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Dear Parent / Guardian,

As we approach the end of our first half term, I would like to express my sincere thanks for the excellent work of pupils and staff here at Glantaf through a busy and productive start to the academic year. It's already been a whirlwind of activity – fundraising events, educational visits, wellbeing workshops as well as pupils taking part in sports and extra-curricular clubs. Many thanks to the charity **Show Racism the Red Card** for providing important educational workshops for our Year 7 pupils, promoting equality and combatting prejudice.

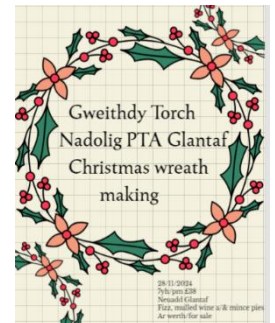


Halloween Disco fun 2024!

Lateness: Our first half term monitoring of registration notes that a significant minority of students are consistently late for school in the mornings. This may be due to their stopping off at local shops or starting out late for school in the first place. We ask for your kind support to improve punctuality to school and we will share with parents, details of frequent lateness in the new term.

Shrec: Tickets are now available on ParentPay for our Musical, Shrec, 19-21 November at 7pm. We look forward to welcoming full houses to appreciate the musical and theatric talents of our pupils.

Christmas Wreath Workshop: We are pleased to offer the opportunity for a Christmas Wreath Workshop (limited tickets available), on Thursday 28th November, for Parents through *Cyfeillion Glantaf*.



Estyn visit: Last week, we welcomed Estyn, the school inspectorate to school for one of their thematic visits focussing on positive behaviour. We were delighted at the feedback and were grateful that some of our pupils and staff were able to share their experiences regarding behaviours and attitudes to learning at Glantaf. Estyn have asked us to share some of our initiatives in the thematic report, which will be published in the new year.

Welfare Support: We would like to remind you of all the well-being support available at school for your child(ren). Through contacting your child's Progress and Wellbeing Leads, you can enquire how to access any of the following support agencies: school nurse; school counselling; School-In-Reach service; Barnardo's self-esteem groups; 6th form Buddy scheme and many more. Once again, may we draw your attention to the drop-in mental health centre for young people in Cardiff [The Hangout - Platform](#) and all apps and support listed here for: [online wellbeing support](#)

Communication Protocol: Please be advised that we seek to respond to all requests and enquiries promptly, however we remind you that we ask staff to respect a communication protocol whereby we attempt to respond to work communication within office hours, only.

Welsh Medium Schools United Orchestra: Neuadd Hoddinott, Wales Millennium Centre on 8 November: We are pleased that over 60 Glantaf students will be participating in this Orchestra workshop on Wednesday (6/11 at Plasmawr) and Friday (8/11 WMC). Tickets for the concert on 8/11/23 at 6pm are available here: [Orchestra tickets](#)

Yr8 Chromebooks: All Yr8 pupils have now received their chromebook devices which we hope will be invaluable in their studies. We hope to continue this IT one to one device project for Yr7 as they transition to Yr8, and will share information about the project with Yr7 parents later this year.

Bike Safety / Parking Consultation: Unfortunately I need to remind pupils and parents of the very real risk of bike thefts from the front of the school, especially those locked onto the school railings. No bikes have been stolen from our internal compound, however as pupils continue to leave bikes unlocked or attached to the railings, we have yet again experienced thefts. Please be aware of cyclists when driving near the school, especially as a large number of pupils cycle to Glantaf. Too often we see drivers unaware of our young cyclists as they park or drop off on yellow lines or near to the school entrances. Also, be advised that Cardiff Council are launching a consultation on parking within the city. You may share your views on the proposals here: [Parking Consultation](#)

UK Maths Challenge & Maths Olympiad: Congratulations to the 89 senior students who competed in the UK Maths Challenge, with Ela Roden, Gruff Charles, Tomos Long and Rhydian Walters gaining the Gold Award (9 Silver and 25 Bronze). Ela was also awarded a Distinction in the Maths Olympiad for Girls. *Llongyfarchiadau cynnes!*


X account: We thank you for the support we have received for our decision to move away from the X platform. We will close all school X accounts at the end of October, but please remain vigilant of fake accounts and we will monitor use of our Instagram account @Ysgol_Glantaf for the future.

Important Dates

5 & 7 Nov	GCSE Numeracy exam Yr 11 (<i>with revision sessions on 4&6 Nov</i>)
6 & 8 Nov	Welsh Medium United Orchestra at Wales Millennium Centre at 6pm
8 Nov	Yr 11-13 Interim Reports to Parents Yr 11 Sponsored Walk to support <i>Ysbyty Felindre</i>
12- 15 Nov	Art & Science Visit to Berlin Yrs 12&13
19 – 21 Nov	Shrec Musical at 7pm, Glantaf – Tickets on <i>ParentPay</i>
20 Nov	History / Politics Workshop for Yrs12&13 with members of the US Congress
28 Nov	Yr13 Parents Evening 3.15 – 6pm Christmas Wreath Workshop – <i>Cyfeillion Glantaf</i> – tickets on <i>ParentPay</i>
5 & 6 Dec	Flu Nasal Spray Immunisation for Yr 7-11

Diolch: We would wish to note our sincere thanks to Mr Michael Jones, one of our school governors who will end his term this month. He has been a Governor at Glantaf since 1988, supporting the school in so many ways, especially in representing the rights of families and pupils to Welsh Medium education. Mr Jones was a formidable campaigner for Welsh Medium Education through RhAG, most notably in the field of SEN and ALN, where he has ensured pupils were able to access and benefit within a Welsh medium environment. We thank him most sincerely for his tireless work and wish him well for the future, *Diolch o galon Michael*. **Finally**, congratulations to seven of our 6th Form for being selected for their respective Cymru u18 Rugby Union squads and to Elin Thomas (Football) and Jahvahni Benskin (Basketball), Yr10 for being selected to play Wales u15 teams – *outstanding!*

Yours sincerely,



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Cymru call up: Llongyfarchiadau to Megan, Lloyd, Alfie, Bailey, Will, Tom and Gabriel. Invited to join u18 Cymru XV