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Dear Parent / Guardian,

### Start of Summer Term

We look forward to the start of the new term and to welcome all pupils back to school on Monday 17th April (week 1). We remind all pupils to be punctual to school each morning and kindly ask all students to be on campus by 8.30am every day.

### Glantaf Urdd Concert 18/5/23

As we mentioned in our end of term newsletter, we are delighted that so many pupils were successful and made such a strong impression in the County Eisteddfodau. We are therefore delighted to invite you to a special Urdd Concert in our main hall on Thursday 18th of May, where we will enjoy the talents of Glantaf pupils in a relaxed cabaret style concert with a bar and savoury platter refreshments. Tickets will be available on ParentPay from midday Thursday 20 April priced at £3 (adults) and (£1) children and will be limited to 4 per family (in the first instance). We have a capacity of 180 for this concert, so first come ...

### Campus improvements

We are glad that a number of alterations have been made over the Easter break including installing new classroom furniture and painting a number of our classrooms. We have also revamped our PE changing rooms to create a brand new Dance Studio, a new teaching classroom in the Rugby Academy annexe and improving our storage for PE equipment. It was also lovely to welcome Mrs Anne Boore and some members of the family to see one of our new work rooms : *Ystafell waith Roger Boore* during last term. The room marks Mr Boore's immense contribution for Wales, in establishing *Gwasg y Dref Wen*, a publishing house which pioneered Welsh Medium books for children and young people.



*Mrs Anne Boore and family visiting Glantaf recently*

### Mobile phones in school

Once again may we kindly ask you to support us with pupil mobile phone use within the school community. Unfortunately, we will need to reiterate some strong messaging regarding mobile phone use in the school community as we have witnessed an increase in their misuse as well as using cameras to film pupils and staff without their consent. Moreover, the use of mobile phones to communicate unpleasant messages through social media sites is a constant distraction which has a direct effect on individuals mental health and wellbeing. Please may we ask you to talk to your children regarding their usage, supporting them to report instances of misuse and to use their devices securely and with maturity at all times



## Uniform

As we start the new term can we remind all pupils to wear correct school uniform to school each day. If any families or individuals are facing difficulty regarding the uniform requirements, please contact us or access the Glantaf Facebook page for the items you may require. We also hold a large stock of good quality uniform in school, and if you are able to donate items (especially PE kit in good condition) please remove any named embroidery and contact us in school. Start of term might also be a good opportunity to replenish pencil cases, and to check if your child has the correct and necessary equipment, pens, pencils, rulers etc for their daily lessons – your support in these matters, is truly appreciated



Yr9 XV best wishes in the UK Sortsmag National Final v Rugby School on 19th of April – Amdani Glantaf!

## Saum, Fasting during the month of Ramadan

We wish our Muslim families well during the fasting of *Saum* during the month of Ramadan and all those pupils who will be observing some or all aspects of the fast. *Eid ul Fitr*, the end of fasting will be celebrated on 21 April. *Eid Mubarak!*

## GCSE and AS Examinations

GCSE and AS examinations start on the 12<sup>th</sup> of May with the last day of teaching for Yrs 11&12 on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> of May. Please be advised that Yr12 will return to classes following their examinations on Monday the 12<sup>th</sup> of June.

## School Lunches

A reminder that unfortunately, the *Meal of the Day* option will increase this term from the current £3.05 to £3.20 for secondary aged pupils.

## To close:

Lovely to hear that former student Stefan Bridle (Year 13 Summer 2022) was awarded the highest mark in the Geography A Level papers last year and has therefore received acknowledgment of his achievement by the *Royal Geographical Association*. A reminder also of the Bingo and Pizza evening on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of April to raise money for the sport visit to South Africa – tickets now available on ParentPay!

Yours sincerely,

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Glantaf u14 Urdd /WRU Plate winners 2023!