



6 June 2022

Dear Parents / Guardians,

At the beginning of the last half term of the School Year, I would like to share some important information with you.

Appointment of a Permanent Deputy Headteacher

On Thursday May 26, Mr Gareth Williams was appointed permanent Deputy Head of the school from September 2022. Mr Williams has been a member of the School Leadership Team since 2015 and has contributed significantly to maintaining the reputation of Ysgol Gyfun Gŵyr over many years in different roles. We wish him every success in his new position.

Year 9 start GCSE courses

Following a series of examinations and assessments at the end of Key Stage 3 in May, Year 9 pupils will begin a new timetable on Monday 13 June. The pupils will therefore have the opportunity to embark on their GCSE options to ensure that they are happy with their choices. Should a problem arise, please email Mrs Rhian Churchill, Senior Teacher responsible for the option process at ChurchillR4@hwbcymru.net

Year 12 resumes lessons

Similar to Year 9 starting their GCSE courses on Monday 13 June, Year 12 students - following a series of AS examinations - will begin A level lessons on the same day. Lessons will continue for a period before students have the opportunity to receive guidance on processes such as UCAS and complete more work related to the Challenges of the Welsh Baccalaureate qualification.

Year 10 starting internal exams

Year 10 students will begin a series of internal examinations on Wednesday 22 June. We wish them well.

Congratulations

It was a great pleasure to attend the Urdd National Eisteddfod in Denbigh over the Half Term and to witness the high standards achieved by individuals and groups under the skilful

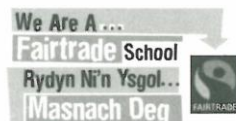
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guidance of the staff. We are therefore very grateful for the dedication of staff and learners. Particular congratulations go to Rhianwen Hopkin Yr. 9 (Harp Solo) Emily Carlson Yr. 10 (Urdd Chef of the Year) David Ingham Yr. 11 (Woodwind Solo) Lily Hall Yr.11 (Instrumental Duet-with David Ingham) and the Senior Boys' Party for winning prizes.

This is in addition to the school's outstanding success in the Eisteddfod Homework competitions before Half Term.

Also, before Half Term, there were notable sporting achievements e.g. boys' and girls' Yrs. 8-9 athletic teams, and Yrs. 10-11 girls' team, winning the county championship with a number of pupils going on to represent the county on a national level.

In addition, a team of Year 12 students won the main prize at the National Engineering Competition in a contest involving 50 other secondary schools. A great achievement!

It is a pleasure to congratulate all pupils on these achievements.

New homes for the Music and Drama Departments

Two of the main Departments of the Area of Learning and Experience of the Expressive Arts - Music and Drama - have now settled into new homes. Through Welsh Government funding, some of the school buildings have been refurbished to make them worthy homes, with the latest resources, to educate the pupils of the school.

INSET days

Take Note: Friday 24 June and 15 July will be In-Service Training days for staff which means the site will be closed to learners. Staff will be working hard to prepare for the legal introduction of the *New Curriculum for Wales* in September 2022 on these days.

In conclusion, best wishes to all learners for the rest of the School Year, and remember, as parents and guardians, to get in touch if you have specific concerns. We are here to help.

Yours faithfully,

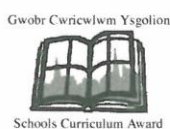
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