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Dear Parent / Guardian,

Urdd National Eisteddfod: Best wishes to all who will be competing over the half term holidays at the Urdd Eisteddfod, Meifod. *Pob lwc* to everyone from the Glantaf family and enjoy your experience on the big stage! Congratulations also to those from Glantaf who have excelled in the Art & Design and Homework tasks – we hope to give you all a mention in our next newsletter! A reminder that early bird tickets are on sale until Sunday 19th May.

New Head Prefects- I would like to congratulate 4 members from year 12 who have been elected as Head Prefects for the next academic year. Following keen competition, the 4 elected are: Cadi-Gwen Sandall, Nia Griffiths, Iestyn Williams and Leon Ohimekpen. Good luck over the coming year. I would also like to take the opportunity to thank the Head Prefects of 23/24 (Awen, Haf, Iolo and Lewys) for all their enthusiasm, energy and hard work for Ysgol Glantaf.



Cadi-Gwen, Nia, Iestyn and Leon, Head Prefects 24-25

Refuse and Recycling - As I'm sure you are aware, recycling regulations have changed for schools and other organisations in Wales which means there are strict guidelines on recycling and sending refuse to landfill sites. We explained this to pupils at special assemblies before Easter and again when returning to school this term. It is excellent that our pupils have responded with enthusiasm to this campaign and we have been able to reduce our overall refuse collections to one collection per fortnight. Pupils clear their plates in the canteen and use new recycling stations dotted around the campus. At a time when young people are being criticised for causing litter, it's good to see that our pupils are responding well to our campaign for increased recycling.

One-to-one device Yr7: We're delighted to share some good news that Glantaf will continue to offer pupils in Yr 7 a one-to-one device as they move to Yr8. Although the scheme has come to an end within Cardiff County Council, we are pleased to offer the opportunity to continue with the scheme for families at Glantaf. Please join with us in our Yr7 parents online meeting on Monday 20th May at 6pm (English medium) via the link below, or on your child's Teams calendar:

https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ay1W_siYgzU6JEl8wmeVexCcojVhqlABWdcbu2cwRDOc1%40thread.tacv2/1715065857593?context=%7b%22id%22%3a%224f3f0e52-b734-4164-9409-1b601d147993%22%2c%22oid%22%3a%22d394e3c1-44a5-4c81-beec-b00bf519eea0%22%7d

School nurse – It's great to welcome, our new school nurse, Mr Jon Millgate to Glantaf who will visit us every Tuesday. Pupils can refer themselves for an appointment by contacting the relevant Progress and Wellbeing Lead, for confidential conversation or advice.



Yr 7 visit to Rhondda Heritage Park

Maths Revision – Reminder of our revision session for all pupils in Yr11 on Tuesday 11.06.24 from 12.50pm - 2.50pm for GCSE Unit 2 Mathematics.

Art Unify Project: Yr9 students went on a walking tour of Cardiff's Street and Community Art projects with Cardiff artists Yusuf Ismail and Shwaqi Hasson. They will be working with our students to create original pieces to be launched alongside Cardiff Youth Service in the period 12-15 June: we wish them well in this creative project.



Unify Art Project

Lockdown Protocol - Thank you for your support and understanding as we recently conducted a lockdown exercise on site. As you know, we are required to conduct an exercise in order for us to review and evaluate our plans in these very rare emergency situations. I would like to thank the pupils for their mature responses, and for remaining calm during the exercise in order to allow staff to go through the protocol smoothly. While we will not share our protocol widely, I would like to note that communication with you as parents is a priority in such a situation and we will keep in touch with you through the *Classcharts platform*. Thank you for your understanding.

Football Champions and Rugby XIII British Cup success - Huge congratulations to the year 7 rugby team on reaching the British final to be held at Wembley Stadium on the 8th of June. Congratulations also to the senior U18 and girls under15 football teams for their recent success in becoming Welsh Champions after securing the County Championship earlier in the season! A sincere thank you to our teachers and staff for their fine coaching and support.



On to Wembley! Year 7 Rugby XIII Team

South Africa Tour 2024: A number of activities have been organised to support the sport tours to South Africa, with our Curry Night taking place on Saturday 18th May and a Glantaf Touch Rugby Tournament on Saturday 15th June. Follow our X accounts for more details and to register your interest.

National Examinations and Tests - As you are aware GCSEs and AS levels are well underway, and we wish all our learners well in their work and revision. Pupils should arrive on time for exams and remember key equipment for each examination. We also want to remind parents that the national reading and numeracy tests will be carried out for all yr7, 8 and 9 pupils in the period 17 – 27 June.

Finally, I'd like to congratulate Ciaran Williams on being selected to represent Wales in Cricket, wish the Yr9 football trip to Spain well over the half term break and send our warmest support to all those pupils flying the Glantaf logo high on the Eisteddfod field in Meifod over the Whitsun break.

Your sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matthew H T Evans".

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Under 18 and Under 15 Welsh Football Champions