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SHARING AND CELEBRATING SUCCESS, TOGETHER.

By Tracey Neale,

As we reach the end of another lively and productive term, it's wonderful to reflect on everything our pupils and staff have achieved together.

Across the school, pupils have been working incredibly hard – from the dedication shown during GCSE oral examinations to the enthusiasm and teamwork displayed in our Lower School interhouse games. It has been a joy to see such energy, effort, and commitment in every corner of the school.

Our staff have also been busy behind the scenes, continuing to embed the new curriculum to ensure that every pupil enjoys engaging, challenging and meaningful learning experiences. Their creativity and dedication help to make our classrooms exciting places where our learners can thrive.



Our School Council is also now up and running. Thank you to our Heads of Year for organizing the assemblies to elect our representatives this year and to all our brave pupils for addressing their years. Your passion and ideas were really encouraging.

As we look ahead to next term, we are excited to continue working closely with our families to support every pupil's learning journey.

Together, we can make sure that the next chapter of the school year is just as inspiring and successful as this one!

A Successful Start for Year 7!

We want to give a huge thank you to all our Year 7 pupils for settling in so smoothly and showing such enthusiasm for their learning and school life. It's a real pleasure to see their energy and positive contributions every day. Thank you also to you, our families who attended the Year 7 Welcome Evening - we sincerely hope you found it useful. Please feel free to contact us with any constructive feedback if you feel we can improve in the evening. Feedback is vital in ensuring we always review and refine our practices.

One of the highlights of the transition period will be



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the December trip to Langrannog where pupils will have the chance to strengthen new friendships with classmates and teachers in a fun, informal setting at the end of a long term.

We'd also like to thank Gwent Police for running their invaluable online safety workshops with Year 8, giving our pupils practical advice to stay safe online.



Hip hip hooray! A huge congratulations to our Year 7 students elected as School Council representatives this year – your speeches were amazing! Our school council continues to go from strength to strength, already setting targets and discussing how everyone can have the best chance to thrive at school.

Celebrating Our Amazing Student Committees!



A huge thank you to all our student committee members, who have worked tirelessly this term to make Cwm Rhymni the best it can be. Your energy, ideas, and teamwork really bring our school community to life!

A special shout-out goes to our Citizenship Committee, who organised a brilliant fundraiser to raise awareness of breast cancer. We'll share the total raised with families very soon — thank you all for supporting this important cause! They're also busy planning a fun-filled Comic Relief day — get ready for games, laughter, and lots of smiles!

Our Welshness Committee did an amazing job with 'Shumae Day', which was a wonderful celebration of



Welsh culture and a whole lot of fun for everyone involved. It was fantastic to see so many pupils getting stuck in and enjoying themselves!

Thank you to all our student committees — your enthusiasm, hard work, and creativity make our Teulu Cwm Rhymni school a truly inspiring and vibrant place to learn. Keep shining!

Thank you to our Year 6 Families!



We were absolutely thrilled to welcome so many of our Year 6 parents, carers, and pupils to our school sites as part of our early transition programme. It's always such a pleasure to meet our future students and begin building those all-important relationships before they join us in Year 7.

A huge thank you to our fantastic Sixth Formers, who led the school tours with such confidence, warmth, and professionalism — we are so proud of you! And a special thank you to our pastoral staff for their excellent presentations, which helped give families a real insight into the care and support that define life at Cwm Rhymni.

Meeting our new families reminded us just how exciting the journey to secondary school can be — we can't wait to see you all again soon!



Eisteddfod y Cymoedd

A huge thank you to all our pupils, staff, families, and local competitors who joined us for Eisteddfod y Cymoedd last Friday. It was a real joy to see so many of our students not only taking part, but achieving incredible success with outstanding feedback from the judges.

We are especially grateful to our cooking and hospitality students for providing the catering, and to our Sixth Form volunteers and Gwydion Jones from Year 9, who helped keep the canteen running until 11PM — your hard work made the event run smoothly and be so enjoyable for everyone!



Considerate Citizens

Wow — what an exciting few weeks!

Our students have been busy across the school, from visiting universities in Wales and learning about the Diwali Festival, to carrying out customer service surveys for the public as part of the BTEC Business course.

We are incredibly proud to see our students taking part with such enthusiasm, confidence, and adventure. We hope they see how much they have to offer and we are sure these experiences will help build their confidence and experiences in order to succeed and inspire them in the years ahead.

Our Tech Team putting Cwm Rhymni on the Map



HADO Championships



Year 8 pupil Lloyd James has achieved a major milestone, joining Mr. R. Richardson, Mr. I. James, and Mr. O. Thomas on the HADO UK Premiership team, "War Pigs." Lloyd will soon represent Wales in the HADO Home Nations competition, taking place on November 23rd in Coventry.

Cwm Rhymni Dragons Headed to Principality Stadium for Esports Final!

Congratulations to the Cwm Rhymni Dragons Esports team, who have battled their way to the Grand Final of the Students Esports Championship, hosted by the WRU and Esports Wales!

The team will compete live at the Principality Stadium on Wednesday, November 5th, facing off against Cyfarthfa High School and Aberdare Community School in the final of the Rugby 25 tournament. Look out for the team, as the WRU will be filming interviews and player trials on October 23rd! Tune in to the WRU Twitch channel to catch the action.



A huge thank you to our Year 11 mentors, who have volunteered to act as guides and supporters for our Year 7 pupils. This scheme is a pilot project, and if successful, we plan to extend it to other years in the future. The aim of the programme is to ensure our Year pupils feel confident and supported as they begin life in secondary school, giving them someone reliable to turn to as they settle. We are so proud of our Year 11 mentors for stepping up with warmth, maturity, and a true commitment to our school values.

Once again, we are very fortunate to have Caerphilly Youth Services working closely with pupils in Year 11; helping to support and prepare them for the next step in their academic careers.

We would like to remind guardians and parents that there will be a range of activities available for pupils to engage with at Virginia Park Youth Centre and Senghennydd Youth Drop In Centre, over half term. These events are designed to help and support pupils and their families, over half term.



This month, we were delighted to host our Year 11 Careers Fayre here at Ysgol Gyfun Cwm Rhymni. The event was a fantastic opportunity for our pupils to explore a wide range of future pathways, with numerous businesses and organisations kindly volunteering their time to inspire the next generation. We were immensely proud of our pupils for their enthusiasm, curiosity and positive attitudes throughout the day. A huge thank you goes to Mrs Evans, Mr Davies and Careers Wales for their hard work in organising such a successful and motivating event!

Attendance Achievements



We must commend Oliver Vaughan for his milestone of achieving 100% attendance for 6 years running! Now that's ambition for you!

Congratulations to Registration Class 7 Sannan for the highest attendance in the school this term. WELL DONE!

A huge thank you to Jenny Francis, our Educational Welfare Officer, for delivering such valuable and engaging assemblies to our year groups on the impact attendance has on achievement. The sessions were inspiring and reminded us all just how important it is to be in school every day to reach our full potential.

Thank You to Our Period Mentors!

We would like to extend a huge thank you to our period mentors, a closely connected team of young people working to ensure that every school toilet is fully stocked with period products. This scheme makes sure that no pupil ever has to go without the products they need during their cycle.

The project also promotes period dignity and raises awareness of menstruation, helping to break down the stigma that is often associated with periods. Through this initiative, our students feel confident to access products when needed, ensuring that everyone has access to essential health resources. We are incredibly grateful to these students for their thoughtful and invaluable work!

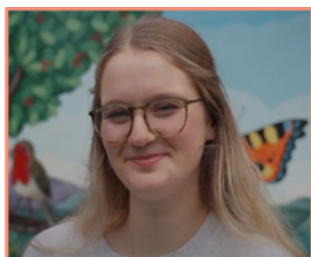


Crosscountry Competition

Congratulations to Year 7-9 pupils who participated in this year's Interhouse-event to win points to their house. We were impressed with pupils' resilience, perseverance and encouragement as they supported one another to complete the course. It is moments like these that allow us to appreciate what incredible young people we have at our school. Well done all.



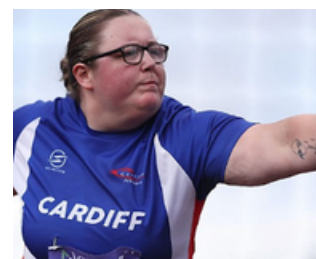
Past Pupil Success Stories



A huge congratulations to Angharad Davies Year 13 for winning the learner of the year award for the Cam wrth Cam scheme with Mudiad Miethrin. She received special praise for her commitment, energy and positivity. Well done for going from strength to strength!



Big congratulations to Holly Witts for graduating this Summer at the University of Cambridge and gaining several prestigious recognitions while studying theology! Good luck Holly as you embark on your next adventures. We are very proud of you!



Congratulations to Bree Cronin our school discus champion who has been ranked 5th on the World following her success at the World Para Athletics Championships.

Individual Success Stories

You're on the Team!

Ysgol Gyfun Cwm Rhymni is proud to celebrate the incredible achievements of one of our outstanding past pupils – Dylan Lawlor – who now represents Wales in the national football team.

Throughout his time with us, Dylan displayed rare qualities: humility, kindness and empathy towards others, combined with leadership, camaraderie and resilience on the field. A natural leader, he inspired those around him to give their very best.

Dylan remains a true inspiration to us all. When he speaks about his successes, it is always with humility, and the energy he brings continues to motivate others to participate in sport, whatever their level of ability. He has been a real credit to the school, and we continue to follow his career with pride and admiration as he reaches new heights.

All the best in your upcoming matches Dylan – we cannot wait to support you in your upcoming matches!



Congratulations to Sadie Watkins, and Lowri Windsor for being chosen to represent Wales!



Congratulations to Ameera on becoming 1st Kup in the Taekwondo!



Congratulations Alex Cross for being chosen to play football for Wales – what a success!



Well done Iolo Anthony for completing the Saundersfoot Triathlon in 1 hour 32 minutes, swimming 750m, cycling 20km, running 5km. Campus!



Congratulations to Lloyd Stonehouse (Year 9) Who is a member of the winning Welsh wheelchair basketball team in the British championship. Wow!



Congratulations to Anya Gummer having competed in the World Karate Championship in Crawley recently.

Anya achieved :

- Bronze in individual kata
- Bronze in pairs kata
- Gold in team kata
- Gold in team kumite rotational
- Bronze in team kumite



Well done to Mason Short of Year 7 who plays not only for Bargoed RFC but also Rhymney District having contributed admirably to their incredible win against Pen-coed this weekend (28 – 21). Mason is an avid sportsplayer who we are sure we will see more of over the next few years.



Individual Success Stories



Over the weekend, Freya Goddard took part in the 1.5km Iron Kids Wales race in Tenby, finishing 2nd among the girls out of around 50 mixed competitors.



Congratulations to Gethin John Year 8 and Gwenno Anthony Year 7 for running 1.5km at Ironkids at Tenby this term. Quite an achievement!



A huge congratulations to Cerrig Day Year 12 for coming second with his father in the OCRDA National Motor Boat Championships in Cardiff Bay over the weekend.



Congratulations to Toby Jones (yr.12) for winning the 'Inspirational Young Person' award for his voluntary work with the charity, The Parish Trust. Toby has:

- volunteered with the CARE project
- help set up the RISE Youth Panel
- run 10km for The Parish Trust charity
- won a grant to hold a workshop to teach the children of the community how to cycle safely.

What an inspiration!

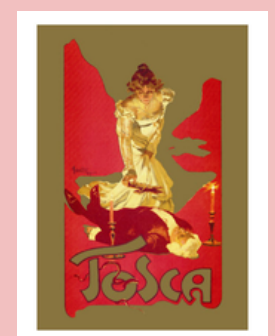
Year 7 pupil Amelia Osbourne competed in the girls' artistic gymnastics competition, appearing in the 12+ category at the Higher Level in the Classical Challenge.

She delivered a clear and beautiful performance and finished 4th as part of her team.



A big congratulations to you Harri for winning a well-deserved place on the National Youth Orchestra's Inspire course and congratulations also to Scarlett for passing London College of Music grade 8 with distinction! Quite an achievement!

Congratulations to Fhibi Rogers for performing with the Welsh National Opera in their production of Tosca.



Important Dates:

November 2025

06/11/2025 - VESPA Revision Day (Vespa) Gwyndy and Gellihaf - Year 10 pupils
12/11/2025 - Year 8 Progress Evening
17/11/2025 – 28/11/2025 - Lower School Assessments + SHRN wellbeing questionnaires
26/11/2025 - Year 12 Progress Evening
31/11/2025 - Christmas Fayre at Gellihaf Site

November 2025

03/12/2025 - Sixth Form taster day for yr.11 and open evening for yr.11 parents/guardians 5-7pm

December 2025

12/12/2025 - Year 10 Mock Exams – 10/12/2025
11/12/2025 – 18/12/2025 - Year 11 Mock Exams
10/12/2025 – 17/12/2025 - Year 13 Mock Exams
16/12/2025 - Christmas Concert – (6PM > 7PM)

January 2026

12/01/2026 – 16/01/2026 - Year 12 Mock Exams
14/01/2026 - Year 11 Progress Evening

February 2026

04/02/2026 - Year 9 Options Progress Evening
11/02/2026 - Year 7 Progress Evening
09/02/2026 – 10/02/2026 - Yr.11 Mocks (Maths/Welsh/English)
25/02/2026 - Year 13 Progress Evening

March 2026

11/03/2026 - Year 10 Progress Evening
27/03/2026 - INSET Training

April 2026

17/04/2026 - INSET Training
15/04/2026 - Year 9 Core Progress Evening

May 2026

07/05/2026 – 17/06/2026 - GCSE/AS/A-Level Exams

June 2026

12/06/2026 - Year 6 Transition Day
25/06/2026 - Open Evening for Year 5/6 Parents

July 2026

01/07/2026 - Year 6 Transition Day
06 - 16/7/2026 - Wellbeing sessions and The Big Project
09/07/2025 - YEAR 11 PROM
17/07/2026 - End of School Year



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