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Dear Parent / Guardian,

Happy retirement to Mr Alun Mitchell, one of our caretakers who is retiring this week, following over 20 years of valuable contribution and support to the Glantaf community. We sincerely thank him for his sterling contribution and good humour over this extended period of time, *diolch Alun!*

Christmas Hampers

Thank you to everyone who has contributed so far to our Christmas hampers campaign but we need more contributions if possible. We would be extremely grateful if you could help our appeal which aims to support local families who may face hardship over the festive season. We have shared a list of items needed and thank you for all contributions.

School INSET 9th December – school closed for pupils

A reminder that it's Inset Day next Friday, December 9, when all Welsh Medium Secondary schools in South Wales (CYDAG) will work together on examination preparation with WJEC, the exam board. We would also like to inform you that school will finish at 13.15 on the last day of term, December 23.

Christmas Concerts: December 22nd

We warmly invite you to our Christmas concerts which are being held this year at Tabernacl Chapel, on the Hayes, on Thursday, December 22 at 4.30pm and again at 6pm. A letter has been shared on email and we kindly ask that you book tickets through Parent Pay, adult prices at £2 and children at 50p.

Parent Governor Election

Congratulations to Mrs Angharad Naylor, Mr Aled Walters, Mrs Bethan Webber and Mr Gareth Barham on being elected as Parent Governors. We very much look forward to working with you in the years ahead.

Glantaf Business Forum

We were pleased to launch our Business Forum last week which is a very exciting new initiative. We hope that the companies involved can contribute and enrich different aspects of the curriculum. At the moment, our partners are working with the Business and Baccalaureate departments.



Glantaf Business Forum

Flu Nasal Vaccination, Yrs 7-11, December 13-14 <https://forms.office.com/r/T8xSny9s3x>

Thank you to those of you who have returned your confirmation regarding the flu nasal vaccination. The deadline for this is Dec. 6. If you have not returned or given your permission, you will receive a letter from the Health Service asking you to attend a catch-up clinic. Please see the above link to confirm your assent.

As you know, **the Yr11-13 mock examinations** will take place from Wednesday, December 14 – December 20. – [Amserlen Ffug Arholiadau Blwyddyn 11 2022 \(1\).docx - Google Docs](#). Morning exams start at 10am and the afternoon at 12.30pm. Students are expected to join lesson 1 each day, but students can revise at home if they do not have an exam on a morning or afternoon period.

Glantaf Cluster Brass Band & Concert

We had a great day last Wednesday as all of our cluster's brass instrument players (Yr. 4 – 13) came together for a brass band workshop with the Cardiff County Music Service. The highlight of the day was the wonderful festive concert. Congratulations and thanks to everyone who supported this venture.



Glantaf Cluster Brass Band!

Yr. 9 Parents Evening - this evening will be held virtually through *School Cloud* on Thursday, December 15. The system will be open on December 9 so that you can make appointments for this event.

GCSE and A-level Awards Ceremony

Our annual Examination Awards Ceremony will be held on Wednesday afternoon, December 21 at the school for all pupils in Yr 11 and Year 13 (2021-22) and will start at 2pm. More details to follow, but parents are welcome to join us as we celebrate students' success following the Summer 2022 examinations.

Religious Studies visit – pupils have enjoyed their visit to our local Church, All Saints, recently and we thank the Church community for their warm welcome.

Glanllyn visit and poetry workshop

Our Sixth Form *Cymraeg* students enjoyed their visit to Glanllyn for a fabulous three day course featuring visiting speakers and workshops. They also visited "*Yr Ysgwrn*" home to the poet Hedd Wyn and enjoyed meeting students from schools all over Wales. Yr11 enjoyed a Cynghanedd (poetry) workshop with poet Gruffudd Owen in their *Cymraeg* lessons this week.

Interim Reports

Year 7-10 pupils will receive their Interim Reports on progress this term on Wednesday 21/12/22.

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

We are most keen to hear your views on Glantaf's provision. Please fill out this short survey (above), in order that we can listen and respond to your views as parents regarding our work at Glantaf.

Congratulations!

At the end of a tough season within Wales Schools and Colleges League, we are delighted that the First XV have once again finished in the top four teams meaning we progress to the National Finals. Best of luck in the final next Wednesday! Congratulations also to Kane Griffiths Yr8 on his second place in the British Championship Lightweight Taekwondo tournament and to Ollie Yr 10 who has been accepted to the auspicious "*Young Racing Drivers Association YRDA*" run by Arden Motor Sports – what an achievement, and well done all!



First XV finished in the top four in the Schools and Colleges National League and progress to Finals Day.

Yn gywir,

Meleri Wyn Jones
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Silver Medals Ollie a Kane – racing driver and Taekwondo