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Dear Parent / Guardian,

End of term: At the end of a busy term, may I warmly thank you for your support, for your child's fine company in school and pay tribute to the dedicated work and commitment of staff at Glantaf. I would like to sincerely thank Assistant Head, Mr Dyfrig Rees who has been a key part of life at Glantaf as Biology teacher, Head of Department, Head of Sixth Form and as Assistant Head with overall responsibility for curriculum and timetable, as he retires at the end of this term. Mr Rees will continue to teach his examination classes until the Easter term, but we sincerely thank him for his leadership and dedication to the school community for over thirty years! Also retiring at the end of term is Mrs Linda Price who has been an enthusiastic member of our Catering team for over a decade. We wish Mrs Siwan Lee, Progress and Wellbeing Lead Yr 10 and Mrs Aimee Moule, Progress and Wellbeing Lead Yr 11 well as they start their maternity cover in January. Mrs Dwynwen Davies (Yr 11) and Mr Joel Richards (Yr 10) will be joining the Progress and Wellbeing team in their absence (updated contact details on our website). We also wish Mr Elis P Jones, Ms Sarah Ann Jones, Mr Zach Mutyambizi, Mr Owain Roberts and Mrs Aimee Gilkes well as they leave the learning support team and start new posts and careers in the new year. *Diolch yn fawr* and best wishes for the future!



1st XV & team captains Tom Weekley and Jo Tucker

Llongyfarchiadau: Welsh Plate Winners – 2021 and 2022! - It is a real pleasure to congratulate our 1st XV on their win against *Coleg y Cymoedd* in the Plate National Schools and Colleges League last week in a high class performance where the team's character, fitness and skill were very apparent. Congratulations also to our girls cross-country teams winning Gold Medals in the National Finals in Yrs 7&8 and 9&10, and the u18 Basketball Team – County Champions and through to National Finals in the Spring. Finally, congratulations to Ioan Dixon Yr 11 called up to the Welsh Schools 1st XI – ardderchog pawb!

2022 Summer GCSE and A Level Awards Ceremony: Wednesday 21 December at 2pm - We invite you to our GCSE and A Level Awards Ceremony to celebrate the achievements of Yr11 and Yr13 students in Summer 2022. In the company of Elan Evans, BBC Radio Cymru DJ and former pupil we look forward to a celebration of examination success.

Christmas Hamper Appeal - Many thanks for your support for our Christmas Hamper Appeal, where we have been able to fill over 45 hampers to support local families. *Diolch yn fawr iawn i chi!*

Christmas Concert: Tabernacl Chapel, The Hayes, Thursday 22 December at 4.30 and again at 6pm
Our Christmas Concerts are **sold out**, and we look forward to welcoming you to the performances.

We have sent instructions for all those pupils taking part in the concert separately and please be aware that we will be hosting a collection for our nominated charity *Oasis*, during the evening. As these concerts are fully booked, please have your confirmation receipt from *ParentPay* ready at the door to confirm you have booked your tickets in advance. Yr7 pupils who will be competing in the



Packing Christmas Hampers

Malcolm Thomas 7's Rugby tournament in the Arms Park on Thursday will be chaperoned over to the Christmas Concert at the end of the games, hopefully in fine voice for the evening!

Christmas Concert @CanolfanGlantaf - The Ganolfan Christmas Concert will be held on Friday morning, 23 December at 10.30am and we look forward to a special celebration in the company of parents and supporters. A special mention also to the festive Makaton advent calendar which has been featured on the Ganolfan twitter account during this month – a real treat as we learn some Christmas vocabulary together – I think you'll all agree it's worth a visit ! [Calendr Adfent Makaton: Diwrnod 14 - Seren Makaton Advent Calendar: Day 14 - Star - YouTube](#)

School Senedd Candy Canes - Pupils (and staff) will have the opportunity to buy or send a festive *Candy Cane* (50p) as a gift for another member of the school community to share some joy and fun at the end of term. Members of the Senedd will take orders during break and lunchtime on Monday and Tuesday and the canes will be delivered by the elves before the end of term! All proceeds to the Senedd designated charities *Oasis* and *2wish*.

Bike security and road safety - Unfortunately, two bikes were stolen from school over the weekend as pupils had left their bikes at school overnight. We remind all students that bikes which are left at the front of the school / on school railings are at high risk, and we strongly recommend students lock their bikes in the central compound which is very secure. We also hope that *Sion Corn* will be gifting helmets for a significant minority of pupils who cycle to school without the security of a bike helmet.

Parent Questionnaire: [Holiadur rhieni / Parents questionnaire 2022 \(google.com\)](#)

Last call to complete our Parent Questionnaire – we'll close the survey next week and our thanks to the 350 or so households who have already shared their views and experiences of Glantaf.

Start of Spring Term 2023 - The spring term starts for pupils on Tuesday 10 January 2023 (with Monday 9 January being a school INSET). May I remind you of a few events of interest in January:

17 January	Interim reports and mock examination results Year 11-13
19 January	Year 11 GCSE Numeracy results (am)
19 January	Year 11 Parents Evening (to be held at school 3.15-6.30pm)
23- 25 Jan	Year 9 Outdoor Education group residential to Storey Arms
26 January	Year 11 Practical Science Examination
2 February	Year 13 Parents Evening (to be held at school 3.15-6.30pm)

End of Term: Friday 23 December 2022 – non uniform day

School will close at 1.15pm on Friday the 23 December and we will welcome all pupils back to school on Tuesday 10 January (week 2). On Friday 23 December it will be a non-uniform day and pupils may wish to wear a Christmas jumper or on a Christmas theme if they so wish! We hope to hold our Christmas Assemblies in All Saints Church opposite Glantaf during the morning session. Apologies for the break in connection during the Year9 Parents Evening through school cloud and hope it did not create too much disruption. Finally, we will publish our Interim Reports for Yrs 7-10 on Wednesday next week. As this is our last newsletter this term, may I send you our best wishes for the festive season and we look forward to working with you in close partnership in 2023!

Yours sincerely,



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County u18 Basketball Champions