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Dear Parent / Guardian,

Start of September Term 2022

It is a pleasure to write to you at the start of a new year at Glantaf as we look forward to welcome pupils back to school. I also hope you have had a restful and enjoyable summer break. Yr7 and 12 will start term on Tuesday 6th of September with all other pupils starting the new term on Wednesday 7th 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 students secured places at their first choice Universities or for their placements next year. The overall results were outstanding, with 62% of all grades awarded at A Level being A*or A and 93% of all grades awarded being A*- C. These grades are truly remarkable, and speak of the mature dedication and excellent work ethic of our students as well as the support of teachers and tutors at school. For Yr11 , it was great to see pupils celebrations as 73% gained at

least 5 A*-C (inc Math and either English or Welsh); and 40% of students gaining at least 5 A*/A. Year 10 students who recieved results in Science and RE and modules in History, Welsh and English also gained favourable results which bodes well for Summer 2023 success! Congratulations therefore to all pupils on these results as we wish them well for the future and thank them for their sincere contribution to Glantaf.



44% of Yr13 students gained at least 3A*/A



Yr13 celebrate their deserved success!

New Staff

We are pleased to welcome new members of staff who will be starting with us at Glantaf this September. They include, Lead of Canolfan Glantaf - Mrs Bethan Davies; Head of Music - Mrs Amanda Williams; Mrs Sian Bradley and Mr Ciaran Mitchell (Science); Ms Sara Evans (PE); Ms Lowri Jones (Cymraeg); Ms Gabrielle Cook (D&T); Mr Rhys Lloyd and Mr Chris Kelly (Mathematics); Mr Matthew Budding (English) as well as Mrs Brid Price, Ms Iona Henson, Mrs Kirsty Morgan, Mrs Angharad Williams, Ms Lauren Evans, Mr Owain Roberts, Ms Aimee Gilkes, Mr Zach Mutyambizi and Ms Gwenno Jubb joining our learning support team. We also welcome our new WRU Rugby Officer, Mr Aled Ward and Science Technician Mr Mohamed Elkawafi.

Change of the end of the school day in Sept / School transport

We remind you that the school day will end at 2.50pm. You should also have recieved confirmation of bus and taxi routes if your child is eligible for free school transport. Cardiff Bus timetable is also available for the 615 service here: [School services from September 2022 - Cardiff Bus](#) Bus passes will be distributed to pupils at the start of term and will be required for all journeys from Mon 12th Sept.

Tuesday 6th September: Start of term for Yr7 & 12 students only

We will welcome Yr7 and 12 students on Tuesday 6th September for their induction days at Glantaf. After school, these students will remain on campus and Yr12 will be leading activities as Buddies for the new Yr7 cohort, before we attend the Cymru v Slovenia match at Cardiff City Stadium (ko at

7.45pm). These pupils will attend the game in their usual school uniform. If your child is attending the game with the school (Yr 7 and 12) and you are also in the stadium, please collect your child from the Ninian Stand where we will be seated (Blocks 112-113) at the end of the game. At the final whistle, Glantaf students will remain in their seats and after 15 mins we will then exit the Stadium, for parents not at the game, to meet their child, **outside Entrance 5** (again by the Ninian Stand). Please be mindful that we have not organised transport back to Glantaf and therefore all pupils need to be collected from the Stadium at about 9.15pm.



Congratulations to Yr11 on their results!

Year 7 Lunches

In order to register Yr7 pupils on our ParentPay system correctly, we kindly ask Yr7 pupils to bring a packed lunch for their first week in school. By Monday 12th September, all accounts should be active. We will then run an induction process for Yr 7 in our canteen on alternate weeks: pupils in 7Dewi and 7Dyfrig access to canteen (week 2, Mon 12th Sept) pupils in 7Iltud and 7Teilo (week 1, Mon 19th Sept). All pupils in Yr7 will have daily access to the canteen from Mon 3rd October.

Road and cycle safety

We are pleased to welcome the new 20mph zone around the school and we continue to ask that you do not park or pick up / drop off in close proximity to the school gates. We encourage pupils to cycle to school benefitting from the increase in cycle lanes around the city and specifically on the Taff Trail. All pupils should wear a helmet when they cycle, and these have been critical in the small number of incidents we have experienced in the past. Bicycles need to be locked securely during the school day using the large number of cycle racks within the school.

Mobile phones and *defnyddia dy Gymraeg!*

We will continue our wellbeing messages of reducing screen time and mobile phone usage during the school day. Please remind your child to refrain from all mobile phone use during the day as we also encourage pupils to use their Welsh language skills in active conversations at the start of term.

Annual Sports Award Evening 2021-22

Please note that our celebrated Annual Sports Award Evening will be held in the School Hall on Thursday, 15th September at 7pm. Tickets will be available on ParentPay from Mon 5th September.

Year 7 & 12 Photos – Thurs 8th September

Year 7 & 12 will have their individual and year group photos taken on Thursday 8th of September.

Contact us / Website

Many thanks for the kind responses regarding our new website: [Ysgol Glantaf](#) Contact details for our Progress and Wellbeing Leaders is also available on this page: [Progress & Wellbeing Support | Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Glantaf](#) We hope to maintain communication with you throughout the year through our fortnightly newsletters. As we start a new year together may we thank you for your continued support for Glantaf, and in case of query of clarification please do not hesitate to contact us at the school and follow our twitter account for any updates: @Ysgol_Glantaf

Yours sincerely,



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Broad smiles as Yr11 celebrate their GCSE results!