



4 December 2025

Dear parents and guardians,

As we approach the end of term and celebrate the Birth of Christ, I would like to sincerely thank you for your support and willing co-operation over the past few months. It has been a very busy term once again when the vast majority of the young people in our care concentrated well on their learning in the formal lessons. I would like to sincerely thank the staff for preparing and delivering those lessons, in addition to offering all the informal learning activities, including visits to New York, Norway and the skiing trip to Austria.

Christmas Outfit Day/School Christmas Dinner

Thursday 11 December will be Christmas Outfit Day when learners are allowed to wear either a Christmas jumper or to dress in a festive way. **This will take place on the same day as the school's Christmas dinner.** This is done to raise money for local and national charities, and a fee of £1 is requested from every pupil for the right to do so. Learners are also welcome to wear their festive outfit on the last day of term.

The School's Christmas Concert

The school's Christmas Concert will be held on Tuesday, December 9 at 6.30pm in the school's sports hall. Please note the change of venue due to last minute problems at St Catherine's Church, Gorseinon. The information has already been shared with you about the arrangements. We hope that you will have the opportunity to join us as a school to celebrate Christmas.

Yr 11 Mock Exams

As part of the school's strategy to support Year 11 pupils and help them prepare for the final summer exams, **mock exams will be held during the period 5-12 December.** The pupils have already received guidance on learning strategies on the 'Dysgu Byw' morning on 25 November and their teachers of course, during the lessons, also give them constant guidance on how to prepare for assessments. The exam timetable has already been shared with the pupils. When the pupils do not have exams, they are expected to attend lessons. **They should not leave the school grounds to go home.**

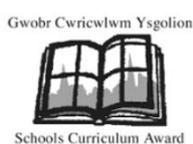
End of Term

I would like to draw your attention to the fact that Friday 19 December is the last day of the term. On that date, after the learners have received lunch, **the school will close early with the buses leaving at 12.45pm.**

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Next Term

The Easter Term 2026 for all learners will start on Monday, 5 January and we look forward to welcoming learners back to the school grounds on that day after two weeks of well-deserved holiday.

Farewell

As most of you are aware I'm sure, I intend to retire as Headteacher of the school at the end of this term, after an extremely happy period at the helm of the school since January 2022. I hope that, during that time, I have made a valuable contribution to the further development of the school. Although the world has changed a lot since I first joined the school staff in 1990, and the school has had to face a number of significant challenges—notably the *Covid 19* pandemic—I strongly believe that the school's core principle of placing academic progress and the wellbeing of all learners at the heart of every decision and action has remained constant. That is the foundation of the endless success of this remarkable school. I leave the school with more learners inside its walls than ever before, a talented and dedicated staff, a modern curriculum, a rich extra-curricular programme, numerous achievements in sport and the cultural world, pupils who behave very well and perform particularly well academically.

I would like to sincerely thank you for your support as parents and guardians, along with all staff and governors, over the years, and for the enjoyable company of the vast majority of learners who make crossing the school threshold daily a pleasure. I would like to wish Sara Thomas, one of the Assistant Headteachers, well as she takes up her role as the school's temporary Headteacher in January 2026 and also to the Leadership Team who will be supporting her brilliantly, as they did me.

Long life and every success to Ysgol Gyfun Gŵyr! *Gorau Byw, Cyd Fyw!*

Before finishing, obviously I would also like to wish you and your families a very Happy Christmas and New Year.

Yours sincerely,

Headmaster

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