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Dear Parent / Guardian,



Illtud Victorious!

School Eisteddfod – We had a fantastic School Eisteddfod last week with Illtud taking the main Eisteddfod shield and the main Choir prize. We were extremely proud to celebrate the winning entries in the Crown competition (English prose) to Gwenlliw Tilsley (Senior) and Erin Richards (Junior) and to commend both Rhys Matthews and Elen Thomas-Evans for the Senior and Junior Chair competition. We commend also Lydia Lawson (2nd) and Holy Cobb (3rd) in the

Senior Crown competition and Shanno Rasool (2nd) and Alys Edwards (3rd) in the Senior Chair. May we congratulate all who took part so splendidly on the day – from our gymnasts to every single pupil who competed as part of this fabulous celebration of being Welsh!



*Gwenlliw and Erin Crown winners
Eisteddfod Ysgol 2025*

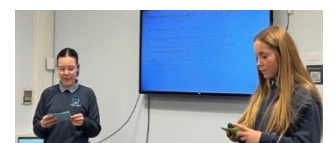
Eisteddfod yr Urdd – County instrumental successes - Warm congratulations to all our competitors at the County Instrumental Eisteddfod last week. Those successes include: Ben Manville Parry, Llew Mills, Gethin Frohawk, Iona White, Tom Davies, Owen Frohawk, Steffan John, Gwenlliw Tilsley who all finished within the top three as well as the Junior and Senior Ensembles. The School Orchestra will also represent Glantaf at the Urdd National Eisteddfod. We thank the large number of pupils who represented Glantaf in the first of these County Eisteddfodau and thank all our staff for their careful preparation and support. It was also a real pleasure to see a number of our pupils taking part and performing well in Eisteddfod Caerdydd. *Pob lwc* in the coming Eisteddfodau next month...

Year 11 - Mock Interviews - Thank you to Careers Wales for arranging mock interviews for Year 11 pupils. It is an important experience for pupils to be able to develop interview skills for the future. We would like to thank the following companies who provided staff to conduct the interviews: Careers Wales, Addysgwyr Cymru, Sphere Solutions, Sacyr, SKY, Hodge Bank, Cardiff Council, USW, Kocho, Companies House, Stable, Kier, Principality, *Diolch yn fawr!*

The **Anti-Racism and Inclusion Senedd** met for the first time, bringing their ideas together to try and make the school more inclusive. They've started working on a group statement that will define who they are and what they stand for. They are hoping to follow this by creating a whole school charter to help us on our journey to be an anti-racist community. Thank you to all the students who showed an interest in being a part of this important group.



Business Forum Meeting: Many thanks to Martha Glenn and Betsan Newis from Year 9 for sharing their reflections on last year's Pentref Taf Project. Their insights have been invaluable in shaping our plans for this year's project, and we truly appreciate their input. We are incredibly fortunate to have a Business Forum full of enthusiastic partners who are eager to contribute and enrich our pupils experiences. A special thanks to Willmott Dixon, Cardiff Commitment, Mott MacDonald, Pepper Money, Stable, Kocho, Kier, Companies House, Rio Architects, and Careers Wales for their continued support



*Yr9 Pupils present to the Business
Forum*

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 which will start over the February half term. *Eid ul Fitr*, the end of fasting will be celebrated towards the end of March. *Eid Mubarak!*

Tuesday 11/2 was Safer Internet Day. Due to the celebration of our School Eisteddfod we have postponed our promotion of this important day until later in March. However, this year's focus, '*Too good to be true*' concentrating on internet scams contains interesting resources for parents on the Hwb website. These excellent resources are truly useful in keeping you updated on the dangers faced by young people and provide a sound basis for discussing the dangers of internet security with your children: [Safer Internet Day](#)

Y Ganolfan Glyd: It was a pleasure to welcome the Minister of Capel Tabernacl, Rev Dr Rosa Hunt to accept our Christmas Concert collection to support the Cardiff Homeless.



Yr 7 present cheque to y Ganolfan Glyd

Easter half term – When we return following the February half term, please be advised that Monday 3rd of March is a training day for teachers, and therefore the school is not open for pupils. There are a number of important events to follow during this half term:

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| 3 March | School INSET, No school for pupils |
| 6 March | Yr10 Parents Evening 3.15pm – 6.30pm |
| 7 March | International Women's Day |
| | Yr7 & 8 Netball residential to Liddington |
| 10 March | Year 10 Mock examinations |
| | Year 9 Options Evening (Teams @6pm English Medium) |
| 10 & 11 Mar | Yr 8 Residential visit to Warwick Castle |
| 11 March | Yr 11 Drama Examination |
| 13 March | County Dance Eisteddfod |
| 17-19 March | <i>Pentre Ifan</i> Residential Yr 9 |
| 20 March | HPV Inoculations for Yr 8 |
| 21 March | School INSET, No school for pupils |
| 24 March | Yr8 Options Evening (Teams @6pm English Medium) |
| 27 March | Yr 8 Options: Open Evening 5pm - 7pm |
| 28 March | County Eisteddfod |
| 31 March | <i>Eid ul Fitr</i> |
| 3 April | Yr 8 Parents Evening 3.15 - 6.30pm |

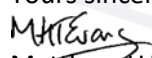


Menna Grant u20 Indoor Hurdles British Champion



Head Prefects 2025: Megan, Ollie, Osian and Libby

To close: I would sincerely like to thank the staff at Glantaf for their contribution and support for a host of activities, both educational and extra-curricular during this half term. From examination and coursework preparation and support to *Dydd Miwsig Cymru* fun activities, it has been a thoroughly enjoyable and busy start to 2025. May I wish those about to venture on the Skiing visit to Austria well on their journey and thank you all, for your continued and tireless support for the school.

Yours sincerely,

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Rhys and Elen : Chair Winners Eisteddfod 2025