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Dear Parent / Guardian,

6th form charity walk: It was wonderful to see over 200 of our 6th formers complete a sponsored walk during the second week of the new term. They managed to raise an incredible £4000 for the *2Wish* charity. Congratulations to all those that took part; to the staff that organised the walk; and also a big thank you to all that contributed towards this incredible total. *Da iawn bawb.*



6th form sponsored walk 2023

Year 6 STEM visit: It was a pleasure to welcome year 6 pupils to Glantaf for the first time, as they begin their transition activities for this year. They enjoyed STEM activities including designing websites in IT, and building a bridge in the Technology department. We look forward to welcoming year 6 parents to Glantaf for an open evening on 10th October, as well as organising further transition activities during the academic year.

Art visit to London Galleries: Art students in year 11 and the 6th form attended a two day visit this month to London. They enjoyed visits to the Tate Modern, the Victoria and Albert Museum, and the Natural History Museum. They had the chance to experience a variety of exhibitions and gain valuable inspiration for their Individual Projects, as well as exploring areas of the city such as Leicester Square, Covent Garden and Chinatown.



Art visit to London

CATs Tests Year 7: Pupils in year 7 will be completing their CAT (cognitive assessment tests) in the week beg 9th October. These tests, completed online give us a baseline score for pupils strengths as they start their secondary education journey and also give an overview of their abilities in different areas of learning. CATs assessments are used widely in education in Wales and throughout the UK as pupils are given scores which are useful for teachers to respond to the needs and strengths of individual pupils. CATs scores however, are not used to stream or place pupils in different sets.

My Voice: We are delighted to launch our "My Voice" webpage in school this week through special assemblies which highlight the different ways pupils can report concerns or fears. It provides a platform for children and young people to seek advice or resolve difficulties in a safe and supportive environment. Pupils can use the QR code in their personal organiser to access the platform.

Personal Tutor, Parents Evening on 12th October 3.30-6pm: You will shortly receive information regarding our Personal Tutor Parents Evening which allows you to meet your child's Personal Tutor to discuss how your child has settled into the new school year. This pastoral meeting provides a short (3 minute) conversation on the *School Cloud* platform and more information will follow.

Classcharts: Good news that 94% of households have downloaded and use our Classcharts App, moreover 73% of pupils use the app in order to access information. Remember that lost property is often posted on the app in order to reunite pupils with their property. If you require a code or details regarding the app please contact Ms E Wiltshire on wiltshiree16@hwbcymru.net

Glantaf Business Forum: Good to welcome our Business Forum to school at the start of the new year. Companies who are working with us in partnership include STABLE; Pepper Money; Wilmott Dixon; Rio Architects; Speakers 4 Schools; Cardiff Commitment; Companies House; ISG and NHS Wales. We look forward to our work in the months to come



Glantaf Business Forum

Key Dates

- October 2 – Year 11 information evening. 6pm and 6.30pm (TEAMS students account)

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- October 10 – Year 6 open evening (school hall) 5pm (Welsh) and 6pm (English)
- October 12 – Personal tutor parents evening (School Cloud) 3.30 – 6pm
- Week beg 16th October - Year 11 English oral examination
- October 16 – Year 10 information evening: 6pm and 6.30pm (TEAMS)
- October 26 – Sixth Form Open Evening at Glantaf at 5pm

Llangrannog: Best wishes to year 7 who will attend the residential visit to Llangrannog next week. The pupils will enjoy activities such as skiing, horse riding and quad biking, as well as gaining opportunities to socialise and make new friends, all through the medium of Welsh.



A reminder that pupils are kindly asked **not to** bring any snacks which contain nuts on the visit, due to several pupils who have a serious nut allergy. Year 7 need to be in school by 8.30am on Monday (02/10) and will return by 2pm on Friday afternoon (arrival time update on Classcharts).

Senior Prefects Forum: We were delighted to establish a new Head Prefect Forum with representatives from Plasmawr, Glantaf and Bro Edern. This forum will give these senior students an opportunity to discuss ideas and suggest changes to our school communities.



Head Prefect Forum

Laptops: We are excited to announce that all students in year 8 will shortly receive a personal chromebook to help their studies. This follows the successful roll out of chromebooks to Years 9, 10 and 11 pupils in previous years. A polite reminder to all year 8 parents to sign the contract <https://sites.google.com/glantaf.cymru/rhaglennu-glantaf/cynllun-dod-a-dyfa-1-1?authuser=0> and pay the £8 contribution towards a protective sleeve on ParentPay <https://sites.google.com/glantaf.cymru/rhaglennu-glantaf/cynllun-dod-a-dyfa-1-1?authuser=0>. Chromebooks could be distributed during the week commencing 9th Oct.

Peer Coaching: Yr12 students were able to benefit from Peer Mentor training this week as part of our provision to support pupils who may find school work, or school life difficult. We wish them well as they start and meet their support groups in the next fortnight.

As always, contact us in case of any query or clarification and many thanks for your continued support,

Yours sincerely,

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Yr 7 supporting Cymru!