



YSGOL GYFUN GYMRAEG
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Pennaeth/Head:
Mr Matthew H T Evans

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Dear Parent / Guardian,

Start of September Term 2025: It is a pleasure to write to you at the start of a new year as we look forward to welcome pupils back to Glantaf. Yr7 and 12 start term on Wednesday, 3rd of September with all other pupils starting the new term on Thursday, 4th of September.

A Level, BTEC, AS, GCSE and vocational results: We were delighted to celebrate our students success in their examination results. As regards Year13, the vast majority of pupils secured places at their first choice Universities or for their placements next year. Our results reflected the national trend of a return to pre-pandemic levels, with 97% of students attaining at least 2 A2 grades A*-E and 20% of students gaining at least 3 A* or

A at Advanced Level. These grades are admirable, and speak of the mature dedication and work ethic of students as well as the support of staff. For Yr11, it was great to see pupils' celebrations as 87% gained at least 5 A*-C; and a fabulous 41% of students gaining at least 5 A*/A. Congratulations also to Yr12 students on their AS results and Year 10 students who recieved results in a number of subjects. Congratulations, to all pupils on these results as we wish them well for the future and thank them for their sincere contribution to Glantaf.



Congratulations Yr11!

National Eisteddfod at Wreccsam: We were very encouraged to see a large contingent of Glantaf students who visited the National Eisteddfod in Wreccsam, enjoying the maes, working hard or staying on the Maes B youth field. We also commend both Cian Glyn, Yr 9 and Tom Davies, Yr 11 on their success on the Eisteddfod main stage. Following *Tafwyl* earlier in the summer, these vibrant occasions once again demonstrate the wealth and richness of contemporary Welsh culture and we are so pleased that our students engage with the vibrancy and energy in these national celebrations. We were also delighted to note Tamsin James fabric quilt 'Stormy Dusk' success in the Royal Academy of Arts Young Artists Scheme showcased in London over the summer. Congratulations also to both Catrin and Elin Matthews on their swimming success as part of Nofio Cymru's summer competition and to Elin on her success as part of Cymru's Triathlon Academy. We encourage our students to join in extra curricular activities, to enjoy the opportunities open to them and kindly ask for your support to build their confidence and use of Cymraeg at every opportunity! *Ymlaen Glantaf!*



Yr13 celebrating strong results



Tamsin James art success

New partnership Glantaf and Bro Edern: We are pleased to start this new academic year in a new partnership with Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Edern. From September I will be working as Executive Headteacher over both schools and I warmly welcome Mr Dyfrig G Rees who will be starting his new role as Head of School from September, supported by Mrs Catrin Arnopp as Deputy Headteacher. Also joining the Leadership Team will be Mrs Bethan Davies (Lead of Canolfan Glantaf); Mr Dafydd Owens (Timetable and Curriculum) and Mrs Ffion Berry (Attitudes to learning and Behaviour). A full list of these



*Mr Dyfrig Rees, Mr Matthew Evans,
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responsibilities can be seen here: [Leadership Team](#) We also welcome new members of staff who will be starting with us at Glantaf this September. They include, Mr Bo Leung (D&T); Ms Kirsty Lewis (Drama and Cymraeg); Mr Gronw Griffith; Ms Angharad Llwyd; Mr Dylan Williams; Mr Wil Davies (Cymraeg); Ms Sara Prosser (PE); Mr Hefin Dafydd (Science); Mrs Sian Morris (Mathematics); Mrs Gwenllian Mitchell (Canolfan Glantaf), Mr Ben Palit (English) as well as welcoming back Ms Aimee Moule (Year 8 Progress and Wellbeing Lead) and Ms Rhiannon Kemp Morse (Religious Studies) from maternity leave. We also welcome Ms Seren Bean, Mr Jac Rees; Mr Gruff A Williams; Ms Non Drake; Mr Greg Evans; Mr Gruff Williams; Mr Harry Phillips; Mr Tom Cummins; Mr Gruff Llywelyn; and Mr Lewys Thomas joining our learning support team. *Croeso mawr!*

Year 7 Lunches: In order to register Yr7 pupils on our *ParentPay* system, we kindly ask Yr7 pupils to bring a packed lunch for their first week in school. By Monday 8th September, all accounts should be active. We will then run an induction process for Yr 7 on alternate weeks: pupils in 7Dewi and 7Dyfrig access to canteen (week 2, Mon 8th Sept) pupils in 7Iltud and 7Teilo (week 1, Mon 15th Sept). All pupils in Yr7 will have daily access to the canteen from the start of October.

Road and cycle safety: We kindly ask you not to park or pick up / drop off close to the school gates. We encourage pupils to cycle to school using designated cycle lanes and the Taff Trail. All pupils should wear a helmet and bikes need to be locked using our cycle racks and NOT on school railings, where we have experienced thefts

School uniform, mobile phones and punctuality for registration: Many thanks for your support regarding correct school uniform as we welcome pupils back for the new term. We also remind pupils that mobile phones should not be used during the school day, we also ask for your support in not sending messages or making calls to your children during the school day. Pupils who do use their phones will have to hand in their device to reception and collect it at the end of the school day. Finally, a reminder that all pupils need to arrive on campus by 8.30am. Late arrivals, from September will have to register in Reception and hand in their mobile phone for the remainder of the school day. We thank you for your anticipated support in these matters.

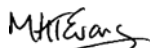
Campus improvements: We are delighted that a number of improvements have been implemented on campus, including a new heating systems in the PE and Science blocks, 2 new all-weather shelters, decorating a number of classrooms and a brand new training gymnasium.

Upcoming events:

8 Sept	Year 7 & 12 Photos: individual and year group photos
9 Sept	Unveiling our new Glantaf murals – invited ceremony at 9am
10 Sept	Inter-house cross country race
11 Sept	Sports Award Evening at 7pm (tickets on ParentPay from 2/9/25)
15 Sept	Yr 12 Parents Information evening on <i>Teams</i> at 5pm (Welsh) and 6pm (English)
1 October	School INSET (Staff cluster training day – no school for pupils)

Contact us / Website: If you are joining us as a new parent we direct you to our: [Ysgol Glantaf Website](#) . Click here for contact details for our [Progress & Wellbeing Support](#) As well as our latest: [Annual Report 2024-25](#) As we start a new year together, many thanks for your continued support and remember to contact us in case of any query or concern,

Yours sincerely,



Matthew H T Evans

Pennaeth Gweithredol / Executive Head

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New shelters on campus