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Dear Parent / Guardian,

Welcome Back! We hope you had a restful Easter break as we welcome all pupils back to school for another successful Summer term. A big thank you to our estates team for all their hard work over the holidays modifying some classrooms and IT suites.



Urdd National Eisteddfod and school concert: Best wishes to all who will be competing over the half term holidays at the Dur a Môr, Urdd Eisteddfod. *Pob lwc* to everyone from the Glantaf family who are taking part and enjoy your experience on the big stage! Congratulations 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. Please note that the Early Bird ticket offer is available [here](#) and closes on May the 9th. Pupils competing will receive further information regarding their tickets in due course.

Eisteddfod Concert: A concert will be held in the school hall on Thursday the 22nd of May at 5pm, to celebrate all those competing at Eisteddfod Dur a Môr. Tickets are available on Parent Pay. There will be a variety of performances from Y Ganolfan, Côr Gwerin, Partion Cerdd Dant, the Junior and Senior boys choir, as well as instrumental and vocal solos and duets. Make sure to secure those tickets!



Health and Wellbeing Curriculum: Health and Wellbeing is fundamental to ensure academic progress alongside our pupils' social and emotional wellbeing. Alongside Health and Wellbeing being taught across all subjects within the curriculum, pupils receive two wellbeing lessons a fortnight. Their first is delivered by their Personal Tutor in a pastoral programme which includes themes and topics appropriate to age range. The second lesson is taught within the different Areas of Learning by specialist departmental teachers who discuss topics more relevant to their subject expertise. We are also, very fortunate to work alongside a charity, named Brook, who have delivered valuable sessions discussing period dignity, an introduction to sexual health and

consent to many of our pupils this year.

One-to-one device Yr7: We would wish to thank parents for their support to extend this scheme, offering all pupils in current Year 7 a Chromebook device as they move into Year 8. We kindly request the first contribution of £40 which is now available on Parent Pay, by the beginning of June.

Year 7 Textiles Workshop – A big thank you to our year 7 'teachers' who led a creative workshop recently with Year 1 and 2 pupils from Ysgol Pwll Coch. Some wonderful pieces of work were produced under the direction of our talented pupils. Diolch Pwll Coch for the warm welcome.

Whole school art competition: Here's an opportunity to win points for your Llys! Pupils have until the end of this half term to produce a piece of art on the theme 'Teulu Glantaf'. The winner of our art competition will get a version of their artwork created as a mural on one of our corridors here at Glantaf. More details will be shared with pupils next week.



Internal Examinations Year 7-9: All pupils in Years 7,8 and 9 will sit end of year exams in their core subjects. These will take place the week of 12-16th of May. These will take place in their registration class and will be held during lesson 1 each morning. The timetable is displayed opposite. Please ensure that your child has the correct equipment for each exam. There are more details for each subject on Classcharts/Google Classrooms. Please make sure that your child arrives school punctually by 8.30am.

Year 7 Parents Evening: This will take place Thursday, May 8th 3.15-6.30pm. You should have received the relevant information on Classcharts. Please ask your child to book appointments with their teachers. We're looking forward to welcoming you to Glantaf.

Coron Gwlad Yr 7 Rhondda Heritage Park: Year 7, as part of their Cymraeg / Coron Gwlad lessons, will be visiting The Rhondda Heritage Park Museum this month. This Welsh Mining Experience will be connected to this term's unit of work. They will be studying "Pit to Port", beginning with this visit, and ending with a visit to Cardiff Bay at the end of the academic year. Your child will experience the life of the coal miners on an underground guided tour of the Lewis Merthyr Colliery, that will be led by a former miner. The trip to The Rhondda Heritage Park Museum will consist of three activities; The Black Gold Tour, a Tramroad Walk and a Craft of Hearts Workshop. The Park offers an insight into the life of the coal mining community that existed in the area until the 1980s. Timetable to follow.

Mandarin Club Year 10: A new Mandarin club will be held next half term after school through a scheme which is offered by Cardiff University in partnership with an University in China. We will advertise the details on Classcharts in due course.

Leaving Days and External Examinations Years 11 12, 13: A reminder of these important dates: Yr. 11 - Wednesday, May 7th; Year. 12 – Friday, May 9th and Year. 13, Friday, May 16th. A Farewell Assembly will be held for Year 13 on Friday May 16th at 1.30pm and we invite parents to join us on this special day.

Exams and Personal Assessments - As you are aware GCSEs and AS levels will be starting next week, 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 wish to remind parents that the national reading and numeracy tests will be carried out for all Year 7, 8 and 9 pupils in the period 2 – 13 June.

Your sincerely,

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Year 7 Girls Rugby 7's Teams



Four National Trophies: Yr 8, 11 and u18
Rugby 7's Urdd 7's Championships