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Dear Parent / Guardian,

Examination success

We would wish to congratulate sincerely our Yr11 cohort for their GCSE Numeracy success last week and commend them for their hard work and thorough preparation in achieving 65% A*-C in their November examination. This should be a real boost in all pupils' confidence as they continue their studies for the summer examinations. *Da iawn chi wir!*

New arrival!

We are delighted to welcome a new 16seater minibus to Glantaf which will extend our ability to take pupils on extra-curricular and educational visits. The new bus has also a ramp / wheelchair facility which ensures that we will have the flexibility to be fully inclusive for all pupils in the future. In order to fund



our new minibus and mini bus fleet we are now advertising for our next *Cyfeillion Glantaf* activity – a *Twmpath* (barn dance) on 24th March. Tickets (£15) are now available on ParentPay and we kindly ask you to save the date and invite your friends and family to join us for this fabulous evening to include live band *Pluck and Squeeze*, Hog Roast and all the trimmings!

Year 11 and post 16 options

Over the next few weeks we will be discussing post16 options with our Yr11 cohort, presenting our extensive courses in Sixth Form and through our BroPlasTaf partnership. This will include asking individuals for their option choices (Google Form return by 8/2/23), in order to create option columns for Sept 2023.

Back on track!

As we start the new year, may we once again ask for your support to ensure pupils maintain strong attendance figures and are punctual to school in the mornings.

Unfortunately, we need to report that over

a 100 students were late to school on several days last week, which means we will now track pupils' late arrival and will contact you directly in case of consistent lateness to school. We fully support Cardiff's campaign to maximise attendance and draw attention to the importance of high attendance and its relation to wellbeing and attainment.



Year 11 Farewell Dance – Thursday 29 June 2023

You will currently see the Yr 11 Farewell Dinner and Dance on ParentPay with the final payment of £33 to be paid by the end of May. The dance will be held on Thursday 29 June at the Coal Exchange in Cardiff Bay.

Year9 > Yr10 options – 6 March 2023

As students start to consider option choices for next year, we'd like to inform you of an additional parents evening held at Glantaf for Yr9 pupils on Monday 6th March. We will share more information with you regarding this evening closer to the date.

Examination and revision support

We'd like to remind you that support is available for all learners in Wales via the *Power Up* website. Students studying for GCSE, AS, A level and vocational qualifications can find information about exams and assessments this year, as well as revision tips and wellbeing support via this web page: <https://gov.wales/powerup>

County Training Brass Band – Yr7-9

We are delighted that a training County Brass Band has been established and will be holding its practices at Glantaf each Wednesday evening 5pm-6pm. Any pupils from Yrs7-9 are welcome to join the band and should contact the music department for more details.

Eisteddfod and Urdd Membership: [Join | Urdd Gobaith Cymru](#)

We are looking forward to hosting our School Eisteddfod at the National Sports Centre, Sophia Gardens on Thursday 16th February. All pupils in Yrs 7-9 and our Sixth Form will be participating in the Eisteddfod under the leadership of House Leads, Ms Rhiannon Kemp (Teilo); Mrs Rhianedd Davies (Illtud); Ms Ffion Jenkins (Dyfrig) and Mr Lloyd Macey (Dewi). Years 10 and 11 will be focussing on preparation for the summer examinations and will have designated lessons on Eisteddfod day. A reminder also that pupils will be invited to join or compete in the Urdd Eisteddfod or Sporting competitions for this year during this term – if you have not organised Urdd membership the link is above, with those pupils eligible for free school meals being able to join for free. If any pupil wishes to compete in individual competitions for the Urdd Eisteddfod they need to register their interest by emailing Ms Bethan Rees at the school on reesB247@hwbcymru.net

Spring Term Events

May I also remind you of a few upcoming events during this term:

25 January	Yr 10 workshop with Estyn Chief Inspector, Owen Evans
26 January	Yr 10 GCSE revision workshops
27 January	Yr 11 Biology (Triple Science) Study
31 Jan - 3 Feb	Yr 12 Geography fieldwork at Glanllyn
2 February	Yr 13 Parents Evening (to be held at school 3.15-6.30pm)
6 February	Yr 11 & Yr13 Photos – individuals, friendship groups and whole year photo
9 February	Yr 10 Parents Evening (to be held at school 3.15 – 6.30pm)
15 Feb	Yr 12 Full Reports
16 Feb	School Eisteddfod

May I also remind you that if you wish to contact us regarding any clarification, explanation or query, please see our website for up to date contact details for Senior Leadership Team and Progress and Wellbeing Leads.

Yours sincerely,

Matthew H T Evans
Pennaeth / Head
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BYG (Byw yn y Gymraeg)

A ydych yn poeni am y dyfodol?
A ydych yn meddwl y dylai mwyr o ddisgyblion Ysgol Glantaf siarad Cymraeg ar yr iard a'r coridorau?
A ydych yn meddwl bod siarad mwy o Gymraeg yn mynd i wella'ch gwaith ysgol?
A oes dyletswydd arnom i geisio gwella cynyddu ein defnydd ni o'r Gymraeg?

Os ydych wedi ateb 'Ydw' i'r cwestiynau hyn:
A ydych yn meddwl y gallwch chi gyfrannu i geisio Cynwraigio Ysgol Glantaf, a chael mwy o ddisgyblion i siarad Cymraeg?

Dewch i ymuno â BYG (Byw yn y Gymraeg) – pwyllgor bywiog lle cewch y cyfle i siarad a mynegi eich barn ar y pwnc holl bwysig hwn. Eich Ysgol chi ydy Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Glantaf felly tybed a allwch chi gyfrannu at yr her hollbwysig hon?

Dewch yn llw !
Dydd Mercher : 12.15 – 12.45 – Bl. 7, 9, 11 yn M10
13.15 – 13.45 – Bl. 8, 10, 6ed yn M10

BYG: New student group to promote the use of Welsh within the school community - meets every week on Wednesdays!