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July 11, 2025

Dear Parent /Guardian,

As we approach the end of term, I would like to express my sincere thanks for the outstanding work of pupils and staff here at Glantaf throughout the year. Most importantly, I would like to wish all our families a very relaxing, enjoyable and well-deserved summer break! Our annual report is now available on our school website Annual Report 2024-25 where you will also find term and INSET dates for 2025-2026. The detailed report outlines the remarkable achievements involving so many members of the school community, in a packed and fulfilling academic year. Once again, may we thank you as parents for your unwavering support, kindness and understanding as we work together for the benefit and wellbeing of our children and young people. Sincerely, diolch yn fawr!

Farewell: We would also like to thank and send our best wishes to those members of staff who are leaving us at the end of this term. Our thanks and best wishes to our support staff: Mr Saul Tanhai, Mr Matthew Wildsmith, Ms Megan Jones, Mr Tom Ellis, Ms Eloise Austin, Mr Iwan Johnes, Mr Alun Thomas and Mr Johan Hoogendoorn our Rugby Development Officer. We also say farewell to a number of teaching staff: Ms Eirlys Wyn Davies (Geography); Mr Denis Pugh (Assistant Head {Secondment}), Mr Sion Williams (Physics); Ms Sara Evans (PE); Mrs Eleanor Gardener (D&T) and Mr Scott Griffiths (Biology). Diolch a phob dymuniad da i'r dyfodol!

GCSE & A-level Art Exhibition: The hall has been filled over the past two weeks with stunning work from the Art students' GCSE and A Level portfolios. It was a privilege to enjoy and appreciate the real talent on display and our thanks to the department for their inspiration, to Mr Anthony Evans, for adjudicating (former Head of Art and one of the original teaching team at Glantaf in 1978!), and to the students for their outstanding portfolios.

Martha King, Yr 12,

Governing Body Art Prize winner Glantaf 2025

Proms, Gwyl Glantaf and so much more ... We enjoyed the musical talents of our students at our summer Proms Concert, showcasing the achievements of our orchestra, jazz band and instrumentalists. Our sincere thanks to all who also supported our Gwyl Glantaf in aid of our appeal to build outdoor shelters over the summer break. We are pleased to announce we succeeded in raising over £2,000 towards the work. Once again, end of term has been a whirlwind of activities: Drayton Manor & Heatherton trips; Duke of Edinburgh Bronze and Silver expeditions; Natural Sciences Challenge; Yr6 Open Evenings; French visit to Boulogne; Canofan Residential at Pentre Ifan; Careers Wales employer talks; Pentre Taf Dragons Den Challenge for Yr8; Yr 9 Sponsored Walk, the list goes on ...

National Test Results: You can view the results of the Reading (English and Welsh) and Numeracy (Procedural and Reasoning) Assessments 2025 which have been uploaded to your child's HWB account by selecting "Personal Assessments" and selecting Learner Feedback or Learner Progress. If your child was absent from the assessments in June, then there will be no report on HWB. For more details: Personalised assessments Interim Reports (Yr 7-10) and Full Reports (Yr7, 8 and 10) will be distributed during next week.









Welsh Cup Athletics: Congratulations to three of our athletics teams on being crowned Welsh champions at the Welsh Schools Athletics Championships this week. This phenomenal success for u14, u16 (girls) and u16 (boys) teams is a rare achievement as schools across Wales compete at this showcase event. Moreover the girls teams win the national honours for the second consecutive year and Glantaf winning the *Charlie Hughes Track and Field Trophy* once more in 2025. *Ardderchog ddisgyblion a diolch staff*!



u14(g) and u16 (g&b) Welsh Athletics Cup Champions

GCSE and A Level Results

Thursday 14 August:8am: Year 13 only9am: Year 12 onlyThursday 21 August:8am: Year 11 only9am: Year 10 only

If your child is unable to collect these from school, we will share the results with parents with written confirmation from the student. Individual results will be sent to each pupil's hwb email address by 10am on the day

New year 2025-26: In September we will also return to a higher expectation regarding school uniform and punctuality to school. During the summer months we have unfortunately, seen the standard of uniform deteriorate to include items which are not on our uniform list. May we kindly and firmly remind all parents to purchase only those items allowed within our school uniform code for September, correct items are listed clearly on our website here: <u>School Uniform | Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Glantaf</u>

School uniform appeal: We would welcome school uniform items in good condition (*washed and the name removed*). Also remember our Facebook page <u>Glantaf Facebook Uniform Site</u> where uniform can be donated and received for free. Financial support for families is also available through the pupil <u>Essentials Grant</u>. We also include seperately a guide of summer support for familes including free activities, meals and other support

Important Term Dates:

July 14-18	Work Experience Week Year 12
July 15	Canolfan award celebration at 1.30pm
July 16	Yr 8 Science Fair
	End of term reports (see above)
July 18	End of summer term (1.30pm close)
Sept 1&2:	School INSET (school closed to pupils)
Sept 3:	Yrs 7 and 12 students only
Sept 4:	Start of term for all pupils
Sept 11:	Sports Awards Evening at 7pm
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GCSE Art Prize winner: Emily Azzopardi Yr 11 with Mr Anthony Evans Art Exhibition 2025

Finally, a word of congratulations to the Year 8 Rugby XIII side who ended the season as British Cup Champions following their win in the heartland of Rugby League "up North"! *Llongyfarchiadau fechayn*!

We wish you a relaxing and wonderful summer holiday and thank you again for your support throughout the year, Yn gywir iawn, MITERA

Matthew H T Evans Pennaeth / Head Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Glantaf



Yr8 Rugby League team crowned British Champions!