

Welcome to the third edition of the **Porthcawl Post** for the school year 2012-2013



Porthcawl Post

Porthcawl Comprehensive School Newsletter ~ Summer 2013



Headteacher's Address

I should like to start with some news of staff changes at our school. There have been two retirements with effect from the Easter break; Mr D Rees, (Maths/Science), and Mrs J Cleaton, (English).

Mr Rees joined our school from Maesteg Comprehensive School in the September of 2001. Mr Rees has taught Maths and Science for 12 years at the school, he has been a very popular teacher and we wish him well for the future. Mrs Cleaton also joined us from Maesteg Comprehensive School in September 2002 and has taught English for the past 10 years. Mrs Cleaton was also a Head of Year, and will be remembered by many for the high quality care and guidance she gave so many of our young people. Again the school is sorry to see Mrs Cleaton go, and we all wish her the very best for a long, happy and healthy retirement.

At the time of writing this piece, we are preparing to say goodbye to Dr W Souter. Dr Souter has been with us for one year, but has decided to pursue his career closer to his home. We thank Dr Souter for his efforts at Porthcawl and wish him all the very best for the future.

As staff leave, we replace them, and Miss H Redmond replaces Mr Rees while Miss L Slowinski replaces Mrs Cleaton. We are delighted to have recruited two very high calibre young teachers and look forward to all they will offer our learners.

Mrs M Callister was appointed Head of Biology to commence at Easter and we welcome back Dr J Sullivan from her maternity leave. Currently we are advertising for three posts, Chemistry, English and Modern Languages, so more news to follow.

The final goodbye and thanks is to Miss Essery. Miss Essery has taught Modern Foreign Languages for the last year, but has also decided to pursue her career closer to her home.

As I have mentioned in a previous article, our school will celebrate its 80th birthday this Autumn. We have collected together an interesting series of photographs, articles and reports. The hope is to publish a fuller article about the origin of our school in the Autumn. If anyone has anything of interest about the history of the school, we would be delighted if you could get in touch. Mrs Hammerton of the History Department is helping the History Club to research the school. We look forward to their presentation!

When I read our newsletter, I am struck by three things. Firstly, the sheer volume of activities that take place outside of the classroom; students gain much

from these non-formal learning activities. Secondly, I am fascinated by the sheer variety of activities that take place; surely there must be something for everyone. Third and finally, I'm so pleased to notice the community dimension and the number of activities that involve the school in the term. I feel the students do much for the community and this is to their credit, in so doing our students put the school in the heart of community.

As the Summer approaches, we think of the forthcoming vacations and the fact that many of our students will leave. For the Year 13 pupils, we wish them all the very best for the examinations, their university careers and their life beyond. We have very fond memories of our Year 13, and all wish them health and happiness. If in the future our Year 13 find themselves in Porthcawl, the door is always open and they are most welcome to drop in on us. Also I would like to wish Year 11 the best of luck for their examinations.

Next September we expect to welcome record numbers of new students to Porthcawl Comprehensive, clearly our school is as popular as ever. This confidence in the school is echoed by the large number of out-catchment learners who will join next year's Year 7.

A J Slade Headteacher

ECO COMMITTEE

The Eco School's committee has been very busy this year. We have elected a new committee and have tried to raise more awareness of the work that we do.

We did a litter pick at Coney beach, with the help of Keep Wales Tidy who supplied us with high visibility jackets, litter picks and plastic bags. We collected 15 bags of rubbish in just an hour and a half! This will help keep the environment in good condition for the local community. We all had fun despite the smelly bags of rubbish!

We held a non-school uniform day which raised £1,070. This will allow us to buy an area of Rainforest the size of Wales and protect the endangered animals and plant species that depend on the Rainforest for survival.

To commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee the Woodland Trust has arranged for wild hedgerows to be planted in schools around the country. We planted a wild hedgerow at the back of the Sports Hall which will remind us of the Queen's Jubilee for years to come. In the future it will also be a home to wild birds and other animals.



"ECO" lessons were delivered in PSHE lessons for Year 7 on the 8 ECO SCHOOL elements. Each form was given a poster competition and the winners will be displayed around the school.

We have also been busy counting the ink cartridges and batteries that the school has finished using. They will be sent for recycling to help reduce the amount of waste going to landfill sites and this will help the school be more sustainable!

We completed a "travelling to school" survey and analysed the results. We are hoping to encourage more people to walk to school by having a "walk to school day" later in the year.

If anyone else would like to join the ECO School's committee, we meet on a Tuesday lunchtime (Week B) in D13.



F1 in Schools Challenge

Thursday 28th February 2013 @ Swansea Water Front Museum

This year, Porthcawl Comprehensive School had 2 teams in F1 finals for the first time.

In February, two Year 11 teams, Velocity and Dragonfire set out to Swansea to take part in the Formula 1 racing. It was a great day in the Swansea Waterfront Museum. Both teams built a car which was raced on the 30m track with only 0.04 of a second separating all teams in the race! Both teams from Porthcawl Comprehensive had to put up a stand and present their car and the work they put into the car throughout the year. Food and drinks were supplied in the café and you could have a break whenever you wanted. There was plenty to see in the Waterfront Museum and you could wander around and look at the other teams' cars.

Overall, both teams and everyone in the tournament believed it was a great experience and would definitely do it again.

Elliott Williams Year 11



CHARITIES...

Interact 2012-13

This year's Interact Group consisted of ten 6th Formers, all interested in making a difference. In December, we held a Christmas doughnut sale and raised a significant amount of money for Ty Hafan.

To recognise our efforts, myself and Angharad Masson (Vice President), were invited to the Rotary's International Evening as guests. We witnessed several presentations from international students studying at Atlantic College. It was an evening not to be missed!

Interact have tried really hard to raise as much money for charity as possible this year but, despite our best efforts, we were limited in our range of fundraising activities. I would like to thank every member for being a part of Interact this year and I hope the club continues next year.

Members: Rhiannon Bevan, Tom Hunt, Tom Allen, Eleri Connick, Bethan Masson, Georgia Power, Lauren Downes, Angharad Masson, & Bethan Perry.

A big thanks also goes to Ms Gould for initiating and supporting the club.

Lora Roberts President

SWIMATHON

26-28 April 2013

PORTHCAWL PIRATES



Swimathon is a nationwide swimming challenge, which began in 1986. The event encourages swimmers across the UK to swim a variety of challenge distances at their local pool and raise money for charity. Since established, more than half a million swimmers have taken part, raising over £38 million for charitable causes.

Mr Pucella, Miss Owens, Mrs Stradling and Ms Crook's daughter Mary took part in this amazing challenge and as a team swam 5km. The event took place at the 50m Olympic Pool at Swansea University. A big thank you to Mary (who has just turned 10), as she stepped in last minute to make up the team. Mr Edwards was there in spirit, but unfortunately could not make it due to illness. Well done to all those involved!



CLAPA

Lauren Cooper from 7KE has been fund raising for CLAPA – the Cleft Lip and Palate Association since she was 8 years old. Lauren herself was born with a cleft lip. She recently held a coffee morning and had numerous cupcake sales, including one with our staff at Porthcawl Comprehensive School. Lauren has raised the grand sum of £586 for CLAPA, and is grateful to the local community for their support.

Well done Lauren!



Peace Talk

A group of students from Years 11 and 12 were chosen to go to Bridgend College to take part in a peace conference with Madeleine Moon and other representatives. Questions about war and conflict were discussed and the audience got an insight into their views. We were lucky to have this opportunity to be invited to this experience as it has never been open to school members before. Then, at the end, we got to meet the speakers and were able to ask them any questions. This was a very interesting experience and we were able to understand the different views of people from different backgrounds.

Jess Wood Year 11



26TH MARCH 2013

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS FOR



Congratulations to all those pupils past and present who gained an award this year. It was a very enjoyable evening that was well attended by many proud parents and guardians. It was particularly pleasing to see our past pupils attending the evening that were visiting us from their universities across the UK.

The awards were given to representatives from every form class in Key Stage 3 for Excellence, Progress and Honours. Awards were also given to pupils in Key Stages 4 and 5 for excellence in Drama, Physical Education, Music, Maths, Science and Technology as well as many others.

Thanks to Ms Crook who was our photographer for the evening and of course our thanks and gratitude to the Friends of Porthcawl Comprehensive School for sponsoring the evening.

C-A Painter



AWARDS

Year 10	Academic Effort	Rebecca Wardman/Imogen Kent Michaela Cretu
Year 11	Academic Effort	Jennifer Sham/Anna Bonet Tom Hunt
Year 12	Academic Effort	Joseph Strong Joshua Davies
Year 13	Academic Effort	Jordi Bonet Joshua Aubrey

Sports Awards

GCSE PE	Boy Girl	Oliver Banner Nicole Davenport
Key Stage 3	Boy Girl	Connor Tantum Angharad John

Drama Awards

Junior Drama Student of the Year	Rhys Owen
Senior Drama Student of the Year	Catherine Walters
Drama Performance of the Year	Joe Wiltshire-Smith
Porthcawl Little Theatre Award	Harmony Millar

Miscellaneous Awards

Howard Cave Memorial Trophy for Art	Julia Kalmuk
Christmas Swim Award Technology	Jess Powell
Stuart Gass Memorial Award Maths	Lewis Williams & Sidney Rogers
EBP – Compact Award	Rhys Mortimer
Science Student of the Year	Philip Pickett
Geraint Watkins Memorial Trophy - Jnr. Musician	Rhianwen Keirl
Gwen Hughes Memorial Cup	Lowri Howell
Lower school Wind Player	Daniel Pugh-Bevan
Senior Musician of the Year	Jack Bridger
Eisteddfod - Chair	

Duke of Edinburgh Award – Silver

Terri Jones
Adam Mounce
Dan Evans
Jamie Lees
Carys Phillips
India Rees
Lydia Shepherd
Geraint Davies

Town Twinning Award

Thomas Beer

AWARDS

CERTIFICATES



SCHOOL COUNCIL

In the School Council, our aim is to put pupils' opinions and points of view across to the Headteacher, via a structured platform, and allow changes to be made to make Porthcawl Comprehensive School a more enjoyable place. This year, the pupils selected by you have pushed themselves a lot. We learnt that we had to be reliable and punctual by attending the fortnightly meetings, and show our confidence by sharing your views and opinions on certain subject matters and bringing pupils' voices to the School Council meetings.

Due to the inspection, most of the matters we have focussed on have related to the school as a whole. We made sure that every student was able to answer the SELS questionnaire, so that they could show their appreciation for, and also their causes for concern, about certain aspects of the school. In addition, we discussed what we could do to improve the school in general, for example litter at break-times and lunchtimes, and how to improve the toilet facilities.

Throughout the year, we have done many things that might not be noticeable to pupils who are not on the School Council. We were involved in the school website, 'Our Voice', which we worked on with 6th Formers, and made changes to the home page of the website for it to look more appealing. Moreover, we had a discussion on our school uniform, about what things you wanted to change, and got involved in putting ideas forward for what you would like in the school, e.g. benches, shelters, etc. We also improved the knowledge of the School Council to the staff who have newly arrived in Porthcawl Comprehensive. Furthermore, we wanted to encourage pupils who are shy or quiet to come forward to be on the School Council and brainstorm ideas that could happen, instead on standing in front of the year group. Therefore, there will be changes to the election process next year. We have also written a School Council Policy which will be presented to the Governors.

More recently, we were involved with Mrs Hammerton and the Humanities Club. They are joining the Porthcawl Museum in the upcoming years, and they wanted to provide us with information so that we can start to plan for pupils to go and help with the anniversary of the beginning of World War I.

This year has been very successful for the School Council so far and has very much allowed the pupils' voices to be heard in the school once again.

Rebecca Green Year 10

SCHOOL YEAR 2011/12

CERTIFICATES

CURRENT

Year 7 Honours

7KV	Emily Hutton-Davies Megan Williams
7HD	Sara Coblely
7RL	Lucy Dennis
7KE	Nia Eales
7HR	Emily James
7SR	Stephney Chilcott
7ST	Tom Francis
7SW	Jennifer Passingham



LAST YEARS

Year 7

Excellence	
7AC	Chloe Green
7CJ	Caitlin Toy
7AW	Jack Davies
7RP	Olivia Brown
7EC	Mitchell Davies
7AM	Olivia Lewis
7AR	Laurence Hunt
7EH	James Evans-Jones

Progress

Cerys O'Sullivan
Ethan Waters
Nia Hancock
Jac Flanagan
Kendra Morgan
Fin Cronin
Jessica Townsend
Nia Eastment

Honours

Joseph Stradling
Harry Evans
Robert Burke
Emily Stradling
Ben Merchant
Mit Russell
Rhiannon Mainwaring

LAST YEARS

Year 8

Excellence	
8SB	Joshua Brown
8NM	Katie Williams
8HP	Alex Hunt
8JW	Charlotte Owen
8UM	Jack Ellis
8KE	Lauren Pugh
8CL	Sarah Spencer
8LM	Emily Leyden
8IE	Adele Powell

Progress

Katie Bowles
Emily Davis
Mark Pugh-Bevan
Jai Lewis
Michael Thomas
Chelsea Rees
Saoirse-Lee Davies
Joshua Jones
Joseph Williams

Honours

Scott Williams
Tom Page
Lowri Howells
Charlotte Levey
Aimee Vincent
Alecia Wilson-Morgan
Amy Osborne
Hannah Beesley
Charlotte Williams

LAST YEARS

Year 9

Excellence	
9AE	Lydia Shallish
9HT	Connor Abbott
9PR	Linzi Watson
9RB	Adam Jenkins
9NS	Elise Smith
9VJ	Hannah Murphy
9UE	Georgina Morley
9MJ	Hannah Spencer

Progress

Charlotte Newman-Williams
Emily Jones
Georgina Jones
Elliot Williams
Rachel Jones
Gethin Phillips
Seren Davies
Michael Wheeler

Honours

Laura Ashton
Felicity Williamson-Sarll
Newyo Lewis
Rhys Owen
Lewis Scott
Jorge Crofts
Deri Edwards
Cameron Rees

The Olympic Site and the Geography Department



The trip to London on the 5th and 6th of December 2012 was an exhilarating event for all who went. The main aim of the trip was to learn more about earthquakes, volcanoes and the Olympics. A really good thing about this trip was it was a chance to have experience in London. Even though the trip was educational it had many fun factors to it.

We left in the early hours of the morning and set off to the Natural History Museum. When we arrived we met our tour guide who would take us around the museum. We first ate our packed lunches down in the sandwich room. Then we went straight to the natural disaster section where we learned a bit more about earthquakes and volcanoes. Firstly we had to complete a work sheet about natural disasters and all the answers were in the room. Later, if we wanted to we could go on the simulator which was based on a shop in a country where there was an earthquake. This was very good fun.

We then got back on the bus and headed to Covent Garden where we shopped. During this time most people were buying presents for their family or for themselves in Jack Wills. After our time on our shopping spree, we went one of the most well-known restaurants, the Rain Forest Café. The food really was stunning. We all ate and even met a frog! From what we already knew about the rain forest it was a very good replica, but we could have done without the reoccurring thunder every five minutes!

At almost nine o'clock we reached the hotel. Each of us buddied up in a room and rested

for the night. As Matthew was a morning person he awoke before the morning call, but no one else looked pleased to be woken at six in the morning! Michael even slept through the call!

A few of us boys carried out the packed lunches to the bus and we headed for Hackney Marshes. Our Olympic tour guide met us and we started to walk around the Olympic Park. The whole tour was full of information which would be useful for our next topic in geography. We went to the top of a nearby building where we were told about the construction of the Olympic site. We were also told that this was the type of building the Olympic committee would have come to, to see if the site had potential to host the Olympics. Learning about the regeneration of the Stratford area was quite fascinating and by the end of the talk we basically knew everything you could about the Olympics. As we moved quite quickly we were able to have some spare time to go shopping in Westfield. After that we left to head back to school and overall had a great time.



Michael Thomas and Matthew Owens
Year 9

A Level Geography

Cardiff Field Trip

Another geography field trip, another rainy day. We set off for a tour of the wonderful Cardiff Bay. We met Carol, who was our tour guide, She put us on a bus and took us for a ride. We drove around Cardiff, warm inside the bus, Until we reached barrage and then it rained on us. Driving round the bay, looking at the boats. Unfortunately for Mrs Mackey, none of us made notes. We finally had some shopping time, the highlight of the day, But overall we did! learn a lot about Cardiff Bay.

Orielton

A wet and windy Monday, we set off on our way,
To Orielton in Pembroke where the sky is grey.
The big old country house,
Was as quiet as a mouse.
Then arrived our crowd,
And suddenly it was loud.
We dressed up in our overalls,
As yellow as the sun,
Then Jo our tutor took us out to have some fun.
Digging in the ground, standing in the rain,
Talking all the time, driving Jo insane.
Day 2 we went to town, giving locals a scare.
Chasing them down the streets to do a questionnaire.
That night the chilli was too hot, French Tom didn't feel too slick.
And later on he woke us up with shouts and groans and sick.
After 2 days of madness we got back on the bus,
And Orielton in Pembrokeshire was glad to get rid of us!

ZOOLAB AND GEOGRAPHY DEPARTMENT



RAINFOREST EXPERIENCE

On Wednesday 27th February, Phil Williams - Eco man visited the Geography Department. He talked about what affects the rainforests and how we rely on it for a number of our products and medicines.

Firstly, he started talking about his life: how he changed from TV to talking about rainforests. One interesting thing he mentioned is how he travelled all around the world. He also told us a story when he was in a river and a rare pink dolphin swam up to him, when he was with a group of teachers.

He later moved on to facts and figures about how much we use the rainforest. Phil told us that we use too much of the rainforest and it is getting too bad. He told us a story about a girl who started crying when he was doing a presentation a few years ago when he said that a plant, which was needed for a cure for leukaemia, is on the endangered species list. He then went on to say that, that girl who started crying had leukaemia. Another thing he mentioned was that the rainforests will be completely gone by 2050 unless we wake up and do something about now. This is bad because we use the rainforest to get lots of foods like peppers, nuts, fruits and caffeine. He also told us that lots of plants in the rainforest are grown in a specific part of the rainforest and they cannot be found anywhere else, and lots of these plants cure diseases.

The talk was very interesting and informative, but also it was fun and interactive - it really made us think more about the rainforest.

What we are all looking forward to now is a chance for 17 of us to visit Ecuador in 2015 with the Eco Group- to trek through the cloud and rainforest and visit a volcano in the Andes. Wow!

Likkan Chung Year 9

On Monday 25th February, Geographers in Year 9 had the privilege of having Zoolab to talk about the tropical rainforest and to actually see some truly extraordinary creatures. This was the perfect way to kick start our new topic on "Tropical Rainforests".

We were greeted by a nice, friendly man named Nick. He gave us an insight into the structure of the rainforests and where they could be found. He also told us about the kinds of plants and animals you could find in each layer and the creatures that were deadly.

Then came the most exciting part in which everyone had been waiting for - to see some of the creatures in real life! Stick insects, spiders, snakes, frogs. . . we saw them all! When Nick came round to show everyone the wonderful creatures there was much ooohing, aahing and stroking whilst there were also squeals of horror made by some members of the class! Even the animals seemed to be equally as excited as a frog hopped straight to Likkan to the surprise of many.

After all the stroking, Nick then went on to tell us that the rainforest, which has so much to offer from medicines to amazing creatures, was in grave danger of being significantly deforested. We then agreed as a class that it was very important to conserve the rainforest because of the wide range of creatures it had to offer.

Sadly, the entertaining lesson had to end to the disappointment of all the class. We said a big thank you to Nick who gave us an unforgettable experience.

It was a truly entertaining, informative and stimulating lesson which has inspired us to learn more about the tropical rainforest and the environment in general. We all decided it would be great if we could have another opportunity like this in the future.

Hee-Chan Kang Year 9



Royal Institution Mathematics Masterclasses 2013 University of Glamorgan: KS3 Year 9



This year for the first time we had 4 pupils in Year 9 who expressed an interest in the Maths Masterclasses. These classes were held at the University of Glamorgan in Treforest, Pontypridd every Saturday morning, 9.45am -12.15pm from mid January until the end of March. At the end of the sessions, a graduation ceremony was held.

A big thank you goes to the parents of Jessica Bennett, Daniel Song, Hee-Chan Kang and Sultaan Azam for taking the pupils every Saturday morning, and to these 4 pupils for their enthusiasm and commitment in taking part. The Maths Department hope that Year 8, and indeed other year groups reading this, will consider these classes next year as they are available to pupils in KS3 and KS4.

The programme had such activities such as puzzling maths, juggling maths, origami maths and medicinal maths, and often involved experts in these fields of mathematics delivering engaging lectures and activities. Mrs Pugh and Mr Weatherhead joined the pupils for a number of these lectures and found them very enjoyable. However don't take our word for it here is what the pupils had to say;

"The lectures were taught by Professors of mathematics and consisted of interesting topics that are in huge demand at the moment, such as Google and the maths behind it.

The lectures were challenging and demanding. It helped us to appreciate the role of maths in everyday life. I would certainly recommend this to everyone."

Hee-Chan Kang

"From start to finish, the Maths Masterclasses at the University of Glamorgan opened up my mind to a whole new world linked to maths. Over a period of 9 weeks, we learnt about medicinal maths all the way to juggling maths. Each class always showed how much of it comes down to maths.

It gave me and the others that went from my class an opportunity to learn about Universities too, and we had a chance to meet many Professors who showed us things way beyond anything we ever knew!"

Jessica Bennett

"We learnt different types of sequences used in flowers and how the speed of throwing the ball can make juggling easier or harder. What made it better was that we were given booklets for some topics so that we could work through them at home. The lecturers were also very good as they spoke clearly but sometimes didn't always give us enough time to take down notes!"

Sultaan Azam

"I went with a couple of friends from 9Y1 and I learnt a lot of interesting topics such as Google maths, origami maths and juggling maths. It was very good fun and educational and I would recommend doing them in KS4."

Daniel Song

Year 9 and 10 Success at the Intermediate Maths Challenge

The Intermediate Maths Challenge is run by UKMT Leeds, part of Leeds University and is for students in Years 9, 10 and 11. Over 3000 schools took part with over 200,000 entries overall.

This was a very successful challenge for the Maths Department as 10 pupils obtained certificates out of the 37 entries. Out of these, 25 entries were from Year 9 and of the certificate winners, 8 were also from this year group! As Year 9 is the youngest year group that can enter, then all 25 did very well indeed. I would encourage all the students (especially the current Year 9!) to have another go next year.

For the first time in about 5 years a student entering this challenge made the cut off for the next stage of this competition. This meant that he was entered for the international follow on paper for Year 9 students, the Grey Kangaroo Paper. Hee-Chan Kang of Year 9 obtained a score of 84 and a Gold certificate on the Intermediate Challenge, qualifying him to enter this international follow on paper taken in over 40 countries worldwide! Hee-Chan sat this paper back in March and obtained a certificate of participation – excellent, especially for a pupil in Year 9.

Congratulations go to the following pupils;

Year 9 Gold: Hee-Chan Kang
- Best in School and participation in Grey Kangaroo International Paper

Silver: Cameron Rees, Daniel Song, & Trystan Winn-Davies

Bronze: Luke Atherton, Thomas Ellison, Sultaan Mohammed Azam & Calum Joseph

Year 10 Bronze: Caleb Denyer & Richard Lugg

Examples of some of the questions that pupils had to attempt;

1. A standard pack of pumpkin seeds contains 40 seeds. A special pack contains 25% more seeds. Rachel bought a special pack and 70% germinated. How many pumpkin plants did Rachel have ?

A : 20 B : 25 C : 28 D : 35 E : 50

2. The northern wheatear is a small bird weighing less than an ounce. Some northern wheatears migrate from sub-Saharan Africa to their Arctic breeding grounds, travelling almost 15000km. The journey takes just over 7 weeks. Roughly how far do they travel each day, on average ?

A : 1km B : 9Km C : 30Km D : 90Km
E : 300Km

Answers: 1. D 2. E

sixthform

Sixth Form Forum

Throughout this last year the 6th Form has been taking part in Forum discussions provided by various speakers and organisations. It is important that our pupils develop as rounded individuals with a wide subject knowledge and understanding.

Speakers have included:

- Madeleine Moon MEP
- Reverend Canon Evans
- Dr Palmer, The Kenya Project
- The Blood Service
- Reverend Flo
- WGCADA
- Fire Service
- Dhirabhakta Das, Hinduism
- Money Matters
- Sustainability
- International Women's Day

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further suggestions for the next academic year.

Ms Crook Senior Year Tutor 6TH Form

Goodbye Year 13

would like to take this opportunity to wish all of Year 13 best wishes and good luck for their exams. It has been an absolute pleasure getting to know them all over the past two years. I look forward to seeing them in the Leavers' Tea and at the St David's Hotel for their Summer Ball. See you soon!

Ms Crook Senior Year Tutor 6TH Form

Year 12

Work Experience, We need you!

Year 12 will be undertaking their work experience week starting on Monday 8 July. It plays a vital role in their application to university, apprenticeships and employment. As you can imagine, securing placement in various occupations can be rather difficult and the competition for places is strong. If you are able to offer placements to our students, please contact the school.

Year 13

Techniquet Trip

Back in March, 16 A-level biologists, along with Mrs Callister, took a trip to the labs of Techniquet in Cardiff Bay. Here we were to extract and analyse our own mitochondrial DNA, using the (very) expensive equipment that they had. We got to see first-hand what we had been learning about, and were able to physically see what our notes were explaining. We also got to have a run around Techniquet in our break and, I assure you, we took full advantage of the 'shadow machine' and 'giant keyboard'. We all thoroughly enjoyed the experience and look forward to applying what we learnt in university in the near future.

Lora Roberts Year 13

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WOODWIND EXAM RESULTS FOR THE SPRING TERM 2013

Congratulations go to Year 9 pupils, Megan Perrin, Lowri Howell, Lauren Pugh and Alexandra Hunt for excellent ABRSM (Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music), exam results.

Particularly well done to Lauren and Alexandra for their outstanding result at Grade 7 and also for an enjoyable and impressive solo performance in the Margam Abbey Music Foundation Competition, where both won £50 in the final round!

YEAR 9

Megan Perrin Grade 3 FLUTE – MERIT

Lowri Howell Grade 6 FLUTE – MERIT

Lauren Pugh Grade 7 CLARINET – DISTINCTION

Alexandra Hunt Grade 7 CLARINET – DISTINCTION

Mrs K Hnyda



Careers Convention



When I grow up I want to be a . . .

Every other year, Porthcawl Comprehensive School runs a Careers Convention aimed at our Years 9, 10, 11 and post 16 students as they embark on making important choices about their future.

Over 40 exhibitors attended the event this year from local businesses such as Dragon Leather Products, Peter Alan Estate Agents and Little Footsteps Nursery. Organisations offered topical, first-hand advice to our students. Alongside these we also had representatives from the Armed Forces, Police, professions such as accountancy and medical fields as well as the major universities in Wales. In addition Careers Wales staff were present to assist pupils in accessing the online support as well as offering one-to-one advice.



Education Business Partnership - RNLI Visit

Year 7 pupils were treated to an interesting visit from a member of the local community. Simon Emms from Porthcawl Lifeboat Station came to talk to form 7KV about his role in the RNLI. The RNLI stands for Royal National Lifeboat Institution. It is a charity that saves lives at sea. The work is all voluntary so they don't get paid a penny! We were very impressed to learn that the crew dedicates so much time and effort to save people's lives. The pagers sometimes wake them up at 3 am!

The work is really dangerous and the volunteers risk their lives in treacherous conditions. Simon Emms spoke incredibly well as he told us funny and touching stories about the rescues at sea. We were fascinated about the lifeboat and the equipment: a dry suit, life jacket, helmet and boots. Some of us even had the opportunity to try the lifesaving gear on. We were all reminded about the dangers of the sea and what to do in an emergency.

It is clear that the RNLI volunteers are professional, responsible, caring and work as a team. We also worked in teams to make posters about the dangers of the sea. At the end of the session, we produced a presentation on the RNLI. It was a great day. A big thank you to Simon and the RNLI from 7KV!

Ieuan Walmsley-Williams, Harry Phillips, Megan Williams and Cameron Mainwaring

Year 7

Eversheds Unlocked

Shannon Rock and James Phillips, in Year 12, were selected to take part in this event organised by the renowned legal firm, Eversheds. This is Shannon's description of her experience...

During the Easter holidays, I got the opportunity to take part in a 3 day Eversheds Unlocked Programme (Eversheds is an international, corporate law firm with an office in Cardiff). This involved 20 pupils in Year 12 from both England and Wales who are considering a career in Law.

When we first arrived, we were introduced to our 2 mentors who enlightened us as to what the programme had in store. On day one, the main focus was "success". This included what our goals in life are and how we intend to achieve these. For me these ranged from achieving a high standard of A Level results, to living in Beverley Hills with a nice car! In order to be successful we looked at any potential barriers which may restrict us from going into Law. Eversheds emphasised to us that your background i.e. going to a comprehensive school rather than a public school, should not hold you back from achieving what you intend.

On the second day, we got the experience of speaking to barristers, solicitors and legal executives. Prior to meeting these, in small groups we created posters of our stereotypical view of someone in a career in

Law. Our group's view was very narrow-minded and included words such as "upper class", "old" and "arrogant". Little did we know, to our embarrassment, that this poster would be presented to them! After meeting these people my outlook completely changed as they were in fact genuine, down-to-earth people from a similar background to myself.

The final day was a nerve-racking start. All those pupils involved had to do a presentation in front of partners of Eversheds, barristers and other employees of the legal profession. However, this was a real confidence boost for me as the presentation went very well. The second half of the day involved social etiquette, which included a two-course meal and advice on how to interact with clients at a formal event. The meal was extremely tasty and it was a really fun afternoon enjoyed by both the students and the employers.

Eversheds was an opportunity that I will genuinely never forget. It has encouraged me further that Law is the profession for me, and I now know the very long path that I need to take.

Thank you very much, Mrs Williams, for advising me to apply for the programme and I would recommend other students considering Law to definitely apply in the future!

Shannon Rock Year 12

"So tell me about yourself"

We recently had mock interviews in Year 11 that we had planned and organised weeks in advance with our form teachers. They made us aware of what was going to happen, and helped us to rehearse possible questions. We also had to complete an application form which made us think about our grades, hobbies, interests and skills.

The mock interviews were held at the end of January, and 6 visitors came to the school representing jobs like the police, nursing, and the army. A person from Welsh College of Music also came. Form by form we went individually, one by

one to speak to a different business person. The interview lasted for about 15 minutes. In the interviews they asked us about what subjects we like at school, our personal qualities, our flaws and what we would like to do when we leave school. They also asked us about our hobbies and interests.

I believe that the mock interviews benefited us because we were all very nervous, not knowing what to expect, yet the experience helped us prepare for interviews in the future.

Chloe Angell Year 11



14-19 Learning Pathways - Careers Convention

Porthcawl Comprehensive School attended the recent 14-19 Learning Pathways event ran by BCBC, for all pupils in Year 10.

Local businesses and organisations were there, representing such areas as hairdressing, animal husbandry, fitness and catering. There were also people from the Armed Forces and Police as well as professions such as accountancy, tourism and medical fields.

This event is part of a whole package of opportunities that the school provides to support young people as they make choices about their career path and post16 options; including visits, speakers and work experience.

What the Pupils thought...

Earlier this year, Year 10 attended a Careers Convention held in Bridgend College. It was a very useful experience for everyone involved. It was a great opportunity to ask questions, to understand the roles of different jobs and to narrow down possible career choices in the future. However, the convention was not only to inform us on different career paths, it was also a chance to look at different universities and what they have to offer. There were also a lot of different things to do in the convention to give us an idea of what certain jobs entail. We would strongly recommend other pupils going to this convention in the future if they get the opportunity. It was a great experience and made us all think of a range of possibilities.

Lauren Owens and Rebecca Green Year 10



Acquisitions, Flotation, Hedge Fund, IPO, PWM, M&A



Words, and acronyms which at first look like letters of the alphabet that have been thrown together - in this new world, these are all vital to the running of a financial services organisation, such as Morgan Stanley. Everything at a bank is extremely fast paced, as I was soon to learn. I know this because during February half term, I spent a few days working at the aforementioned Morgan Stanley, on the "Step In, Step Up Course".

The busy day started at 9am for me (although everyone had clearly already been there for a couple of hours as denoted by the many empty coffee cups in the bins), which is when I met the other 53 attendees (and now friends) in the lobby of 20 Bank Street, Canary Wharf, London. This would be one of two workplaces for the next few days. The day started, and remained full, with many challenging and interesting activities. We learned how the bank works; including following a trade through its life, and how to read the FT (Financial Times) - yes, there's a specific way to read this newspaper(!), and the countless number of divisions within it (including a tour of the trading floor which was naturally the best part!). We also had numerous opportunities to talk with successful women from all divisions in the bank. We were provided with information from the HR Department, including interview advice, and we discussed future opportunities available to us. We participated in shared tasks which acted as ice-breakers, and outlined our future plans. After a very, VERY full day, it drew to a close around 6pm each evening (the days were long, but flew by because we were learning so much - which did make my head hurt a little!), so that we could ponder our discoveries of the done day.

One of the main roles of this course was to nurture young women's interest in such a male dominated industry, and initiatives such as these are put in place to promote determined, career driven women to achieve their full potential. This meant that most

of the people we spoke to were successful women within the financial sector, specifically within Morgan Stanley.

As an AS Economics student, my interest in the financial world was initially struck in the classroom, but after some research on the internet, I discovered the many levels to which my interest could be taken. I found that even the most basic concepts learned in the classroom can be applied to a problem found in a professional workplace.

Since my experience of life in a bank, I have been selected as a School Ambassador for Morgan Stanley. This job entails not only raising awareness of their specific firm, but the Investment Banking industry as a whole. My role gives me the opportunity to spread the news of new initiatives to my peers in both Porthcawl Comprehensive School, and the local area. New job opportunities, summer internships, and other courses are becoming available every day, with the newest course open now. For more details, there will be flyers attached to the Sixth Form Notice board, (located at the back of the Sixth Form Hall), or come and find me!

And for those interested, these are definitions of the starter words:

Acquisitions - One company taking over controlling interest in another company

Flotation - Issuing new shares or stocks

Hedge Funds - Type of fund focused on absolute rather than relative performance

IPO (Initial Public Offering) - The inaugural issuance of stock or other securities by a company for sale to the public

PWM (Private Wealth Management) - Division within a bank dealing with high net-worth investors

M&A (Mergers & Acquisitions) - Division within the investment banking division

Rachel Batrick Year 12

Technology Transition

On Monday morning we came to Porthcawl Comprehensive School for a DT Transition Day. We had all arrived by 9.15am at Reception. Miss Sloggett looked in and told us Mrs Thompson would be down to get us from Reception.

Mr Evans put some work on the board - the meaning of cam + cad, and we filled in our booklets. We picked a design on the computer then used a laser cutter to cut out our key ring.

We then had some yummy cookies at break. Later we found out about Welsh foods like bara brith, laverbread and cawl. We put cheese, ham and sweet corn on a slice of bread and then we cooked it, it tasted delicious!

We also think it has helped us find our way around Porthcawl Comprehensive and we met some teachers we will meet in September. The transitions are also good to meet our future class mates. We are really looking forward to the next one, and also the disco should be fun too.

Joshua Jaques and James Moon





Some quotes from other pupils;

"It was brilliant and I've learnt so much! I love the cookies and the cheese"

Abigail Williams

"I had an awesome day!"

Meghan

"I can't wait for next year!"

Amber Davies

"I loved making the rarebit, Porthcawl Comp is epic!"

Samantha

"I really enjoyed making the rarebit on this transition, I will make it again at home"

Nicola

"Loved everything - so want to do it again!"

Jack

"I loved the food - and making it!"

Hannah Davies

"I had a great time. I'm a bit nervous about coming up, but I'm also looking forward to it"

Josh



India Bundock, an ex-pupil, returns to run Master Class for Year 12 Textiles pupils

Finishing my A levels at Porthcawl Comprehensive School three years ago, I was pleased to return to the Textiles Department to run a surface decoration workshop. After my A levels, (including Textiles), I progressed to University College Falmouth to study 'Textile Design'.

On this course, I furthered my knowledge in decorative techniques, such as print making and embroidery. This course focused on selling fabric samples to the fashion and interiors industry. I found that after having the support to make exciting 3D projects at Porthcawl Comprehensive, I was left unsatisfied at the small scale of the samples and opportunities available. I researched other disciplines within the University and was allowed to transfer onto the 'Contemporary Crafts' course. This gave me the opportunity to learn to use a wide range of materials such as ceramics, glass and silversmithing.

I am thoroughly enjoying the course and the opportunity to make things as wacky as you can imagine! Within a year, I have already learnt to



make a full dinner set, bizarre jewellery, glass sculptures and a 15ft paper lantern! My next project challenges me to make a piece with moving components, which will interact with its audience in a National Trust Garden.

Within my degree work, I am still using many of the techniques I learnt during my time at Porthcawl. I have realised how fortunate I was to have the support and facilities that I was provided with at school. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time working with the Textiles Department, especially the 6th Form ceramics workshop, where they made some wonderful crazy pots. I have been left inspired by all the exciting ideas the pupils have put forward.

India Bundock





BTEC PERFORMING ARTS

If you were lucky enough to come and see the BTEC's annual play on the 24th/25th of March, I'm sure you would agree that it was not one to be missed. Blue Remembered Hills proved to be very successful and attracted a wide audience, particularly our AS Drama students who are studying it as a set text. They thoroughly enjoyed the play and were impressed by the high standard performance presented by the BTEC students.

The Fellowship Theatre Company was over the moon with the resulting performance and felt that all of their hard work paid off. They found it a challenging experience; from building the set, designing the

costumes and finally sustaining a Somerset accent for an hour and a half 'it ain't all arid mind'.

The BTEC students would like to thank the Drama and Music Departments for all their time, help and hard work.

"Brilliant" Kieran Bluck

"Hard work but worth it" Georgia Young

"Lots of fun and it was worth the stress of the rehearsals" Katelyn Weaver

"They made the text come alive" Nia Howells

"umm..lovely" Ryan Jenkins

"Literally amazing, not even lying!"

Jack Easterbrook

Upcoming BTEC Musical AVENUE Q

After an amazing production of 'Blue Remembered Hills', the BTEC Performing Arts group are excited to announce that on Wednesday 3rd – Friday 5th of July we will be performing the amazing 'Avenue Q - School Edition'.

After a hugely successful UK tour, and a famous run on the West End, the makers of this hugely funny production have released a schools' version so that pupils across the world can experience the comedy and excitement for themselves!

The show blends cutting edge comedy with Sesame Street style puppets in a production that deals with the lives of a group of monsters and humans on a not so typical American street – Avenue Q.

The music and story deals with the universal themes of acceptance, sexuality and of young people surviving the big bad world!

Above all, the show is full of laughs and amazing music with the odd puppet for good measure!

So, if you like comedy, upbeat music and or puppet be sure to book your tickets with Mr Smith!



Wednesday 3rd July
Discounted student
night £2

Thursday 4th & Friday
5th July £4 Adults, £3
Concessions

AS Drama trip to Bristol Old Vic

On Friday 26th April, the AS Drama Class jumped into the school mini bus and headed for Bristol to watch A Midsummer Night's Dream, one of the AS Set Texts. The Bristol Old Vic production, in association with Handspring Puppet Company, (who brought us the stage epic War Horse), was amazing. We all loved it!! The use of puppetry was so innovative and exciting and really helped to bring out the magic in the story. We were gripped throughout, and even when we thought it couldn't get any better - it did! This was the second time for us to see a production of A Midsummer Night's Dream this year, and this production was truly memorable.

Year 12 Drama Class

"I didn't really know what to expect and I didn't think I would enjoy it that much... but it exceeded all of my expectations" Kieran Pass

"Invaluable experience" Connor Watkins

Year 7 Drama Club Update!

Over the past few months, we have had the great privilege of teaching the wonderful Year 7's in Year 7 Drama Club. Our current project is a Shakespeare double bill (Shakespeare) if you pardon the pun!! The two classics we have been rehearsing are Macbeth and A Midsummer Night's Dream. There are approximately 20 pupils in each group, and we have had such fun putting our own slant on these classics to make them relevant to a contemporary audience. We have been rehearsing through the lunch hours and after school over the past 8 weeks, and even though crowd control at times has been challenging, we've all learnt so much from the project.

We would like to thanks all the cast for their enthusiasm and for many it will be their first performance at Porthcawl!! We hope all the parents will enjoy the performances which will take place in the Drama Studio on Thursday 23rd May.

Rhys Owen, Lewis Scott and Jack Davies
Year 10





YEAR 11 SET TEXT



On Thursday 18th April, the Year 11 GCSE Drama Class performed their set text piece in the Drama Studio to an

outside examiner. This was our biggest cohort in 5 years, with 45 students being examined – 40 acting candidates, 2 lighting candidates and 2 sound candidates. It was a busy day but everything ran smoothly and pupils' conduct on and off stage was exemplary.

The majority of pupils had been working really hard in the run up to the exam, attending after school and weekend rehearsals. The department was very pleased with the general quality of the performances on the day – Well done everyone!!

“We felt out of our comfort zones with our choice of text but the challenge was rewarding in the end” Bryan Thomas, Olivia Norris, Katie Roberts

“It was a really enjoyable unit. We enjoyed rehearsing the two dim witted hit men! Nailed it!” Cai Russell & Nick Jones

“Very enjoyable, with lots of freedom to develop characters and to choose our play” Sam Pryce & Molly Wright

“Brilliant experience!” Jake Bowdidge

“I really enjoyed it because I had to portray a challenging character” Jess Ivey

“Loved it and definitely one we would do again!” Jamie-Lee Clarke & Siobhan Denholm



YEAR 13 DRAMA PRACTICALS

On March 20th, the Year 13 Drama Class had their practical exam, worth 30% of their A2. They had to perform two pieces – a devised piece inspired by the idea of ‘New Beginning’, and an extract from a play.

“A very challenging project, but I was pleased with the end result” Bec Hunt

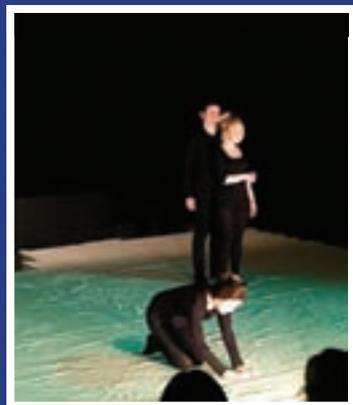
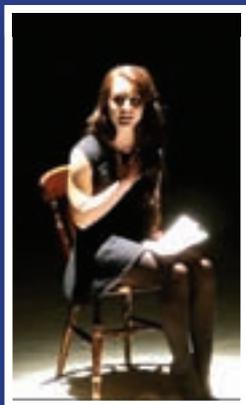
“I really enjoyed performing Shakespeare for the first time” Jess Evans

“I was pleased with our devised piece and was so thankful it came together in the end” Bec Hurn



YEAR 12

DEVISED PRACTICAL EXAMS



On February 28th March, the Year 12 Drama Class performed their devised pieces to an audience of family and friends in the Drama Studio. The group took inspiration from the local story ‘The Maid of Sker’ written by Alun Morgan. Set in the 1800’s the story tells of Elizabeth, the daughter of Isaac Williams, who is believed to have fallen in love with a local carpenter and harpist from Nottage named Thomas Evan. He is thought to have composed the song ‘Y Ferch o’r Sker’ in her honour. Her father, however, forbade the match, and having kept Elizabeth imprisoned in the house forced her to marry a Thomas Kirkhouse.

There were five pieces in total, and each explored a different aspect of the story, from controlling relationships to the heartache of forbidden love.

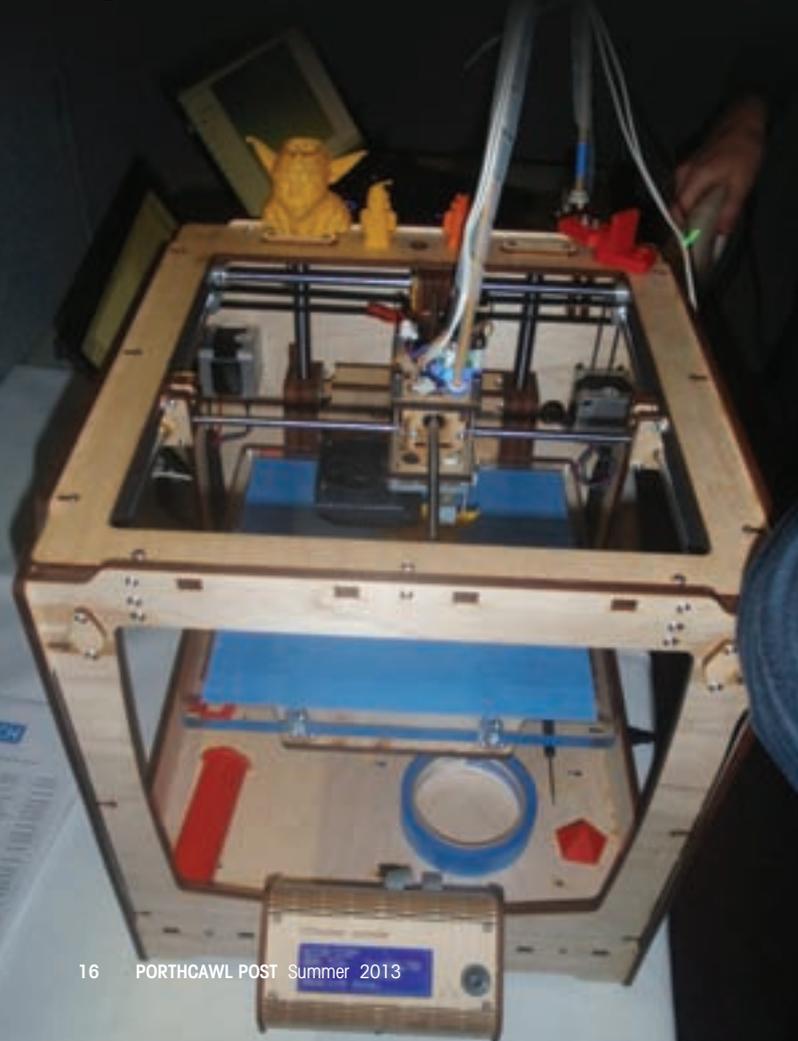
Year 12 Drama Class

“A demanding project which stretched us all as performers”

Inspiring
tomorrow's
innovators

TEENTECH

Teen Tech Cymru rocks the Liberty Stadium!



We set off in the minibus on Friday 16 November at 9:05 to travel to Bryngarw House, Sarn for the yearly Crime Prevention Quiz.

We were all excited and keen to get there, probably because it meant we were missing a day of school!

School quiz teams from 5 other schools were there and the competition had six rounds with a 20 marks for each round, the aim to get 120 marks in total. Each of the four team members had learnt and studied the books on certain topics.

Layla had the topic of Health Challenge Wales,

Mitchell had the topic of Ages in Law,

Chloe had the topic of Fire Facts and

Robert had the topic of Drugs, Alcohol and Volatile Substances.

The quiz began and the first round was on the topic of drugs and alcohol. We were all a bit nervous but excited and we completed the answer sheet, this went to be marked and scores read out, the Porthcawl team had won the first round by 5 points!

Spurred on the four subsequent rounds were challenging, we all contributed in each round and the answer sheets went in. To wait for the results the tension was like being in an X factor competition. As scores for each round went in, we could see we were just ahead in points but another school was getting closer. The final round arrived and was on the topic of

We handed in our answer sheet.....had we managed it?..... YES!

Our score total score was 85 points, we had won the local round and would now go on to the regional finals in December.

We celebrated by congratulating one another with a high five and then went to shake hands with the other quiz teams. We had our photos taken and were given a certificate, pen set and a trophy.

Mr. Davies did a great job in keeping us on track and we all thanked him.

We came back to school and continued celebrating in the events on Children in Need day and looked forward to the regional round, wish us luck!

Mr Pucella and Mr Lyddon, along with 20 Year 8 pupils took part in the 'Teen Tech' event on May 9th at the Liberty Stadium. All pupils showed exemplary behaviour, and were praised for their enthusiasm and team effort throughout the day.



'ONE OF OUR TEAMS WON AN AWARD FOR THE 'BEST TEAMWORK' OUT OF ALL THE SCHOOLS'

From high tech photonics, to buildings made with spaghetti and jelly babies, Daleks to friendly robots, the Liberty Stadium really did feel like the Tardis as it heaved with teenagers from all over South Wales, eager to see and handle the very latest technology. We started the day with an interactive session with Activ Robots, using NAO robot technology. After a quick demo, students had to work in teams to program the robot to stand up and say "Hello Juliet" and then act excited and wave. The robots then had to be programmed to say an extract from the play Romeo and Juliet. Students could alter the pitch, speed and tone of the voice. Finally, the robots had to be programmed to walk off as if they were walking towards Juliet. Students were only given 30 minutes to complete the task, and they did extremely well. Chelsea Cooper was presented with an award at the end of the day, for providing the most innovative ideas out of all schools participating. This was for coming up with ideas of how robotic development could be used in the future, e.g. helping in the healthcare industry with an ageing population.

The groups then took part in a crime scene experiment run by Cardiff University, and had to use a Spectograph to analyse chemicals, and use their maths skills to interpret the results. The students also took part in fitness testing with staff from Swansea Football Club. They were shown how they analyse players' performance, and then use the results to setup personalised fitness programmes for the squad.

We also had a look at Sony who showed us the equipment they use to record premiership football games, and some of the pupils had a go at using it. We met with Tata Steel and had an insight into the steel making process. We are also shown simulations of new furnaces they are using, which have been designed to reduce the amount of CO2 emissions.

Over 140 Scientists, Engineers and Technologists worked alongside the students taking part in hands on activities and challenges as they learnt about all kind of technology; from how to build an app, to how to protect planes from lightning strikes. We had the very latest shiny technology, and some mind-blowing experimental work with printed electronics using 3D printers. We were shown a 3D printer that can print in chocolate – can't get much better than that!

Airbus showed a fantastic working simulation/model of how fuel affects the weight and balance of an

airliner, as well as some amazing aeroplane parts for their visitors to get to grips with.

Maggie Philbin who presented the event asked our young visitors a number of questions at both the start, and the end of the day. As you can see, the numbers who were fairly or very interested in becoming a Scientist rose from 53.6% to 80.7% as a result of spending the day with TeenTech!

In the afternoon, our students who were split into two groups had to work as teams and come up with an idea for a new app. They had to design the logo, come up with a slogan, write a script and select two people from each group to go up on stage in front of an audience 300+ and present their idea. Well done to Holly Whare and Maia Rees for volunteering from one group to present their idea called 'Shopalot', which is an app that allows you to keep track of your spending and keep within a budget. One of our teams won an award for the 'best teamwork' out of all the schools. Maggie Philbin said it was because every member of the team had a designated role. They were not depending on a few students from the group, but each member could answer questions about the new app idea they were developing. Another award went to Mitchell Davies and James Evans-Jones, for the best presentation of the day, with their team's app called 'Where's my Bus?' A big thank you must go to the full house of students who made the day a fantastic experience for everyone.

A massive thanks for the enthusiastic work done by all the participating companies who brought the world of Science, Technology and Engineering alive for the students from 28 schools. These companies included;

Airbus, Activ Robots, Atkins, BBC Wales, Bangor University, Cardiff University, Cassadian, e-mpirical, Futureworks, JVC, IBM, Liberty Stadium, NHS, Novalia, Raspberry Pi, See Science, Swansea University, Smallpeice Trust, Sony Europe, Sports Science, Technocamps, Wales Interactive and in no small part – The Welsh Assembly.

Technocamps, and contacts the school has made with the University of Glamorgan, were extremely obliging in helping to organize the event.

The day was particularly enjoyed by all Dads present who did have a school boy crush on Maggie Philbin!

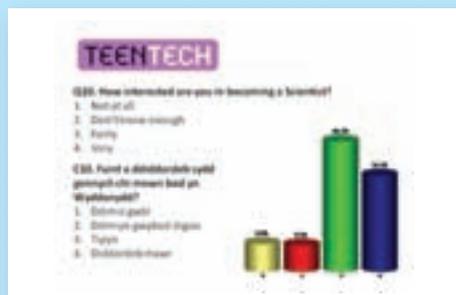
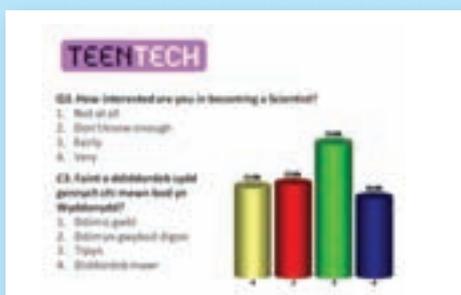


WORK EXPERIENCE

Also a big well done to Lucy Webb from Year 12 who had a work experience placement for the day working as a young reporter, and spent much of the day interviewing the representatives from industry. She helped write a report of the day which will soon be sent to all participating schools and ambassadors that took part. Lucy had to arrive at the Liberty Stadium over an hour before we arrived as a school group, for a press briefing. She demonstrated all the skills we are trying to instil in our 6th Form students, such as the importance of punctuality, presentation, using initiative and teamwork.

It was so thrilling to see the energy, fun and concentration as students explored industries and emerging technologies, getting a sharper focus on why they might like to work in the technology and engineering sectors. I was amazed at the impact the day had on the pupils from our school. Everyone enjoyed the day, and if we could have stayed longer we would have. We would certainly go back to a 'TeenTech' event in the future.

Mr Pucella ICT/Computing Department



YEAR 8 SKIING TRIP

So keen was Jacob Evans to wear the moose hat, he even nominated himself!



On Friday, 29th March 2013, the start of the Easter holidays, 40 pupils and 5 staff started the long journey to Zell Am See, Austria for their eagerly awaited skiing trip. Due to a traffic accident on the M4, it took an hour just to get to Cardiff. With the pupils slightly over excited, it was a mission in itself to stop the pupils drinking all their Coca-Cola by the time we got to the Severn Bridge! Despite the slow start, we made fantastic time for the rest of the journey, as we travelled through France, Belgium, Luxembourg and Germany, before arriving exhausted at our hotel, mid-afternoon on the Saturday. After our ski fit, we all looked forward to some food, a shower and most importantly our beds.

Suitably refreshed after a good night's sleep, we made the short journey to the slopes of Zell Am See, which were in excellent condition and covered in a plentiful supply of snow. The first day skiing was very exciting, as the majority of pupils had never skied before, but, even those who had been several times, still showed the same enthusiasm. As the week progressed, everybody got better and

better, although there were plenty of hilarious falls, collisions and Bridget Jones moments, to talk about in the evening. Every night after dinner, we had great fun, as pupils were invited to tell stories of the misfortunes of others. We then voted to award the moose hat, which had to be worn on the slopes throughout the next day, to the person responsible for the funniest story. So keen was Jacob Evans to wear the moose hat, he even nominated himself!

After an exhausting but enjoyable day on the slopes, we also had the evening activities to look forward to. These included swimming, a quiz, ghost story telling led by Mr Stradling, a walk around the lake followed by a much begged for visit to McDonald's, as well as trying out some Austrian culture, when the Austrian dancers came to the hotel. The pupils all had a laugh when they tried playing the alpine horn, yodeling, and taking part in the different dances. We could have had a fancy dress competition involving the many different 'Onesies' being worn around the hotel. Mr John has threatened that all staff could be wearing them on the next trip!

We had fantastic (and in some cases, very patient) instructors and, hopefully, all pupils will have many fond memories of their visit to Zell Am See. Thanks must go to Mr. Stradling, Mrs. Stradling, Miss Redmond and Mrs Callister for giving up their time and making Austria 2013 a great holiday.

Mr K John Trip Leader





Proud Winners of the "Moose" Award:

Lilli Furness, Jacob Evans, Will Stradling,
Bethan Rees, and Meurnyn Nelson.

Slalom results

Beginners (A)

1. Katie Hill
2. Jacob Evans
3. Jacob Jones

Beginners (C)

1. Matthew Azzopardi
2. Jamie Ferrier
3. Lloyd Williams

Beginners (B)

1. Josie Williams
2. Olivia Brown
3. Bethan Rees

Advanced

1. Louis Protheroe
2. Emily Stradling
3. Stephen Davies

"Those who do not remember the past are condemned to repeat it."

AUSCHWITZ



On returning from our one day visit to Auschwitz the question that awaited us was the inevitable: "Did you have a nice time?" It was incredibly difficult to come up with a suitable answer to this but we all agreed that although we did enjoy the experience, it was not a happy one. We feel so privileged to have been offered the opportunity by The Holocaust Educational Trust.

It's impossible to put into words how surreal the whole experience was and although it may seem a trite answer, you really do have to see it to believe it. Before the trip we were all rather naive about our understanding of the Holocaust, but when faced with the reality of the bricks and mortar of the gas chambers we were able to go some way to understanding the horrors that had occurred there. Every step that we took in Auschwitz 1 and Auschwitz-Birkenau had already been trodden by a prisoner or one of the S.S guards. When climbing up the steps of the watchtower it was shocking to feel how smooth and worn the steps were. Auschwitz is now one of the top tourist attractions in Europe. Were these steps worn because of visitors or because of the S.S Guards who kept a watchful eye over the camp? Perhaps the most sobering thing about the whole experience was knowing at the end of the day we would walk out of the front gates and return home to our families; something that the vast majority of prisoners never achieved.

Prior to the event we were told to wrap up warm because it would be cold. We all made sure we wore in excess of 5 layers, but still we were shivering throughout the day feeling guilty when we said "I'm cold." or "My feet are freezing." This was nothing compared to what the prisoners of Auschwitz experienced, in the winter months when it would have reached more than 20 degrees below zero. When we thought about the thin clothing that these prisoners had to wear, it somehow made it seem colder.

Jewish people consider the Holocaust to be one of the biggest atrocities in their history. To them it is so personal; they feel a strong connection which they feel others may not understand. Although we never thought we could experience a sense of hope in such a bleak place as Auschwitz-Birkenau, seeing Jewish people laughing and waving Star of David flags really ensured an emotional reaction. They are determined to show that Hitler didn't achieve his goal and he didn't suffocate their resilience. This was really apparent during the closing ceremony where a Jewish Rabbi took us in prayer. Silence fell on the camp and as it began to get dark the tune of the Rabbi's prayer caused everyone's hairs to stand on end. It is a memory that we know will last us a life time. Auschwitz has changed our perspectives completely and has really shown us that we should always speak out against prejudice.

Lucy Pugh-Bevan, Julie Bold, Kieren Pass Year 12



Allez! Allez! Vite! Vite! Arrêtez! Les Bleus! Les Oranges!

These were just some of the words screamed at the pupils who came on the French Department's voyage à Paris at the start of the Easter holidays. Goodness knows what the Parisians thought when their city was invaded by a 59-strong mob of eager children!

The trip began à minuit in Portway Surgery car park, with many dishevelled children stumbling through the darkness, trying to find the door to the coach. After a long journey through the dark, made enjoyable only by a few French songs from Mademoiselle Rees, we arrived the following day (Friday) at 2ish, in the 'land of grape & garlic' (my attempt at a pun on 'land of hope & glory') but hey – on with the show!

Our first activity on our arrival in Paris was a trip up La Tour Eiffel (or the Eiffel Tower for those who aren't bilingual), a trip for which Miss Brown had to fight off many aggravated tourists for tickets. Crammed into the Eiffel Tower lift, she struck up a conversation with an authentic Frenchman. Miss Pritchard, called upon to answer the Frenchman, just gave a courteous nod and a timid oui however. Though the view from the 2nd level was not as appreciated as it might have been, after the gruelling journey, it is still ticked off everyone's bucket list now. A sleep was what was needed, primarily, and after everyone had had their fair share of snooze, the next day was when the serious sightseeing began.

The next day was festooned with cultural excursions! We had views of Les Champs Elysées, Le Sacré Coeur, Le Louvre and, of course, L'Arc de Triomphe (which we saw about 97 times). In addition, a cruise on La Seine was included, giving us an extensive – albeit freezing – look at Paris.

In fact, it was so cold that Miss Brown resorted to wrapping her head in a headscarf and disguising herself as Mother Teresa, provoking many requests for a photo for their mantelpiece from other tourists!

Our final day in France was 'a day filled with magic & wonder' as a scary foreign lady told Mrs. Thomas at the entrance. Yes, it was Disneyland – and who better to spend it with than the Languages Department, who seemed much more excited about it than us kids. With our Euros drained, our adrenalin sapped and our legs withered, we shuffled back to our homely coach for the long ride home.

To thank our trusty driver (the aptly named Dave), we rewarded him with a polythene bag of gold and silver at about 3 a.m.

It was an incredibly humorous trip that taught pupils a lot – for example, how to order a McDonald's in French. I'm sure all pupils would like to thank the entire Languages Department – for their patience mainly. It leaves me with one thing to say-Au revoir, mes enfants! -or, as we say in Wales: Ta-ra, butt!

Sam Pryce Year 11



FOOD & TEXTILES PARIS TRIP



We had an early start on Friday 5th April. The journey to Paris was long but enjoyable with everyone excited at the prospect of all Paris could deliver. It soon became apparent we were in for a FUN TIME. Our driver Wyn was great, and certainly added to our experience; he seemed to be able to maneuver the bus into any small space!

We had a busy itinerary covering both fun and education. Our first stop on the Saturday morning was the Textile Museum, where we had a guided tour. Our next stop was the Chocolate Museum for a very tasty experience. After this, we stopped off at Galleries Lafayette - a shopping experience like no other! The architecture and rooftop views were amazing. On Saturday evening our bus driver took us on a night time trip around the city, arriving in front of the Eiffel Tower just as it lit up on the hour, giving a dazzling display. Sunday morning was spent at an organic food market, and then an unexpected visit to the area around Notre Dame and the Padlock Bridge.

During the afternoon, we went back to the Tower but this time to go up it. What a thrill that was! We rounded off the day with an informative boat trip on the Seine.

On Monday morning, we left the hotel quite early for a visit to an organic cheese farm. This was the opposite to the glamour of Paris. We saw the cows and their calves in the barn, and then how the cheese was made. We had an opportunity to buy the products. Final stop was City Europe for last minute buying before catching the ferry back to Dover. Everyone had a fantastic time and the journey home was full of fun, with dancing on the ferry and singing on the bus. We were still singing as we pulled into the car park at the Portway - ready for a lie in on Tuesday morning!



What the pupils thought . . .

"One of the best parts of this trip was going to the Padlock Bridge where me and the other girls attached a padlock. Hopefully we will be able to return to it and check it's still there in the future. I loved this trip so much it was amazing. Thank you so much to the teachers" Catrin

"I really enjoyed myself, the sites were awesome. It was nice to spend time with the girls also nice to get to know the girls in the year below" Katie, Sara, Jess

"From what everyone has been saying, this has been an experience that I'm sure no one will forget for a long time. Without the teachers that went, and Wyn the bus driver, this trip wouldn't have been the same. Wyn and Nathan need a pat on the back for dealing with thirty odd screaming girls, but thank you, loved the holiday!" Hannah and Lauren





EISTEDDFOD

Off-stage results 2013

Pupil Name	House	Pupil Name	House
ART		YEAR 9	
YEAR 7		1st Place	Megan Perrin Gwynedd
1st Place	Tilly Perks Dyfed	2nd Place	Lauren Thomas Gwynedd
2nd Place	Charlotte Morgan Dyfed	3rd Place	Nia Powell Powys
3rd Place	Bethan Jenkins Gwynedd	YEAR 10	
Highly Commended:	Emily Hutton-Davies Morgannwg	1st Place	Lucy Phillips Morgannwg
	Aimee Kirk Dyfed	2nd Place	Connor Gillingham Gwynedd
		3rd Place	Katie Jones Morgannwg
YEAR 8		CYMRAEG	
1st Place	Emily Stradling Gwynedd	YEAR 7	
2nd Place	Rose Ferris-Grice Powys	1st Place	Nia Eales Powys
3rd Place	Alice Webber Powys	2nd Place	Skylar Evans Morgannwg
Highly Commended:	Olivia Brown Dyfed		Cerys Powell Gwynedd
	Jenna Blake Dyfed	3rd Place	Tom Williams Dyfed
	Josi Williams Dyfed		Katie Prior Gwynedd
	Amelia Kirkby Powys	Highly Commended:	Bethan Golding Powys
BIOLOGY			Maya Squires Powys
YEAR 7			Kit Cronin Powys
1st Place	Bethan Jenkins Gwynedd		Tilly Perks Dyfed
2nd Place	Sarah Davidson Dyfed	YEAR 8	
3rd Place	Skylar Evans Morgannwg	1st Place	Nia Hancock Gwynedd
Highly Commended:	Daisy Brown Morgannwg	2nd Place	Cerys O'Sullivan Morgannwg
	Abigail Smith Dyfed	3rd Place	Danni-Elle Marsh Gwynedd
YEAR 8		Highly Commended:	Lucy Vinen Morgannwg
1st Place	Katie Shears Morgannwg		James Evans-Jones Powys
2nd Place	Fin Cronin Morgannwg	YEAR 9	
3rd Place	Michaela Taylor Gwynedd	1st Place	Ciera Johnson-Cooper Morgannwg
Highly Commended:	Maia Rees Gwynedd	2nd Place	Caitlin Woodbridge Morgannwg
YEAR 9		3rd Place	Rhiannon Warren-Hopkins Dyfed
1st Place	Adele Powell Morgannwg	Highly Commended:	Ellie Hughes Dyfed
2nd Place	Alex Hunt Gwynedd	FOOD & TEXTILES	
3rd Place	Megan Cobb Morgannwg	YEAR 7	
Highly Commended:	Katie Williams Dyfed	1st Place	Abbie Williams Morgannwg
YEAR 10		2nd Place	Jack Tossell Morgannwg
1st Place	Abi Gallafant Powys	3rd Place	Tilly Perks Dyfed
2nd Place	Shannon Beard Powys	Highly Commended:	Daisy Brown Morgannwg
3rd Place	Courtney Hoare Dyfed	YEAR 8	
Highly Commended:	Megan Windos Gwynedd	1st Place	Emily Stradling Gwynedd
CHEMISTRY		2nd Place	Mai Phillips Morgannwg
YEAR 7		3rd Place	Bella Lloyd Morgannwg
1st Place	Emily Jones Powys	Highly Commended:	Hannah Jenkins Morgannwg
YEAR 8		YEAR 9	
1st Place	Kelsey Griffiths Gwynedd	1st Place	Molly Clarke Powys
2nd Place	Sasha Wixon Morgannwg	2nd Place	Charlotte Levey Powys
3rd Place	Olivia Brown Dyfed	3rd Place	Megan Cobb Morgannwg
		Highly Commended:	Lowri Howell Gwynedd

Pupil Name			House		
FRENCH			GERMAN		
YEAR 7			YEAR 7		
1st Place	Abigail Smith	Dyfed	1st Place	Maya Squires	Powys
	Katie Prior	Gwynedd	2nd Place	Cerys Powell	Gwynedd
2nd Place	Bethan Jenkins	Gwynedd	3rd Place	Cerys Davenport	Dyfed
3rd Place	Jennifer Passingham	Gwynedd	Highly Commended:	Jennifer Passingham	Gwynedd
Highly Commended:	Bethan Golding	Powys		Nia Eales	Powys
	Harriet Thomas	Gwynedd			
	Skylar Evans	Morgannwg	YEAR 8		
	Millie Fry	Powys	1st Place	Danni-Elle Marsh	Gwynedd
	Kate Thomas	Dyfed	2nd Place	Amelia Kirkby	Powys
	George Nelson	Powys	3rd Place	Courtney Powell	Powys
	Caitlin Matthews	Gwynedd	Highly Commended:	Lucy Vinen	Morgannwg
				Chloe Green	Morgannwg
				Emily Waters	Morgannwg
YEAR 8			YEAR 9		
1st Place	Jenna Blake	Dyfed	1st Place	Lincoln Chung	Morgannwg
2nd Place	Amie Smith	Powys	2nd Place	Katie Williams	Dyfed
3rd Place	Katie John	Morgannwg	3rd Place	Lydia Pickett	Morgannwg
Highly Commended:	Layla Millar	Morgannwg	Highly Commended:	Megan Cobb	Morgannwg
	Hannah Parry	Morgannwg		Lowri Connick	Powys
	Olivia Lewis	Morgannwg			
YEAR 9			HISTORY		
1st Place	Jack Ellis	Morgannwg	YEAR 7		
2nd Place	Isobel Overton	Powys	1st Place	Georgia Haines	Powys
	Cerian Jones	Gwynedd	2nd Place	Ffion Harris	Powys
3rd Place	Elle Morey	Dyfed		Rachel Williams	Powys
Highly Commended:	Adele Powell	Morgannwg	3rd Place	Emily Hutton-Davies	Morgannwg
	Elin Morris	Morgannwg	Highly Commended:		Powys
	Katie Williams	Dyfed			Dyfed
	Lowri Connick	Powys			Morgannwg
	Sarah Spencer	Dyfed			Gwynedd
	Emily Leyden	Gwynedd			
YEAR 10			YEAR 8		
1st Place	Georgina Morley	Dyfed	1st Place	Patrick Mathew	Morgannwg
2nd Place	Selin Millward	Morgannwg	2nd Place	Laurence Hunt	Powys
3rd Place	Jenna Abuleil	Powys	3rd Place	Rhiannon Mainwaring	Powys
			Highly Commended:	Danni-Elle Marsh	Gwynedd
GEOGRAPHY			YEAR 9		
YEAR 7			1st Place	Lincoln Chung	Morgannwg
1st Place	Emily James	Powys	2nd Place	Isobel Overton	Powys
2nd Place	Sarah Grossey	Powys	3rd Place	Lauren Pugh	Powys
3rd Place	Maya Squires	Powys	Highly Commended:	Megan Cobb	Morgannwg
Highly Commended:	Cerys Powell	Gwynedd			
	Harri Phillips	Morgannwg	YEARS 10 & 11		
	William George	Morgannwg	1st Place	Olivia Norris	Powys
YEAR 8			2nd Place	Tom Rees	Powys
1st Place	Dylan Roberts	Morgannwg	ICT		
2nd Place	Carys Staveley	Dyfed	YEAR 7		
3rd Place	Katie John	Morgannwg	1st Place		Gwynedd
Highly Commended:	Bethan Ferris	Powys	2nd Place		Dyfed
	Ioan Clatworthy	Dyfed	3rd Place		Morgannwg
			4th Place		Powys
			Highly Commended:		Gwynedd
YEAR 9	Pupil Name	House			Powys
1st Place	Jack Ellis	Morgannwg			Morgannwg
	Hee-Chan Kang	Powys			Powys
	Lincoln Chung	Morgannwg			Gwynedd
	Sultaan Azam	Gwynedd			Powys
2nd Place	Megan Cobb	Morgannwg			Morgannwg
3rd Place	Tom Ellison	Morgannwg			Dyfed
Highly Commended:	Sam Timbrell	Morgannwg			Dyfed
	Nia Powell	Powys			Powys
	Lauren Thomas	Gwynedd			
	Charlotte Owen	Powys			

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Pupil Name		House	Pupil Name		House
ICT (Continued)			PRODUCT DESIGN		
YEAR 8			YEAR 7		
1st Place		Gwynedd	1st Place	Bethan Golding	Powys
2nd Place		Gwynedd	2nd Place	Abbie Perkins	Powys
3rd Place		Dyfed	3rd Place	Megan Morris	Gwynedd
4th Place		Morgannwg	Highly Commended:	Harriet Thomas	Gwynedd
Highly Commended:		Dyfed		Millie Fry	Powys
		Morgannwg	YEAR 8		
		Powys	1st Place	Michaela Taylor	Gwynedd
		Powys	2nd Place	Amie Smith	Powys
		Gwynedd	3rd Place	Laynie Thornton	Powys
		Gwynedd	Highly Commended:	Mai Phillips	Morgannwg
YEAR 9				Lauren Edwards	Dyfed
1st Place	Luke Atherton	Powys	YEAR 9		
2nd Place	Elle Morey	Dyfed	1st Place	Lancelot Francis	Dyfed
3rd Place	Lorcan Breheny	Dyfed	2nd Place	Jessica Bennett	Powys
4th Place	Katie Davies	Gwynedd	3rd Place	Somer David	Morgannwg
Highly Commended:	Sophie Williams	Gwynedd	Highly Commended:	Calum Joseph	Dyfed
	Sarah Spence	Dyfed		Lowri Connick	Powys
MATHS			PSE		
YEAR 7			YEAR 7		
1st Place	Emily Childs	Powys	1st Place	Jacob Atherton	Powys
2nd Place	Beth Burke	Morgannwg	2nd Place	Elen McCloy	Powys
3rd Place	Maya Squires	Powys	3rd Place	Lois Flower	Powys
4th Place	Elen McCloy	Powys	RELIGIOUS STUDIES		
Highly Commended:	Luke Bertorelli	Powys	YEAR 7		
YEAR 8			1st Place	Maya Squires	Powys
1st Place	Jade Grandon	Gwynedd	2nd Place	Lucy Dennis	Gwynedd
	Lucy Godwin	Gwynedd	3rd Place	William George	Morgannwg
2nd Place	Cerys Watts	Powys	Highly Commended:	Lucy Bentley	Gwynedd
	Kaisha Clew	Powys		Rebecca Sutton	Dyfed
MEDIA STUDIES				Kate Thomas	Dyfed
YEARS 10/11				Eleanor Wilsher	Morgannwg
1st Place	Sam Pryce	Powys	YEAR 8		
2nd Place	Tom Sheppard	Morgannwg	1st Place	Patrick Matthew	Morgannwg
PHYSICS			2nd Place	Amelia Kirkby	Powys
YEAR 7			3rd Place	Steffanie Thomas	Powys
1st Place	Sarah Davidson	Dyfed	Highly Commended:	Cerys O'Sullivan	Morgannwg
2nd Place	Eliza Barrett	Powys		Holly Crook	Gwynedd
3rd Place	Jacob Atherton	Powys		Rhiannon Mainwaring	Powys
YEAR 8				Aislinn Morgan	Powys
1st Place	Olivia Lewis	Morgannwg		Shannon Strong	Powys
2nd Place	Harry Evans	Powys	Year 9		
3rd Place	Katie John	Morgannwg	1st Place	Nia Powell	Powys
YEAR 9			2nd Place	Lowri Connick	Powys
1st Place	Daniel Booyse	Morgannwg	3rd Place	Phoebe Lewis	Dyfed
2nd Place	Rhys Jaques	Morgannwg	Highly Commended:	Matthew Edwards	Dyfed
3rd Place	Samantha Timbrell	Morgannwg		Ellie Hughes	Dyfed
Highly Commended:		Powys		Katie Williams	Dyfed
		Morgannwg		Jack Ellis	Morgannwg
		Dyfed		Adele Powell	Morgannwg
		Gwynedd		Tegan Hughes	Dyfed
YEAR 13					
1st Place	Kyle Richards	Gwynedd	EISTEDDFOD		
2nd Place	Sam Lloyd	Powys	Off-stage results 2013		
3rd Place	Jacob Prosser	Powys			
	Elliot	Dyfed			
	Theo Clarke	Dyfed			



Year 11 Hospitality pupils ran an Italian Themed Restaurant Evening for parents and staff on the 6th March.

As part of their GCSE coursework, the hospitality group planned their event, trialling a range of Italian dishes, and looked at ways to decorate the table and room. On the evening of the event, all pupils dressed in their chef whites if they were preparing food or white aprons if serving guests.

When guests arrived they were seated and served drinks. Then they were offered sea salt and rosemary focaccia bread while other guests arrived. The food looked and tasted lovely, especially the vanilla panna cotta!

Overall, the event was a real success. Congratulations to all those involved.



Hospitality Restaurant Evening

Hospitality Restaurant

Italian Evening



Date: Wednesday 6th March

Venue: G Block Quad

Time: Service starts at 5pm

Price: £10 per person (including drinks)

Tomato and basil soup
Served with rosemary & sea salt focaccia

Lasagne served with fresh salad
Or
Roasted vegetable lasagne
With fresh salad leaves

Vanilla panna cotta
Drizzled with a raspberry coulis

Tea & coffee served with hazelnut & chocolate
biscotti



Please hurry only **25 places** available

Thank you very much for supporting us and our event!



Porthcawl Comprehensive School Crowned Welsh Schools Basketball Champions



Porthcawl Comprehensive School basketball finished their season recently with an unprecedented double at the Welsh Schools' Basketball Finals held at Bangor University North Wales.

Both the U-14 Boys and Girls teams had qualified for the finals as Champions of South Wales beating all comers, but the accolade of Welsh Champions was not a forgone conclusion.

The boys met St. Gerard's of North Wales in the semi-final. A tough encounter ensued, with all squad members getting court time as the previous days long coach journey was still very much in their legs.

Porthcawl run out eventual winners 42 points to 33 points with top scorer Morgan Carter weighing in with an impressive 18 points, ably assisted by the industrious Gabriel Williams-Rumble, who scored 17.

Next up on court were the U-14 Girls. Standing between them and the Welsh title were St. Cyres of Penarth. Both teams had Welsh internationals playing for them and consequently the standard was high. However there was only ever one team in

control, and that was Porthcawl. The team work and commitment from the girls in red was something to behold as they completely dominated their much taller opponents, and were eventually totally deserving of their victory of 33 points to 10. Welsh international Emily Stradling contributed 14 points with fellow international (on loan from Cynffig Comprehensive) Sophie Evans scoring 10. The game was overseen by Lee Coulson head coach for Welsh Girls' Basketball and he was full of praise for the Porthcawl 'team ethic' and afterwards identified Lucy Edwards as a potential star of the future.

A nerve wracking day for a large posse of travelling Porthcawl supporters was rounded off with the U-14 s Boys' final against Porthcawl's arch rivals, Sir Richard Gwynn from Barry. Having already played each other 3 times this season in various competitions, the Seasiders held a slight advantage leading 2-1 in the series. The last of those victories came the week before in the Cardiff and Vale Schoolboys' Final.

However this was to count for little as the boys from Barry raced into an early 4 point lead, taking advantage of Porthcawl nerves. This was the last time Sir Richard Gwynn



was to be in front as Porthcawl switched into overdrive and put their opponents in their place. Led by point guard Ben Merchant and forward Morgan Carter, the Seasiders denied wave after wave of pressure hitting their opponents on the fast break countering with lightning speed down court. Gabriel Williams-Rumble was a rock in defence frustrating the Barry boys time and again - the perfect foil to their 'rough house' tactics. Converted rugby players Euan Manley and Leon Evans were equally effective in defence and attack winning countless rebounds. Oli Martin stepped up and shared guard duties with young Merchant when he was off court or flattened to the floor by an increasingly frustrated opposition.

A tense final five minutes saw Sir Richard Gwynn chip away at Porthcawls ten point lead but the

Cardiff & Vale Champions regained their composure and crowned a memorable season with the Welsh Schools' title winning 41-34. The final whistle was greeted with cheers of jubilation as friends and family celebrated a hard fought victory.



SPORT DANCE COMPETITION

On 6th March 2013, Sport Cardiff Dance Competition was held at The Gate, Roath, Cardiff.

Three Porthcawl Comprehensive School pupils were part of the successful Varsity Street Crew which achieved 2nd place in the team competition. They are;

Elleshia Browning 8CJ, Amelia Kirkby 8KH, Hannah Worth 8AR

Varsity Street Crew from Emotive Dance School also performed at the 'Big Performance' held at St. David's Hall Cardiff on 7th April 2013.

U15 RUGBY DISTRICT FINAL

On Thursday 9th May 2013, Bridgend District Schools U15s played Swansea Valley District Schools U15s in the final of the Morgan Griffiths Plate at Parc Y Scarlets, Llanelli.

In a competitive game, Bridgend showed determination and quality and were worthy winners, with a final score of 19-12.

Pupils from Porthcawl Comprehensive School selected to play for the Bridgend Schools' District U15s Squad 2012/13 were Scott Hodgson, Cameron Rees, Connor Tantum, Jak Robbins and Joe Williams.

Scott Hodgson Year 10



Athletics

Several pupils from Years 10-13 took part in the Middle and Senior County Athletics Championships in Brecon on 24th April. A successful day was had by the school as the following showed their talents and winning ways!

Seniors

Lora Roberts (Year 13)
- 1st 400m Hurdles

Nicole Davenport (Year 12) - 1st Javelin (and broke her PB with a throw of 36.98m)

Lloyd Rosser Stanford (Year 13)
- 3rd 100m

Middle

Felicity Williamson-Sarll (Year 10) - 1st 800m

Leah Thomas (Year 10) - 2nd 80m Hurdles

Megan Fish (Year 10) - 2nd 100m

Angharad John (Year 10) - 2nd Javelin

Congratulations to all!

MINI MARATHON

Lucy Dennis (Year 7) competed in the London Children's Mini Marathon on Sunday 21st April. Lucy came 9th overall and was the first Welsh girl home by a country mile.

Well done Lucy!

Mrs H Davies

Pupil Achievements

Many congratulations go to the following:-

Morgan Carter, Bradley Clarke, Corey Dyer, Leon Evans, Euan Manley, Oliver Martin, Ben Merchant, Matt Roberts, Joe Stradling, Ethan Waters, Gabriel Williams Rumble
YEARS 8 & 9

Welsh U14 Welsh Schools' Basketball Champions - Boys

Alecia Wilson Morgan, Sarah Williams, Emily Stradling, Georgia Rose, Holly Reynolds, Lilli Furness, Lucy Edwards
YEARS 8 & 9

Welsh U14 Welsh Schools' Basketball Champions - Girls

Allie Young
YEAR 11

Selection for U17 Wales Football Team

Robyn Wilkins
6th FORM

Captain of U18 West Wales Girls' Rugby Team
Member of Welsh Rugby Talent Group and Wales' Women's 7s Squad

Elleshia Browning, Amelia Kirkby, Hannah Worth
YEAR 8

Sport Dance Cardiff Competition - Members of Varsity Street Crew who achieved 2nd place in the Team Competition

Lauren Cooper
YEAR 7

Raised £586 for CLAPA by holding a coffee morning and cake sales

Emily Stradling
YEAR 8

Selected to represent Wales U16s Basketball Team in Gibraltar in July

Lucy Dennis
YEAR 7

Ranked 1st in the UK in the 1500m for U13s Girls

Laurence Hunt
YEAR 8

Music Theory - Grade 5 - Distinction

Alex Hunt
YEAR 9

Clarinet - Grade 7 - Distinction

Lauren Pugh
YEAR 9

Clarinet - Grade 7 - Distinction

Megan Perrin
YEAR 9

Flute - Grade 3 - Merit

Lowri Howell
YEAR 9

Flute - Grade 6 - Merit

Yuri Roberts
6th FORM

Violin - Grade 6

Imogen Kent
YEAR 11

Violin - Grade 7

Harriet Maine
YEAR 11

Violin - Grade 7 - Merit

Sarah Spencer
YEAR 9

Violin - Grade 5

Katie Williams
YEAR 9

Violin - Grade 4

Phoebe Roach
YEAR 7

Violin - Grade 2 - Merit

Trystan Winn-Davies
YEAR 9

Electric Guitar - Grade 3 - Distinction

Oliver Mullins
YEAR 9

Bass Guitar - Grade 1 - Distinction

Ffion Jeffries
YEAR 9

Musical Theatre - Grade 5 - Merit

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