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Dear Parent / Guardian,

Eisteddfod yr Urdd – County successes - Warm congratulations to all our competitors at the County Eisteddfodau over the past fortnight which means a large contingent from Glantaf competing at the Urdd National Eisteddfod in Margam in June. Those successes include: Cerdd Dant Choir; Cerdd Dant Ensemble; Junior Boys Choir; Senior Boys Choir; Snr Solo Recitation (Mari Fflur Thomas) ; Yr 7-9 Duet (Meg and Mali); Junior Group Theatre as well as the solo and group musicians and our School Orchestra and Shrec Musical Performance. We look forward eagerly to our School Eisteddfod Concert on 22 May to enjoy these talents once more, before they head off to Margam! We also congratulate all other pupils and groups who won Silver and Bronze places: *da iawn pawb* and warm *llongyfarchiadau!*

Celebrating and Learning about Autism - April is a month of raising awareness of Autism and as a school we will continue with our teaching and learning about Autism. We will be using the Welsh Government website <https://neurodivergencewales.org/en/> to assist us in accessing the latest training for staff and pupils. We will be holding reflection time, learning about Autism in our wellbeing lessons, continuing to train staff and celebrating National Autism Day on the 2nd of April by selling colourful sweets to raise money for the charity 'National Autistic Society'. Late March we held the first Forum for pupils with Autism (or who are on the neurodevelopmental pathway), it was a very valuable meeting and we have now created a *Google Classroom* as a safe place for these pupils to express their views and offer ideas of how we can best support them as a school. If you think your child would be interested in joining this Forum, please contact the relevant Progress Lead.

Sporting Success - May we also note the outstanding achievements of our sporting teams over the past few weeks, where so many of our pupils have been involved in the final rounds of county and national finals. Congratulations to the following: Glantaf Yr7 boys hockey team crowned Welsh Champions (with the 2nd team crowned silver medallists), our u18 Girls football side were silver medallists in the Welsh Cup; Yr 11 Girls County Hockey Champions; Yr 7 and Yr 8 Boys Rugby teams crowned County Champions. Glantaf also sent teams to the Rosslyn Park Rugby sevens competitions and two Basketball teams (u18 and u13 girls) will be competing for the Welsh Cup in North Wales next Thursday. Congratulations to Catrin Thomas, Eira Hughes Lewis and Mali Emmerson on their cycling successes and to Nye and Ffion Evans crowned u15 and u13 National Table Tennis Champions. In Gymnastics: Maia Griffiths and owain Griffiths u19 Welsh Schools Champions. Congratulations also to Megan Jones, Alfie Prygodzicz, Gabe Williams, Tom Howe, Lloyd Lucas and Bailey Cutts for gaining their Rugby Union u18 caps over the past few weeks!

Examinations and Interim Reports- All pupils Yrs 7-13 should now have received their Interim Reports for this term showing their progress and achievement since September. GCSE and A Level practical examinations are in full swing and all pupils should now have received their individual examination timetables for the summer. Please check these carefully for accuracy as they include all the examination registrations for each student. GCSE examinations start on the 8th of



Adrian Masters, Political Editor at ITV Cymru
speaking to BroPlasTaf Politics group

May with the last day of teaching for Yr 11 on Tuesday 7th of May and Yr 12 on Friday 9th of May. Please be advised that Yr12 will return to classes following their examinations on Monday the 9th of June. Yr 13 examinations start on Monday the 19th of May with their final day of teaching and farewell ceremony on Friday 16th May at 1.30pm.

Yr 7-9 Examinations: These will be held during the period 12 to 16 May during the morning session for Yrs 7-9, with National Numeracy and Reading Tests held in school during the period 2-13 June. Please ensure your child is present in school during these periods.

Road Safety – We are delighted that finally, stricter no parking regulations are now in force at the school gates. This has significantly increased safety standards. However, we remain concerned regarding the large number of parents who feel it appropriate to stop in this area in order to drop off their child directly in front of the school gates. **Please park your car away from this area and your son / daughter can then walk a short distance to the school entrance.** This illegal stopping and parking is a real hazard to the large number of pupils who cycle to school and are forced to swerve or make detour around parked vehicles. Many thanks for your understanding.

Morning Registration: We would like to remind parents/guardians and pupils of the importance of being punctual in the morning. Registration begins promptly at 8.30am, and it is a vital part of the school day. It is a time to receive essential information, to enjoy pastoral support from your personal tutor, and to take part in the weekly reflections on current affairs. We kindly ask that you ensure your children are in school by 8.25am in order to begin registration promptly at 8.30am. Pupils who are regularly late will be asked to leave their mobile phones at reception for the remainder of the day. Thank you very much for your support in this matter.

Skiing 2025/26: A Parents Evening will be held on 7th April to launch the 2025/26 Skiing course. Places will be restricted to 50 pupils and the dates of the course will be 17-23 December. Please note this is only available for pupils in current Yrs 9 and above.

Yr 7 Online Parents Evening: Monday 7th April (details below). Please join our online meeting to hear of our Chromebook one to one device project which will be launched again this year.

Important dates:

7-11 April	Urdd / WRU Rugby 7's Competition
7 April	Year 7 Parents Evening on Teams @ 6pm: One to One device join Join here
7 April	Skiing Trip Parents Evening on Teams 6.45pm (English medium)
7-8 April	Yr 13 Art Examination
8-9 April	Yr 13 Drama Examination
28 April	Start of Summer term (week 1)
1 May	Yr 6 Sports Transition Day 10am – 2pm; UK Maths Challenge Yr 8
7 May	Final teaching day for Yr 11
8 May	Year 7 Parents Evening 3.15 – 6.30pm
12-16 May	Yr 7-9 Examinations

To close: As this is the last newsletter this term may I wish you well over the Easter break and remind you all that we return back to school on Monday 28 April (w 1).

Yours sincerely,


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Pennaeth / Head

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Year 7: Welsh Champions!