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Dear Parent / Guardian,

U14 triumph!

Congratulations to the Under 14 Football Team who finished 2nd in the British tournament held at the national training academy in Lilleshall. Elin Thomas Yr 8 scored 5 goals in 3 games and secured the trophy for *Best British Schools Player*. What an achievement and well done all!



Silver Medal u14 triumph!

5 star award

Congratulations also to our Catering team for being awarded the maximum 5 star grading in a recent inspection. The kitchen staff contribute so much to the wellbeing of our school community and we commend them for providing first class nutritious and tasty meals in a very restricted kitchen and dining area. We were also pleased to launch our new logos for the canteens, designed brilliantly by Ms Lois Jones of the D&T Department which show the school logo in *Caffi'r Taf* and the *Tŷ Gwydr*.



Happy pupils and our new canteen logo

Parent governor election

Please return any ballots by the end of the school day on Monday 21 November. We will announce the new Parent Representatives in our next newsletter on 2 December.

Parent Questionnaire

Please see below a link to a short questionnaire as we are keen to hear your views as Glantaf parents. We would be extremely grateful for your comments and observations on our work and as we seek to improve our provision: [Holiadur rhieni / Parents questionnaire 2022 \(google.com\)](https://www.google.com)

Cyfeillion Glantaf

Many thanks for those of you who joined us for our enjoyable Curry and Quiz night at the Juboraj Restaurant. Two important dates for your diaries: **Twmpath and Hog Roast** on 24th March and **Glantaf Fashion Show** on 28th April 2023! We hope these events will contribute towards providing an all-weather shelter on campus by next winter!

Glantaf Cluster Brass Band and Concert: Weds 30th Nov 11am – 4pm

We are delighted to invite all brass band players to an exciting addition to our extra-curricular provision, a brass band workshop in conjunction with Cardiff Music Service. Pupils from Yr4 to Yr13 will join together on 30th November to learn a few pieces together and perform an informal concert for parents at 4pm. Please contact Mrs Amanda Williams, our Head of Music if your child wishes to join the band and we look forward to a memorable concert!

Bucket hats, supporting *Cymru* and *Felindre*!

You may have heard that *Cymru* have reached the Football World Cup Finals in Qatar! The *Cymru* v *Iran* game is due to be played on Friday 25th November at 10am. For this game we will organise several locations where pupils will be able to see the match on our large screens. Any pupil who

does not wish to see the match or is uncomfortable in watching the games due to the controversy of hosting the games in Qatar will have access to other classrooms where we will organise alternative activities not associated with *pêl-droed!* Pupils are encouraged to wear red on Friday 28th of Nov, and contribute £1 to Felindre Hospital which is such a noteworthy cause supporting so many within our communities.

Yr11-13 mock-examination timetable: [Amserlen Ffug Arholiadau Blwyddyn 11 2022 \(1\).docx - Google Docs](#)

Yr11-13 mock-examinations will take place 14-21 December with morning examinations starting at 10am and afternoon examinations at 12.30pm. Students are expected to join lesson 1 each day, however students may revise at home if they do not have an exam on any particular session.

School hampers

We are delighted to launch our Christmas Hampers appeal for local families who may face hardships over the coming festive season. We have shared a list of items we require and all donations are gratefully received – *diolch yn fawr!*

Anti- Bullying Week: [Anti-Bullying Week 2022: Reach Out - official Secondary School film - YouTube](#)

Well-done to our students who participated in the National Anti-bullying week video launched this week and to all pupils who support their peers in school. A reminder also of our menu of homework and extra-curricular clubs: [Gweithgareddau allgyrsiol 22/23 - Google Sheets](#)



Science Club

Sixth Form Open Evening and Parents Evenings this term

Our Sixth Form Open Evening will be held at Glantaf on Tuesday 22nd of November at 5.30pm where we will discuss our Yr12 options for students next September. Yr 12 Parents Evening is to be held on 1st December and Yr9 Parents Evening on 15th December.

Road safety

We are pleased to welcome the new 20mph zone and refresh of warning lines outside the school gates. However, there was an incident involving a pupil last week and a significant minority of pupils continue to cycle dangerously and without a helmet. Please talk to your child about road safety and do not park, pick-up or set down pupils near the school gates.

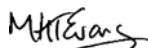
Sgwrs am waith 'Conversations about our work'

During next week we will be talking to pupils from all year groups about their work, looking at their books and files to discuss how they are able to improve their work and manage their own progress. These conversations are really valuable in listening to pupils' experiences and trying to improve our support and guidance in school.

Christmas Concert - 22 December

Our Christmas Concert will be held at Tabernacl Chapel, the Hayes on Thursday 22nd of December. Tickets will shortly be available on ParentPay and more details will follow. Finally, *wilkommen* and *bienvenue* to Herr Robin Koschel and Mme Beatrice Durand our German and French language assistants for this year. We look forward to their valued support within both departments! Many thanks for your continued support and follow our twitter account for all updates: @Ysgol_Glantaf

Yours sincerely,



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Alyas Debono, Yr 11 Welsh Cap u17, as he leaves for an international u16 tournament in Spain