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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Urdd Eisteddfod: Best wishes to everyone from the Glantaf family who are taking part in the Urdd Eisteddfod in Margam and enjoy your experience on the big stage! Congratulations also to those pupils who were successful in the Eisteddfod's homework and Art and Design competitions with success for 3D Artwork by the Ganolfan, Gareth Bale class, and the work of Edith McLean both, on their way to Margam. Congratulations also to: Music Composition: Yr7-8 Ben Manville-Parry (2nd) and Grace Harwood (3rd); Year 12: Beca Davage (2nd); Poetry: Yr9 Mathew Bill (3rd); Yr12&13 Rhys Matthews (2nd); Original script composition: Year 7 Ruby Haf James (2nd). We'll be sharing the exact timetable of the Glantaf competitions with you at the start of next week so you don't miss any of the excitement from the Eisteddfod field at Margam! Finally, please come and support the pupils at our Eisteddfod Concert, next Thursday evening **22nd May at 5pm** with tickets available on ParentPay. We look forward to a wonderful evening and an opportunity to enjoy the talents of our pupils as we wish them well on their way to Eisteddfod Dur a Môr over the half term.

Glantaf and Bro Edern Leadership September 2026

As you may be aware, Mr Matthew Evans, our current Headteacher will be stepping into a new leadership role in September, with strategic leadership responsibility for Ysgol Glantaf and Ysgol Bro Edern, over a two-year period. Mr Dyfrig Rees has been appointed as our new Head of School, supported by Mrs Catrin Arnopp who will be Deputy Headteacher. We look forward to a new chapter in the school's history as we benefit from the strategic collaboration between the two schools which provide wider opportunities for staff to take on new leadership duties and responsibilities, for the benefit of our pupils. As a Leadership Team, we will ensure that we are in constant contact with you throughout the next phase, asking for your views and welcoming your responses on your child's educational and extra-curricular experiences as they grow and develop with us here at Glantaf. As always, [Leadership team](#) can be directly contacted on our [School Website](#) and there will be regular opportunities for you to visit the school over the next few years to discuss your child's progress and wellbeing here at Glantaf.



Mr Dyfrig Rees, Mr Matthew Evans and Mrs Catrin Arnopp

Estyn Review on Behaviour

I am sure that many of you are aware of a recent report by Estyn on behaviour in secondary schools, in which reference is made to their visit to Glantaf in the Autumn Term, to collect good practice. We were delighted that our work in supporting pupils and their wellbeing was included in their [thematic report](#). In this regard, I would like to thank once again the pupils of Glantaf for their mature and positive responses within the school community, and the way they care for each other. I would also like to thank the school staff for their work in building positive relationships which are so important to build a supportive ethos within our school community.



Yr8 Rugby League team securing their place in UK Final - 2nd year on the bounce ...

National Examinations and Tests: As you know GCSE and A level exams have already started and we had a positive experience this week hosting exams for Year 7-9 pupils. I would also like to remind parents that the national reading and numeracy tests will be held immediately after the holidays, which are 2 – 13 June for all pupils in Years 7, 8 and 9.

Parent Governors - Next week, we will send out nomination letters for two Parent Governor places which become available in July this year. We cordially invite parents to put their names forward to work with us in partnership over the years ahead. If there are more nominations than seats that will obviously lead to an election which we will launch following the nomination process.



Y Ganolfan on a Castell Coch Visit

Site investment: Shelters: Gwyl Glantaf on 26 June - The Governing Body is pleased to announce that we have allocated investment for the construction of outdoor shelters for use in poor weather on site over the Summer Holidays. We believe this will be a valuable addition for pupils when we experience poor weather as we have a significant shortage of indoor communal areas. To secure the necessary funding we want to host *Gwyl Glantaf* again this year, to celebrate the end of term together but also to raise money in a fun and energetic manner. We will be asking pupils to contribute to the work (and the fun!) by organising stalls and fundraising on the 26th of June.

Summer Term 2025 Events - We would like to share information about important events in the coming weeks and until the end of the summer term:

21 May	College St Gilles, Nantes visit to Glantaf
22 May	Eisteddfod Concert at 5pm
26-31 May	Eisteddfod Dur a Môr / Half Term Holiday break
2 June	Start of summer term (week 1)
2-13 Jun	National Reading and Numeracy Tests Yr 7-9
9 June	Year 12 return to lessons
11 June	Year 12 Cardiff University Open Day
14-15 Jun	Tafwyl, (Glantaf on the school stage at 5.15pm on the 15th)
16 June	Yr11&12 Medicine Workshop: North Wales Medical School and Cardiff University
20 June	School Athletics, Leckwith Stadium; Farewell Dance Year 13
24 -25 Jun	Sixth Form Taster Lessons for Year 11
26 June	Gwyl Glantaf Festival; Farewell Dance Yr 11
30 June	Open Day Yr 6
2 July	Art Exhibition



Year 11 Farewell Ceremony

Finally, I would like to congratulate two former pupils who have enjoyed considerable acclaim in the literary world recently: Carwyn Graves for his shortlisted book "*Tir: The story of the Welsh Landscape*", a creative non-fiction book, Book of the Year and Rebecca Thomas for her novel "*Y Twr*", which is the Books Council's book of the month – congratulations! I'd also like to wish the Year 9 football trip to Spain well over the half term and best wishes once more, to everyone who will be flying the Glantaf flag over in Margam! *Amdani Glantaf!*

Yours sincerely,

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Year 11 Farewell (for now!) with a sweet tooth ..