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Dear Parent / Guardian,

**Twmpath Dawns – 24<sup>th</sup> March** - Following the newly arrived mini bus to Glantaf, may we kindly ask for your support for our *Twmpath Dawns* on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> of March, with a live band, hog roast and lively bar! All proceeds will be directed to support pupils at Glantaf, assisting with school visits, trips and extra-curricular sporting events as well as supporting the work of individual departments and resources at the school. Tickets are modestly priced at £15 per person and are currently available on ParentPay. We would be delighted to see the Hall full to the rafters – and kindly ask for your support, maybe through organising a table of friends or family to join us and support all our good work at Glantaf. We look forward to enjoying your company on the evening! *Croeso i bawb!*



*New Minibus*

**HPV inoculations: Yrs 8 -11-** Please be reminded that we have sent out details regarding the Yr8 (first dose) HPV inoculations which will take place at Glantaf on 22 and 23 March, as well as an opportunity for all pupils Yrs 9-11 who have missed their 1<sup>st</sup> dose and are awaiting their 2<sup>nd</sup> dose. You do need to give your consent in advance and these forms have already been sent to you in order to guarantee your child is given the adequate protection afforded by these inoculations. If you do not complete these forms your child will need to attend other clinics across the city, as they will be unable to receive these at Glantaf without prior consent. Closing date for consent: 16<sup>th</sup> March.

**Year 8 options** - Next week we will be launching our Yr 8 option choices for Yr9 study. A Teams event is scheduled for 6pm (Welsh medium) and 6.30pm (English medium) on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> of March as well as an evening of departmental presentations at Glantaf on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> of March, starting at 5.30pm until 7pm. Our Yr8 Parents Evening will follow on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March which will be held on the *School Cloud* platform, more details will follow on how to create your appointments for the evening.



*Yr 7&8 Netball Trip 2023*

**Reaching Out Appeal** - Many thanks to all pupils who supported our *Reaching Out Appeal* to help those affected by the earthquake in Turkey and Syria. To date we have received nearly £2,000 in donations towards the DEC Cymru appeal – diolch all who completed the challenges and collected sponsorship over the half term break. Any further donations to arrive by Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March please.

### **Skiing Course – Zell am See, February half term, 2024 – Yrs 9-12**

We have scheduled a Teams presentation for any pupils (Yrs 9-12) who wish to join our Skiing Course in February 2024, next Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm (Welsh medium) and 7.30pm (English medium). We will share information regarding this planned visit including details on how to secure a place and our payment plan. Please be advised this visit is open in the first instance to pupils currently in Yrs 9-12, and will open to other year groups if there are sufficient spaces available.



*2023 Skiing Course Zell am See*

## International Women's Day

Great to celebrate and note International Women's Day at Glantaf with various workshops and activities taking place in school.

## Easter Term Events

May I also remind you of a few upcoming events during this term and **that Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March is a school INSET, when school will be closed for pupils.**

10 March	Yr 11 full reports distributed
13 March	European Youth Parliament Debate Competition (History Yr12)
15 March	Industrial action – only Yrs 7, 8, 11 and 6th Form (*not inc 7De1; 7Ill1; 7Dy3)
16 March	Industrial action – only Yrs 9, 10, 11 and 6th Form
<b>17 March</b>	<b>Staff training INSET (school closed for pupils)</b>
19-23 March	Rosslyn Park 7 a side tournament
20 March	Welsh Blood Service visit to Glantaf (Yrs 12/13 and staff only)
20 & 21 March	GCSE Art & Design Practical Examination
22 & 23 March	Yr8 HPV Inoculations
23 March	Yr8 Parents Evening School Cloud 3pm - 6.30pm
23 March	Start of Ramadan – best wishes to all of our students observing <i>Saum</i>
24 March	County Eisteddfod (Secondary Schools) Urdd Centre, Cardiff Bay
<b>24 March</b>	<b>Cyfeillion Glantaf Twmpath Dawns – come and join us!</b>
27-31 March	Urdd Rugby 7's tournament, Pontcanna fields
28 March	Art & Design workshop for Yr 12 at Nantgarw
29 March	Yr 7-13 Interim Reports / Yr 9 & 13 Full Reports
31 March	End of Easter term
17 April	Start of Summer term (week 2)

## To close,

Warm congratulations to our Gymnastics teams and individuals in the Welsh Schools Championships and as they prepare for the British Championships in Stoke this weekend. Great news also that Elffin Bryant and Elan Hall have been included in the Wales Schools u14 Football Team v England. Llongyfarchiadau also to Mali Mai (Yr 8) and her Synchro Caerdydd team who achieved a commendable 4<sup>th</sup> place in the 2023 Steel Trophy in Sheffield last weekend. Best wishes to Rafik and Sophie (Yr 12) as they represent Glantaf in the British Finals of *Joutes Oratoires* at the *Institut Francais de Royaume-Uni* in London on 15<sup>th</sup> March – *bonne chance l'equipe de Glantaf!*

Finally, we were deeply saddened to hear of the sudden and unexpected loss of one of our former pupils, Rafel Jeanne earlier this week. He was a lively, energetic and joyful member of the school community who was a much loved and respected pupil. His warm smile and positive approach appreciated widely by his friends and the wider school community. A talented sportsman who excelled on the rugby field, supporting his team mates and praised by his coaches. We send our deepest and warm condolences to his family and friends across the city and fondly remember a kind and warm member of *teulu Glantaf*.

Yours sincerely,



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Glantaf Gymnastics Team



Canolfan Glantaf students meeting Tara Bethan and Dafydd Iwan during our Gwyl Ddewi Celebrations!



Glantaf Choir singing with Dafydd Iwan at Neuadd Dewi Sant