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Tua'r Goleuni

COMMUNICATING AND CELEBRATING SUCCESSES TOGETHER

Time to say goodbye... for now!

By Tracey Neale

Congratulations to year 10, 11, 12 and 13 students who have begun their examinations. We have observed some incredible three course meals prepared in the hospitality department and an incredible array of creative work in the art and textiles departments, as well as some professional plays performed by our learners undertaking drama. Thanks also to our three Head Students for their comprehensive presentation to our Governors discussing various activities of the School Council and the Committees. Good luck to all of our young people who are busy revising at present and remember that we have faith in you all and are here to support you should you need any advice or guidance.

Thank you to our fantastic Upper School Team for their efforts with organising the up and coming leavers' assembly and for your hard work with supporting our children this year. Thank you also to our staff for your hard work preparing our children for their examinations and thanks to our families at home for your constant support. We recognise that our Teulu Cwm Rhymni ethos is at the heart of all we succeed in accom-

plishing together.

We send our Cwm Rhymni families our warmest thoughts and wishes as you support your children at home with their current revision. Remember that we are always happy to help if you feel you need support or advice regarding your child's current progress, wellbeing or attainment. Just get in touch and a member of our friendly wellbeing team will be happy to help.



Assemblies Raising Awareness

As you are aware, our pupils receive high quality weekly assemblies which address local, national and global issues as well as focusing on the things that we feel our children require 'at that moment'. Recently, we have focused on the reality and indeed the danger of algorithms and how our targeted ads or reels are a direct result of pre-designed algorithms. We decided to create this assembly following the widespread media attention following the Netflix Series 'Adolescence' and the societal concern that children are being exposed to dangerous material without intending to seek out such things.

Dylanwad

Nod y Gwasanaeth:

1. I ddeall 'algorithms'
2. I ystyried sut mae rhain yn effeithio arnoch chi / ein cymdeithas
3. Sut i ddiogelu eich hunan a ble i fynd am gymorth



We kindly ask you to discuss this assembly with your child at home as a way of opening the dialogue about staying safe and reporting harmful content online. As always, we encourage our children to discuss any concerns they have with a trusted adult knowing that sharing a concern is the best way of ensuring their safety.

Thank you for your constant cooperation and support - we recognise that only through working collaboratively can we ensure the health, safety and wellbeing of our young people.

Cymreictod@CwmRhymni

This term has been another busy one for the Welshness and Citizenship Committees. We celebrated the Urdd's Message of Peace and Goodwill by presenting assemblies on the importance of social responsibility and of how we as a school community can ensure we support each other. Remember that we have some of the following initiatives to support our important families:

- Free hygiene resources
- Free school uniform from Yr6 - 6th Form
- Links with local food banks
- Trip payment support
- Free prom dresses / suits
- The offer of free breakfast
- Help with Christmas gifts for families
- PTA pays towards buses for trips or other key resources to keep costs low for families

If you feel you could benefit from one or several of these, just get in touch at: teulu@cwmrhymni.net. A big thank you to all of the learners involved in the Welshness and Citizenship Committees this year for their enthusiasm, commitment and willingness to take part.



We also send our best wishes to our enthusiastic students who will be competing at Margam Park next week in the National Urdd Eisteddfod of Wales. Several students will be performing on stage in musical and dramatic performances, and Ioan Waythe and Anwen Blair will also be competing in the solo singing competition at the Eisteddfod site. Well done indeed to the talented group who have won awards for their original textile work.



Experiences@CwmRhymni



A huge thanks to the ICT department for organising a Girls in ICT day for some of our pupils who have shown an interest in pursuing a future in IT. Each pupil displayed confidence and intrigue in the day and interacted admirably with peers from other schools.

Congratulations also to the Brilliant Club pupils, who recently had the opportunity to visit Bristol University to collect their awards for their tireless academic studies.



Successes@CwmRhymni

Congratulations to our girls' under 16 rugby Team who were crowned 2nd in Wales following their final match at Rodney Parade this month.

The Team put on one heck of a show but lost to Ysgol Bro Dur. They played courageously, passionately and collaboratively and displayed the kind of qualities that we value and take pride in at Cwm Rhymni. Well done all and thank you to our magnificent staff who train our pupils with commitment and selflessness!



Another well deserved congratulations to the six talented Year 7 students who won the Schools Cup of Wales over the weekend!



Well done to Thea Bock (yr 7) who danced in the Welsh open form championship. Her 4 'couple' under 12 team and her 8 'couple' under 12 team won the championships! Strictly here we come!

A huge congratulations to Isabel Evans who is in year 7 as she has recently competed in a swimming competition. She won gold medals for two races, namely the 50 meter butterfly and the 200 meter freestyle. Wow!



Congratulations to Owain Lewis whose work was selected by WJEC as part of their annual show to win an award within the 'craft course' created in September. His work was chosen by the British Science Association to be worthy of winning the gold Crest award - Da iawn!

A reminder that we have a LARGE number of lunch-time clubs available for our pupils. Encourage your child to check the television screens at school for details or contact your child's Head of Year on the usual email

Rewarding Attendance

We are coming to the end of our 15 day attendance marathon. All pupils who attended school for 15 days promptly will be placed in a draw to win one of several £5 vouchers for TESCO. Good luck to all. We still have an attendance of 90.3% which is BELOW the current National Average. PLEASE encourage your child to attend every day or call our Wellbeing Team if you require support getting your child to school. We are here to help!



Important Dates

May 2025

26/05/25 - 30/06/25 - Half Term Week

June 2025

05/06/25- South Wales Schools Athletics competition Yr7-10 @ Aberdare for Gellihaf

06/06/25 - South Wales Schools Athletics competition Yr7-10 @ Aberdare for Y Gwyndy

18/06/24 - Welsh School GVSAA Cup & Plate Round 1 Group A&B @ Aberdare (Gellihaf)

19/06/25 Open Evening for Year 5 and 6 families

19/06/25 - Welsh School GVSAA Cup & Plate Round 1 Group C&D @Aberdare (Gwyndy)(Bl 7 i 10)

24/06/25 - Welsh School GVSAA Cup & Plate County Finals @ Aberdare (Bl 7 i 10)

24/06/25- Second Transition Session for Year 6 Pupils

27/06/25 - Yr 11 Prom

30/06/25 - Sports Day at Aberdare Stadium

July 2025

03/07/25 - Colts Glamorgan Valleys Individuals Championships @ Aberdare (Bl 7 i 10)

04/07/25 - Yr 11 receive a 6th Form taster day

05/07/25 - The Welsh Schools track & field championships @Leckwith

08/07/25 School Eisteddfod

09/07/25 The NASUWT Welsh Secondary Schools U14&U16 Cup & Plate finals@Brecon (Bl 7 i 10)

10/07/25 - Yr 10 receive a 6th Form taster day

10/07/25 - 12/07/25 - Yr 7 trip to France

11/07/25 - Year 10 Sexual Health Education day

18/07/25 - Last day of term

August 2025

14/08/25 - A Level Results Day

21/08/25 - GCSE Results Day

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