



YSGOL GYFUN GYMRAEG  
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Dear Parent / Guardian,

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**Farewell** - After an impressive 32 years at Glantaf, we'd like to wish Mr Dyfrig Rees a very happy retirement. Mr Rees is a longstanding member of staff, whose legacy includes his current roles as an assistant headteacher and the head of the Biology department, and in his previous role Mr Rees was also head of sixth form. Thank you from staff and students for your dedication, enthusiasm and support for the whole school community. We also extend our best wishes to Sam Davies and Finn Tomkinson, both learning support assistants and with us since September, who will now be enjoying a well-deserved break before attending university courses in September.

**Thursday Night's Urdd Concert and Eisteddfod yr Urdd, Llanymddyfri** - Many thanks to all involved in last week's Concert on Thursday. It was a lovely evening and a great opportunity for all our pupils to practise in preparation for next week's Eisteddfod. We wish all our pupils the best of luck in the Urdd Eisteddfod in Llanymddyfri and look forward to the talented performances.

**Good Luck Years 11, 12 and 13** - Last week we enjoyed farewell assemblies to celebrate years 11 and 13 and to reminisce on their time with us at Glantaf. It was lovely to see them altogether as they embark on the beginning of their examinations, the culmination of their hard work and your support as parents and guardians. We'd also like to thank our staff, leaders of progress and wellbeing, personal tutors and subject teachers, for preparing them for this important stage on their academic journey. We also very much look forward to year 11' farewell dance, being held on the 29<sup>th</sup> of June. We extend a special thank you for the kind and generous contributions to the Year 11 and 13 Leavers Dance, the amount raised will ensure that all pupils in the year can attend and have a truly memorable evening. Thank you!



*u15 Rugby League team heading to British Final on June 3rd!*

**Year 11 taster lessons and enrolment for Sixth Form** - Year 11 will of course be joining us once again for taster lessons in preparation for sixth form. These lessons will take place on the 26 and 27 of June, with BroPlasTaf partnership lessons being presented on the 22 June.

**Staff Development Programme** - In preparation for the next academic year and with developing aspects of curriculum and pedagogy in mind, we're excited to launch our staff development programme. Several new initiatives are in place to support staff and pupils on our curriculum journey as a school, offering bespoke training opportunities for staff to collaborate on projects and complete research to improve outcomes for learners.

**Rhondda Heritage Park** - Year 7 have enjoyed their educational trip to the Rhondda Heritage Park where, as part of their Coron Gwlad and Welsh heritage curriculum they have learned about the importance of this coal mining community and its connection to Cardiff and the docks as well as the wider impact the coal field had in Wales and across the world. A special thank you to all the staff involved in making this visit possible.



*Yr 7 Rhondda Heritage Park*

**Summer Term Events** - Upcoming events following the half-term break include:

7 June	We welcome visitors from France
12 June	Year 12 return to lessons
13 June	Dragons Den Fair for the Welsh Bacallaureate
21 June	Year 6 Open Day
22, 26 & 27 June	Taster sessions for Yr11 returning to Glantaf Sixth Form
23 June	School Athletics
29 June	Farwell Dance Year 11



**Urdd Peace and Goodwill Message: Call.Them. Out** - Thank you to year 9 for leading on the Urdd's message of Peace and Goodwill in 10 languages last week including Arabic, Irish Gaelic, Dutch, French, Italian, German, English, Spanish, and Welsh.

**Sporting Success** - It was lovely to see our gymnastics team achieve success as under 14 Floor and Vault British champions and congratulations to Carys Mayers and Owain Griffiths for winning the highest scoring boy and girl awards. Congratulations also to Yr 7 for winning the Triple Crown county title for netball, hockey and football and well done year 10 girls for reaching the Wales Rugby League final. Glantaf will now face Brooksbank in St James Park on the 3rd of June for the Inspiresport Champions Schools, which is part of Magic Weekend.

**Congratulations to Osian James Year 13** - We're proud to share the success of one of our year 13 students, Osian James, who won a gold medal alongside Kai Schlottmann from Llanishen High School in the under 19 junior International Regatta in Munich - a tremendous achievement!



*Gold Medal Winner Osian James (right)*

**Personalised Reading and Numeracy Assessments** - Pupils in years 7, 8 and 9 will complete their personalised reading and numeracy assessments in June, following half term. Support from relevant departments has been shared in lessons and on *Google Classroom*. The timetable was shared on sims in touch on Thursday the 25th of May. Details regarding the assessments are included in the letter sent out on SIMS in touch.

**HPV Immunisations – 13<sup>th</sup> June** - The immunisation team will return to give the first immunisation to pupils in year 8 **who missed** and are yet to receive the vaccination on 13<sup>th</sup> June. To receive this missed vaccination, they **MUST** fill this consent form:

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**Parent Wellbeing Questionnaire** - A final appeal please to complete our wellbeing questionnaire for parents. Thank you to all who have contributed as your suggestions and comments are welcomed.

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**Half Term – Relax** - We'd like to take the opportunity to wish you all a relaxing half term break. It can be challenging for both our pupils and parents during this term of examinations and hope that the half term provides some time for rest and recuperation. We extend our thanks once again for your continued support and would like to remind our pupils sitting examinations that we are here to offer guidance as always.

Yours Faithfully,

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*Glantaf British Gymnastics Champions!*