

29 February 2024

Dear Parent / Guardian,

# **Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Glantaf**

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### **School Eisteddfod**

The St David's Day Eisteddfod for all students of Yr 7, 8, 9, 12 and 13 will be held at the National Sports Centre in Sophia Gardens tomorrow from 8:30am to 2pm. The school buses will run as normal and will visit Glantaf first in the morning (for Years 10 and 11) before making their way to Sophia Gardens. This will also be true of the journey home. We kindly ask pupils who live locally to Glantaf (and Sophia Gardens) to make their own way to and from the Centre - except for those who have already booked their place on the bus. Pupils should attend the Eisteddfod in normal school uniform but they may also wear a shirt in their house colour. Pupils should also bring a packed lunch and drinks as they will not be able to leave the Eisteddfod during the day to buy food. Children in years 10 and 11 are expected to attend school as normal as they will follow lessons specifically geared for preparation for the summer.

## **Liddington Trip**

All the best to the year 7 and 8 pupils who are going to Liddington this weekend. The pupils will need to bring everything to Sophia Gardens **tomorrow**. The buses will leave at 2:30pm.

### Year 10 mock exams

Year 10 mock exams will be held <u>4 - 7 March</u> in the Sports Hall. The exams will start punctually at 8.45am and 11.10am. Pupils are expected to return to normal lessons following each exam and attend lesson 5 each day. Revision lists have been shared with pupils in lessons and on Classroom.

| Date   | 8.45am                    | 11.10am                           |
|--------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 4/3/24 | Physics + Applied Science | English Literature                |
| 5/3/24 | History                   | Religious Education (Full Course) |
| 6/3/24 | Biology                   | Welsh Literature                  |
| 7/3/24 | Chemistry                 | Health & Social Care              |



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# **January Exam Results and Year 11 Reports**

Those Year 11 pupils who sat Welsh and English Literature modules in January will receive their results on <u>Thursday, March 7</u> during break time. In addition, all Year 11 pupils will receive their yearly report by the end of next week. They will be distributed during registration.

### **Year 9 Options**

An Options Night for parents and pupils will be held virtually (Teams) on <u>4 March</u> where we will discuss the options available to pupils for September. There will be a presentation in Welsh at 5pm and in English at 6pm.

#### **Year 8 Options**

An Options Night for parents and pupils will be held virtually (Teams) on <u>11 March</u> where we will discuss the options available to pupils for September. Also, as a follow-up from the Monday evening virtual meeting, an Options Presentation Night (5.30PM - 7.30PM) will be held on <u>12 March</u> face-to-face at the school, where you will be able to visit departments and hear presentations about different subjects offered in the Year 9 curriculum. This will be followed by a virtual Year 8 Parents' Evening (School Cloud) on <u>19 March</u>. This will be an opportunity to receive feedback about your child's academic progress this academic year.

#### **HPV** vaccinations

An HPV Vaccination Session will be held on <u>6 March</u> for EVERYONE in year 8. If you wish your child to receive the vaccine, please consent by following the link in the letter sent through Classcharts. TODAY is the final day for you to consent. It is important that you let your child know that you do/do not give consent to facilitate vaccination schedule arrangements.

Ski Course – Zell am See, half term February, 2025 – Yrs 9-12
We have arranged a Teams presentation for pupils (Yrs 9-12)
who wish to join our Ski Course in February 2025, on
Wednesday, March 13 at 5.30pm (Welsh medium) and 6pm
(English medium). We will share information about the trip,
including details on how to secure a place and our payment plan.
I would like to emphasise that the trip is initially open to pupils
currently in Years 9-12, and will be opened to pupils from other
years if sufficient space is available.



Our pupils on the slopes

#### **Events this term**

I'd like to remind you of a few upcoming events during this term

| 1 March     | School Eisteddfod – Sophia Gardens   |
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| 1-3 March   | Liddington Tour  |
| 4 March     | Year 9 Options Night (Teams)   |
| 4-7 March   | Year 10 mock exams   |
| 6 March     | Year 8 HPV vaccine   |
| 7 March     | January Year 11 exam modules results   |
| 10 March    | Start of the Month of Ramadan – best wishes to our pupils who begin Saum         |
| 11 March    | Year 8 Options Night (Teams)   |
| 12 March    | Year 8 Options Presentation Night – at Ysgol Glantaf                             |
| 14 March    | Eisteddfod Sir Prelims – Memo Arts Centre, Bari                                  |
| 15 March    | Eisteddfod Sir - Memo Arts Centre, Bari  |
| 15 March    | Horse Racing Night - at Ysgol Glantaf (to raise money for the South Africa trip) |
| 18-19 March | Year 11 GCSE Art Exam  |
| 18-22 March | Rosslyn Park 7 a-side tournament   |
| 19 March    | Year 8 Parents' Evening (School Cloud)   |
| 22 March    | Interim Reports Years 7-13   |
| 22 March    | End of Easter Term   |
| 25 March    | Glantaf Sports Easter Camp (to raise money for the South Africa trip)            |
| 8 April     | Start of Whitsun Term (week 2)   |

# And finally

Congratulations to Tomi Roberts-Jones Year 13 who has been nominated for the St David's Awards for his bravery and success at last year's Commonwealth Games. Pob lwc, Tomi! Also, good luck to the school's Under 18 Netball Team who will represent Cardiff in the Welsh Championships on Saturday in the President's Cup competition.

Sincerely,

Owain Siôn Williams Assistant Head Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Glantaf



Year 11 Hospitality & Catering students following their practical assessment

