



Governing Body Annual Report

Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Glantaf



2024-25

Head: Matthew H T Evans

Chair of Governors: Iona Edwards

Vice-Chairs: Tamsin Ramasut
Aled Walters



Croeso / Welcome Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Glantaf

Our vision is to develop healthy, ambitious, welcoming Welsh citizens who are proud of the rich history and culture of our communities, capital city and country. We support all members to contribute enthusiastically to our vibrant school community to enjoy learning and to embrace perseverance and kindness. We aim to create a welcoming and supportive learning environment where all individuals are valued.

Coron Gwlad ei Mamiaith A Country's Crown is its Mother Language



GCSE Celebrations 2024



Letter of introduction by the Chair of Governing Body

Dear Parent / Guardian,

It is a privilege to write to you this year on behalf of the Governing Body of Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Glantaf following another successful and busy year at our school.

I am pleased to present this report, which includes the activities and experiences over the past year which are testament to the vision and commitment of the entire team of staff at Glantaf. As a Governing Body, we have been inspired by the opportunities and experiences offered over the past twelve months and thank all members of the school community for their diligence and energy. The Christmas Concert, successes at the Urdd Eisteddfod in Margam, the Primary Cluster Orchestra Concert, the Art Exhibition and the Awards Evenings have been uplifting occasions where we have all felt very proud of our young people's varied talents. Moreover, the long list of sporting achievements once again underlines the talents and depth of character of our pupils. I would also like to congratulate students on the excellent results of GCSEs and A levels last summer. Warm congratulations to you all and *diolch am eich gwaith!*

Of course, this would not be possible without the dedication, support and leadership of all staff at Glantaf. We commend them for their work once again and wish them a well-deserved break this summer.

We welcomed new members of staff to the school in September. I would also sincerely thank the familiar faces who have contributed to the warmth and character of Glantaf, and who have decided to retire or have been promoted to new posts at the end of the summer term.

As a Governing Body we are also heartened by current work on site to improve facilities. We were pleased to improve resources in several departments and were delighted with the positive response to our toilet upgrade last summer. This year we look forward to installing new outdoor shelters which improves our capacity to look after pupils in poor weather. We are also optimistic to see changes within our curriculum provision to ensure pupils are well-represented within the topics studied, and that our wellbeing curriculum reflects the concerns and issues facing our young people. Our Autumn term visits to school gave us the opportunity to discuss pupil progress with teachers which were a valued insight into the learning activities available throughout the curriculum. A particular pleasure was to enjoy conversations with pupils, and they are to be commended for their energy, their enthusiasm and honesty in discussing their work and community at Glantaf.

Next year will see us working closely with Ysgol Bro Eder Governing Body as we build leadership capacity over both schools. We are pleased to offer our wholehearted support to this new partnership and the enhanced leadership opportunities it offers to Glantaf staff. Finally, I would wish to note my thanks to members of the Governing Body, to Mr Evans and the leadership team for their hard work during the past year. I would like to wish Mr Dyfrig Rees and Mrs Catrin Arnopp well as they step into new leadership responsibilities in the new year and look forward to working closely with you all in the years ahead.

Sincerely yours,

Iona Edwards
Chair of the Governing Body



School Eisteddfod February 2025



End of year report by Head, Matthew Evans.

It is a pleasure to present this annual report to the school community of Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Glantaf. I feel privileged to work alongside such talented pupils and committed staff members within *teulu Glantaf*.



Glantaf Male Voice Choir: October 2024

At the end of 2024/25 I would like to thank those members of staff who have been appointed to other posts or who have chosen to retire at the end of the summer term. I would first like to thank Mrs Eirlys Davies who will leave us at the end of term following an extensive period at Glantaf as Geography teacher. Mrs Davies was also Head of Department for a period and was known for her positive relationships with pupils and as an effective classroom teacher. Mr Sion Williams will also retire from his role as Physics Teacher and valued member of the science faculty. Mr Denis Pugh is also leaving Glantaf for a two year secondment working as Head of School at Ysgol Bro Edern – we wish him all success in this new post. We also wish Ms Sara Evans (PE) well as leaves her role to go traveling and Mrs Eleanor Gardener (D&T) and Mr Scott Groffiths (Sci) who will continue their teaching careers away from Glantaf next year. Other staff who will be leaving at the end of term will be: Mr Saul Tanhai; Mr Matthew Wildsmith; Ms Megan Jones; Mr Tomos Ellis; Mr Iwan Johnes and Mr Alun Thomas as well as Mr Johan Hoogendoorn our Rugby Development Officer at Glantaf. I would wish to thank them for their kind and considerable contribution to life here at Glantaf and wish them well as they leave to other posts, start teacher training courses, or continue their studies at university.

School performance Summer 2024: GCSE and Level 2 Vocational Courses

GCSE / Vocational results in summer 2024 were excellent, with 88% of pupils gaining 5 A*-C and 37% gaining 5 A*-A qualifications; 77% of pupils achieved 5 A*-C including Mathematics and either English or Welsh and 98% of pupils achieved 5 A*-G. Our Capped 9 score (which records pupils attainment in 9 separate courses and may be a fairer record of pupil attainment) saw an increase from 406 to 413. This data compares favourably with other similar schools in Wales and Glantaf's 2024 results correspond to the high standards in performance prior to the pandemic. I'm also pleased to note the results within the Welsh Baccalaureate, where A*-C was 97%.

A Level and Level 3 Vocational Courses

Yr13 also celebrated well-deserved grades with several pupils who performed excellently. The outstanding results recorded meant that 43% of all grades at A Level were A* or A and that of the 410 grades awarded, 281 of them were of the highest grades B > A*. This meant that all pupils in Yr13 succeeded in securing their preferred place in their first or second choice of higher education. It was pleasing that so many of our pupils (57%), achieved the A*/A grade in the Welsh Baccalaureate qualification.



A Level Results Day 2024

Parents Communication – Newsletters, Parents Evenings and Classcharts

We continue to communicate through regular newsletters (all available on our website) as well as our Parents and Pupils Communication Platform, *Classcharts*. Classcharts allows parents real time access to valuable information on pupil attendance and progress including praise and sanctions. This data also allows us to hold effective award assemblies at the end of term. An Estyn thematic review on behaviour management commended our use of Classcharts in monitoring and tracking.



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We also invite parents to our monthly Wellbeing Café which has a specific focus for each meeting: neuro-diverse pathways; supporting ALN pupils; bereavement; anxiety-based school avoidance, schools in-reach programme and support for families. For further information on our *Caffi Lles* provision please contact Assistant Heads Mrs Catrin Arnopp or Mrs Beca Newis or check our newsletters for the date of the next meeting.

Curricular developments & Curriculum for Wales

In summer 2024 we saw the first GCSE results of the new courses we established two or three years ago. These new courses saw pupils' success at the end of Year 11 in Outdoor Education, Sports Coaching; Child Development and Graphics. This has seen an increase in our Capped 9 score as more pupils were able to succeed within a broader range of subjects.



Medicine and Dentistry Conference for Welsh Medium Schools at Glantaf

In September we also started a new Engineering Level 3, course within the BroPlasTaf partnership. This course has proved popular and as a vocational subject allows more students to remain in Welsh Medium education while continuing their studies post16.

We continued partnership work with other Welsh Medium schools in South Wales (CYDAG) in an INSET day which focussed on the new GCSE qualifications, which begin in September 2025. This is a major focus on our staff training programme and we will be developing resources and provision with our colleagues within the BroPlasTaf partnership and other Welsh Medium schools. This will continue for the next three years as new qualifications will be added in September 2026 and again in September 2027.

Within the Sixth Form, there was a growth in the numbers who choose to return or join Glantaf with 169 students in Yr.12 (159 in Sept 2023). We are also pleased to continue our partnership offers through BroPlasTaf, which extend our option columns with 36 different courses for students in KS5.

Members of our Governing Body visited departments to participate in department meetings and to lead book scrutiny and interviewing pupils on their experiences. These link visits ensure the GB are kept up to date with staff professional development, as well as ensuring Heads of Department are well supported in their work.

Staff professional learning

A key feature of our work is in nurturing partnerships and working closely with other schools and institutions. Glantaf worked closely with ITE provider Cardiff Metropolitan University as a Clinical Training School, as well as students from Swansea University, Education Department, welcoming 9 student teachers. Mrs Megan Bennett, Assistant Head (Teaching & Learning) has been working within the Central South Consortium as a Lead Practitioner for pedagogy, sharing good practice and delivering training to partner schools. She has also led our Deputy Headteacher Forum within the cluster, looking at *Effective teaching strategies to challenge poverty and economic deprivation* and closing the attainment gap.



Gold for Jazz Band Ensemble

Glantaf also works in close partnership with other Welsh Medium schools, both in CYDAG (Welsh Medium Schools across Wales) and with Gyda'n Gilydd (Welsh Medium Schools in Central South Consortium).



We continued our work as a Partner School with the Open University Teacher Training Pathway, supporting four teachers through the programme this year (English, Design & Technology, Physics and Mathematics).

This year we continued our staff professional learning programme called *Rhaglen Addysgu Glantaf*. The programme supports six teachers each year to explore teaching and learning strategies and enable their collaborative projects to be shared with colleagues. We have therefore welcomed and benefitted from 18 teachers on this programme over the past three years.

Taith funded Empowering Girls Project with schools in Malaysia

Following our Taith funded project to Aotearoa in 2023/24 looking at diversity, bilingualism and combatting racism, we were delighted to continue in 2024-26, with engagement in another Taith project focussing on global majority female leadership models.

A group of 28 Year 9 pupils, from global majority or underprivileged backgrounds, have taken part in a transformative project funded by Taith, focusing on female role models and leadership across diverse cultural contexts. The project has already had a significant impact on the girls' academic and personal progress, nurturing confidence, identity and new aspirations. The aim of this innovative project is to raise aspirations and empower girls by providing educational and enrichment opportunities to groups of girls who have not always been visible within the school community. Led by Mrs Moore, the girls have participated in a series of enrichment workshops on female leadership and personal development. Mrs Moore has supported them both creatively and socially, providing powerful opportunities for the girls to explore their cultural heritage, sense of identity, and their relationships with others.



Yr 9 Girls cake stall for Merched y Môr

The pupils have trained to lead inspiring workshops for our cluster primary schools and, through this work, have become role models themselves in delivering workshops to year 4. In the Autumn, they will travel to Malaysia for ten days to collaborate with two schools in Kuala Lumpur. This experience will not only build international links but also raise the girls' aspirations as they prepare for the journey and return to school as Year 10 pupils.

As well as visiting Mulberry Academy in Shoreditch London, where they worked with other girls from diverse backgrounds on global issues, the girls have had public speaking opportunities and made a positive contribution to the wider school community. One of the most powerful aspects of their journey has been the letters they wrote to their mothers or female role models — deeply personal reflections full of gratitude and ambition. The legacy of this project will extend far beyond the 28 girls involved, strengthening Welsh identity, promoting inclusion, and raising aspirations across the entire school. The project has been influential and inspiring, and Mrs Moore's leadership has been central in nurturing connection, confidence, and creativity among the group.

This work will directly feed into the School Improvement Plan, strengthening Welsh identity, promoting girls' confidence in leadership. We look forward to welcoming students from Malaysia to Wales in 2026 as part of an ongoing and inspiring partnership



International Women's Day Assembly



Cluster partnership work

Our primary partnerships continued during the year with a number of visits and activities including: STEM taster days; Performing Arts taster days; Question Time sessions with Yr. 6; Online lessons Yr. 5 (French) and Yr. 6 (German); Cluster Sports Day as well as our Cluster Orchestra event.

Campus and ICT Investment

Glantaf has continued to prioritise investment in Digital Technology by providing pupils with a personal Chromebook. Although central funding for this scheme ended in 2024/25, the Governing Body committed investment to continue this digital offer (partially subsidised) for pupils for 24/25.

Further investment on campus has included new leisure facilities on campus with the addition of a basketball pitches and outdoor table tennis. We funded the upgrading of three toilet blocks (circa £150,000) which has transformed our facilities for pupils. We are also delighted that significant investment from the authority has meant a brand new boiler system servicing the PE and Science blocks. We have also upgraded and refreshed several of the school corridors to include some beautiful murals and included some professional images of the natural beauty of Cymru and the local area. We increased the number of our chilled water fountains, laid new carpets and invested in new school signage as “Ysgol Hyfforddi” (Training School), encouraging enquiries from the community regarding opportunities to train as teachers, learning support or support staff at Glantaf. We were also delighted to install a new Music Studio which has been well received by our school bands.



New toilet blocks, Sept 2024

We're pleased that new no parking lines were painted outside the school entrances to increase visibility and safety for cyclists and pedestrians.



We are planning to further improve campus facilities by building outdoor shelters during the summer of 2025 and further maintenance and refresh of communal areas at the school. During the summer term, thanks to the sponsorship and support of Cardiff Rugby we will be installing new Gym equipment in our Annexe which significantly extends our current provision. This specialist equipment will be used by Senior Students, Rugby Academy members and enhances our sports coaching and training facilities. *Diolch yn fawr Rygbi Caerdydd!*

Wellbeing and Safeguarding

We were delighted to welcome our educational partners to Glantaf offering workshops and interactive sessions for students. These have included:

Show Red Card to Racism	Year 7	Equality workshops
Elevate	Year 12/13	Peer mentoring training
Bullies Out	Year 9	Peer2Peer <i>Strength is Sharing</i>
Brook	Year 10	Sexual consent
Brook	Year 9	Period Dignity / Combatting Mysogyny
	Year 10	Pornography
CAVDAS	Supporting pupils/ families with drug or alcohol addiction	
Barnardo's	Various	Interventions: <i>Feelings are funny things</i>
		Building self-esteem <i>#Happening</i>
YMCA	All year groups	Young Carers support and awareness



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School nurse	All year groups	Bespoke support
Miri Hughes (Urdd)	Year 7	Lunchtime clubs
Miri Hughes	Various	Balch group
Joseff Jones (LA Youth team)	Various	Boys engagement
SHOT youth team	Various	Healthy relations
Smashed Theatre group	Yr 7&8	Alcohol useage
Media Academi Cymru	Boys at risk of disengagement	



Bullies Out! Yr 9 Peer Mentor Workshop

We have benefitted from training our senior students as peer mentors who support pupils who may find school life difficult. Staff training also included the outstanding “Schools in reach training” which involves safety planning, self-harming and stress management. We continued our work with Mrs Elen Hughes as the school’s mental health practitioner. Staff training in ABSA (Anxiety Based School Attendance) has been particularly valuable to build stronger links with pupils and families in maintaining high levels of attendance. Although Glantaf has good attendance rates, our targeted support for vulnerable learners has been strengthened and improved through this training approach.

“Ystafell Keri” (our wellbeing base for students), offers bespoke support which includes group interventions such as ‘Explosive Pupil’, ‘ELSA’, lego therapy, *Talkabout*, *Thrive*, connected to Primary Mental Health, Art Therapy, Healthy Living and Fitness as well as alternative curriculum provision and visits from Cosmo – our wellbeing dog.

Mrs Bethan Rees, (our administrative and family support officer) has developed valuable community links. These include our reaching out initiatives such as: free uniform “shop” on Facebook; hampers for vulnerable families; food parcels; educational resources and stationary for FSM pupils and families; C-Card Cardiff YMCA (Yrs1013) confidential supply of condoms; free period products; support for young carers and a bespoke number of provisions for groups of pupils. We were delighted to continue our partnership with St Teilo’s Church, offering food parcels and practical support for families, as well as our new community cafe venture for pensioners, hosted by our Sixth Form at All Saints Church, over the road.

We have also been delighted that our Balch group (LGBTQ+ pupil group) have met regularly and enjoyed participating in the annual *Cymru Balch* Celebration Event in Cardiff in June 2025.



Balch Caerdydd, Meh 2025

International Women’s Day / Men Mental Health Week: This year we brought students together to discuss girls’ self-esteem and boys’ mental health. The response was positive and allowed us a real insight into some of the issues which are uppermost in pupils concerns. We were also pleased to offer a residential visit to Pentre Ifan on the North Pembrokeshire coast for a group of boys from Year 9, focussing on becoming strong role models within the school community.

Safeguarding: We held our annual Safeguarding Information Evening for parents in partnership this year with South Wales Police and continue our monthly safeguarding bulletins for parents, highlighting a different aspect of keeping children and young people safe. Our safeguarding training for all staff included VAWDASV (Violence against women, domestic abuse and sexual violence) training and input from Welsh Govrnment advisor, Matt Taylor on promoting positive male role models within communities.

Fire and Lockdown Protocol: We reviewed our fire and lockdown protocol, making improvements where necessary.



Mobile Phone Usage: In response to the growth of mobile phone mis-use, including inappropriate social media use and online bullying, we tightened our response to mobile phones on campus. The protocol has been widely supported by parents and staff.

Food & Drink Provision

Glantaf is fortunate to benefit from a highly experienced and effective team of catering staff under the leadership of Ms Serina Shephard and Mrs Julie Burns. Despite the limited size of our kitchen and dining area we have offered a full provision for students throughout the year. Glantaf Canteen “Caffi'r Taf / Tŷ Gwydr” serve more hot meals than similar schools, and queuing times are well-managed. The catering provision at the school remains popular with pupils, with strong sales of the daily ‘meal deal’ option, priced at, £3.55. Glantaf was awarded the 5 grading for hygiene standards in 2023, 2024 and 2025. We have 3 chilled water fountains, providing free water refills for pupils and staff, plastic bottles are no longer sold on site. We continue to use the cashless payment system to have efficient service at the tills. Following discussion as Governing Body, Glantaf will undertake the Catering provision from the local authority in Sept 2025, allowing us more control on our food provision and ensuring we are able to invest in our catering team, moving forward.

Canolfan Glantaf / ALN support (Appendix B & C)

See Appendix B & C for a detailed report on our ALN support and activity by our Canolfan Glantaf Lead, Mrs Bethan Davies and Assistant Head, ALNCo, Mrs Catrin Arnopp.

Pupil Voice and Senior Prefects

School Senedd (Parliament) members were elected in the spring term and have been able to give a pupil perspective on whole school issues. We are also pleased to establish our Anti-Racist and Inclusion Senedd who have undertaken valuable discussions to capture views and make improvements to the way staff and pupils interact in a truly inclusive manner.



Anti-Racist and Inclusion Senedd meeting with Efa Gruffudd-Jones, Welsh Language Commissioner

Our Peer Mentoring programme whereby older pupils' support pupils in Yrs. 7-8 was launched during the autumn term. We were also encouraged by the high numbers volunteering in Yr. 12 and 13 in our literacy and numeracy interventions. Over 100 6th Form students committed free lessons to work one-to-one improving pupils reading ages and working through mathematical exercises. Student feedback from these sessions has been extremely positive.



Head Prefects 2025: Megan, Ollie, Osian and Libby

I would also commend the leadership and contribution of our Senior Prefects this year, be that through Governing Body meetings or informal discussions on charity events and school improvements. Our thanks and best wishes to Cadi-Gwen Sandall, Nia Griffiths, Iestyn Williams and Leon Ohimekpen, senior prefects 2024-25 and we wish their successors, Megan Jones, Ollie Weekley, Osian Looker and Libby Morgan well for 2024-25.

Developing Leadership & staffing changes

In terms of the staff body, further appointments were made within the school. We appointed Mrs Bethan Frost (D&T Lead); Mrs Abigail Summers (D&T); Ms Gwenan Williams (PE); Ms Morgan Bowring, Mr Scott Griffiths (Science); Mr Owen Evans, Mr Ethan Wall a Mr Dylan Moore (English); Ms Gwenan Evans (Cymraeg); Mr Guto Hughes (ICT); Mr Carwyn Davies (Mathematics) and Mrs Chantelle Moore (Inclusion). It was also good to welcome Mr Tom Austin, Ms Bethan Witchell, Mr



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Bryn Wilson, Mr Gruff Nicol, Ms Menna Hurley, Mr Tomos Ellis, Mr Osian Morgan-Davies; Mr Osian Ahir and Ms Rosie Dominican who work within our ALN or Canolfan Glantaf provision. We welcomed Mr Alun Thomas and Mr Iwan Johnes (Cover Supervisors), and M. Leonard Pasty and Frau Viktoria Kroll joined the French and German departments as language assistants.

Glantaf & Bro Edern partnership

Glantaf Governing Body have agreed the secondment of headteacher, Mr Matthew Evans as Executive Head over Ysgol Glantaf and Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Bro Edern over the next two years. This partnership will see both schools working together to build staff and leadership capacity and to share good practice across the sector. This decision has meant that further secondments were realised to increase leadership capacity at Glantaf with Mr Dyfrig Rees stepping up as Head of School, Mrs Catrin Arnopp as Deputy Head; Mr Dafydd Owens and Mrs Ffion Berry as Assistant Heads and Mrs Gwenno Rowlands as ALNCo. We also congratulate current Assistant Head, Mr Denis Pugh on his secondment as Head of School at Bro Edern.



Mr Dyfrig Rees, Mr Matthew Evans and Mrs Catrin Arnopp

Extracurricular Activities

One distinctive feature of the Glantaf community is the breadth and richness of our extra-curricular life. It has been hugely encouraging to see the breadth of activity during the past year which included: -

- Yr11-13: Art & Design Residential visit to London
- Yr. 9 football residential to Barcelona
- Yr 7 Cisco Girls in ICT workshop
- Skiing Residential to Zell-am-See, Austria
- Sixth Form Public Speaking Rotary Competition
- Yr13 History visit to Abertawe University
- Yr. 7 Llangrannog residential
- Visit to support Women FA Cup Final at Wembley
- Glantaf Proms Concert
- Yr 10 Outdoor Education field trip to Craig Cerrig Gleisiad
- Yr. 11-12 Visit to Oxford University to meet former Glantaf / Plasmawr students
- Yr. 7 and 6th Form visit to Cardiff City Stadium for Wales Women Euro Qualifier: Ireland v Cymru
- Sixth Form Welsh Literature A Level Residential at Glanllyn / Aberystwyth University
- Criminology workshop for Yr12/13 students at Cardiff Met University
- Yr 10 Christmas Fayre as part of the Welsh Baccalaureate
- Boys Choir performances at F1 Christmas Gala; Llandaf Cathedral and Cardiff Met Awards
- Success at annual Joutes Scolaires and Anthea Bell competitions (French oral and translation competitions)
- Geography fieldtrips to Margam and residential at Glanllyn
- Yr. 9 Outdoor Education group course at Storey Arms Centre
- Yr12/13 Art & Design and Biology visit to Berlin



Year 11 Sponsored Walk

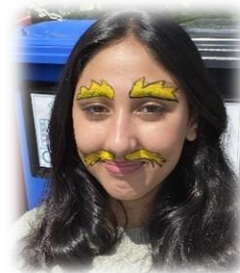


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- Glantaf Touch Rugby Festival
- Yr 9 Year Forum visit to the Senedd
- Year 7,8 &10 Netball residential to Liddington
- GYTS Battle of the bands competition
- GYTS Halloween Disco for Yr 7
- CYDAG Medicine and Dentistry Conference
- Year 7 *Coron Gwlad* visit to Rhondda Heritage Park
- Glantaf Cluster Orchestra Concert Yrs 4-13
- Yr12 UCAS workshops at Cardiff Met University
- South Wales Welsh Medium Schools United Orchestra at Neuadd Hoddinott
- Various Drama and Theatre visits: *Pontypool*; *Death of a Salesman*.
- Drama Workshops with *Paper Birds Theatre*; *Artuad Theatre* ; National Youth Theatre Romeo 7 Juliet workshop; *Into Film* Media workshop
- Duke of Edinburgh Award Expedition for Yr. 9 in Dyffryn Gwy (Bronze) and for Yr. 10 on the Gwyr Peninsula (Silver)
- *Global Girl* conversations between Yr10 and Mulberry Academy, Tower Hamlets
- School Senedd to Remembrance Day commemoration at Llandaf
- Collège St Gilles, Nantes on PE and French Language workshops
- Illtud, Dewi, Dyfrig and Teilo Christmas Film evenings
- Yr. 9 *Debate Mate* competition (English)
- Glantaf Team competing the *Race for Life* challenge
- Canolfan residential to Pentre Ifan
- Gwyl Glantaf fundraising event for outdoor shelters
- Steel band workshop to celebrate Windrush day



Year 7 Halloween Disco 2024



Face Painting: Gwyl Glantaf

We were delighted to welcome visitors and partner organisations to school which included:

- Actor and Radio Cymru Presenter, Shelley Rees-Owen
- Efa Gruffudd-Jones, Welsh Language Commissioner
- Garry Owen, Broadcaster and Media lecturer
- Actor, Levi Tyrrell Johnson "Hamilton" workshop
- Author Llwyd Owen at our GCSE A Level Award Evening
- Shelter Cymru: Homelessness workshops
- Coleg Cymraeg Diversity Officer, Emily Pemberton
- Over 20 employers as part of Business Forum Launch and Dragon's Den following Business challenge "Pentref Taf"
- *Grow Cardiff* and *Trees for Cities* led significant investment in our Canolfan garden
- Students from Waikato University from Aotearoa
- Julie Morgan AS
- Gyrfa Cymru and careers workshops for each year group
- Gyrfa Cymru individual career interviews with Yr11 students



2XV Champions of National Schools and Colleges League

Coron gwlad ei mamiaith



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It was a pleasure to participate in the National Urdd Eisteddfod at Margam during the Whitsun break. Glantaf students were apparent in several competitions, and we thank all pupils who represented the school with such energy and staff for their coaching and support. Glantaf's successes were numerous as students came to the fore in the homework, composition, art and literature competitions. Congratulations also to Benji Rolfe and Schuyler Harvey among the winners of the Urdd 2025 Mathematics Challenge. Gold Medallists: Creative Music Group, Canolfan Glantaf; Llywelyn Mills (Percussion); Steffan John (Percussion); Junior Boys Choir; Senior Cerdd Dant Choir; Senior Ensemble Jazz Group; Owen & Gethin Frohawk (Woodwind duet). Silver Medallists: Ben Manville- Parry (Harp); Gethin Frohawk (Woodwind); Cerdd Dant Junior Choir; Owen Frohawk (Woodwind); Bronze: Senior Boys Choir; Mari Fflur Thomas (Recitation). Warm thanks to all students who competed with such distinction in the various competitions – we're so proud of your achievements!



Senior Cerdd Dant Group: Gold Medal at Margam!

We also enjoyed coming together for our Christmas Concert in December held at Tabernacl Chapel on the Hayes where we raised £1,424 for the Tabernacl Homeless Charity, *Y Ganolfan Glyd*. The standard of performances and number of pupils taking part was tremendous and set the tone for the Christmas period.

School Eisteddfod

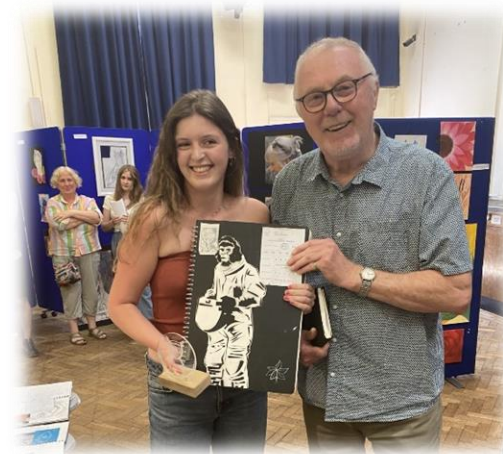
Our School Eisteddfod was held at the National Sports Centre at Sophia Gardens, and it was magical day of humour and energy. *Illtud* won the main Eisteddfod shield and were crowned victors in the choir competition, but the real winners were all who performed on stage and enjoyed a celebration of Welsh culture. From recitals, dance, drama, song and a gymnastic display, we enjoyed memorable performances. Special congratulations to Gwenlliw Tilsley (Yr. 12) and Erin Richards (Yr8) on winning the Eisteddfod Crown (English Prose), and Rhys Matthews (Yr13) and Elen Thomas Evans (Yr10) on winning the Eisteddfod Chair (Senior and Junior Prize). Finally, our thanks to the leadership and creativity of our Sixth Form – well done and *diolch* for your valuable contributions!

Shrec

Our Musical *Shrec!*, staged in November was a vibrant, fun and energetic production of a favourite children's classic. Student performances throughout were outstanding and the maturity and energy of the entire cast and their engagement with the audience was palpable. Congratulations to all pupils who took part so magnificently, be that on-stage, as part of the band or lighting and sound group and back stage crew, well-supported and directed by teachers and staff at Glantaf.

Art Exhibition

The popular showcase of our annual Art Exhibition, focussing on pupils' portfolios from Yrs. 11-13 was held at the end of the summer term. The varied, colourful, and thought-provoking exhibition was another highlight of the year and it was a special pleasure to welcome Cardiff artist (and former Glantaf Head of Art 1978-1990), Mr Anthony Evans back to Glantaf for a spot of adjudicating. Congratulations to Martha King, Year 12 – our first ever winner of the Glantaf Governing Body Art Prize!



Martha King with Anthony Evans



Sporting Successes (see Appendix D)

September saw us holding our annual Sports Awards Evening where we were able to congratulate students with our awards for contribution in 2023/24:

Menna Grant
Elen Blackmore / Macsen Martins-Hughes
Tomos Williams (Hoci)
Menna Grant (Athletau)
Sion Davies (Rygbi)
Elen Davies (Pêl-rwyd)
Iona Roderick (Chwaraeon Merched)
Dewi Thomas (Chwaraeon Bechgyn)
Lewys Dafydd (Gwobr Chwarae Teg)

Personoliaeth Chwaraeon Hŷn y Flwyddyn
Personoliaeth Chwaraeon Iau y Flwyddyn
Gwobr Jan Robinson
Gwobr Dai Williams
Gwobr Peter Manning
Gwobr Gaynor Jones
Gwobr Brenda Goodfellow
Gwobr Keri Evans
Gwobr Malcolm Thomas



Sport at Glantaf

At the beginning of the new year, we look forward to celebrate this year's achievements in our Annual Sports Award Evening – the date for your diaries: **11 September 2025**

As regards the Duke of Edinburgh Award, 56 Year 9 students completed the Bronze Award this summer, and we are delighted another 54 students have completed the Silver Award in Yr10. We were pleased that our Sixth Form mentors were a significant factor in extending the Award at Glantaf and that several of them will continue to complete the Gold Award in the next 12 months.



u18 Welsh Rugby caps for Megan, Lloyd, Alfie, Bailey, Wil, Tom and Gabe

Athletics

We enjoyed a vibrant and competitive Athletics Day at Cardiff Athletic Stadium with Illtud taking the honours in the inter-house events.

School uniform

We reviewed our school uniform and have made some slight changes to the school uniform from Sept 2025. These changes should see a cost saving for parents and an increased choice for all pupils, reducing gender differences in PE uniform. A reminder also that the school continues our busy and free recycling service offering good quality uniform to any families who require items of uniform. To donate or take advantage of this offer please contact our Facebook page / main school reception. We were also extremely grateful for the kind contributions for Yr11 and Yr13 which enabled us to support students to join in their Farewell Dinner and Dance

Charity support

Another feature of our community is the sincere response pupils show to all kinds of charity contribution. We saw a positive response to our appeals this year which included:

Sponsored walk for Felindre Hospital
Christmas Hampers for local families
Staff Cluster MacMillan Coffee Morning
National Autistic Society
Welsh Women's Aid
Merched y Môr, Girls challenge
Red Card to Racism awareness
World Book Day awareness
International Women's Day awareness



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Men's Mental Health awareness (Young Minds)
Odd Socks for International Down Syndrome's Day
Refugee Week awareness
Anti-Bullying awareness week
Pride celebrations

School Improvement Plan 2025-27

- **Improving Pupils' Progress**

During 2024–25, there has been a significant improvement in the provision for reading across the curriculum at Key Stage 3. Almost all departments have developed appropriate strategies to develop reading skills among pupils, ensuring that reading is a key part of the learning experience. This progress has been identified through self-evaluation, and has led to increased engagement with challenging texts and increased awareness of the purpose of reading at all levels. However, this work will continue in 2025–26 with a specific strategy, giving each year group a clear reading focus in line with the needs of their learning stage. The development of extended writing is now fully incorporated into our practices. Pupils receive regular opportunities for extended writing, with effective methods of giving feedback and time allotted to making improvements.



Yr10 Christmas Fayre, Enterprise Challenge

Finally, new elements of the health and wellbeing curriculum are firmly established, with new texts piloted and rolled out gradually throughout the year. Staff have had opportunities to collaborate on ideas and exercises, sharing successful approaches and implementing them within their plans. This has resulted in provision that is appropriately tailored to each year group, with an emphasis on a positive pupil experience. Some aspects of this work will continue to develop further in 2025–26.

- **Improving wellbeing and community**

2024–25 has been a positive year in terms of fostering wellbeing and developing a stronger sense of belonging within the school community. One of the most significant developments was the success of the Girls Empowerment project, which was set up in response to findings from our self-evaluation. It was noted that there is a specific need to challenge inequality and ensure that women's voices are heard and empowered in practice. As a result, a group of female pupils have received significant training, participated in various workshops and gained valuable experiences that have resulted in an exciting development programme, including a trip to Malaysia during 2025–26. This work will continue and develop further as the pupils become ambassadors and mentors to others in the school.

In addition, there has been a significant decrease in the number of temporary suspensions issued by the school this year. This strongly reflects the high standards of behaviour among pupils, but also testifies to the strength of the relationship between staff and pupils, and the consistent and effective systems that have been put in place across the school. Collaboration between staff and leaders has played a key role in this improvement, helping to create an environment that is supportive, clear in expectations and fair to all pupils.

- **Leadership : Ysgol Hyfforddi – training school**

During 2024–25, the school has made significant progress as a training school, playing a key role in the development of the Welsh-medium workforce. We have maintained and supported a number of pathways into the profession, including through the Transition Scheme and the Open University, and provided high quality placements for a number of prospective teachers. This commitment has been a central element of our vision to contribute to increasing capacity within the Welsh language education system.

Internally, we have supported a number of staff members to develop professionally by attending senior leadership training, completing Estyn inspection training and undertaking our in-house programme on learning and teaching, RhAG (Glantaf Teaching Programme). These opportunities have strengthened our leadership



capacity at all levels and led to greater confidence in sharing good practice. We will continue to develop this work in 2025–26, with a particular focus on creating more opportunities for middle leadership development.

Clearly the new leadership structure at Glantaf is a major focus in ensuring stability, momentum and effective leadership over the next few years and we look forward to seeing the new opportunities offered within the school to flourish and develop new initiatives.

Finally, as previously mentioned maintaining a balanced budget over the next few years seems a priority as well as securing a sustainable programme of campus improvements. Work on securing a 21st Century base for our Complex Needs pupils remains a priority as well as our work to improve our catering facilities on campus.

To close,

At the end of this busy and productive year, I would sincerely thank the children for their company, their humour and valuable contribution, to staff for their energy, creativity, and commitment and to you as parents and wider community for your untiring support for our school.

I look forward to work with you in close partnership in the years ahead,

Yours sincerely,

Matthew H T Evans
Pennaeth / Head



Backstage with the Folk Choir: Eisteddfod Margam



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Membership of the Governing Body

			<u>Elected</u>	<u>Ends</u>
Community	Chair	Iona Edwards	13/05/2025	12/05/2029
	Vice-Chair	Tamsyn Ramasut	01/09/2024	31/08/2028
		Sian Smith	11/11/2022	10/11/2026
		Simon Williams	18/10/2022	17/10/2026
		Eleri Morgan	08/07/2025	07/07/2029
LEA		Sarah Rawnsley	27/06/2025	26/06/2029
		Jennifer Burke	27/06/2025	26/06/2029
		Ian Speakman	30/06/2023	29/06/2027
		Karin Phillips	29/03/2023	28/03/2027
		Vacancy	-	-
Parent		Gareth Barham	05/12/2022	04/12/2026
		Angharad Naylor	05/12/2022	04/12/2026
	Vice-Chair	Aled Walters	21/11/2022	20/11/2026
		Bethan Webber	21/11/2022	20/11/2026
		Natalie Drury-Styles	30/06/2025	29/06/2029
		Mari Williams	30/06/2025	29/06/2029
Head		Matthew Evans	01/09/2020	-
Teaching Staff		Sian Bradley	12/07/2024	11/07/2028
		Tegid Richards	03/10/2023	02/10/2027
Support staff		Rhian Maitland	01/10/2024	30/09/2028
Non-voting				
Clerk to Governors		Melanie Spearey	-	-

Our Challenge Advisor from Central South Consortium is Mrs Carys Amos, we currently do not have a link advisor for the Governors from Cardiff Council.

You can contact the Chair of the Governors, Mrs Iona Edwards by contacting the main office on 029 20 333090 or by email at ysgolgyfunglantaf@caerdydd.gov.uk



Urdd Rugby 7's Tournament Success



2024-25 School Attendance Data Summer Term (3/9/24 until 31/05/25)

(2023/24 figures in parenthesis)

	Attendance % 2024-25	2023-24 (93.3)	Authorised absence % 2024-25	Unauthorised absence % 2024-25
Year 7	95.3	(93.3)	4.5	0.3
Year 8	93.9	(92.3)	5.7	0.4
Year 9	93.7	(90.6)	5.8	0.5
Year 10	92.8	(92.0)	6.5	0.7
Year 11	87.0	(92.3)	10.9	1.2
Total:	92.54	(92.1)	6.68	0.62

Our Attendance Officer, Mrs Lisa Harrison contacts families to support learners back to school which has resulted in improved attendance. Our use of the Classcharts App by parents also tracks pupil attendance and ensures we monitor pupil attendance closely. We also continued a system of first day contact to reduce numbers of unauthorised absence. The school has adopted Cardiff CBC attendance and attendance codes that aim to reduce absences and promote high percentages of attendance.



County netball tournament Glantaf 2025

In-Service Training for teachers 2024 - 25

Welsh Government guidelines 6 INSET days were held during 2024/25. In the table below, we list the training offered and the principal areas of focus and development.

Date	Theme / focus	Provider
2 Sept 2024	School preparation and Child Protection Annual Training School Imp Plan: Pupil Centred Learning Professional Learning through <i>Curriculum for Wales</i>	School
25 September 2024	Cross cluster training in ALN support from Cluster ALNCo Guidance on good practice strategies from LA specialist teams in ALN and EWS (Education Welfare Service) PACE approaches to support pupil wellbeing and pupil behaviour Departmental workshops	Glantaf Cluster / Cardiff LA ALN and EWS teams
6 January 2025	School Improvement Plan: Challenging Mysogyny and Prejudice Evaluation of Glantaf SHRN data VAWDASV training: Level 2 for all staff (& link governor) Matt Taylor: Workshop on promoting positive male role models Teaching & Learning triads Departmental workshops	School / Cardiff VAWDASV Team / Matt Taylor WG Advisor
3 March 2025	Staff training on new GCSE Qualifications All subjects given guidance support, resources on new qualifications for Wave 1 qualifications (taught from Sept 2025) All other departments working as part of Bro PlasTaf partnership sharing good practice in teaching & learning	WJEC / CYDAG: (all Welsh Medium Schools South Wales)



21 March 2025	Digital Competency Framework training Good practice workshops offered by school staff Triad research and good practice feedback	School ICT team / Digital Competency leads
21 July 2025	New qualification preparation Teaching planning and creation of resources	School / BroPlasTaf

A high percentage of our staff also work as examiners for the WJEC (Welsh Examining Body) and as such, they have been part of training courses and assessments at GCSE, AS and A level standard. Through this work they receive specialised skills training in the field of national assessment and very often they can share their experiences and expertise with the wider school staff. This work also influences directly on their understanding of the field of national assessment and thus has an impact on their teaching skills. As we understand the value of this work to the school community, we are keen to support staff to undertake such work where possible and where it does not conflict with school priorities.

If you wish to respond to the report

Following Welsh Government's new guidelines, it is not necessary for the Governing Body to hold an annual general meeting for parents with the Governing Body, unless 5% or more of the parents' request such a meeting. In such a case, we will call a meeting as soon as possible and inform parents of the date. If you wish to make such a request, in the first instance you should contact the Head, or Chair of Governors.

Contact us: You can contact the school by:

Phone: 029 20 333090
E-mail: ysgolgyfunglantaf@caerdydd.gov.uk
Website: <https://www.glantaf.cymru/>

If you wish a copy of the school calendar or the latest prospectus, please contact the Main Office at 029 20 333090.

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Jumping for Joy: Yr7 Hockey team celebrate Welsh Cup win



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Glantaf Choir: Christmas Concert 2024



Appendix A: School leavers destinations: Autumn 2024

Year Group Autumn 2024	Year 11		
Gender	Female	Male	Total
Destination Category	Total	Total	Total
Continuing in full-time education - Same School	81	73	154
Continuing in full-time education - School	6	6	12
Continuing in full-time education - College	31	27	58
Continuing in full-time education - HE	0	0	0
GAP Year	0	0	0
Continuing in Part time Education	0	0	0
Entering employment outside WBYP	1	2	3
Entering WBYP (employed status)	2	1	3
Entering WBYP - (without employed status)	0	2	2
Able to Enter Emp, Ed or WBYP (Unemployed)	0	1	1
Unable OR NOT READY to enter Emp, Ed or WBYP (e.g. due to illness, custodial sentence)	1	0	1
Known to have left the area	0	0	0
Not responding to follow-up and therefore unknown	0	0	0
To be updated	0	0	0
Total	122	112	234

Year Group Autumn 2024	Year 13		
Gender	Female	Male	Total
Destination Category	Total	Total	Total
Continuing in full-time education - Same School	1	3	4
Continuing in full-time education - School	0	0	0
Continuing in full-time education - College	2	7	9
Continuing in full-time education - HE	51	53	104
GAP Year	0	1	1
Continuing in Part time Education	0	0	0
Entering employment outside WBYP	5	11	16
Entering WBYP (employed status)	1	3	4
Entering WBYP - (without employed status)	0	0	0
Able to Enter Emp, Ed or WBYP (Unemployed)	0	3	3
Unable OR NOT READY to enter Emp, Ed or WBYP (e.g. due to illness, custodial sentence)	1	0	1
Known to have left the area	0	0	0
Not responding to follow-up and therefore unknown	1	10	11
To be updated	0	0	0
Total	62	91	153



Glantaf at Global Girl Conference 2024

Appendix B: Annual ALN Report to Governing Body June 2025

These are the number of learners who have been identified with Additional Learning Needs (ALN). All year groups have transitioned to the operation of the new ALN Act, therefore only Individual Development Plans (IDP's) are recorded.

	School IDP	LEA IDP
Yr 7	5	1
Yr 8	8	
Yr 9	0	
Yr 10	11	1
Yr 11	6	
Total	30	2
Yr 12		
Yr 13		

Staffing

- Mrs Catrin Arnopp (ALNCO)
- Mrs Gwenno Rowlands (Deputy ALNCO) (Literacy Specialist Teacher)
- Mrs Lisa Marshall (Senior LSA JCQ organiser and assessor)
- Mrs Leanne Thomas (Senior LSA Wellbeing)
- Miss Michaela Crocker (Senior LSA Wellbeing)
- Mr Huw Rees (Senior LSA literacy intervention)
- 11 Full time LSAs
- Part time students under the 'Under-graduate WG increasing workforce capacity scheme'
- Mrs Mari Jones (Literacy Specialist Teacher)

Development since 2024

- Co-ordinated and organised the whole Cluster ALN INSET day in September, with various sessions being delivered and presented by specialists from the Authority to develop strategies across the school – promoting the pupil-centred approach whilst ensuring that high-quality teaching and learning practices are used throughout the Cluster.
- 3 LSAs have committed to undertake LSA training through ACT.
- Whole school training delivered on producing One-page profiles and their importance to ensure every ALN pupils' needs are met within every lesson by every teacher.
- Embedding the use of Classcharts to share and monitor the one page profile for teachers to recognise the needs of pupils.
- Continue to develop *Ystafell Keri* and *Hafan Roger Boore* rooms to deliver high quality interventions within the correct environment, this has made a difference to pupils experiences.
- Continue to co-ordinate the scheme 'increasing teaching assistants workforce capacity within Welsh medium' throughout the 4 schools, funded by Welsh Government. Strengthening the partnership between the schools and the cities Universities and beyond.
- Each year cohort have transferred over to the new ALN code and all statements transferred to School IDPs. We have also identified more learners with ALN therefore developed new IDPs.
- Continue to develop a whole school approach to the new ALN act – promoting pupils centred practice within the whole school Universal Provision through high quality Teaching and Learning.
- Continue to develop more awareness of the neuro diversity provision within mainstream in becoming a neuro diverse friendly school.
- Continued to develop the wellbeing provision by introducing a therapy dog (Cosmo) at *Ystafell Keri* to work with anxious pupils.





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- Participated within the Authorities *Robot Pilot Scheme* to support ABSA pupils to gain access to their education. 3 pupils were given the opportunity.
- Continue the use of a computer reader within the year 10 and 11 internal and external examinations especially using Welsh voices. Year 8 received laptops to run the package in order for it to be used as their normal way of working in class.
- Continue to the use of the Edukey package at a whole school level to collect information and feedback from teachers.

Next Steps

- Staffing changes in September – New ALNCO (Mrs Gwenno Rowlands) / Wellbeing HLTA (advert)
- Continue to develop literacy and numeracy interventions, targeted towards person centred needs.
- Introduce a new reading scheme intervention for pupils who have a very low reading age.
- Working towards the silver dyslexia awareness award.
- Continue to develop a more robust system of tracking and monitoring pupils using the Edukey package.
- Ensuring that all ALN pupils information is shared and clear on the new 'Classcharts' system to keep teaching staff up to date in order to deliver the support needed at an universal level.
- Continue to work with anxious (ABSA – Anxious based non school attenders) pupils to provide support and intervention opportunities for success.
- Experiment with speech to text packages to be used through the medium of Welsh within examinations.



Yr 7 Question Time session at Ysgol Pencae

Appendix C: Glantaf Specialist Resource Base Annual Report (June 2025)

The numbers of learners supported by the Canolfan, and the proposed numbers next year are:

	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Yr 7	7	10	10
Yr 8	4	7	10
Yr 9	3	2	7
Yr 10	6	2	2
Yr 11	2	5	2
Yr 12	2	2	5
Yr 13	2	2	1
Yr 14	4	0	1
Total	30	30	38

Staff

- Mrs Bethan Davies (Leader of the Specialist Resource Base)
- Mrs Mari Jones (Specialist Teacher)
- Miss Eleri David (Specialist Teacher)
- Miss Nia Wilson (Specialist Teacher)
- Mrs Lucy Rolfe (Specialist Teacher)
- Miss Sophia Mico (Higher level teaching assistant)
- Miss Caitlin Turner (TA Grade 5)
- Mr Huw Pritchard (TA Grade 5)
- Mrs Carolyn Ford (TA Grade 5)
- Mr Hefin Karadog (TA Grade 4)
- Miss Sarah L Jones (TA Grade 4)
- Mrs Kirsty Morgan (TA Grade 3 part time)
- Mr Saul Tanhai (TA Grade 3)
- Mr Kamron Abdo (TA Grade 3)
- Mr Bryn Wilson (TA Grade 3)
- Mr Matthew Wildsmith (TA Grade 3)
- Miss Megan Jones (TA Grade 3)
- Mr Tomos Ellis (TA Grade 3)
- Miss Rosie Domican (3rd year Psychology Student)



Enrichment Opportunities

- 3 themes 'Space', 'Transport' and 'Castles' studied by the pupils during the year
- Pupils attended several Multi Sports days and Golf lessons for children with complex learning needs at Cardiff MET
- Trips to the cinema, restaurants, libraries, Techniquet, local parks, Waterfront Museum (Swansea), Castell Coch, Caerffili Castle and Cardiff Castle.
- A Christmas performance for families.
- Bespoke work experiences have been arranged for pupils from Year 10 – 13 with the local Hub, the HapusWales charity shop, Miri Mawr and Gorilla Studios
- Continuing the partnership with Vision 21.
- Science, Music and Forest School lessons with mainstream teachers
- More pupils going to mainstream lessons / year trips / engaging more with activities for whole school.
- Winning 1st prize at the Urdd Eisteddfod for 3D Art and the Creative Music Group





Developments since 2023-24

- ✓ A significant investment in the Ganolfan garden. Improvements to the infrastructures and staff and pupils have learnt a lot working alongside Trees for Cities and Grow Cardiff.
- ✓ SCERTS (Social Communication, Emotional Regulation and Transactional Support) scheme is clearly implemented at the Ganolfan.
- ✓ A working group has been established between the Marion Centre, Tŷ Calon and the Ganolfan to try to establish improved links for work experiences for Year 12 and 13 pupils
- ✓ Staff have had the opportunity to visit other specialist schools to see SCERTS in action and report back on good practice
- ✓ Teachers are more confident in using the 'B-squared' programme to set a baseline and measure pupils' progress
- ✓ The pedagogical principles for the Ganolfan have been discussed and created
- ✓ Lesson plans clearly using SCERTS methods to enrich teaching.
- ✓ Pupils with complex learning needs have been sensory profiled and sensory circuits are part of their daily routine.
- ✓ Staff training has focused on Team Teach strategies, Grow Cardiff (Garden Project) and SCERTS.
- ✓ 1 member of staff has received Thrive training to improve expertise
- ✓ New connections have been made for work experience opportunities with Gorilla Studios and Miri Mawr.
- ✓ The Ganolfan has subscribed to the 'Widget' programme to ensure continuity within our visual resources.
- ✓ A working group established for Welsh Medium SRB's in South Wales to share good practice and resources.
- ✓ Parents' Evening established for pupils with complex learning needs,

Next Steps

- Continue to attend regular meetings with architects for the new building
- Developing pupil voice by creating class committees and developing visual ways of hearing the views and voices of our pupils.
- Continue to develop Welsh culture, encourage pupils to speak Welsh by rewards and introducing interventions if needed
- Continue to meet with the working group between Marion Centre, Tŷ Calon and the Ganolfan to try to establish good links for work experiences for Year 12 and 13 pupils
- Create a Curriculum for the Ganolfan's 6th form e.g. First Aid, Work Preparation, Entry Pathways.
- Create a business within the Ganolfan to sell garden produce / vegetables / herbs and build pupils' confidence in their Numeracy, Literacy and Digital Competency skills.
- Develop a Wellbeing curriculum within the Ganolfan that incorporates learning about e-safety in a way that is suitable for our pupils
- Developing opportunities for our senior pupils to take part in the Duke of Edinburgh award





Appendix Ch:

School Terms and Holiday Dates 2025 / 2026 Academic Year

Term	Term Begins	Mid Term Holidays		Term Ends	Days
		Start	end		
Autumn 2025	Monday 1 September	Monday 27 October	Friday 31 October	Friday 19 December	75
Spring 2026	Monday 5 January	Monday 16 February	Friday 20 February	Friday 27 March	65
Summer 2026	Monday 13 April	Monday 25 May	Friday 29 May	Monday 20 July	55
Total:					195

School will be closed to pupils for **INSET** for **6 days** between Monday 1 September 2025 and 20 July 2026. These days are listed below:

INSET Days 2025/26

01/09/25
12/09/25
01/10/25
05/01/26
27/03/26
20/07/26

Bank Holidays

Good Friday, 3 April 2026
Easter Monday, 6 April 2026
May Day, 4 May 2026
Spring Bank Holiday, 25 May 2026

*Battle of the Bands 2025*

A copy of the school calendar is available to parents annually from September or through the main school office on 029 20 333090

*Year12 Coaching at multi-sport tournament*



Appendix D: Sporting success and representation

It has been a joy to see team sports blossoming and they have had a hugely successful season of competitive sport as the table below demonstrates (in no particular order!)

Sport	Age range Merched / Girls (M); Bechgyn / Boys (B)	Title
Football	Bl. 7 (B)	Silver Cardiff & Vale
	Bl. 8 (M)	Gold Cardiff & Vale
	u18 (M)	Silver Welsh Cup
	u18 (B)	Silver Cardiff & Vale
Netball	Bl. 9 (M)	Bronze Cardiff & Vale
	Bl.10 (M)	Silver Cardiff & Vale
	Bl.11 (M)	Bronze Cardiff & Vale
	u18 (M)	Bronze Cardiff & Vale
Basketball	u13 (M)	Silver Wales Cup
	u15 (M)	Silver Cardiff & Vale Cup
	u18 (M)	Champions Cardiff & Vale Champions South Wales
	u13 (B)	Silver NBA Junior
Rugby Union	u12 (M)	Champions Blues Region
	u14 (M)	Silver Blues Region
	Bl. 7 (B)	Champions County Cup Mr Malcolm Thomas Cup Winners
	Bl. 8 (B)	Champions County Cup National Cup Champions Urdd 7 a side
	Bl. 9 (B)	Welsh Cup Final Runners Up
	Bl. 11 (B)	National Cup Champions Urdd 7 a side
	XV 2il (B)	Champions Schools and Colleges League (2XV) National Plate Champions Urdd 7 a side
	XV 1af (B)	Champions Schools and Colleges National League National Cup Champions Urdd 7 a side
Rygbi League	Bl. 8 (B)	Champions British Cup
Gymnastics	u13 (Mixed)	Silver Milano Cymru
	u19 (B)	Champions ACRO Cymru
	u19 (cymysg)	Champions Milano Cymru Silver Milano Britain Champions ACRO Cymru Champions Llawr a Llofnaid Britain
Hockey	Bl. 7 (B)	Champions Welsh Cup
	Bl. 9 (M)	Champions Cardiff & Vale
	Bl. 11 (M)	Champions Cardiff & Vale
	u18 (M)	Bronze Wales
Cross Country	Bl. 7 (B)	Champions Cardiff & Vale league Winners Cardiff & Vale championship
	Bl. 7 (M)	Silver Cardiff & Vale league Bronze Cardiff & Vale championship
	Bl. 8& 9 (B)	Champions Cardiff & Vale league Winners Cardiff & Vale championship
	Bl. 8& 9 (M)	Silver Cardiff & Vale league



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		Silver Cardiff & Vale championship
	Bl. 10-13 (M)	Champions Cardiff & Vale league
	Bl. 10-13 (B)	Winners Cardiff & Vale championship
	7&8 (B)	Champions Wales Schools
	9&10 (M)	Champions Wales Schools
Athletics	u15 (M)	Champions Cardiff & Vale
	Bl7&8 (M)	Champions County Cup
	Bl 9& 10 (M)	Champions County Cup
	Bl 9 a 10 (B)	Champions County Cup
Cricket	Bl. 7 (B)	Champions South Wales Schools,
	u15 (M)	Outdoor Champions Cardiff & Vale

This table shows the breadth and depth of sporting talent at Glantaf, and the dedication of a remarkable team of teachers and instructors. Our congratulations to all team members in celebrating such a highly commendable list of achievements.

May I congratulate students who gained national or regional honours during the year:

Maia Griffiths, Owain Griffiths a Rhys Llywelyn (Gymnastics);
Greta Walters, Ffion Brown, Alys Looker, Finn Osborne, Elinor Roberts,
Freddie Box, Emily Azzopardi, Romilly Bennett, Rebeca Derrick, Rhiannon
Derrick, Lily O'Neill, Rhodri Pugh, Felix Box (Hockey);

Elgan Williams, Esther Woolley, Dewi Macdonald, Jac Baines, Lewis Bonas Isaac Holland, Will Holland, Joseff
Maitland (Cricket)

Gwen Amos, Catrin Matthews, Izzy Fox, Gwen Williams, Rosie Todd, Izzy England, Elan Hall, Evie Collingwood,
Betsan Waite, Gruff Ciaburro, Will White, Leo Beckley, Max coslett, Santi Ciaran, Rhys Gruffydd, Jac Witchell,
Harry Rummings, Dai Wicks, Isaiah Debono,, Caio Evans, Tom Prickett, Jac Jones, Elffin Bryant a Elin Thomas
(Football);

Beu Davies, Celyn Jones, Elinor Roberts, Elin Matthews, Catrin Thomas, Sioned John, Elffin Bryant, Rhiannon
Derrick, Alys Looker, Rebeca Derrick, Erin Lia-Williams, Zac Munn, Farley Prtichard, Will White, Hedd Griffiths,
Osian Phillips, Freddie Morgans, Gordon Thusing-palmer (Cross Country)

Elin Griffiths, Greta Walters, Maia Griffiths, Romilly Romilly Bennett, Mali Newis, Cadi-Gwen Sandal, Thea
Davies, Cari Thomas (Netball);

Jahvanni Benskin, Iolo Rhys (Basketball);

Catrin Matthews, Rosie Frost, Mali Grace, Elis Evans, Harry Davies, Sam Fordhan, Tristan Nichols, Ben Bubbins,
Joseph Maitland, Lucas Ivins, Elin Matthews (Indoor Athletics)

Elinor Roberts, Ela Lois Davies, Amara Herbert, Meredith Corr Grace, Alexa Fisher, Blodwen Jones, Elen
Blackmore (Athletics)

Alfie Prygodwicz, Tom Howe, Will Adams, Rhys Witchell, Joseff Fernadez-Arias, Mason Daniels, Sion Hill, Gabe
Williams, Ioan Penry, Lloyd Lucas, James Harding, Harry Kinsey, Megan Jones, Gruff Dafydd, Efan Jenkins, Hari
Morris (Rugby)

Gwen Evans (Swimming Wales)

Mabli Phillips, Seren Thomas (Cycling);

Elin Matthews, Hedd Griffiths (Triathlon)

Ffion Evans, Nye Evans (Tennis Bwrdd)

Grace Louca-Jones (Rygbi Cyffwrdd).

We are always delighted to hear of the talented success and progress of our pupils, so please continue to share your successes with us as a school and our apologies if certain achievements are missing from the above list.



Girls Rugby Teams Urdd 7 a side championship



Prif Weinidog, and former Glantaf Pupil, Eluned Morgan AS with Glantaf students at Gabalfa Youth Club



Appendix Dd: School Budget 2024-25

Cyngor Sir Caerdydd/Cardiff County Council YSGOL GYFUN GYMRAEG GLANTAF 2024-25 Cyllideb a Gymeradwywyd gan Lywodraethwyr / Alldro Gwariant Governors Approved Budget / Outturn Of Expenditure					
		Cyllideb gymeradwywyd		Alldro Gwariant Outturn Of Expenditure	
<u>GWEITHWYR</u>	<u>EMPLOYEES</u>	£'s	£'s	£'s	£'s
Staff Addysgu Llawn Amser	Full Time Teaching Staff	5,732,813		5,957,774	
Athrawon Llawn Amser -	Full Time Teachers - Special				
Anghenion Arbennig (Uned)	Needs (Unit)	269,376		288,846	
Athrawon Llawn Amser -	Full Time Teachers - Special				
Anghenion Arbennig	Needs	109,175		118,318	
Cynorthwyyr Ieithoedd Tramor	Foreign Language Assistants	14,562		13,172	
Cynorthwyyr Addysgu	Teaching Assistants	568,929		471,315	
Cynorthwyyr Addysgu -	Teaching Assistants -				
Disgyblion â Datganiad	Statemented Pupils	267,014		284,236	
Technegwyr	Technicians	167,498		170,158	
Goruchwylwyr canol dydd	Mid day Supervisors	27,839		21,860	
Swyddogion Presenoldeb	Attendance Officers	34,185		34,462	
Staff Gweinyddol	Administrative Staff	295,272		318,223	
Gofalwyr	Caretakers	120,152		124,123	
Staff Asiantaeth - Addysgu	Agency Staff - Teaching	150,000		169,137	
Costau Staff Eraill	Other Staff Costs	103,210		97,719	
Cyfanswm Costau Staff	Total Staffing Costs		7,860,025		8,069,344
COSTAU ADEILADAU	PREMISES COSTS				
Mân Atgyweiriadau a Chynnal a	Minor Repairs & Maintenance				
Chadw cynnwys tiroedd	inc. Grounds	262,000		246,998	
FM a Mân Atgyweiriadau a	FM & Minor Repairs and				
Chynnal a Chadw	Maintenance	2,814		-	
Costau Ynni	Energy Costs	213,070		206,957	
Cyfraddau (Wedi'u Clustnodi)	Rates (Earmarked)	172,815		172,815	
Taliadau Dŵr	Water Charges	20,103		24,172	
Glanhau a Domestig (gan gynnwys	Cleaning and Domestic (Inc Key				
Deiliad Allwedd)	Holder)	218,421		227,921	
Cyfanswm Costau Eiddo	Total Premises Related Costs		889,223		878,862
CLUDIANT A GWASANAETHAU	TRANSPORT AND SERVICES				
Costau Cysylltiedig â Chludiant	Transport Related Costs	23,500		21,735	
Costau Cludiant	Transport Costs		23,500		21,735
CYFLENWADAU A GWASANAETHAU	SUPPLIES AND SERVICES				
Dodrefn	Furniture	20,000		19,382	
Deunyddiau Addysgu	Teaching Materials	120,000		184,609	
14-19	14-19	80,000		128,215	
Gemau a Gweithgareddau	Games & Activities	35,000		85,982	
Yswiriant	Insurance	1,000		124	



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Ffioedd am Wasanaethau Cerddoriaeth	Charges for Music Services			126	
Costau Arlwyo	Catering Costs	16,000		14,776	
Deunydd Ysgrifennu a Threuliau Cyffredinol	Stationery & General Expenses	45,000		78,244	
Ffioedd Arholiadau	Examination Fees	225,000		212,088	
Cyfathrebu	Communications	14,000		11,665	
Gwasanaethau Cyfrifiadurol	Computer Services	114,000		119,748	
Costau Cyffredinol	General Expenses	5,000		8,912	
Costau Clercod i Lywodraethwyr	Clerks To Governors Expenses	2,984		2,959	
Costau eraill	Other expenses			1,204	
Hyfforddiant cartref / ysbyty	Home / Hospital tuition	20,000		-	
Unedau Gwasanaeth	Service Units	47,348		49,194	
Cyfanswm Cyflenwadau a Gwasanaethau	Total Supplies and Services		745,332		917,227
Gwariant gross	Gross expenditure		9,518,080		9,887,169
LLAI O INCWM:	LESS INCOME:				
Incwm Ysgol	School Income	(264,572)		(353,040)	
Incwm AALI	LEA Income	(461,597)		(1,132,293)	
Llog	School				
Ysgol/Benthyciad/Buddsoddiad Tynnu'n Ôl	Interest/Loan/Investment Withdrawal	(200)		(138)	
Additional Funds - CNE	Cronfeydd Ychwanegol - CNE				
INCWM GROS	GROSS INCOME		(726,369)		(1,485,471)
GWARIANT NET	NET EXPENDITURE		8,791,711		8,401,697
Cronfeydd heb eu Dyrannu - Gwarged/(Diffyg)	Unallocated Funds - Surplus/(Deficit)		182,790		572,804
<u>CYLLIDEB FFORMIWLA</u>	<u>FORMULA BUDGET</u>		8,974,501		8,974,501



Boys Choirs on White Ribbon Day