



YSGOL GYFUN GYMRAEG  
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Dear Parent / Guardian,

### Supporting your child's education – Google Classrooms

The most frequent questions we are asked are how parents can support their child in their education and how do they know what classwork and homework is being set. Parents are able to download the *Google Classrooms* app on their phones or tablets and log in with their child's hwb account details. You will then gain access to all the pupil's individual subject classrooms and any information that is shared by the teachers and head of year. This can be a very useful resource for parents. There are also many apps and websites that we are able to recommend.

#### Cymraeg/Welsh:

Sillafu / spelling - Ap @ebol

Brawddegau - Ap @ebol

Aur am air - Ap Sillafu/spelling

Ap Geiriaduron (Welsh/English dictionary)

Llyfrau Dwli - bilingual resource (various books tackling different grammar excersises)

Llyfr 'Cer am Her' - a resource to help with reading and spelling

Llyfr Gwella'r Gair' - an aid to improve pupils' writing skills

#### Dyslexia friendly apps:

'Blending Board' - spelling, vocabulary

'Dyslexia Quest' - helps to improve the memory

DD''s Dictionary: A Dyslexic Dictionary

'EasyReader' app (Dolphin) - specifically for people with dyslexia

Reading Eggs

#### Mathematics/ Numeracy (useful websites):

Sumdog

Numeracy Ninja

Times Tables Rockstars

Mathemateg.com

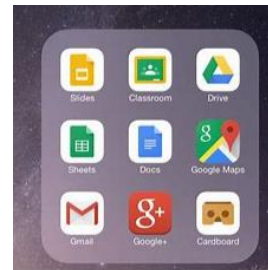
BBC Bitesize

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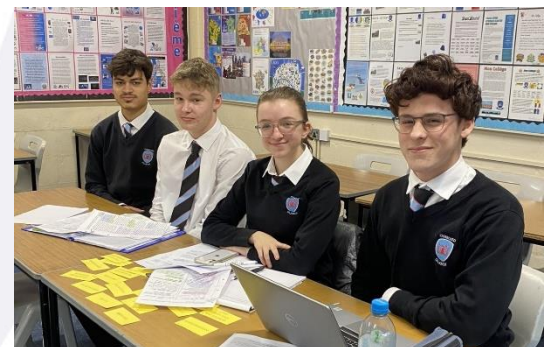
CBAC/WJEC's bank of questions

#### English

[Great Literacy Websites for Parents and Kids](#)



Google Classroom



Year 12 French debate team  
Felicitations Joe, Tom, Sylvie et Rafik!

### School Eisteddfod - 16 February Sophia Gardens 9am – 2pm

We will hold our School Eisteddfod at the *National Sports Centre*, Sophia Gardens on Thursday 16 February for all students Yrs 7, 8, 9 and 12&13. We strongly suggest that pupils make their own way to and from the Centre, or they may travel on their usual school transport. *However please note that the buses will visit Glantaf first (for Years 10 and 11) before making their way to Sophia Gardens. This will also be true of the journey home.* If pupils cannot find their own way to the Eisteddfod, then they should attend school by 7.45am so they are able to travel on our school buses to and from Sophia Gardens. Pupil should attend the Eisteddfod in normal school uniform but they may also wear a shirt in the house colour (*Dewi- Yellow; Dyfrig- Green; Illtud- Red; Teilo- Blue*). We kindly ask pupils to bring a packed lunch and drinks as they will not be able to leave the Eisteddfod during the day to buy food. Yrs 10 & 11 are expected to attend school as normal as they will follow lessons specifically geared for preparation for the summer.

### Attendance and Punctuality

May we once again ask for your support to ensure pupils maintain strong attendance figures and are punctual to school in the mornings. We fully support Cardiff's campaign to maximise attendance, punctuality and draw attention to the importance of high attendance and its relation to wellbeing and attainment. Please consider this useful data.

Minutes late per day during the school year	Equals days worth of teaching lost in the school year
5 minutes per day	3.4 days missed a year = 98.4% Attendance
10 minutes per day	6.9 days missed a year = 97.6% Attendance
15 minutes per day	10.3 days missed a year = 94.6% Attendance
20 minutes per day	13.8 days missed = 92.9% Attendance
30 minutes per day	20.7 days missed = 89.2% Attendance

### Congratulations!

We would like to congratulate Tomos Davis, gaining an offer to study at St John's College, Cambridge to study Natural Sciences. *Llongyfarchiadau* also to our Yr13 Public Speaking team, first in the Rotary Regional Final, well done Hannah Boore, Hannah Williams and Elen Morlais.

### Spring Term Events

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

6 February	Yr7, 11 & Yr13 Photos – individuals, friendship groups and whole year photo
7 February	Safer Internet Day
6-10 February	Yr 11 English language group oral examinations
10/13 February	Yr 6 Expressive Arts transition days
9 February	Yr 10 Parents Evening (to be held at school 3.15 – 6.30pm)
10 February	Welsh Language Music Day " <i>Dydd Miwsig Cymru</i> "
14 February	Advance notice – proposed industrial action by teaching unions (more information to follow)
15 February	Yr 12 Full Reports
16 February	School Eisteddfod
17 February	World mother-tongue day – year 7 thematic work

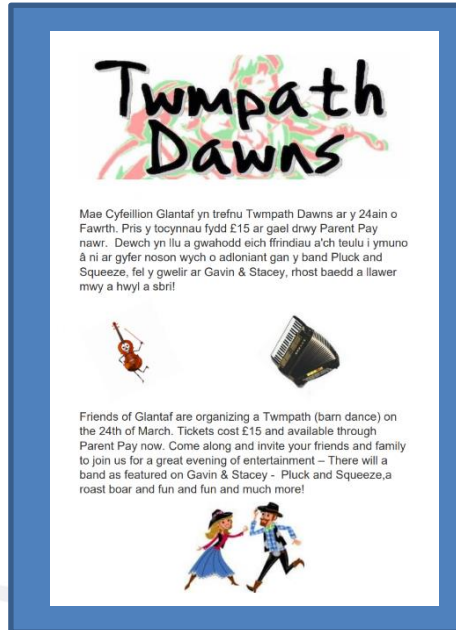
### Chess club

There is a new chess club starting for Yrs 8 and 9 every Monday night at 2:50 - 3:50. All welcome!

### Cyfeillion Glantaf – Barn Dance / Twmpath on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> of March 2023

Tickets are selling fast!!!!

Don't forget to purchase your tickets via parent pay.



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,

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Yr 13 Public Speaking Team