



Cardiff High School

Newsletter

AUTUMN TERM 2013

Headteacher's Message



A message from the Headteacher

The last two years have seen unprecedented success for the school. In March 2013 Estyn acknowledged the excellent work that takes place in Cardiff High School, examination results have been outstanding, and we remain one of the best performing schools in Wales. The school has been recognised as a Lead Practitioner, one of only ten schools in the secondary sector in Wales to achieve this status. "The Western Mail" acknowledged us as an outstanding school in their own league table.

However, in keeping with my message over the last few years, schools can never stand still and we are now working harder than ever to improve what we do to enhance the learning opportunities for all our pupils. We are placing a huge focus once again this year on improving teaching and learning and developing outstanding

teachers. This is more important than ever as the school grows in pupil population.

A big focus of the last twelve months has of course been the new build programme and I am very proud of all staff who have worked extremely hard in very testing conditions to provide wonderful learning opportunities. The environment in which learning takes place is critical to motivate and nurture young people and therefore I am proud of our new facilities. We now have some first rate facilities to match our pupil achievements and we hope that if you have not already been able to help us in this, then you may be able to do so in the future. I enclose further information within this newsletter explaining how parents and guardians and indeed friends of the school, can support the provision of new resources and facilities.

An exciting piece of news for the school is the opportunity to utilise Ty Celyn Youth Centre during the school day. In the last couple of months we have been able to agree a way forward with the Youth Service to allow the Sixth Form to use it as a Sixth Form base during the day. It will have recreational facilities, an IT suite and work space and is fantastic news for all of us, hopefully spurring the Sixth Form students to new levels of achievement.

At the end of this term we say goodbye to Dylan Jones. He has been at the school for 24 years and we thank him wholeheartedly for his contribution to the school and we wish him all the best in his new role at the WJEC.

Finally, may I take this opportunity to wish you all a peaceful holiday and to thank you for your continued support.

S M JONES

Headteacher

Busy but good times in Design Technology

This term has been an extremely busy and productive term in the Design & Technology department with lots happening both inside and outside of lessons.

Great start Year 11!

In Year 11 all DT students (Resistant Materials, Food Technology and Textiles) work consistently on their Controlled Assessment; a 30 Hour Design and Make project. We are very proud of the start of the majority of Year 11 students have since the September. There are some great projects in the making (literally). Keep an eye on our Twitter feed for updates and photos of pupils work. @DesignTechCHS

The A Level Product Design Innovation Awards

Both Year 12 and 13 attended called the Product Design Innovation Awards held at the Swalec Stadium in Cardiff. This exhibition is a showcase of all the best GCSE, AS and A Level Design Technology Projects from last year. All students left this exhibition inspired and ready to start designing their innovative products in the hope that next year it's going to be some of their work on display.

WJEC RECOGNITION OF MERIT

We would like to congratulate **Zach Cater** (Year 13) as his AS Level Product Design coursework was identified by the WJEC examination board as work that is of the highest standard. A copy of his Certificate of Merit will be on display in the Design Technology Department.

Arkwright Scholarship News

An Arkwright Engineering Scholarship is a prestigious award that pupils apply for when studying GCSE Design technology whilst they are in Year 11. The selection process is vigorous. If successful you are sponsored by a company or organisation and receive money to support you throughout your A Level studies in Technology, Science, Engineering or Maths.

Caitlin Ray (now in Year 12) was successful in achieving an Arkwright Scholarship. She was the first Cardiff High School student to receive this. In October she attended a presentation evening in London where she met her sponsors and received her scholarship certificate. Once again we would like to congratulate Caitlin on this amazing achievement.



Bath Fashion Museum

June 19th 2013

Year 12 pupils visited the Fashion Museum in Bath to gain an insight into past fashions and experience some of the intricate details of design first hand. The Design Technology briefs were our inspiration and source of work which we focused upon during the trip, in preparation for the year 13 coursework.



OCTOBER 2013

IKEA

At the start of the course our Year 12 class visited Ikea as a part of the Research aspect of their course. They were required to visit the showrooms and make observations based on the rooms and how the product they wish to design will fit into the room. The outcomes from this trip were fantastic and the class are to be commended by the way they worked for the duration of this event.

A MASSIVE thank you for your support!



In September we were fortunate enough to receive material donations from two local businesses.

Amari Plastics (based in Llanishen) kindly donate some of their off cuts of Acrylic. We were absolutely amazed with the quality of their donations and will be using the plastic to laser cut final products for our students. Watch this space for photos!

Signs Express (for the second consecutive year) donated an extremely large amount of their unwanted plastic and vinyl. Not only are they helping us out by donating the material but we are also doing our part for the environment by recycling. We would like to thank them for their generosity and continued support.

In the Design Technology department we are delighted to have formed these relationships with local companies and would like to stress our gratitude to them. Without their help our students' work and achievement levels would not be of the high quality that they are in Design & Technology.

Computer Club:

Our A2 class decided to start a club for programming and making computer games. We hold it every Thursday lunch-time. In our club anyone is able to come in and start using a programming language to make a simple game. This helps the pupil's problem solving and allows them to practise a basic programming language. We have year 13's helping out with teaching the basics of how to move a cat around the screen. Pupils soon develop new skills and find that they know the basics of programming very quickly. They are soon able to produce some impressive games with multiple components.

Thanks to: David Kitschker, Owain Thomas. Sam Cogger, Harry Jones, Thomas, Daniel, Zade Salman



Congratulations from the History Department

The History Department would like to congratulate all our students for their outstanding results in the summer. However; particular praise is sent to Peter Lloyd Williams on being awarded the very prestigious Royal Historical Society Frampton Prize. This award is given to the student who achieved the highest UMS score on the WJEC GCE History course Congratulations!



INTRODUCING: THE DIAMOND LEAGUE!



Do you love being creative? Do you fancy yourself as an award-winning singing sensation or music star? Are you a budding author? Do you relish a mathematical challenge or enjoy designing new inventions? If so, THE DIAMOND LEAGUE is for YOU!

After the success of the CHS Literacy Decathlon last year we are going to launch a brand new scheme in January 2014. This will allow ALL pupils in Years 7, 8 and 9 – along with some Year 6 pupils – to take part in THE DIAMOND LEAGUE! By joining The Diamond League you will be able to complete lots of exciting tasks which will test your knowledge, skills and ability. You could win prizes for amazing work and some of you might even get to go on a special trip at the end of the year.

Year 7 students will complete 5 tasks for the Silver Level. In Year 8 you will be asked to complete 7 tasks for Gold and, finally, in Year 9 you need to complete 10 tasks to gain the Diamond Level.

COMPETITION

We want our launch to go with a BANG! and we need some help from you. Pupils in Years 7, 8 and 9 are invited to create a logo for The Diamond League.

You need to incorporate the name and a visual image into your logo and you can decide on the colour scheme. You should submit your design on an A4 piece of paper and it may be hand or computer drawn. You need to label it to explain your ideas. On the back of the paper please clearly print your name and your form. There will, of course, be a prize for the winning design as well as the chance to see it all over the school on our Diamond League publicity material. Good luck!

Hand your design to any one of the following teachers no later than the end of this term ... December 19th 2013.

Ms Davies – English, S3

Mr Nicol – Maths, Room: 14

Mr O'Brien – English, Room: 17

Miss Woodhouse – Maths, Room: 13

A Level Exam Success

Congratulations on being accepted to study at Oxbridge!



Yr Adran Gymraeg

A Level Success

The department are very proud of the success gained by our year 13 students. All 7 achieved a B grade or above in the summer with every student achieving full marks in the oral exam. The examiner could not fault their enthusiasm and love for the language. Many thanks to all who help with Clwb Cinio. Arthur Morris Jones, Eleri Bevan, Margaret Davies and Lona Roberts have been visiting school every fortnight to chat to our 6th form students in Welsh. All their hard work has paid off.

An extra well done must be given to Megan Jones who will shortly receive an award from Huw Lewis, the education Minister for Wales, as she achieved the best Welsh result with the WJEC. This is the second time that a student from CHS has won this reward as Angharad Chandler Davies won in 2012.

6th form visits

Year 12 recently went to the Riverfront theatre in Newport to watch a production called 'Tafliaid Carreg' by Arad Goch theatre. With only 2 actors in the show, they managed to portray 4 characters in a clever and entertaining way. The story was based on a true event of a young person throwing a stone off a bridge towards a moving car. The effects of his actions were catastrophic and though provoking.

20 students went on a journey of Wales in October. Starting from Cardiff on Friday morning, they stopped at Abergavenny to see the castle of the de Breos family before stopping at Cilmeri; the site of the death of Llywelyn, the last prince of Wales. The highlight on Friday was going to the Ysgwrn – the farm of Hedd Wyn who was a Welsh poet who was



killed during the First World War. Hedd Wyn was never aware that his poem had been successful in the National Eisteddfod in Birkenhead. His nephew has kept the farm as it was in 1917 and he gave an interesting insight into his family.



On Saturday, it was the day of the castles. Dolwyddelan, Dolbadarn and Caernarfon were all conquered by the group! An interesting lecture was given at Caernarfon and the differences between all the castles became evident. No North Wales visit would be complete without popping in at Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwllandysiliogogogoch – in the pouring rain!

On Sunday, the National Slate Museum was a welcome rest from the castles and again a short video with reflections was given as well as demonstrations of how to cut the slate. Well done Seb. Diolch yn fawr i Mr Rumbelow am helpu gyda'r trip ac i'r holl disgyblion am benwythnos da iawn.

Yr Adran Gymraeg

GCSE results

This year enjoyed the best ever results in the department with 82% gaining a C grade or above. Da iawn i bawb a weithiodd yn galed – fel adran rydym yn falch iawn ohonoch. Oherwydd hyn, mae grwp o 17 wedi dewis i ddilyn safon Uwch yn yr adran – un o'r grwpiau mwyaf yng Nghymru. Congratulations to everybody on your hard work. As a result, we have 17 students studying with us in Year 12 - One of the largest groups in Wales.



Operation Christmas Child

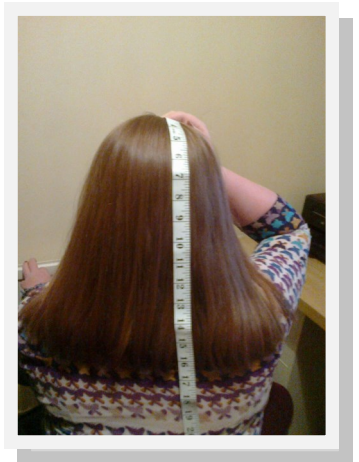
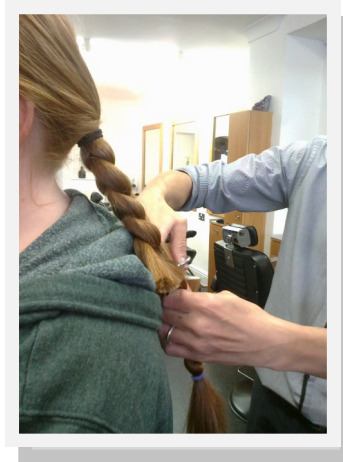
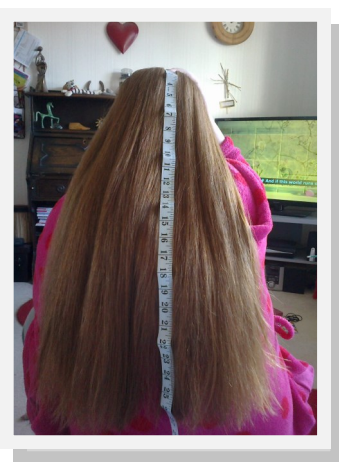
A huge thanks to students, form tutors and parents for the generosity shown again this year with the shoe box appeal. Around 90 boxes were collected and over £200 which will help ease the troubles of our children around the world. If you would like more information on the journey of the shoe box please look on their website as there are a variety of facts and video clips to enjoy.



Iaw!

As more and more parents are looking for ways to help their children with their Welsh, it's good to see so many reading Welsh magazines independently every month. Without a doubt, this has a huge impact on their work and of their enjoyment of the subject.

The Little Princess Chairty



Niamh Shurmer in Year 8 has donated 10 inches of her hair to “The Little Princess Trust” a charity which provides real hair wigs for children in the UK who have suffered hair loss due to cancer treatment.

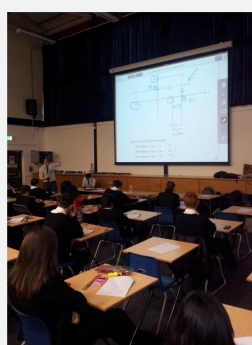
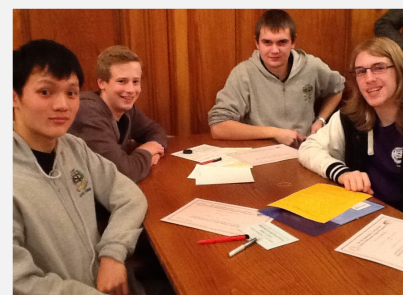
Well done Niamh!

Mathematics

Cardiff High is awash with talented mathematicians. In September's prestigious UKMT Senior Maths Challenge, 27 pupils achieved at least a coveted Bronze award. The icing on this very mathematical cake however, was the achievements of Year 13's Joe Gage, Alex Taylor and Year 12's Ethan Ren, who all qualified for the Olympiad paper, and Year 11's Eleri Williams who qualified for the Kangaroo paper.

In November, a team of intrepid mathematicians also entered the highly competitive Senior Maths Team Challenge, achieving a commendable sixth place. Congratulations to Year 13's Joe Gage and Ronan Smith, and Year 12's Ethan Ren and Merlyn Adams-Jenkins.

Maths challenges however, are not the only way in which pupils minds are being stretched with numbers and problem solving. Chess Club is up and running both inside and outside of lessons. Pupils should also look out for the other after-school and lunchtime maths activities that have got off to a flying start this year: Jaguar Cars Club (every Wednesday Lunchtime); Maths Surgery (Wednesday after-school); and Maths Drop-in (Mr Barnsley's room every Friday lunchtime).



You would have been forgiven for thinking Cliff Richard was back in the charts in October, as Year 11 pupils sat Cardiff High's inaugural 'Walking Talking Mock' examination. This was all part of 80 pupils' preparation for the November sitting of their GCSE Foundation paper. The pupils' ambition was infectious as they aimed to notch not just an early C grade, but more importantly, the opportunity to take a crack at the Higher Tier paper in the summer. A huge degree of thanks must go to: Mrs Olsen and Mr Moriarty for helping students prepare; Mr Cleall-Harding and the canteen staff for making the mock 'work'; and the after-school efforts of the maths teachers involved.

In September, we welcomed three new outstanding Mathematics teachers to Cardiff High: Miss Ayres, Miss Baker and Miss Woodhouse. They have all settled in well, and are enjoying working with Cardiff High pupils.



Miss Ayres



Miss Baker



Miss Woodhouse

Ignorance is No Defence



ince last writing, the Law Department has enjoyed several major events.

In September a team from our Year 13 class performed passionately in defence of squatters' rights at a moot in the University of South Wales. In November several A level students took up an invitation from Cardiff University to attend a talk by Lord Neuberger, President of the Supreme Court, at the Julian Hodge Lecture Theatre.



Our annual trip to London is never the same. This year's tour of the Palace of Westminster was led by a North American. We were given a new perspective on the unelected House of Lords, against the backdrop of political deadlock in our guide's homeland. Students then crossed Parliament Square to the Supreme Court. We were asked to consider recent cases including that of a Mr Gnango. He was found to be the accomplice in the murder of an innocent bystander, despite the fact that the fatal bullet was intended for Mr Gnango himself and fired by his enemy.

In October a large cross-section of the Sixth Form fired questions at Lord Touhig in the school library, as part of a Parliamentary project aimed at engaging young people in politics. As an active peer and former member of a Labour Government, Lord Touhig was able to convince our students that power is not beyond reach. He spoke on a fantastic range of his work, from opposing state intrusion to a lifetime championing the cause of sufferers of autism and made a convincing case that casting a vote is a just minor part of the political process.



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Genetics on Tour

We were lucky to have the Wales Genetic Roadshow visit CHS this term. They introduced Year 12 and 13 Biology students to medical genetic research and its application in healthcare. The session was led by two key researchers from Cardiff University. Dr James Matthews presented his study "Using Gene Therapy to treat cancer". He informed us about the long process involved in developing new cancer treatments. He was followed by Dr Alex Murray who shared her study into inherited disorders and pre-implantation genetic disorders. This encompassed the scientific and ethical issues of the technique that enables couples with an inherited condition in their family to avoid passing it on to their children.

For anyone with an appetite for medical sciences this was an ideal opportunity to gain a thorough insight into the world of research. 6th form students who wish to continue their interest in current health issues should attend the monthly Public Science Lectures held at Cardiff University. Ask the Biology department for more details.



(Reported by Hanna Haris 13K)

Numeracy and the Nurture Garden



9 - O Biology class with the help of Mrs Grennan and Mrs Rees have taken advantage of some late autumn sunshine to set up a numeracy project. The class have investigated daffodil bulbs and the ideal conditions needed for them to grow. The pupils recorded the mass of 40 bulbs and have predicted that larger bulbs will give larger daffodils. The bulbs have been planted in our new Nurture Garden but we will have to wait until the spring term to see if their predictions are correct.

Tua'r Goleuni - Towards the Light – La Ville-Lumière

During the Age of Enlightenment in the Eighteenth century, Paris became a centre of education, learning and philosophy. So it was seen as an "enlightened" place to be. In the nineteenth century, Paris was one of the first cities to adopt street lighting, gas lamps in the Champs Elysées in 1829, and electric lights for its Great Exhibition of 1889. So it really was a city of light among all the other cities that were still in the dark!

The French Department is taking 30 students to Paris, The City of Lights, in February 2014. The visit has received a very positive response from pupils and the Department wishes to thank all concerned for their support.

The visit will provide our pupils with an opportunity to use their French in real-life situations and will deepen their cultural and linguistic knowledge and understanding.

The proposed itinerary will take in a guided Foodie walk, a visit behind the scenes of Cinéma Rex (the largest cinema in Europe) where pupils will have the chance to record their voice over a French film sequence, Les Catacombs' as well as a scenic trip along the Seine on one of the Bateaux Mouches. It promises to be an exciting visit and all involved are excited and looking forward to the adventure! Bon voyage!





English and Drama

Enterprising Year 9 Pupils Design and Brand New Trainers!

The English department was very proud to invite local business City Surf, Skate and Snow to sponsor our project to design and market a new brand of trainers. Pupils from Year 9 worked in teams to explore marketing trends, investigate the language of advertising and develop business plans for their new brand of trainers. The talented young entrepreneurs were then asked to pitch their ideas to their peers and our sponsors. After careful consideration, our top three winning designs were chosen. Congratulations to Georgia Groves, Sarah Bedri, Ciara McCormack and Isabella Mawer who were our 2013 winners. We would like to thank City Surf, Skate and Snow for their expertise, time and generous prizes. We are all looking forward to hosting the event again next year!



Within the Drama department there has been a hive of activity since the beginning of the year. In October, Year 12 and 13 students were fortunate enough to be invited to the Welsh Millennium Centre to take part in a series of free workshops provided by professionals within the industry, and facilitated by Creative Choices. It was a wonderful insight into the world of the theatrical arts and hugely beneficial for all involved. The Year 10 and 11 Drama classes had a similar experience at the Sherman Theatre, again organised by Creative Choices. It gave the students a chance to see how a successful theatre operates, going behind the scenes to witness the many technical aspects of live performance.

This year's sixth form London trip was a particularly enjoyable one. The rain certainly didn't dampen the spirits of the students, who were treated to a feast of theatrical delight. Our Friday evening performance of "One Man Two Guvnors" at the Haymarket was side-splittingly brilliant, whilst the Saturday matinee of "The Light Princess" afforded the students an opportunity to visit one of the most important theatres in the country, the National Theatre on the Southbank. There were also tours of Shakespeare's Globe and The London Dungeon (not for the faint-hearted!).

The school production of "Les Miserables", due to be performed between the 17th-20th of February, is also well under way. Rehearsals have been intensive and enjoyable and we very much looking forward to seeing you when the show opens, as it will be the first of many to be staged in our new hall.

My Experience with the Only Kids Aloud Choir – Sam James, Year 8



Singing Mahler's 8th Symphony
Conducted by Valery Gergiev, in the Marrinsky Theatre in
St Petersburg

My Only Kids Aloud journey began when I was selected for the 2011/12 chorus. To work with Tim Rhys Evans and other members of Only Men Aloud has been incredible. I have made many new friends and had the opportunity to visit Russia in March 2012, which was amazing; being part of the Opening Ceremony of the London Olympic Games and the Paralympic Flame Festival in Cardiff Bay were fantastic experiences. Singing with Only Men Aloud, Only Boys Aloud and Only Kids Aloud in the Aloud at Christmas concerts last year in Llandudno and the WMC in Cardiff is something I will never forget.

I am so proud to be one of the seventy children who were chosen, from four hundred who auditioned across Wales. In April 2014, the choir will be visiting Cape Town to be part of the 20th Anniversary of democracy celebrations. A Welsh composer is writing a special song that we will be singing as a gift to the South Africans from the people of Wales. We will also be joined by Bryn Terfel. The opportunity to visit Cape Town and work with professional South African Opera singers is so exciting and I know I will have an incredible experience again.



Coming this February...

CHS Presents Les Miserable

Wasteland to Useful Youth Facility

Ty Celyn Garden Project 2013 has become a major initiative which both staff and youth members have been working on for a few months. To explain what has happened we must travel back to the start.

What we had: a small paved area at the rear of the youth centre all covered in moss, broken wooden fence panels and a sloping overgrown bank which went down to the boundary metal fence alongside the wooded area.

What we did: With the help of a small grant from O2 we purchased some hand tools and safety equipment and some compost. Youth volunteers and part-time youth staff started to cut into the overgrowth and to clear the bank of rubbish this became a major problem with youngsters up against the weather. We found that any work on the bank just got washed away with the rain.



We called in the experts, Kier Construction under the flag of Construction in the Community they advised us on how to secure the bank to make everything safe. We found that the job was enormous for a couple of volunteers so Kier said they would reinforce the bank backfill and fence the area to help the project. This left the young people with time to design a patch of ground ready to plant flowers and vegetables and for the staff to look at ways to integrate the garden project into the youth programme.

November 26th – Garden Project opened with live music and guests from Kier Construction, Cardiff Council Youth Service, Cardiff High School and Dreams & Wishes Charity plus sixth form volunteers making tea and coffee.

Clive Burris – Community Education Officer (Cardiff North)
Mobile 07816323334

Year 11 Parent's Evening

A big thank you to all the staff and parents who made the Year 11 Parent's Evening such a success. Feedback from staff that evening and the following day was very encouraging.

The feedback from the Parent/Carer Survey was also very positive in particular a 100% strongly agree/agree response to the following statements:

- On arrival I felt welcome at the school this evening.
- I felt the feedback was constructive and helpful
- I felt that I was treated with respect during the meeting and my attendance was valued

The Middle School Achievement Team would like to take this opportunity to wish the Year 11 students and their families a peaceful Christmas break.

Mr P Moriarty and Mrs G Olsen



Cardiff High Students Keep On Giving!



Congratulations to all our students for raising the considerable sum of £2000 for Children In Need!

At Cardiff High we are always keen to raise money for those who are less fortunate than ourselves. Each year, our charity representatives meet to decide upon a local, national and international charity to adopt.

The charities selected by our students this year are, **Cardiff Food Bank** – a charity which aims to provide food for the homeless in and around the city.



Young at Heart a charity offering help and support to families of babies and children diagnosed with heart defects.

All these children and their families have spent many weeks/months in hospital undergoing major heart surgery. Some children have had numerous operations throughout their short lives. Sadly, some do not survive and for others their only hope is a heart transplant.



and **Action Against Hunger** - a registered charity for supporting those affected by the recent disaster in the Philippines.



If you would like to help us in our bid to raise money for those less fortunate than ourselves , please do not hesitate to contact the school - eaddams@cardiffhigh.cardiff.sch.uk

Sports News

Interform Cross Country



An excellent effort was seen yet again at interform cross country with great numbers of pupils, as well as staff, participating, and an impressive sum of money was raised. The money supported the charity School Children for Children and equipment for the PE department. Well done to all who- competed!:



Interform Netball and Football



The first round of interform Netball and Football were played before half term with some great performances. The 3G hosted its first ever interform competition with 7 a side football, with the Netball being held in the sports hall. The finals will be held before Christmas. Good luck!



Jordan Fender

From Year 10 who is will be representing Wales in Glasgow in sat 30th Nov in the SIAB multi event athletics championships.

Lauren Evans

who is also gaining national honours at the same event.



Rugby

As always the School Rugby Teams have been very busy throughout the term with regular fixtures and training. At Senior level the 1st XV has achieved some fine victories, notably over Ysgol Glantaf with many players standing out. Josh Burns Alex Lloyd and Joe Williams have been consistently excellent leading to both Alex and Joe being invited to play for the Welsh Academicals invitation XV. Joe has also made his debut for the Cardiff RFC SENIOR team, an outstanding achievement.



Benedict Watson has been making spectacular progress this year in Table Tennis. He is currently ranked no.3 in Wales in the Under 13 age group and has also represented Glamorgan at Under 15 level. To cap it all, Ben has also been selected to represent Wales at Under 15 level in the new year. Many Congratulations Ben !

Football News.....



Year 7

The Y7 football team have begun the season with 3 wins and 2 defeats, with around 20 boys so far representing the team. Highlights being the dramatic comeback from 5-2 down v Fitzalan to eventual win 6-5 and the goal scoring exploits of Sam Barratt and Toby Yebdri (both with 6).



Year 8

Y8 finally won a cup match! Despite being 3-0 down early on against Cathays, the team responded brilliantly to win 7-5. The team have also won a triangular tournament v Bro Ederny and St John's. Charlie Allan is proving to be a dead ball specialist, impressing in midfield and Jordan Lewis continues to score with great regularity.

Year 9

Y9 are out of the Welsh Cup but have progressed in the Cardiff and Vale Cup, defeating Radyr on penalties. Matthew Wainwright has an impressive 4 goals in 2 games, whilst Jack Yebdri has been solid at centre back.

Year 10

Following a first round bye the Y10 team are awaiting a cup fixture v Radyr. A friendly victory over Fitzalan the team's only game this season. Special mentions to Joe Tong and Marcus Moses who have represented the Y11 team this season.

Football News.....



Year 11

In the Welsh Cup the Y11 team defeated Eastern High on penalties following a hard-fought 0-0 draw, Harrison Trinder being the hero with 2 penalty saves. This win was followed up with a comprehensive 4-1 victory over Barry. In the Cardiff and Vale cup the team produced a stunning display away to Cowbridge winning 5-0, then played out a tense draw with Willows, before winning on penalties. Captain Nick Davies has been immense so far scoring 7 times, Dana Saed and Cian Cocks have been reliable in defence, whilst Alex Koukouravas has impressed in midfield.

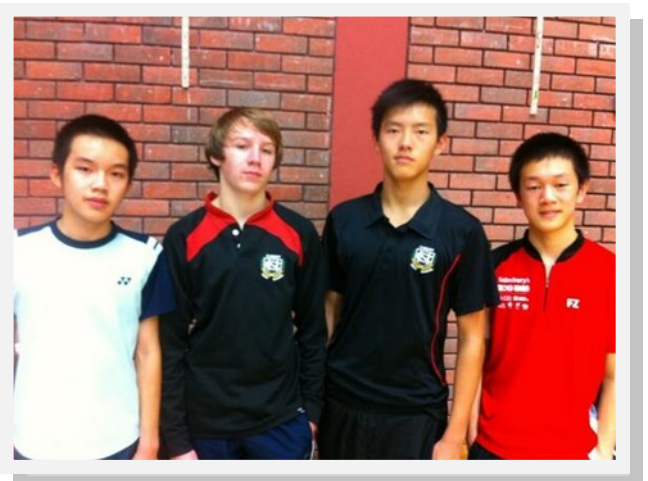


Senior Football

The senior football team are showing real potential for a successful season. Highlights being a clinical 6-1 victory v Whitchurch and a solid defensive display in the 3-0 v the Ely/ Careau Federation. Seb James has continued where he left off last season with almost guaranteed goals. Dave Brown and Felix Iacono have been colossal in defence, whilst Tommie Shorey and Nick Jones have added goals and creativity from midfield.

Badminton

The team of Rory Xiao, Darren Luu, Gordan Lai and Alex Boyd recently competed in the Top Schools South Wales Badminton Championships. After comfortably advancing from their group the team defeated Chepstow in the semi-finals to set up a final with Crickhowell. Unfortunately the team were defeated 4-1, although all games were decided by just a few points. 2nd places qualifies the team with a place in the National Championships in March.



To Keep upto date with the latest sports news please follow our twitter account @PEatCardiffHigh

Tennis, Hockey, Netball, Athletics, Cross Country

Year 7 and 8 Girls Tennis

The Year 7 and 8 Tennis team won the South Wales Aegon SCHOOLS Tennis competition and qualified for the Regional stage of the competition making it to the last 52 teams in Britain. Fantastic effort by all girls! And we are hoping to build on this success into the new season this summer. The tennis team consisted of Erin Oelmann, Grace Lim, Beth Jenkins, Caitlin Hockley and Anna Prothero. Congratulations!

Year 9 and 10 Girls Tennis

The girls had a fantastic season this year making it to the final 16 teams in the country of the Aegon SCHOOLS Tennis competition. The girls demonstrated their skills at each and every stage of the competition and fought hard in the Regional finals held at Bath University. The tennis team consisted of Alex Oelmann, Emily Griffin, Daisy Pathy, Rebecca Daniels and Phoebe Orbell – Well done girls!!

Year 11 Hockey

The girls eventually played their final from last season and what a match it was. Both teams were evenly matched throughout the game which resulted in Cardiff High School losing at penalty flicks. The girls show great commitment to Hockey and we look forward to many more matches this season.

Netball

Congratulations to the following pupils who have been selected to represent the County in Netball this year Chloe Jones (U'18) Elysse Haywood, Lauren Evans, Issy Richards, Molly Murphy and Cath Davies (U'14). Further congratulations to Elysse Haywood who has been selected for the second year to play for the Wales Under 15 squad.



The Year 9 B netball team finished 2nd in the Cardiff & Vale B tournament The Year 9 A team finished 2nd in the National Urdd Netball Tournament congratulations to the Year 8's who made it to the semi-finals being knocked out by only one goal.

Hockey

Congratulations to Anna Richards for selection to the Under 14 hockey squad and to Alia Yadollahi ,Georgia Brown and Ikra Jehangir on selection to the Under 16 county hockey squad.

Athletics

Congratulations to Lauren Evans and Jordan Fender who competed in the Welsh Schools Combined Events Championships, Lauren finished 2nd and Jordan finished 4th a fantastic achievement with both pupils being selected to represent Wales in the Schools International to be held in Glasgow next month.

Cross Country

Cardiff High was represented in every age group at the recent Welsh Inter Schools Cross Country Championships. The Year 7 & 8 boys team finished 4th, Senior girls 3rd and the Senior boys retained their title by winning the Championships. Exceptional individual performances for John Cove 3rd, Nick Jones 7th and Emily Griffin 8th!

News from the Religion and Philosophy Department

Philosophy Café

Philosophy Café is growing and flourishing with the addition of a 'junior' café aimed at pupils in Years 7, 8 and 9. Philosophy Café is a great way of bringing staff and students together to discuss life's big questions in a fun and informal setting. Come along and be part of this exciting activity. The café is student-led and we welcome suggestions for discussion topics as well as volunteers to present at the café from students and staff alike.

Senior Philosophy Café

Week B, T7, 3:30pm – 4:30pm

Junior Philosophy Café

Week A, Room 19, 12:30pm – 1:10pm please bring your lunch

If you would like to help run either of the Philosophy Cafés, or if you have ideas for discussions, please see Mrs James or Mrs Hill or email Mrs Hill at



"We love Philosophy Café because we have great discussions and we get to talk about our opinions with our friends and teachers. It is really interesting to find out what other people think. There are new discussions each week and it keeps your brain active. It's a good way to make new friends and we get to have free snacks!"

Noah Evans, 8L

"Philosophy Café challenges you to think deeply and even to change your thinking on life. It's a great opportunity for students to drive the discussion and to talk about issues that are important to us - we talk about things that really matter. Every school should have one!"

Niall Elmer, Year 13

Student Success In The National Schools Bible Project

Congratulations to the twenty pupils now in Year 8 and 9, who came highly commended in last Summer's nationwide Schools' Bible Project competition. Following on from Cardiff High's success in the 2012 competition, these pupils impressed the judges with their creative re-tellings of episodes from the Gospels. All students were proud to receive their prizes of 'Christian Projects' publications. Well done to all!



Israeli Student Delegates Visit The RP Department

On Monday 4th November the Religion and Philosophy Department was visited by Yaakov Wolf and Adaya Kisos. The eighteen year olds were visiting Wales in their role as Israeli Student Delegates. They delivered a very informative speech to a group of Cardiff High students in Years 12 and 13 about Israel and the challenges of being a young person living there. Our students asked them some extremely thought provoking questions and excellent quality discussion took place. Well done and thank you to everyone involved.



The Getting On Together Project

Cardiff High School and the RP Department have long been associated with the GOT project. Mrs Lisa James has been part of the team producing resources for teachers and youth workers, aiming to counter intolerance and extremism through independent and critical thinking and eliminating prejudice and discrimination between all cultures, faiths and creeds. On Thursday 10th



October a group of Year 10 students took part in filming at The Bishop of Llandaff, recording a series of lessons which will be used to deliver the GOT project in schools across Wales. The students were superb and were highly commended for their mature attitude and enthusiasm.

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Numa - An Inspiration



My name is Numa Ali and my recent achievement was influenced by my election to the position of Head Girl of Lakeside Primary School 2011/12. Acting in this role has helped me develop many skills such as independence, organisation and interacting with younger children. This inspired me to set up a small Saturday club helping children develop moral values that they can live up to and hopefully set a path for them to reach in the near future. Another influence which encouraged me to succeed is the local scout group that I attend weekly which motivates me to support others.

We are very proud of Numa's achievements at Cardiff High School.

Numa goes above and beyond what is required of her, and despite her young age is a key source of motivation and inspiration for many of girls. She takes initiative and has a very caring and compassionate nature. Numa empathises with those less fortunate and strives to promote inclusion and understanding amongst her peers. Numa is very confident and will often organise and present reminders to her local scouts group. She has been promoted to deputy leader.

Not only is she active within the Scouts community but she has also shown an understanding of deeper issues in communities, where she had the leading role in a play discussing a very sensitive topic of cultural boundaries and forced marriages. Her ability to act in front of a large audience in such a confident manner to raise this issue onto a platform of discussion is an outstanding and fantastic achievement.

Congratulations on your Inspiration Award Numa!

LLANISHEN RFC



<http://www.pitchero.com/clubs/llanishen/>



"through rugby, developing self-confidence and social skills, building self-discipline and responsibility to others"

Welcoming new players, rugby and social members, and visitors. Catering for private hire functions.

We welcome new players of all ages from senior level (18+) and Youth, down to our Mini & Junior Under 7 to Under 16 year groups.

If you would like to join as a player or would like to discuss your wider participation as a rugby member in the club rugby please contact one of the members listed below.

Our clubhouse has a function-room, lounge, players bar and skittle alley, as well as decked garden and BBQ area. The facilities and rooms are available for private-hire occasions including weddings, christenings, birthdays and anniversaries.

Contact our Bar Manager: Becki Marshall
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I Like To Be In America...!!

During the October half term, 41 Year 11 and Year 12 students experienced the bright lights and buzzing atmospheres of Washington D.C. and New York City as part of their Business Studies, Law and Technology courses. The trip proved to be a fantastic educational and eye-opening visit for all the students, which included meeting unforgettable characters (namely Gwen), drinking in iconic American sights and culture and learning how to walk at a blistering pace. Miss Jones, Miss Crook, Mr Rhodes and Mr O'Brien would also like to thank all of the students for representing Cardiff High School excellently for the entire trip, through all of the excitement and, most importantly, through all of the little dramas. Just to give you a taste of the trip, below is a brief diary entry just giving you a flavour of the whole trip:



Tearing up Washington first, the group paid a visit to Mr Obama at the Whitehouse and were gifted a rare tour of his Presidential Gardens. Sunday's sobering visits to the WW2, Vietnam and Lincoln Memorials and Arlington Cemetery, were fantastic opportunities for us all to understand and learn about America's military history. Monday's visit to Capitol Hill proved to be an insightful inside into the political structure that America holds dear. However, Times Square beckoned and we bid goodbye to the calm, clean streets of Washington and arrived in the concrete jungle of NYC late Monday evening with enough time to check out the unbelievably overwhelming Times Square.



Tuesday's trip to Downtown Manhattan was full of iconic sights including the beautiful 9/11 Memorial, Wall Street and its mysterious 'Charging Bull', a brisk stroll over Brooklyn Bridge and a peak at the gargantuan Grand Central Station. However, one of THE highlights of the trip was the visit to the top of the Empire State Building at night, where we were treated a spectacular view of the whole of NYC in all its striking glory.

Not satisfied with just the Empire State Building, we decided to take in a different view of the city that never sleeps, but this time from the 'Top of the Rocks' on

Wednesday morning. We followed this up with a scenic tour of the Hudson River and doffed our caps to the most famous women in NYC - the Statue of Liberty.

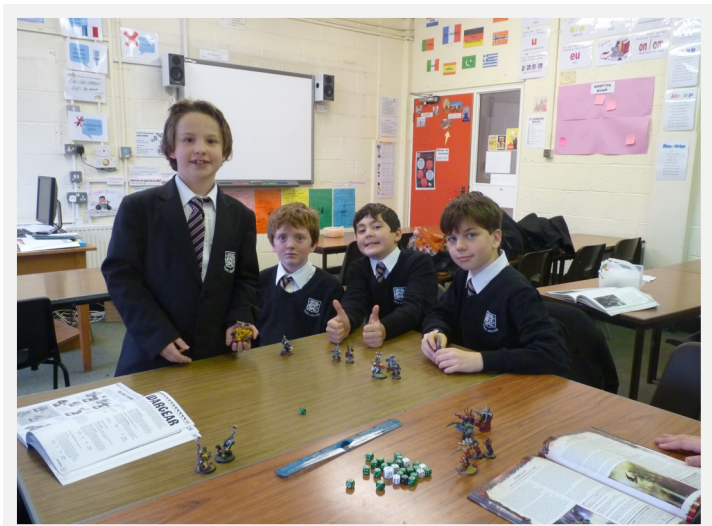
The UN welcomed Cardiff High School through its doors on Thursday morning for an interesting tour of the buildings and its inner workings. A tiny bit of drizzle couldn't put us off the zoo and ice-skating in Central Park during the afternoon, before we dragged all of the ice-bruised students to watch the incredibly vibrant Halloween parade and enjoy the true American fair that Ellen's Diner had to offer. Friday allowed us to spend a little time (and a lot of dollars) in a New Jersey Shopping Mall before we hopped back over to the British side of the pond.

Well done to all of the students who made this an unforgettable, unbelievable and unique trip for themselves and each other.



This year has seen the inaugural Warhammer 40,000 club added to the extensive calendar of extra-curricular activities throughout Cardiff High School. Led by Mr. Glanville-Ellis and Year Seven member Jacob Paynter, the club gathers every Tuesday lunchtime in Mme. Mann's room and it is accurate to say that it has been a huge success. With initial numbers of a dozen and now, merely three weeks later, boasting more than twice that sum, the futuristic warfare in the dark days of the

Imperium is safely being led by the commanders of various armies. A highlight so far has been the games of Spacehulk, where the might of the Spacemarines immolated the hideous genestealers in week one, only to be completely battered the following time. All are welcome, whether a seasoned veteran or a complete beginner.

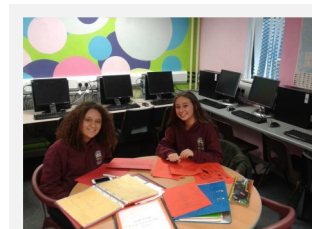


Sixth Form News...

Fantastic New Sixth Form Centre

As the new build reaches completion we are delighted to announce a new partnership with the Ty Celyn Youth Centre at Cardiff High School. The sixth form will now have exclusive use of this centre during the school day affording them not only a comfortable area to socialise but also dedicated study and ICT provision. The Senior Prefect Team have worked alongside the Head Teacher, Mr Jones and the Youth Centre staff to develop the centre ready for its launch on the 2nd of December.

This facility provides an excellent base for both Year 12 and 13 students and we look forward to being able to develop the use of the centre further in the future.



Prefects

Parsa:

My name is Parsa Salahi and I am the Head Boy of Cardiff High School. I am currently studying chemistry, biology, maths and physics and am hoping to study medicine next year. I have a passion for charity work and help organise charity events in school. I am a motivated, determined and passionate individual and enjoy helping others. Together with the prefect team, we hope to make a difference this year at Cardiff High.

Rachel:

Hello, I'm Rachel Bevan and I'm Head Girl of Cardiff High School. At the moment I am studying geography, biology and welsh and I have just applied to do geography at University. I enjoy a range of sports and music, and I am about to take my Grade 8 piano and flute exam. I have always taken an active part in all aspects of school life and I hope to use my position to give something back to the school and make changes for the better this year. I am very excited about the opportunities the school will have when the new build opens and I am looking forward to having an active role in making sure it is used to its full potential.

Gloria:

Hello, my name is Gloria Afelumo and I am deputy head girl. I am currently studying physics, chemistry, biology and maths. I have a passion for helping those around me and so through my position, I hope not only to improve the quality of the environment in which all the pupils in this school learn, but also to further the charity work done in this school.

Hajera:

Hi, my name is Hajera and I'm deputy head girl. I'm currently studying biology, chemistry and maths and I have applied to study medicine at University. I would like my position as deputy head girl to further expand the charity work done at school.

Harri:

Hello, my name is Harri and I am deputy head boy. I am studying chemistry, biology and history. I only joined Cardiff High in the sixth form and I have thoroughly enjoyed my time here so far. I wanted to join the senior prefect team to make a difference and contribute to the school's and sixth form's community.

Sasha:

Hi, my name is Sasha Owen, and I am acting as the school's deputy head boy. I am a very approachable person, so if anyone has a question or concern about the school (and I mean, anything) please come and see me and I'll be happy to help. I'm all for opinions, and I would love to hear yours! Some background information about me: I am currently studying all of the expressive arts – Music, Art & Drama. I am a keen piano player, currently working towards my Grade 8 exam. I am also in the school choirs and orchestras – let me just add that they're really fun, so please come and join. I am also starring in the school musical, 'Les Miserables', as Monsieur Thenardier – Please come and see the show, if you have the time.

L.T.M.A.O. ??

(Like to Meet an Officer?)



We are very excited about the fact that we have teamed up with our local community police in order to provide both parents and students with an opportunity to “Meet an Officer”.

On alternative Mondays surgeries will be on offer at the school for you to meet with Helen Dunn (PCSO) to discuss any issues of concern eg Cyberbullying and the legal implications.

In order to discuss this idea further or to make an appointment with Helen, please contact Assistant Headteacher - Allison Yarrow.





Cardiff High School...



New Entrance



New Junior Hall



Art Classroom

Fundraising for a 21st Century School

Why we need to fundraise

In 2010 the local authority changed the catchment area associated with Cardiff High School so that from 2011 a new form of entry would enter the school each year for the next five years. We expect to see the school grow from around 1450 pupils to eventually 1650 including Sixth Form increases - a significant change and a great strain on resources.

To meet this demand the local authority released funds to provide additional space in the school and in January 2013 a building project began. This was great news but with the strict financial constraints placed on everyone at the moment, while we will have more space, there is little to no budget to fill these areas with the equipment needed for excellent learning opportunities and 21st Century Schooling!

Fundraising is best secured by short term standing order commitments. This approach currently nets about £6000 a year for the school. This is even more lucrative when gift aided by tax payers and the school can reclaim the tax paid on these calculations to the tune of an extra 20p from the Inland Revenue for every £1.00 donated. Since June 2013 there has been a surge in standing order payments and happily this will secure around £8000 this year.

If you would like to help, please complete, the Standing Order form accompanying this leaflet. You can contribute as a one off payment, over ten months, or over the period in which your child attends Cardiff High School. Every contribution helps and we are very grateful for your support. If more convenient we would be happy to accept a cheque made payable to Cardiff High School Fundraising. This can be sent or dropped in reception for the attention of the headteacher.

Thank you on behalf of everyone associated with the school. I sincerely hope that I will shortly be able to welcome you to the opening of our new facilities and celebrate with us a very successful campaign.

Yours faithfully,

S M JONES

Headteacher

The Cardiff High School Partnership is an association (like a PTA) of parents, teachers, children and local businesses. The Partnership was set up in 2001 with the aim to raise money and develop other opportunities to enhance the education and wellbeing of the 1,500 students at Cardiff High School. The Partnership is a registered charity and has a Board of Trustees.

You can contact The Partnership by calling the school on 02920 757741 or via email: millerhassey@yahoo.co.uk

The key area of activity is fundraising. This is done through the organisation of events for parents, teachers, the community and students and also via the Gift Aid direct debit donation scheme and business sponsorship. The school relies heavily on support from parents and the community to deliver continued improvements to both the educational and physical environment.

Since its inception, the Partnership has managed several successful fundraising campaigns, delivering a new dining area, a learning resources room, pull out seating for the hall, ICT and DT equipment and contributed towards the purchase of a school mini bus. In the last monthly funding has been released to purchase new basketball equipment for PE and ICT equipment for the new music classrooms. However, despite this success, both volunteers and funds raised in recent years have declined, ***so the school really needs your help, now!***

How can you help?

- Come to The Partnership / Meet the Headteacher meetings
- Plan or help organise an event
- Attend just one of the events
- Donate a raffle or auction prize
- Advertise your business in the newsletter or sponsor an event
- Sign up via the Standing Order with gift aid scheme (even a £1 month helps!)

Cardiff High School *Partnership*



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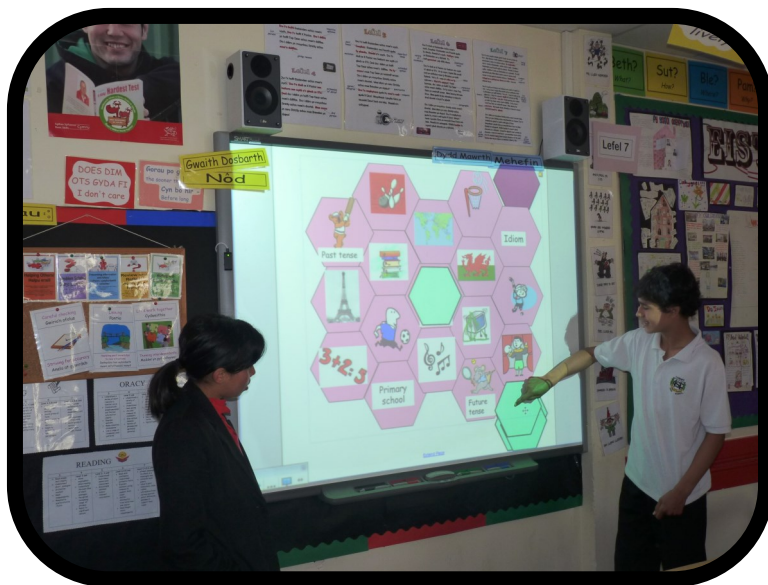
3D PRINTER

Provided for the Design and Technology
Department



The Cheerleading Team practising in the
dance studio funded by the Partnership.

Year 7 using interactive whiteboards in their Welsh lesson. (Funded by CHS Partnership)



Financial Donation Form - Please return to CHS

I wish to contribute the following sum to the Cardiff High School Partnership Fund via Standing Order:

£ _____ per Month

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£ _____ one off donation

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If possible we would like to treat this donation under the current Gift Aid rules. Please confirm by ticking the box below if you are a tax payer. ☐

Please tick the box if you would like your donation to be anonymous ☐

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Please fill in one of the following:

Please transfer £ _____ on _____ (date) each month ☐

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Account Number _____ Account name _____

To the account of the Cardiff High School Partnership details of which are:

Barclays Bank plc

Bank Sort Code 20-18-15

Account Number 60160776

(The Cardiff High School Partnership undertakes not to change these arrangements until you advise us in writing (at the school))

Signed _____ Name in block capitals _____ Date _____

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