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Dear Parent / Guardian,

A busy first few weeks!

We've enjoyed a busy fortnight, with students settling down well to school life. It was also good to see the tremendous levels of participation in our annual Cross Country race this week and the enjoyment and energy of all those who participated. Sincerely also, may we thank you for your support in ensuring high standards of school uniform and truly positive response to our request for improved punctuality, *diolch yn fawr to you all!*



Cross Country 2023

School Meals: Lunchtime arrangements and break time / breakfast club provision are working well and Yr7 pupils have now been enrolled on the system. If there are still difficulties seeing your ParentPay account or adding money to your account please contact Ms E Wiltshire on Wiltshiree16@hwbcymru.net Year 7 pupils have access to the canteen: 7Illtud & 7Teilo week 1 (next week) and 7Dewi & 7Dyfrig – week 2. All Yr7 pupils will have daily access to the canteen from 2 October.

Cyfeillion Glantaf Night at the Races: Please note that we have had to postpone our *Cyfeillion Glantaf* Night at the Races until Friday 24th November. Please book your place through *ParentPay*

School Uniform and our free Facebook site for uniform recycling: I would like to thank everyone for your support in keeping high standards of school uniform. However a number of pupils continue to wear jewellery to school. Please no necklaces, bracelets or rings and ear rings should be small studs. Please remember that our free uniform site for sharing or requesting different sizes is also available via this link: [Gwisg Ysgol Glantaf School Uniform recycling - Home | Facebook](#) It's refreshing to see so much activity on this busy Facebook site with over 800 friends / followers offering and sharing uniform (and resources), *diolch yn fawr to all members!*

20mph legislation and promoting active travel to school: We welcome Welsh Government legislation regarding 20mph limits for traffic within the city. This change hopes to see an increase in Active Travel options among pupils (and adults) and as such we invite pupils to repond by walking or cycling to school on Monday 18th September and to increase further our high percentage of students who travel to school by bike. In all cases, we strongly advise wearing helmets and using specified cycle lanes where possible. *Amdani – let's cycle!*

Numeracy revision sessions for Yr11 for November GCSE examinations: Weekly revision sessions will be held for all students in Yr 11 by the Mathematics department up to their November Numeracy examinations (6 & 8/11/23). These sessions have already started on Tues, or Weds evening from 3-4pm dependant on their class tutor. We would like to thank you in advance for your support in ensuring your child attends these valuable revision sessions.



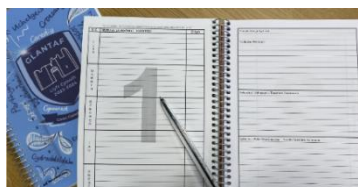
Tennis Champions: Isobel, Rosalind, Lilly and Isla

Communication / Classcharts App: I hope you have successfully registered for our Classcharts ParentApp, which can be accessed all parents / guardians. There is also a pupil version of the app which displays live information on attendance, reward and sanctions, homework assignments as well as an sharing all letters and communication from the school. **Please be aware that we are no longer using the SiMS parent app and all communications are displayed only on Classcharts.**



If you are experiencing difficulties or have not received a code, please contact Ms Emma Wiltshire:

Wiltshire16@hwbcymru.net However, we kindly ask for your patience as it may take a day or two to respond to requests for a new link. We are also pleased that each child has received a *Llyfr Cyswllt* for the year which contains their timetable, school calendar, homework assignments, contacts and useful information. We kindly ask you sign the contact book regularly.



Cymru v Denmark International : Cardiff City Stadium 26th Sept 7.15pm: Pupils in Yrs 7 and 12 will stay after school to enjoy various fun Buddy activities on the evening before having supper and traveling to the game. It would be great to see all pupils in Yr 7 and 12 join us for this important activity! We kindly ask you pick up your child from the Stadium at 9.30pm, details to follow. Please ensure your tickets by **Monday 18th September**. (*Tickets for the game only are available for pupils Yr8-11 on ParentPay also*).



Extracurricular: Llangrannog Yr 7 / Art & Design Yr11-13 to London: Please note the Llangrannog residential course dates for Yr7 (October 2-6th) and we kindly ask you to return the yellow information sheet which we require for the visit. More details regarding the course will be sent to you shortly and payment details are live on *ParentPay*. It is our intention that all pupils will attend the course and look forward to their good company during the week. There will be a residential two day visit to London for Yr11-13 Art & Design students on 20-21 September.

Year 12 and Yr10 and 11 Information Evenings: We will be hosting information evenings for parents through *Teams* on the following dates. Please join us to discuss the year ahead (Meeting invitation on your child's *Teams* / Hwb site):

Monday, Sept 18	Yr 12	6pm (Welsh medium)	6.30pm (English medium)
Monday, Oct 2	Yr 11	6pm (Welsh medium)	6.30pm (English medium)
Monday 16 Oct	Yr 10	6pm Welsh Medium)	6.30pm (English medium)

Skiing Course: There are 3 places available for the Skiing Course (Yr 8-13 in *Zell am See*, Feb 8-15) if your child is interested in this opportunity. Contact reception if you would like to book a place.

Auditions and extra-curricular activities: It is good to return to our extra-curricular programme at school as teams, choirs and clubs re-start. Next week, we have auditions (Yr8-13) for our Drama production this year "*Un Bore Mawrth*" with details of the auditions on *Google Classroom* or see your Drama teacher. Choirs are also being formed for the Cerdd Dant Festival (Nov 11th) – encourage your child to join and enjoy! Finally, we look forward to working with you closely in the coming year, and as always if you need further information, please contact the school and follow our Twitter / X account @Ysgol_Glantaf

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Only Boys Aloud Song Workshop