accredited status as part of the UK Parliament Teacher Ambassador scheme. Therefore, building on the success of the trip last year, I have decided to make a visit to Parliament an annual experience for our Sixth Formers, as I strongly believe that our students need to have a greater awareness and understanding of their citizenship and how government, Parliament and democracy operates. We were very grateful for the tour to be organised again through the office of Madeline Moon MP, whose staff greeted us as we arrived in Westminster Hall.

Once the tour began, we were unfortunately unable to enter the House of Commons due to emergency debates taking place that day. However, we were still able to visit the House of Lords and discuss the important role both Houses play in our democracy. 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. Despite this initial disappointment of not being able to see the Commons, a highlight of the visit was witnessing the Procession of the Speaker of the Commons, John Bercow. Both the Commons' and the Lords' Speakers formally open their respective Houses each day with a ceremonial procession from their official residences within the Palace of Westminster to their

respective chambers at the start of business. We saw that Police along the route called out 'Speaker', to signify that any people present should stand aside for the Speaker's procession. In Central Lobby, (where we were gathered alongside other members of the public) the Police Inspector on duty also shouted "Hats off, Strangers". Nowadays, few may be wearing hats but the police removed their helmets, and this aspect of the ceremony is clearly a relic of the elaborate hat wearing and doffing etiquette of former centuries!

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 Sixth Form students and I hope that it will be an experience that they will never forget. Thank you also to Mr Holt, Mr Shutt, Mrs Callister, Mr Hutchison and Mr Pucella (and his family) for all their help and support on the day.

Mr Short - History Department

History Department Trip to London ~ December 2018

The day started early, and although we were tired, we were also extremely excited for our trip to London. After some music on the bus to wake us all up, we arrived at the Natural History Museum at around 10 am. We had some time to look around the museum and it was an incredibly interesting experience. The attractions included a skeleton of a blue whale as we walked into the museum and there were many other rooms to explore. After this we had a very short walk to the ice rink, which had been set up for Christmas outside the museum. This was something that everyone enjoyed...especially Mr Holt as he got a chance to show off his ice-skating skills. We had an hour on the ice and this was enough time for us to perfect our skills and have a great laugh at the same time.

Once we had finished ice-skating, we went to Oxford Street for lunch and some shopping. It was nice to have some time to ourselves to explore this part of London and go to the shops that we had been looking forward to. Some of us were able to get some nice presents just in time for Christmas! Once we had got back together, we had the chance to go to Hyde Park Winter Wonderland for some festive fun. There were all sorts of attractions here, including rides, games and plenty to eat! It was then time to head home and a few hours later we were back in Porthcawl. We all had a great day, with plenty of laughs. A big thank you to Mr Holt and all of the other teachers who came on the trip!

Year 9 Pupils



Bormio Ski Trip 2019

When we arrived at the hotel it was quarter to ten and we were all very tired and hungry. We were assigned our rooms and given our keys. After that we unpacked and then found out that there was food on the top floor. Yum! When we woke in the morning we had a breakfast of croissants and cereal.

Day 1

The first day we went to get our skis, although it took a while and the boots were nearly impossible to walk in, we managed to climb the mountain of stairs and reach the slopes. We were engulfed by the enormous mountains and all their beauty as we watched people fly down what looked like a never ending mountain. Our eyes wandered to the baby slopes and we soon realised that we did not know how to ski! It would be a long day full of falls, fails and frustration.

That night we had karaoke with a few songs including “Barbie Girl” by the iconic duo Mr Holt and Mr Stratford, as well as “I’m Still Standing” which was sung by everyone and the “Backstreet Boys” sung by the Sixth Formers.

Days 2-4

At the start, Bormio 3000 felt impossible, but after many rides on the magic carpet and seeing many people get dragged up the button lift with coats filled with snow, we finally made it to the peak. There were many groups zooming down the mountain, even the people who at the start couldn’t snow plough! We all persevered and got to ski parallel without a single bruise... well maybe a few! Over the course of the week, we did many other activities including sledging, disco/ partying, shopping, game tournaments and a quiz.

Ice Hockey Games Champion - Susan Liu

**Table Top Football Champions - Staff Trip
(Mr. Holt, Mr. Pucella, Mr. Stratford)**

Pool Doubles Champions - Miss Stanton/Mr. Pucella

Last Day

Today was the day of the race, the PCS Grand Slalom. A few falls were expected but no one could have foreseen Richard Kirkup’s 180° wipe out! Disclaimer, they were still smiling! To finish the trip off we had a race and then a presentation evening. We had medals presented to us and the ski instructors made a video of us falling and having a blast, to show us at the end. Well done to the winners of the slalom races!

After saying our goodbyes to the slightly intimidating Italian instructors we were packed and ready to go. As we took our last gaze up at the mountains covered with memories we prepared ourselves for the long and tiring journey ahead.

Skiing is not for the faint-hearted and we were devastated to have to send home Elliot Bennet (with Ms James) after he broke his ankle in a nasty fall on a snow board, and poor Ali Charles also suffered a fracture in her foot, after an accidental take out. We wish them both a full and speedy recovery. Overall, everyone had a very good and a joyful time. Thank you to the staff for taking time out of their holiday to spend with us on the slopes!

Megan Edmonds, Ellie Lau, Cai Williams & Enzo Liple
Year 8





Our adventure began early on the morning of Saturday 23rd February. We were heading to the USA and were all really excited. We arrived in Washington D.C. later that evening and spent the first night relaxing and going for a meal in Union Station.

New York & Washington D.C.





The next day was action packed. Firstly, we travelled to Arlington Cemetery on the Metro. This was a moving experience, particularly the changing of the guard ceremony. After Arlington we made our way to the Fashion Center Mall, where we were able to have some free time to buy some gifts, as well as a few things for ourselves. After our evening meal in the Hard Rock Café, we went on an illuminated night tour of the monuments in Washington. Seeing sights like the White House and the Lincoln Memorial lit up in the dark was simply amazing.

Day 3 was a full day of sightseeing around the city. We were lucky enough to see sights such as the US Capitol Building and we also had the chance to visit some interesting museums, including the Holocaust Memorial Museum and the National Air and Space Museum. After saying goodbye to our tour guide with a rendition of the Welsh national anthem, we headed back to the hotel for some time to ourselves. That night we could hardly sleep...we were travelling to New York in the morning!

On the way to New York we stopped at Philadelphia.

This was a nice surprise and we were able to go up the steps that Rocky Balboa ran up in the famous film. We had some time for lunch and quite a few of us tried the famous Philly Cheesesteak Sandwich. Following this we headed off to New York. As we approached the city, we were all amazed that we could finally see the famous skyline. That night we wrapped up warm and headed up the Empire State Building. For many of us, this was the best experience on the trip and it was hard to believe that we were at the top of this iconic building.

The next day gave us a chance to see the very best of New York. We travelled around Manhattan seeing sights such as Central Park, Times Square and Grand Central Station. It was amazing to see places that we had all seen on TV so many times. Later in the evening we headed to Brooklyn to watch the Brooklyn Nets play basketball. The atmosphere was incredible in the Barclays Center and we all loved the experience.

Day 6 started with a journey on the New York Metro down to Battery Park. From there we got the ferry over to Liberty Island to see the Statue of Liberty.

Seeing this world-famous statue up close was an experience that none of us will ever forget. Next, we headed to Wall Street and then on to the 9/11 Memorial Site. This was an emotional experience and we were given some time to walk around the site and reflect upon the events of that tragic day. From there we went to Bubba Gump's to eat and this was followed by some ice skating at the Rockefeller Centre. This amazing day was finished off with a visit to Broadway to see Phantom of the Opera. Although we were tired after a long day, this was another experience to remember forever.

The final day gave us a chance to do some last-minute shopping in Macy's and Fifth Avenue. Then it was time to say goodbye to America and head home. This was a truly amazing experience that we as a group will never forget. Many laughs were had and memories were made that will last a life time. A huge thank you to all of the teachers involved and to Mr Holt for organising this incredible experience for us all to enjoy!

Year 11 Pupils

Sport



Endeavour Award for Basketball

We rounded off our basketball season with the first ever presentation of the Basketball Endeavour Award.

This award is presented to the student who has shown the greatest commitment to practice throughout the year. Other favourable qualities include being a good team mate and role model to the younger pupils and also a desire to want to improve.

The pupil who has demonstrated all these attributes and then some this season is Huw Davies in Year 10. He is pictured receiving his award from Sam Stradling of Year 12 who is a Welsh International Basketball Player. Da iawn Huw the PE Department is really proud of you!

Mr Stradling ~ Head of PE



Porthcawl Boxers Fight at Welsh Championships

Two Year 10 pupils made it to the finals of "The Welsh National Open Championship" at Sophia Gardens, Cardiff.

Carmen Lynch competed in the final of the 57kg Junior Females category, while Solomon Kembery competed in the 75kg Junior final. Carmen's opponent withdrew from the competition at the last minute, meaning that Carmen was named as Welsh Champion for 2019.

Solomon had very little fight experience before being drawn against the current Welsh Champion, who had 20 fights experience. Despite this advantage, Solomon exceeded all expectations, and was disappointed not to win.

Both pupils are members of Porthcawl and Pyle ABC.

British Surf Lifesaving Nipper Pool Championships

The British Surf Lifesaving Nipper Pool Championships took place at Cardiff International Pool in March with teams from around the UK competing in various individual and team events.

Carys Griffiths-Cole, Anna-Rose Merchant and Romy Francombe (Year7) took the Gold medal in the U13s 4x50m Medley Relay competing for Sker Lifeguards. In doing so they set a new British record, beating the second placed team by 14 seconds and taking 9 seconds off the previous British record. Sker Lifeguards finished in an amazing second place in the Championship. Congratulations to all.



Nia and Abbie Run for Wales

Nia Clatworthy and Abbie Davies represented Welsh Schools in Dublin in March in the Cross Country International against Scotland, Ireland and England. The girls represented Years 10 & 11 and Years 8 & 9 respectively.

Rugby Report – Spring Term

This term was about playing 7-a-side rugby and preparing for the challenges that the fast flowing form of the game presents. Each year group from Years 7-10 played in a festival or tournament.

Years 7 and 10 competed in the National Urdd 7's and both teams progressed to the knock out stages of the Plate competition.

The Year 8 team travelled to Rosslyn Park, London for the largest schools' tournament in the world. They proudly wore new playing shirts, thanks to sponsorship from Dunraven Windows and Quay Property Management. The experience of seeing so many schools playing on 25+ fields is breath-taking and a memory for life for those that attended. Up in London we were lucky enough to play our last game on the main pitch which was streamed live. It was our best performance of the day as we beat King John School, with Max Brace being awarded man of the match.

The Year 9 team played nearer to home in the district tournament at Bryntirion. They produced some excellent rugby, winning all their matches. All boys played very well but a special mention must go to Will Jarman!

Mr G Davies



U14 Hockey

There has been an excellent turn out for U14 Hockey (Years 8 & 9) this season with up to 30 girls regularly attending the sessions to have fun and improve their hockey skills.

It has been another successful season culminating in the U14 Welsh Cup competition. Porthcawl played at Bryntirion in the first round and came away with a convincing 4-0 victory with a great team effort and some superbly taken goals. The second round against Cwm Rhymini proved to be a tougher encounter but the team fought hard to come away with a deserved 1-0 win, not without casualties though which would prove to make a difference in the County final. The girls threw everything they had left at the game but were unlucky to lose to Brynteg who went on to the Welsh finals.

Overall it has been an excellent season with lots of new participants and we look forward in anticipation to next year!

District and County Hockey Success

The following Year 8 girls; Ellen Hughes, Mollie Prance, Izzy Evans and Jess Orum were selected to represent the District U14 hockey team at the county tournament which also acted as the county trials. Mollie, Izzy and Ellen were also successful in reaching the County U14 Squad for 2019-20.

Congratulations to them all and good luck for next season!

Go Girls



The Go Girls group has been set up with the aim of 'empowering girls to drive positive change around health and wellbeing, both physically and mentally'.

The girls attended their first training workshop in February and have been meeting regularly since to plan future sessions for girls, to be held at lunchtimes on Fridays.

These sessions are aimed at all girls and you can drop in to the gym to try a fun session or look out for posters around the school or information in assemblies to see what sessions have been planned.

Pupil Achievements

Many congratulations go to the following:-

Tom Tweedy Year 9
Selected for U15 tour to Greece with Swansea City Football Club.

Chantal Martinez-Perez Year 9
Completed the Platinum Route of the Three Peaks Trial– the youngest person to have done this to date.

Carys Griffiths-Cole Year 7
British Surf Lifesaving Youth Pool Championships
Gold U13 50m Manikin Carry, Bronze Obstacle Race

Carmen Lynch Year 10
Selected to represent Wales in the UK Boxing Championships
Welsh Champion 2019 at 57kg Junior Female Category

Evan Jones Year 10
Gold medal in 200m at South Wales Regional Championships

Molly Prance, Isobel Evans and Ellen Hughes Year 8
Hockey - Selected for the County U14 Squad 2019-20

Carys Griffiths-Cole, Anna-Rose Merchant & Romy Francombe Year 7
Representing Sker Lifeguards achieved a new British record in the U13 Medley Relay at the British Surf Lifesaving Pool Championships in March.

Ella Matthews Year 8
RAD Ballet Grade 4 – Distinction
UKA Gold Star 2 Latin American Dance - Distinction

Cole Rees Year 8
Boxing – Welsh Open Champion – 19 May 2019

Cade Rees Year 7
Boxing – Welsh Open Champion – 19 May 2019

Eleni Jones Year 9
Gold medal in 200m at South Wales Regional Championships

Connor Whitney-Embleton Year 9
Selected for Wales U14 Boys' Basketball Squad

Music exams

Huge congratulations to all our musicians at Porthcawl Comprehensive School that have sat Music exams over the past term! Well done for showing excellent dedication to practising and preparing for these examinations on top of your normal lessons and extracurricular activities. Remember to update your music teacher on any success that you achieve or see me so that I can update my records and publish your achievement in the next Porthcawl Post! Diolch, Mrs Thomas

Name	Year	Instrument	Grade
Anousha Cronje	Year 9	Music Theory	Grade 5 Merit
Carys Richards	Year 9	Piano	Grade 3 Merit
Samuel Richards	Year 7	Violin	Grade 3 Merit
		Piano	Grade 1 Merit
Ben Pownall	Year 9	Piano	Grade 4 Distinction
Ella Matthews	Year 8	Piano Theory	Distinction
Samuel Weaver	Year 8	Piano	Grade 4 Distinction
Jamie Harrowing	Year 12	Oboe	Grade 7 Distinction
Olivia Pownall	Year 12	Flute	Grade 8 Merit
Millie Fry	Year 13	Flute	Grade 8 Merit
Alys Jones	Year 8	Flute	Grade 1 Merit
Rebecca Coleman	Year 13	Clarinet	Grade 6 Pass
Grace Phillips	Year 8	Violin	Grade 2 Merit
Poppy Shingler	Year 8	Violin	Grade 3 Merit
Kate Evans	Year 8	Violin	Grade 3 Pass
Adela Henderson	Year 10	Violin	Grade 3 Pass
Ellie Parry	Year 7	Violin	Grade 4 Merit
Meg McCloy	Year 11	Singing Musical Theatre	Grade 8

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