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Dear Parents / Carers,

It has been a week of sporting success across all Bridgend schools. On Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December, the Bridgend District U16s Rugby Team celebrated victory by winning the Dewar Shield in Cardiff. The last time Bridgend Schools won this shield was in 1990 and this week's victory demonstrates the talent and commitment of all pupils who have represented the U16s rugby squad. Many past and present Welsh internationals have played in this final and I am sure a bright future awaits!

To reach a final and to win it is certainly a full squad effort. The journey is never easy, and it takes hard work and commitment from all. I pass on my sincere congratulations to all pupils across Bridgend who have represented the U16s District this year. The final took place at the Principality Stadium with Bridgend District beating Mynydd Mawr by a score line of 19-18. The Bridgend District U16s squad is made up of players from secondary schools across Bridgend. This year, eight students from Porthcawl Comprehensive School were part of the Bridgend U16s Squad and/or played in the winning final and having watched the match day video what a final it was!

On behalf of everyone at Porthcawl Comprehensive School, congratulations to the following PCS pupils who played in the winning final and/or were part of the Bridgend District U16s this year.

Harrison Burke Yr11

Ben Harvey Yr11

Xavier Thomas Yr11

Alex Evans Yr10

Matthew Clatworthy Yr10

Ben Foskett Yr10

Dylan Kimpton Yr11

Corey Clark McGinley Yr10

Congratulations to all involved in this squad, I am sure a bright rugby future and more sporting success awaits! Well done! A special thank you is also needed to our PE Teacher Mr Davies, who is actively involved in the Bridgend District U16s.

Best wishes,

Mike Stephens

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