



Autumn Newsletter

2015



It has been a fantastic start to the new academic year. We have had a highly successful Year 6 and Sixth Form Open Evening, and once again, have been overwhelmed with interest in studying at Cardiff High School. It is great to see such faith put in us by parents not just in this community but also across Cardiff.

Much of this is based on our exceptional exam results. Last year 89% of all Year 11 students achieved 5 A*-C grades, the highest figure ever recorded in Wales with 36% of all students attaining 5A*-A grades including English and Maths. We were equally as proud that all Year 11 left with a minimum of 5 A*-G grades. In the Sixth Form, our students, both individually and collectively, achieved some of the highest results in Wales and the best yet for the school. Of course the school is so much more than this. It is a welcoming, caring environment with a wonderful Wellbeing and Achievement Team to support all pupils in their learning.

While continuing to deliver high standards of education we have developed the school to successfully operate as a School Improvement Hub for the Central South Consortium. The school has been at the forefront of the improvement hub agenda and to date Cardiff High School staff have been involved in providing training and professional learning opportunities for over 180 staff from the five neighbouring Local Authorities which make up the Central South Consortium region.

In addition, we have become a recognised centre for excellence for the delivery of Welsh in English Medium schools. We are also working with Eastern High School to support the raising of standards across the institution. It is fair to say that while we aspire to the highest of standards, we are not afraid to challenge ourselves in the pursuit of excellence by taking on such roles. It is demanding but ultimately very rewarding as we enjoy not only our success but the success of others.

In spite of the challenging times ahead, huge curriculum changes and financial pressures, we go from strength to strength and I hope you will continue to get behind us and support us in our aspirations.

We wish you a very enjoyable festive period and a Happy New Year.

S M JONES
Headteacher

ParentPay - our new online payment service

We are pleased to announce that we will shortly be accepting payments online for items such as dinner money, school trips and other items. Using a secure website called ParentPay you will be able to pay online using your credit or debit card. ParentPay will be our preferred method of making payments to school.

What are the benefits to parents and pupils?

- ParentPay is easy-to-use and will offer you the freedom to make online payments whenever and wherever you like, 24/7
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Art Department News

The Postcard Project



The Postcard Project

After the success of last year's Made in Roath project, we asked a group of enthusiastic year 9 pupils to help us with the Postcard Project yet again. It has turned into an annual event between Cardiff High School Art department and the Made in Roath festival.

The year 9 pupils worked with a local artist to create a series of postcards. Each pupil made their own postcard using collected images of Roath, some from their own photographs or historical imagery, maps and illustration.

The resulting postcards were sold in various venues taking place in 'Made in Roath' this year. Some of the students' postcards were so popular at the event that they sold out!

KEY STAGE 3 NEWS

Year seven have made a great start to their first year in the Art Department at Cardiff High School. They started the year with an introduction to the formal elements in the way of mark making and observational drawings of shells. They are in the process of being introduced to their first artist in the form of Vincent Scarpace and will be developing their painting skills and understanding of the colour wheel.

Year eight have also made a great start to the year with their gargoyle project. Pupils have created superb research pages and are being given the opportunity to further develop their drawing skills by generating their own ideas for a gargoyle which will be realised in clay by the end of this term. Their understanding of drawing techniques is being enhanced by the use of skills videos which they can access on their phones through QR coded posters and from home through Moodle on the school's website.

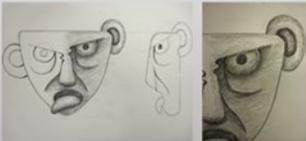


Gwaith Dosbarth Class Work

Develop and draw your third idea

Watch skills video on drawing profile view, practice drawing your own gargoyle profile and then draw neatly on page

Watch skills video which demonstrates adding graduated tones...apply to your own drawings



Year nine have started the year with exploring the Mexican festival Day of the Dead. Pupils will be creating their own Day of the Dead skull made from clay. We are very proud of the exciting, rich and imaginative research pages which will be the inspiration for some interesting designs.

KEY STAGE 4

Lunchtimes in the art room have been a hub of energy and creativity, with our numerous art clubs. A number of our year 10 pupils have been supporting our younger pupils by leading art club activities. It has been great to see so many of our year 10 and 11 pupils working on their art projects at break and lunchtime. The skill and imagination our pupils demonstrate never ceases to amaze us!

KEY STAGE 5

Year 12 and 13 have had a productive first term as they develop their coursework projects. Year 12 started their course by visiting an exhibition titled 'Fragile' at National Museum of Wales. Pupils have experimented with a huge range of media, techniques and processes in response to the artwork that they saw and have some extremely exciting projects developing.

Business & Economics



Tearing up Washington first (after a cheeky 4 hour wait for a bus in the airport), the group paid a visit to Mr Obama at the Whitehouse and made an appearance on US television discussing the upcoming election. 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 (#DanWasTheMan). Monday's tour around Capitol Hill (with an 'enthusiastic' Beverly), proved to be insightful into the political structure that America holds dear. However, Times Square beckoned and we bid goodbye to the calm, clean streets of Washington and hello to Sam (the best

bus driver in the country), Fun Facts and eventually New York City!

Tuesday's trip to Downtown Manhattan was full of iconic sights including the beautiful 9/11 Memorial, the brand new Freedom Tower for some incredible views, Wall Street and its mysterious 'Charging Bull' and a peak at the gargantuan Grand Central Station.

Wednesday saw us tackle the Hudson River and take in the iconic Statue of Liberty... in a torrent of unforgetting rain! But that didn't dampen our spirits! After a karaoke session in full length waterproof ponchos, we managed to squeeze in some shopping at Macy's – in between spotting Bruce Willis over on Broadway that is. The UN welcomed Cardiff High School through its doors on Thursday morning for an interesting tour of the buildings and its inner workings. Fancying a change of pace, we strolled down to the zoo and ice-skating rink in Central Park during the afternoon, before we dragged all of the ice-bruised students to the very top of the Empire State Building to watch a sensational sunset and night roll over the famous city. We rounded off our last evening in NYC with a meal in the famous Ellen's Stardust Diner. We celebrated not one, but THREE sweet 16s for Charlotte, Lalaz and a very shocked Daisy.

Well done to all of the students who made this an unforgettable, unbelievable and unique trip for themselves and each other. It's only fitting to end this article with three hashtags: #EmojiFace #FamsForLife #Porridge.



Young Enterprise

This year the Business and Economics department have once again decided to take part in the Young Enterprise Company Programme which is delivered by a number of schools across the country. This year 25 AS students have decided to get involved and are very excited to start the programme. The programme allows the students' involved to experience what it's really like to set up and run a business. They make all the decisions about their company, from raising the initial share capital through to designing their product or service to selling directly to customers and ultimately winding up the company and paying their taxes. The students' first event is taking place in Ikea in Cardiff Bay on the 1st December where they will be running a stall at the Christmas fair as part of their fundraising. There will be other fundraising events throughout the academic year and all students would be very grateful for any support.



Entrepreneur and Economist of the term

Congratulations to the following students for achieving Entrepreneur/Economist of the term. As a department we felt these students have excelled in their first term in Business Studies and Economics. Well Done.

Year 11 Economics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elizabeth Whittaker 	Year 11 Business Studies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Raihaan Ahmed Emma Lowe Nazia Rahman Jess Marsden
Year 10 Economics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Zaid Dudhniwala 	Year 10 Business Studies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Liywelyn Jones Marcus Guidice Maynard Ibrahim Qureshi Christina Pollitt

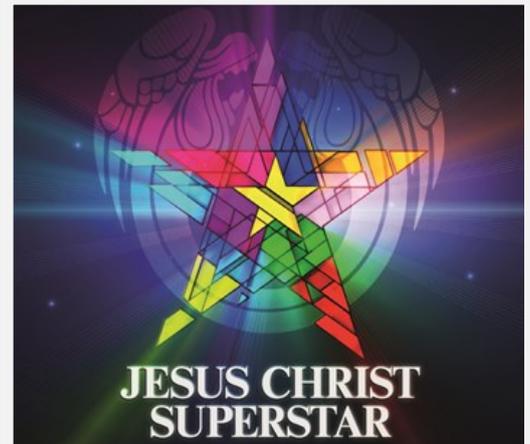




DRAMA DEPARTMENT NEWS



The department really hit the ground running at the start of the year as we began the auditions for this year's musical, Jesus Christ Superstar. Again there was a huge amount of interest in the show and so the Drama and Music Departments would like to thank everyone who expressed an interest in getting involved. The rehearsals are now in full flow and the cast are excited about the concept and interpretation of this classic West End performance, which will begin in the week of the 8th February. Tickets will start to go on sale in January!



In October the Year 11 Drama class all performed their Unit 1 Devised Practicals which were of a great standard. There was so much diversity and difference in the work and, leading up to the final performances, the pupils put so much effort into their work it was incredibly encouraging to see.

Also in October, Year 12 went to the Sherman Cymru to see an interesting interpretation of Ibsen's classic, 'A Doll's House'. This ground-breaking piece of writing was useful for the class to see how pre-1900 theatre has had an impact on modern theatre. It will also be crucial when it comes to their Live Theatre Review, which is the last section of their exam. In order to have some basis for comparison, the main performance that they will discuss will be 'Sweeny Todd', which we went to see in November. This hugely popular piece of Musical Theatre was done in a very original way, using contemporary forms and devices, brilliantly sung and performed, with the right amount of horror and gore! If you have a chance to see it, I strongly recommend a view.



In the New Year we will hopefully be having a workshop from the Cardiff based theatre company, Earthfall. This massively successful group are based in Chapter Arts Centre and can bring a wealth of experience, knowledge and techniques to the A Level classes that they can then use in their own work.

**EARTH
FALL**

DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT

Arkwright Scholars amongst our Year 12 Product Designers

This year, since becoming an Arkwright affiliated school in 2012, was the first time we have had *two* students successful in achieving prestigious Arkwright Scholarships. The application process is vigorous and includes a written application, an amplitude test, team building demonstrations and an interview. They both will now have support from sponsors throughout their A Level studies. The 2015 successful scholars were Max Taylor and Bethan Wilkinson. Bethan has been sponsored by Edinburgh University and Max has been sponsored by the South Wales Engineering Trust. During October a presentation of awards was held where students were presented with their certificates and met their sponsors. This amazing achievement by both will most definitely put them ahead of other aspiring engineers when applying for university.



Geography Department News

Fieldwork

Year 13 students have had the chance to enhance their understanding and knowledge of the coastal module they are studying by undertaking fieldwork to Ogmore and Southerndown. Students collected a range of data and carried out investigations to test coastal theories. It was an extremely useful day, allowing students to put a range of



theories into context and bringing geography alive. The students have now used their visit to fully develop their coastal essays.

Year 12 have also had the opportunity to develop their data collection and analysis skills in the local area focusing on developing their rivers knowledge. Even the rain did not put them off!

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT NEWS

Yet another busy first term is drawing to an end for Cardiff High School's English Department. Teachers and students are working diligently, side by side, to maintain, and hopefully build upon, our fantastic GCSE and A Level exam results from last June.

Of course, however, it's not all work and no play!



Firstly, we are delighted to reveal the results of the 2015 Regional Kids' Lit Quiz. The Kids' Lit Quiz is an annual competition where young readers celebrate their love of literature with a healthy battle of the brains. This year our fantastic teams of Year 7 (Menhaz Khan and Anna Ng and Year 8 students, (Poppy Jones, Phoebe Skinner, Hadiyah Zaman, Noah Price Griffiths and Ciaran Ashton), took on their fellow Welsh literature lovers at the regional heats at Howells School. The Year 7 team were ranked 6th out of 27 teams with a brilliant 77 points and there was another excellent result

for the Year 8 team too, who came in 5th place with 78 points!

Following on from this, we are also looking forward to the upcoming trip to meet the fantastic children's writer, Holly Smale, author of Kids' Books of the Year 2013, *Geek Girl*.

The CHS Junior Public Speaking Team gave a polished and confident performance at the first round of the Rotary Public Speaking Competition 2015, debating the question: 'Should the police carry guns?' Susanna Davies, Isobel Evans and Alana Zammit took first place, and will continue to compete in the Area Competition later on this year. We wish them all the best of luck!



Another exciting opportunity available to Key Stage 3 students this year at Cardiff High is the chance to participate in BBC News School Report. School Report is a scheme operated nationwide by the BBC that gives pupils aged between 11 and 16 the opportunity to research and produces their own news reports for a real audience. Last year, more than 1,000 schools in the UK took part and reports varied from investigations into social media addiction to interviews with prominent local public figures. The Cardiff High School Reporters meet every Week A Monday lunchtime in F21, Mr Oldfield's classroom.

Year 11 English students studying for their English Literature exam in January have been on an exclusive trip to see the hit Broadway production of John Steinbeck's *Of Mice and Men*, which was filmed on stage in New York by National Theatre Live and broadcast in Cardiff's Vue Cinema. All of those who were able to attend thoroughly enjoyed the trip and felt that watching a production of the novel has really helped them to understand the text.

Note:

The department are still holding English GCSE Masterclasses every Thursday night for Year 11 students. Week A is reserved for 11 HJKL and Week B welcomes 11 PRST. During these sessions we revise exam style questions and techniques.

French Department News

On the 2nd November, we were delighted to welcome back to Cardiff High School former pupil Rachel Lewis (née Bloom). Rachel studied French with us up to A Level and, being highly successful, she went on to study French and Spanish at Cardiff University. She achieved a commendable degree and is now working in the business and marketing sector, representing and promoting leading brands.

Rachel kindly accepted our invitation to come and speak to our Year 9 pupils about her path through option choices and about her studies and the opportunities she has had thanks to those choices. Our Year 9 pupils posed very useful questions to acquire a clearer view of how continuing to study a Modern Foreign Language and developing essential communication skills for the global job market could give them the edge in a variety of fields.

Rachel was able to engage the pupils with photos of her university 'year abroad' – this is built in to courses at university for those studying a modern foreign language. The pupils also gained knowledge of Erasmus+ and the opportunities there are for gaining funding to study and work abroad. Rachel also highlighted that she had been recently head-hunted by an international company thanks to her business and additional language skills.

It was a real pleasure to welcome Rachel back and to hear about where her language studies have taken her and the doors that are open to students who have foreign language skills.



Nia Jones from CILT Cymru visited Cardiff High School to give a presentation to our Year 9 pupils studying French. Her presentation highlighted the highly useful skills that language-learning teaches and develops and how desirable these are amongst employers. Our pupils learnt that learning languages contributes to mutual understanding, a sense of global citizenship and personal fulfilment. Technology, globalisation and ease of international travel are bringing more of the world within our reach and learning languages can equip our pupils with the knowledge and skills to take advantage of the opportunities of life in the 21st century.

Nia also highlighted to our pupils that languages are a life skill and that knowledge of a foreign language is not just another GCSE grade – it is a concrete and demonstrable life skill, and it is a skill highly valued by employers. As well as communication skills, languages teach you adaptability and independence and develop different modes of thinking – seeing a situation from many perspectives is essential and the ability to operate cross-culturally is becoming just as valued by employers as straight language skills. Learning a language combines the intellectual with the practical as no other subject does; you need to be able to think on your feet.

Nia stressed to Year 9 that today, there is a global market for jobs. It is not necessary to be completely fluent in a foreign language to be an asset to any potential employer. Knowing how to meet and greet people from other countries and cultures is a valued skill. She also outlined the importance of realising that languages combine well with virtually any subject for further study - the range of combined degrees and further education courses involving a language is extremely wide.

We enjoyed Nia's visit and learnt a great deal about how choices now can have an enormous impact on many aspects of our lives in the future.



German Department News

Cardiff High flies the flag for German!

On 5th November the German department received a visit from an Estyn Inspector keen to find out more about the Learning and Teaching that occurs in the German department. After a day with us she was extremely impressed with all aspects of the department, from the high numbers of students, who we attract to study German at both G.C.S.E. and A-level, which bucks all national trends, to our outstanding results, where, once again, we were among the top five performing departments at G.C.S.E. How do we achieve this? We always strive to give our students the best possible experiences in the classroom and this year our G.C.S.E. reading scores were a record high thanks to an innovative and inventive approach to reading skills that we are now rolling out to Key Stage 3. We also endeavour to give our students an excellent learning experience in the classroom; indeed the inspector was particularly complementary about the lesson and was extremely impressed by the learners and the enthusiastic and engaging approach to Teaching and Learning that she observed.

Outside the classroom we are also proactive in raising the profile of German among our students and in the summer Mrs. Proctor-Jones arranged a visit for students in years 11 to 13 to Bristol University. The students had the opportunity to experience life as a language undergraduate, including attending lectures on German history and literature and a question and answer session from a recent language graduate. The visit proved to be a real hit – just read some of the amazing comments made by our students:

“The Bristol trip was fun and informative and the lectures were enjoyable and helpful”

“The lectures gave an extremely useful insight into what it would be like to study German at both A-level and beyond. I was amazed how I could read in German!”

“The trip really showed how useful a language can be. I was surprised by how many different options there are.”

Of course the real pleasure for us is in watching our students develop a lifelong love for German and we would like to wish Helen, Jess and Chloë every success in their studies of German at University.



History Department News

Results

A very pleasing set of summer GCSE results has set the bar high for our current Yr11. Over 87% of pupils achieved grades A*-C in their August results, which was well above the national average; a testament to the hard work and dedication that pupils put in, as well as the invaluable support of parents!

At A Level and AS, results were also of an outstanding standard. 33% of pupils studying History at Cardiff High left with an A or A* grade; well above national average once again. Many of these students are now reading History at university, continuing the legacy that the school has fostered over many years.

New staff

The department has grown over the summer, from four to six! Mrs Venn and Miss Wilson have added expertise and experience to an already high performing department. With six specialists in place and a large number of pupils opting to study the subject at GCSE, the History department continues to go from strength to strength.

Up and Coming

As New Year approaches, fresh challenges are upon us! Revision sessions will begin in earnest for our Yr10 and Yr11 pupils in preparation for their GCSE exams. Key to academic success is commitment, application and perseverance, so attendance at these sessions is a no brainer!

History Club

Pupils at Key Stage 3 and 4 can look forward to learning alongside our Key Stage 5 pupils by attending and contributing to our lunchtime History Club. Pupils get to choose a topic to research and present the culmination of their findings to the whole department. A great opportunity to explore different aspects of History.

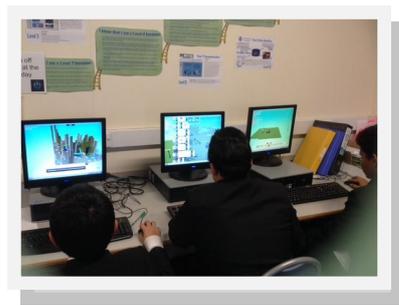
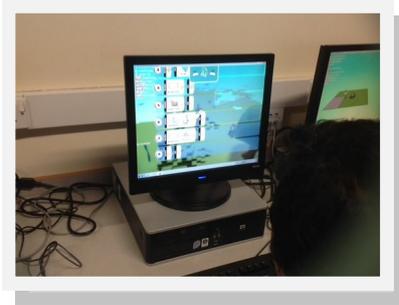


ICT Department Information



ICT and Mathematics Department running a STEM club

The ICT and Mathematics department joined ventures to run a STEM club for Year 7 students. This has been a great success to date. Students have created many Engineering activities and It is great to see so many students engaged and attending the club. Students use coding and developing computational thinking skills to build their own robots.



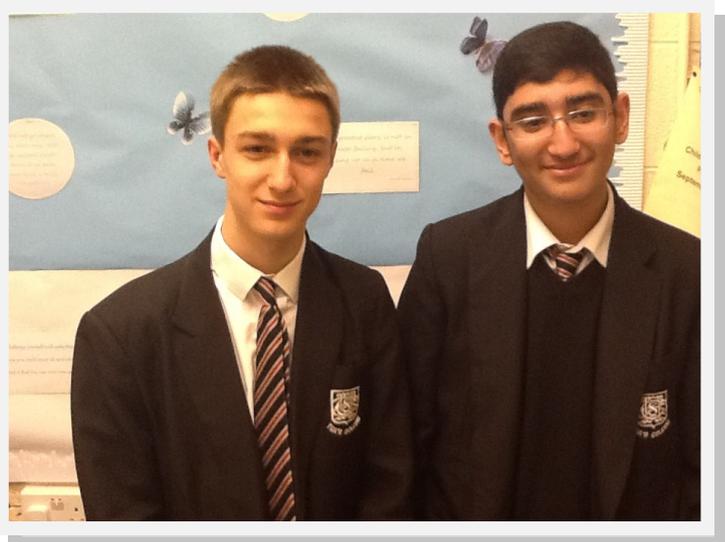
Students developing their own games for the competition.

During the Coding Club every Tuesday after school students from Years 8,9, 12 and 13 developed their programming skills. They entered their computer games for Game of Codes Competition and I am pleased to celebrate with you four groups have been shortlisted for the final which will be held at Cardiff School of Computer Science & Informatics December 16th 2015.



All finalists will receive a certificate of attendance and a 'goodie' bag, but we hope to bring Cardiff High School the main prize.

Well done to the Computer Science Students James Martin and Subhaan Khan for presenting and creating the most inspiring teaching and learning resource. Their delivery and practical application supported students to gain a further understanding of Data Representation.



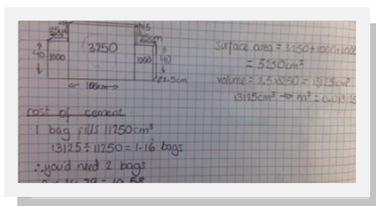
Mathematics News

Reasoning and Problem Solving

Reasoning and problem solving skills have been at the heart of Maths teaching this term. Students have been calculating, analysing, deducing and justifying their mathematical methods to solve problems. These skills are particularly important in light of changes to the Maths GCSE that now puts greater emphasis on solving problems in context. New textbooks and new schemes of learning have helped embed these skills in maths lessons across the key stages.

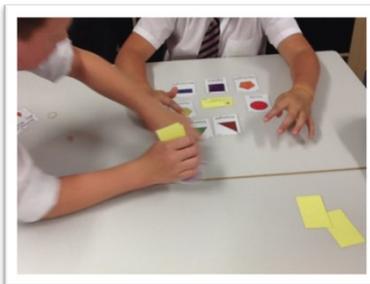


For instance, Mr Nicol's Year 10 class helped him with his calculations for a concrete base required to fit a new hearth for his fireplace. The students worked together and used approximation, reasoning and volume calculation skills to solve the problem. The pictures show Mr Nicol's old fireplace and a student's calculations for the new concrete base – thanks Year 10!



Our Best Mathematicians Continue to Shine

It's been a particularly busy half term for some of our most able mathematicians. About 50 students took part in the Senior Maths Challenge and many achieved Gold, Silver and Bronze certificates. Our KS5 Maths Team secured an admirable Top 5 place at the prestigious UK Senior Team Challenge in November.



Students from Year 11 and Year 12 had trips to The University of South Wales to compete at the Maths Pop Quizzes. The Year 11 team did particularly well by finishing second place out of all the schools in South Wales. In fact, only a trivial rounding error denied them first place! Many of our students have also attended Further Maths and STEP revision days at Cardiff University and Swansea University.



At KS3 level, a successful STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) club has been established, as well as visits from Techniquest Science Centre. There have also been opportunities to attend lectures provided by the Royal Institute on the mathematics of topics such as juggling, engineering and rock guitar!

Welsh Department News!

Yr Adran Gymraeg

A level success

The department are very proud of the success gained by our year 12 and 13 students. All the students achieved excellent grades in the oral assessment and the chief 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. Diolch yn fawr iawn i bawb am eu cymorth.

6th form visit

A tour of Wales was held recently with all students from the Welsh department participating. With our trusted driver Mr Rumbelow at the helm we visited an array of different places including

Abergavenny castle,(birthplace of William de Braose)

Cilmeri (where Llywelyn died in 1282),

Yr Ysgwrn (birthplace of Hedd Wyn – the bard who died before he was chaired in the eisteddfod)

Caernarvon Castle (home of Edward – the first English prince of Wales)

Llanberis slate museum

Dolwyddelan and Dolbadarn castles – homes of Llywelyn Fawr

Beaumaris – (to see the grave of Siwan)

Beddgelert (to see the grave of Gelert)

Machynlleth (where Owain Glyndwr held his Assembly)

Aberystwyth (where Y Gwyll/Hinterland) is filmed

Llanllwni (birthplace of Mrs Evans!!)



Urdd

The department are very happy to announce that they have won a grant from the Urdd to further improve Welsh outside the classroom. Last year, due to this money, many events were organised, including rapping sessions with Aneurin Karadog, outside adventure activities for year 7, a talk with Huw Stephens (radio 1) and numerous visits. Urdd Eisteddfod

Year 9 students enjoyed their day in Llancaiach Fawr where the Eisteddfod was held.

Year 10 girls won the recitation group competition beating all other groups in Wales and were live on S4C.

Alice Howells won the prestigious Medal Y Dysgwr award which is given to the best Welsh Learner in Wales for their literay and spoken word. Ardderchog Alice fach.

Huw Davies won the Carys Lewis Jones memorial award for the best essay in the 6th form.

Jazzy Nathan won the prize for best piece of writing for year 9 learners. All of their work has been published.

Huw Davies and Rachel Daniels also won through to the final rounds of the individual recitation competition.



Science Department News

Biology – Chemistry - Physics



CHS Science Club

Science club was reinstated this year, kicking off at the start of October. It has been opened up to Year 7, 8 and 9 students and the number of attendees has been steadily growing. The aim of the club was to provide opportunities to do a lot of (messy!) 'hands-on' science.

In the first week, we did some Chemical Magic, with students keen to have a go at turning 'water into wine' and seeing what colour solutions they could produce with different reactions. Week 2 saw us making crystals of different salts and in week 3, a particular favourite of mine, we made UV slime. In time for Bonfire Night, we looked at how the different colours are produced in fire-works.

Over recent weeks, some Year 10 students have taken on the responsibility of organising and running the Science Club meetings as part of their Community Challenge unit for their Welsh Baccalaureate. This has included making fat ball feeders for the birds to hang up around school and arranging a visit from a physiology lecturer to do a heart and lung dissection with the club members.

Science Club runs every Monday straight after school until 4pm and we are always welcoming new members!





Science Department News

Biology – Chemistry - Physics



It has been a very busy start to the year in the Science Department! A number of our classes have already been involved in competitions, visits, revision and tutoring. We are excited to see the return of Science Club, run by Miss Sharman and Mr Coles (ably assisted by our very keen and talented Y10 students), and it's particularly exciting to see what scientific chaos they are looking at each week! At KS4 we have been thrilled to see our GCSE students engaging so well with our new format of Science Surgery. Having run the surgery for the first time last year (leading to fantastic results in both the Y10 and Y11), we have listened carefully to the feedback from our students and redesigned it for a new and improved style this year. All pupils have their own copy of the timetable and past paper booklets are available to print at home (from Moodle) or from Miss Isaac in the Science Department. Our dedicated scientists in Y12 and 13 have been turning up in their droves to help with the Surgeries and our KS4 pupils are benefiting hugely from the talent and experience of Sixth Formers.

Looking ahead, our KS4 pupils have a particularly busy couple of months ahead of them, with Y11 having mock exams and a controlled assessment training day in December, followed by completing their actual controlled assessments in January. Y10 will follow suit having their mocks and controlled assessment practise as soon as we return in January, before moving on to their actual controlled assessments in January and February.

We also have some exciting educational visits to look forward to - our annual trek to visit the Big Bang Fair in Birmingham will take place in March for our Y9 pupils and our lucky Y12 Physicists will be visiting CERN in Geneva, Switzerland in April to discover exciting (and befuddling) the world of particle physics. We look forward to reporting on these in our next newsletter.



Science Department News

Biology – Chemistry - Physics



ICE Wales Engineering Challenge

In November, we were invited by The Institute of Civil Engineers to compete against other schools in their annual Engineering Challenge and so 20 Year 9 students, along with the Chemistry Department's Miss Sharman, went to Cardiff University to represent Cardiff High School.

When we first arrived, the students were split into groups of 5. Their first challenge of the day was to build the tallest tower possible out of a pack of playing cards and a limited amount of sellotape. After the towers had been built, judged, and points awarded to each team, we listened to an inspiring talk from STEM Ambassador Yvonne Murphy about the benefits of choosing a career in Engineering.

Next up was the main task – designing and testing a model coastal defence system. Students had to firstly consult on the problem, discussing costs, available materials and the aesthetics of their design. Following that, they got building! After completing their structures, some groups started testing their designs, whilst the rest of us got the opportunity to tour the engineering building, including some of the labs where they have giant models of the Cardiff Barrage. Then, it was back to the task room to test the rest of the designs. Testing was videoed and played back in slow motion so points could be awarded for how many areas of the model landscape were protected from the water etc.



Points were totted up and we were delighted that one of our groups, made up of Dan Dicomidis, Elan Tombs, Ruadhri Horton and Scott Wright came third. They had been frugal with their spending and prevented damage to most of the urban areas of the model.

Overall, the visit was a fantastic opportunity. Students came away inspired and much more aware of the various roles engineers have and how much input they have into the things we see and take for granted every day. We are looking forward to attending again next year!



Photos: Cardscraper Challenge, Consulting on the problem, Building the defences, 3rd Place Team

Physical Education

Cardiff High School Rugby

It has certainly been a very busy year so far with large numbers of pupils representing the school and some notable results achieved across the board from Year 7 to the Seniors. The appointment of our Rugby Hub Officer Mr Owain Marchbank has certainly enabled us to increase the regularity of fixtures across the



School as well as allowing us to develop our “B” Team fixtures in many Year Groups. Over 100 Key Stage Three pupils have represented the school so far this year along with regular Year 10 and 11 fixtures.

The 1st XV has maintained a consistent level of performance so far losing only to Llanishen and Glantaf and are currently in third place in the Blues South Under 18 League. With so many players leaving last year the boys have done very well to maintain such a high standard of play under the guidance of captain Sam Ekstrom- Gabb and the outstanding Nick Davies at Outside Half. New additions like Sean Williams, Connor Beere and Joe Rowlands have slotted in very well. Nick Davies and Sean Williams have been selected for the prestigious Welsh Academicals Invitational side.

It has been particularly encouraging to see so many Year 11 games played this year with the side proving to be very competitive, the highlight being a victory over Whitchurch, Joe Turner, Callum Brown, Prince Faraji, Ben Cradick and Max Brayley have figured regularly in the School Senior Team with Ross Evans, Simon Evans and Ollie Davies have all been involved in Match Day Squads.

The Year 10 side are playing well and have beaten Eastern High School in the cup . Joel Coughlin and Alex O’Donoghue have been selected for this season’s Cardiff Schools Squad. The Year 9 side are very close to qualifying for the knockout stages of the Welsh Schools Cup and also finished runners up in the recent Cardiff Schools “Sevens”.

Both Year 7 and Year 8 have played A and B fixtures with regularity showing pleasing commitment and enthusiasm. Both sides are still in the Cardiff Schools Cup competitions.



Physical Education

FOOTBALL ROUND UP

Year 7

The new intake has made a very impressive start to this season! The boys are into the quarter finals of the CVSFA Cup after beating Stanwell 5-3. A great run in the Welsh Cup was ended in a tight defeat by Bishop of Llandaff. The goals of Ruben Stratford, leadership of Finlay Charles and defensive solidarity of Luke Staniforth have been eye catching in what is a team with real potential.



Year 8

Y8 have been very entertaining this year! The boys have scored 25 goals in just 5 games, with Joe Bassett, Owain Jenkins and Kyle Evans very prominent on the goal scores list. The boys have reached the last 16 of the Welsh Cup beating Bro Morgannwg and St Cyres comfortably and defeating Corpus Christi 7-6 on penalties after a tight 1-1 draw.



Year 9

It's been a tough start for Y9 who are unfortunately out of both the Welsh and CVSFA Cup, defeated on both occasions by Eastern High School. Cameron St John has been impressive in goal, whilst Josh Evans has made excellent progress this year.



Barney Soady

Year 9 pupil Barney's performances for Bristol City Academy has resulted in him being selected for a recent Wales U15s training camp in West Wales. Barney has clearly impressed the coaches and was selected again when the squad was cut to just 25 for another training camp at the Dargon's Park in Newport. The department are incredibly proud of Barney's achievements and wish him luck in selection for the final squad.



Year 10

The lads have made a solid start to the season beginning with impressive victories against Corpus Christi and Eastern High. The goals of Luke Robinson and performances of Evan Davies have been a real highlight. Unfortunately the team was defeated 4-1 by Whitchurch in the CVSFA Cup but look forward to a Welsh Cup fixture v Cowbridge.

Seniors

The reigning Welsh Champions were knocked out in the first round following a very frustrating 1-0 defeat against Barry. The boys CVSFA defence began with an excellent team performance against St Telio's resulting in a 4-1 win. Y13 pupils Oliver Hassey and Abdi Osman have been the standout performers this season.



Year 11

Despite dominating the game against Cantonian the boys were defeated 1-0. The boys league campaign looks promising following a 6-0 win against Cathays. Aron Williams has made a real impact this season scoring twice from midfield whilst Dan Alexandre scored an excellent hat-trick against Cathays.

Position	Name	Year	Goals scored
1	Luke Robinson Kyle Evans Joe Bassett	10 8 8	7
4	Owain Jenkins	8	6
5	Ruben Stratford	7	5

Physical Education

Cross Country

The Cross Country season has almost finished with many highlights in the league programme.

Over the 3 league races there have been some very encouraging and consistent performances from **Isabel Thomas (Y7)**, **Bethan Meyrick (8)** and **Bronte Wright (9)**. It has also been refreshing to see the high numbers of girls participating especially at senior level with Year 10 girls being very dependable. The Year 8 team have made a huge contribution and certainly have developed since Year 7 .

The season has probably been the most successful for years. The Year 7 and 8/9 Boys have won the league programme which consisted of 3 races.

The Year 7 Boys have been truly magnificent. The depth of distance runners in the year was highlighted with 22 boys running in league race 3. Luke Hall has proved a real talent for the future.

After finishing 5th in League race 3 he went on to win League race 2 and 3 to become overall Cardiff and Vale individual champion. Credit must also go to Frazer King, Lucas Scotland, Danny Reynolds, James Bettinson and Sam Johnsey who all finished in the top 6 for school in the races. The highlight was that Cardiff High School had 6 runners in the top 11 in the final race!!



The Year 8/9 team have, to their credit, battled well. The team has been lead ably by Etienne Lodge and Barny Soady who have consistently been in the top 8. The Year 8 runners including Jamie Hilton, Sam James and Oliver Hampshire have ran consistently well throughout. The league title was wrapped up with 6 runners in the top 26 in league race 3.

The Y10-13 Senior Boys team have again ran well. The commitment and desire shown by Abdi Osman and Oliver Hassey (Year 13) has been inspirational and the likes of Matthew Wainwright, Ethan Evans (Year 11), Nathan Owen, Ben Barber and Dan Austin have consistently ensured the team are in the top 3.

Physical Education

South Wales Regional Championships

The Year 9/10 team were very successful in winning the South Wales Regional Championships in October.



With an extremely strong field, Dan Austin (10th), Zaid Dudhrinwala (12th), Etienne Lodge (16th) and Lukas Lacey Hughes (29th) completed the winning team.

Abdi Osman (Year 13) ran superbly to earn silver medal over the 5km course.

A huge well done to all the runners who have played a part in ensuring that Cardiff High School have been the most successful Cardiff and Vale school over the season.

Boxing – Aron Syversen (Year 13)

A huge congratulation to Aron who became Welsh Novice Champion (62kg category) on the 8th November winning on a split decision. Aron beat Liam Walsh in 3 explosive rounds.



Rugby

This week a group of year 11 students joined over 60 boys and girls between the ages of 16-18 from around the blues region and completed their level 1 refereeing course. Based at the National Centre of Excellence in the Vale of Glamorgan the pupils joined the WRU's Community Development Officer Paul Adams in taking part in an all-day event with the mixture of theory and practical sessions. They were also joined by professional referees Ben Whitehouse, Craig Evans and not to mention the Nigel Owens who was recently in charge of the rugby world cup final.

The course is open to pupils who attend one of the 80 schools or colleges throughout Wales who are part of the WRU's School Club Hub initiative which means they employ a full-time rugby officer and deliver increased rugby playing opportunities for boys and girls throughout the school. The scheme also develops leadership qualities, by using senior pupils to help coach, and now referee younger year groups.

WRU referees manager Nigel Whitehouse said, "With a huge increase in the number of school matches following the launch of the School Club Hub programme last year, there is now significantly greater demand for referees for extra-curricular matches at school level".



Physical Education

Y7

Netball: There have been over 40 girls regularly training for the school netball team. They have made an encouraging start with wins over St Teilo's, Whitchurch and St John's so far with plenty of games still to come. The A team have won 4 games and lost just once so far. A particular highlight was having 4 teams playing on the same evening against St John's. The A, B and C team all managed to defeat their A team and the D's beating their B's.



Hockey: The hockey girls have developed greatly since the beginning of the term and so far boast an unbeaten record with pleasing wins against Bro Edern, Corpus and Llanishen.



Basketball: It has been extremely pleasing to see the enthusiastic approach by the current year 7's to their basketball with a consistent group of 12 regularly training. They have recently begun playing fixtures with a 20-8 victory over Stanwell.

Physical Education

Y8



Netball: Over 35 girls have represented the school this year within numerous fixtures. The squads have had mixed results with the A team losing narrowly to their closest rivals Bro Eder and Glantaf and winning all other matches whilst the B team finished 3rd in the county B tournament; a huge improvement on last year's performance and they continue to develop exceptionally well. The highlight of the

season so far was the A team recently finishing as runners up in the National URDD tournament. 48 teams entered and they scored 50 goals conceding only 4 in the 7 games up to the final. They eventually lost 6-4 in a very close fought final match. Huge credit must be given to this team and the year 8 girls in general for their commitment to improve at all times including attending early 7:30 am sessions!



Another particular highlight was seeing all 5 teams play on the same evening at home to Howells. Congratulations to Ellie Beddall who was chosen for the county netball u14 squad.

Physical Education

Hockey: The girls have made a smooth transition from 7 a side into the full sided game. Their attitude and commitment to training has once again this year been excellent and this has been evident in their improving performances. Particular highlights so far include a good win against Corpus and a superb 0-0 draw against county champions Glantaf.

Basketball: There has been a strong squad of 10 pupils training well and have three fixtures booked in against Stanwell, Cowbridge and Glantaf before Christmas. Thanks to Mr Friedl for his continued support and time with the basketball teams!

Mid Wales - A group of 15 year 8's had their re-arranged trip up to Mid Wales at the end of the last half term and the team came back unbeaten! A tour report from squad captain Ellie Beddall follows:

'Miss Harries and the year 8 posse set off in the school minibus packed to the roof top (year 8 girls don't know how to pack lightly), armed with bags of sweets and some hip hop tunes! Two hours later and we made our first pit stop at Pizza Hut and stuffed our faces with pepperoni pizza, this was followed by several very competitive games of ten pin bowling (Miss Harries winning!).

We arrived at our overnight stay at the Travelodge and went straight to bed to prepare for our first match the following day. We were up nice and early and enjoyed a good breakfast before setting off for our first match vs Welshpool High School. We played against a combined year 8 and 9 Welshpool team and managed a very credible 1-1 draw (player of the match was Susie Davies).

We then moved to our second venue, Caereinion High School, where Miss Harries used to teach. We had two netball matches - the 'A' team won 20-6 (player of the match was Ellie Beddall) and the 'B' team won 10-0 (player of the match was Ella Llewellyn).

This was then followed up by a very tough 0-0 draw at hockey (player of the match was Emily Phillips). We said goodbye to our hosts and set off for home.

We had a great sing song on the way back with a little bit of Welsh v English rivalry added in to spice things up a tad. We returned home undefeated after a short stop at Tesco where everyone tried on hallowed masks.

A big thank you to Miss Harries and Miss Riley for giving up their time to make this such a great trip.'



Physical Education

Girls Football:

U13 Welsh Cup: After a storming 10-0 opening game victory over Cowbridge the girls have progressed through to the National stages for the first time in their history. There have been a very encouraging number of girls enthusiastic to play and attend training sessions. They now await their draw within the national rounds after Christmas.

U14 KS3 League: Although 3 games have been arranged the weather has disrupted these fixtures therefore this team is yet to play. They have fixtures lined up against Whitchurch, St Teilo's and Eastern High before Christmas. The winner of the league will play the winner of the Cardiff West league in order to determine Cardiff and the Vale's best team.

U15 Welsh Cup: The defending champions have got off to a very promising start with a 6-0 win over Eastern and with a fortunate bye in the next round they now await the winner of St Cyres v Whitchurch to play off to reach the national rounds. Friendlies between now and Christmas should keep them ticking over.

U16 KS4 League: The girls sit top of the KS4 East league win excellent victories over St Teilo's, Eastern High and Llanishen where they have scored 15 goals and are yet to concede. This team are undefeated since they were formed in September 2014. They will follow the same structure as the KS3 league.



Psychology

#studentsteach

This term students have moved to the other side of the desk with the introduction of our #studentsteach initiative in the Psychology Department. Year 13 students have been delivering weekly sessions over the course of 8 weeks to Year 12 learners to support them in the area of research methods. Pupil voice surveys in previous years had identified the research methods topic as being particularly difficult and one where students felt that they required extra assistance. The #studentsteach idea seemed like the perfect way to meet the needs of both groups of learners; year 12



have received the much needed support they require and year 13 have had the opportunity to reinforce their AS Level knowledge to provide a solid foundation for further development as part of their A2 course. Feedback from both pupils and parents has been extremely positive and the sessions have seen year 13 students utilising new technologies and quiz-based applications to assess the understanding gained within the session. Next year will see the current y12 take on the teaching role, but it is extremely pleasing to think that they will have very big shoes to fill.



An old boy comes to town.

November 19th saw a visit to the Psychology Department from Dr. Nigel Holt, Head of Psychology at Aberystwyth University. Nigel is an ex-pupil of Cardiff High and came to speak to psychology students about the wonders of our minds and how we can use our memories to best effect particularly focusing on memory strategies to improve exam revision. It was truly wonderful to see the amazing nature of our

memories in action as Nigel experienced a flood of material as he moved around the corridors of the school. He'd had lessons taught in this room and led assemblies in that room, he was really quite overcome! Particularly special was to see Nigel reunited with his favourite teacher Mr Nigel Jones of the Chemistry department who had led Nigel to A Level success approximately 19 years earlier. The subject matter of Dr. Holt's cognitive psychology lectures had transpired in to real life. Students in years 12 and 13 were enthralled by the session and Nigel's style of delivery. It is fantastic to have forged connections with the Psychology Department up in Aberystwyth, Nigel is most definitely a forever friend of CHS.

RP

Religion & Philosophy

Israeli Youth Delegates Visit The RP Department

On Monday November 9th Roi Nachlieli and Llana Ushomirsky visited Cardiff High School to talk about their experiences of living in Israel. We found out that life is very different in Israel and the UK, but there some similarities too. Llana is

18 years old and her family moved to Israel from the Ukraine in 1993. She was the first family member to be born in Israel. Roi, his parents and grandparents were all born in Israel.

We discovered that their social lives are similar to ours. They enjoy going out with their friends, to the cinema and shopping. Israel even has McDonalds and Burger King, but unlike the UK all food is kosher. Roi and Llana also have similar tastes in music to us and many well-known artists such as Justin Bieber and One Direction have performed in Israel.

We were surprised to find out that cars are very expensive in Israel. Most of the people who live there can't afford the pricey and latest models of cars such as BMW and Audi. As a result the most popular make of car in Israel is the Hyundai.

Roi and Llana also explained that when they are 18 years old it is compulsory to join the Israeli army for two to three years. This means that they put their careers on hold to serve their country. Roi and Llana will be going to the army in February 2016. After this, Roi wants to become a lawyer and Llana plans to become doctor. This is obviously very different to life in the UK.

Unlike in the UK the school week is Sunday to Thursday. Friday and Saturday are holy days and Roi and Llana go to the synagogue to pray. They are both Orthodox Jews and are not allowed to use electricity or drive their cars, because no work can be done on the Sabbath. Religion is very important in Israel and plays a key role in the lives of Jews. Not all people who live in Israel are Jewish, there are also many Muslims and Christians as well as secular individuals. Israeli schools have many INSET days because there are so many religious festivals celebrated there.

The Year 12 RS class really enjoyed the visit from Roi and Llana. We were all encouraged to ask questions and this resulted in excellent, and informative, discussion.

Ifrah Khan and Aishah Khan, Year 12.

Philosophy Cafe

Philosophy is all about deep thinking. In Philosophy Café we discuss questions about knowledge, truth, the nature and meaning of life and what is right and wrong in the world. We even have refreshments provided. It is every Tuesday week B in F18, You can bring your own lunch and everyone is welcome!

We have also been busy this term setting up our own blog, website and twitter account. This helps us keep in touch with the world around us and what's going on.

Rhys King Year 8

"It's really interesting hearing other people's opinions." Ryan Rezgui Year 8

"We get to discuss contentious and controversial topics." Noah Price-Griffiths Year 8

Year 8 Philosophy Café Members Visit Roath Park Primary

On Wednesday 2nd December year 8 members of the Philosophy Café visited Roath Park Primary. The pupils led a philosophical discussion with a group of year 6 pupils, questioning the idea that only Christians should celebrate Christmas. The quality of



News from Ty Celyn

It has been a busy first two terms in the Sixth Form block with lots of new faces, as we welcomed the arrival of our new year 12 cohort as well as the return of Year 13. On their first day, year 12 found themselves experiencing a range of activities on their induction to Sixth Form life. The day



focused on team building, led by the prefects, study skills with a high paced interactive presentation from MADE training, target setting, and a final talk focusing on wellbeing and mindfulness by our nurture team. This day was topped off by meeting Year 12 parents at the information evening, where tracking, ambition and support were highlighted. A very rewarding day for all involved.

The Senior Prefect Team:

After a rigorous process of application writing, speeches, interview we are proud to introduce you to our new prefect team. Head Boy (Michael George) and Head Girl (Caitlin Gall) lead the 10 strong team in helping to develop the community feel within the school. Whether it is meeting and greeting Year 6/9 parents, looking into fundraising activities or leading assemblies, this team have already proven to be a dream team! We look forward to working with throughout the year.

Meeting Jo Stephens:

Jo Stephens our local MP visited Cardiff High in October. After a tour of the school, she was welcomed by the Senior Prefect Team and spent time debating and discussing many issues from tuition fees, transport to the future of Jeremy Corbin! An enlightening experience into the world of the local MP and also a good chance to express the views of the young people of today

Drive Time:

Fifteen year 12 students were involved in the County led MegaDrive. This initiative was aimed at giving students an experience of driving and a chance to hear talks from the key emergency services. Though much fun was had on the driving simulator, the seriousness of the driving offense and seeing the reality from the emergency services, was a brought home the reality of the experience.

UCAS time again:

After the initial meeting with parents in the first week back, Year 13 are working hard to complete their UCAS applications, many of which have already secured offers. Oxbridge candidates and Medics have also already experienced mock interviews and talks from differing universities. It is now a waiting game, fingers crossed and good luck everyone, you deserve the best!

Skills Challenge

The new Skills Challenge Programme was launched in September across all three key stages. At KS3 the programme promotes the development of skills through the PSHE and Careers and the World of Work frameworks. The aim of the KS3 programme is to help equip our pupils with knowledge and skills that they will be able to build upon in KS4 and KS5 to complete their Skills Challenges at which form part of the new Welsh Baccalaureate qualifications at GCSE and Advanced level.

Year 7 have been following the themes of 'Who Am I?' and 'Citizenship' within which they have been looking at the themes of friends, family, helping others, empathy and bullying as well as team working skills. They have received talks from Barnardos, Wales Air Ambulance, Bullies Out and Park End Church about the fantastic work that is being done out in the community.

Year 8 have been looking at 'Moving On' and 'Stereotypes'. In the first part of the term pupils looked at how far they have come from their first day in Year 7 and set new goals and targets for the Year ahead. They also developed their presentation skills and presented to their form class about a topic that they feel passionate about. In recent weeks Year 8 have looked at racism, youth culture, gang culture, being Welsh, old age and living with a disability. We have been fortunate enough to have Rebecca Best from the University Hospital of Wales come in to speak to Year 8 about the HPV vaccine and what it means globally as well as here in Wales. Year 8 are also undertaking CPR training as part of the 'British Heart Foundations Nation of Life Savers' campaign, Years 7 and 9 will follow later in the Year.

Year 9 began the year looking at the key skills that they will need to use to make informed decisions about their GCSE option choices. They participated in activities which built upon their current knowledge of key skills and culminated in the release of the GCSE free choice survey. After October half term Year 9 moved on to look at 'Diversity and Identity'. Within this topic they have looked at values, slavery, forced marriage, asylum and the work of The Welsh Refugee Council. Tom Godwin from Hope Not Hate has also been running workshops with Year 9 form groups and has inspired some great debates.

Years 10 and 12 are now well underway with their Community Challenge and are currently completing their 10 and 30 hours of community work respectively. The Community Challenge provides experiences that will help our pupils to understand what it means to be an active citizen and will also help them to develop as responsible members of the community. Our pupils are getting involved in a variety of school and community projects such as coaching in PE clubs, supporting various Art, Food Technology and IT clubs as well as working with 1st Llanishen Beavers, Park End Church, and local primary schools.



Year 11 have been looking at the themes of technology, migration, immigration and democracy. We have been very fortunate in having some inspiring outside speakers from the Welsh Refugee Council of Wales, The British Red Cross and The Welsh Assembly. They also have all completed a CPR course which could help them save someone's life.

Year 13 have been busy completing their Welsh Baccalaureate and Key Skills programme. At the end of last term they honed in on their creativity and team

working skills taking part in an Enterprise Activity week. The week was launched by the return of ex pupils Kristian Harris and Luke Gonzales who shared their own words of wisdoms of how to run a business. The week culminated in a showcase of the best ideas being pitched in front of the "Dragons" with the final winner being a disposable toothbrush with built in tooth paste, designed to have about 8 applications for use at a festival! This term they have been completing their Problem Solving Key Skill and exploring where they will be going next after they leave Cardiff High.

Sociology

The New Academic Year

The new academic year has seen a huge number of pupils studying Sociology - a whopping 70 pupils at AS! This has coincided with the introduction of the new A Level course which sees pupils studying relationships and equality within the family, the impact of class, gender and ethnicity on educational performance, as well as the reasons behind patterns of criminal conviction rates. It's a very interesting course that will give pupils an understanding of the structures within society.

New Teacher

The Sociology department has a new member of staff - Miss Wilson. We are delighted to have such a talented teacher join us to teach our growing cohort of pupils.

Up and Coming

The department will continue with our partnership with the Runnymede Trust which has recently seen Key Stage 3 Cardiff High researching the city's multicultural heritage and present the project at the Houses of Parliament. More projects are in the pipeline, so watch this space!



Cardiff High School Offers English Language Lessons to Parents

Cardiff High School has been offering English lessons to parents who have English as their additional language.

The aim of the course is to support parents in improving their English so that they can participate more fully in their child's education. The classes operate on an informal and supportive basis are run by our specialist

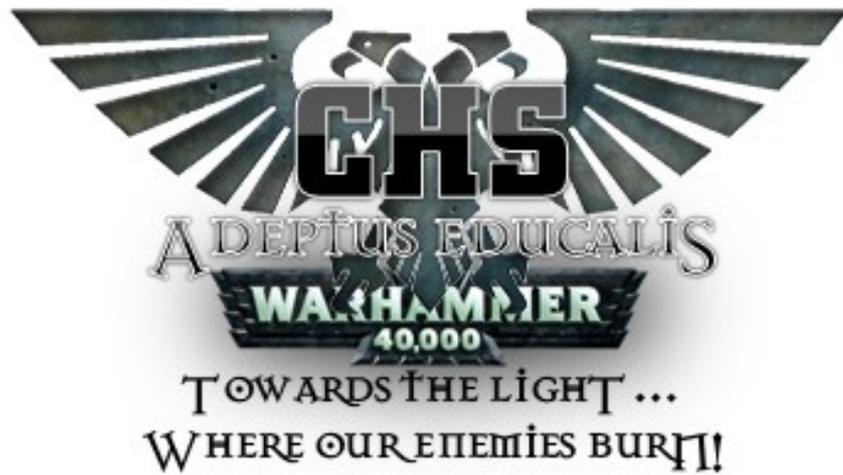
teacher for English as an additional language, Ms Ella Fraczowska.

The sessions are held at the school with refreshments provided and there is no fee for attending these sessions. They are a great opportunity for those attending to practise their reading, writing, speaking and listening skills and meet other parents.

You are welcome to join one 60-min session a week and can either choose as follows:

Tuesday: 3.30pm

Thursdays: 1.15p



Warhammer 40K Club

Having been created nearly two years ago, it is safe to say that the club has really kicked off this year. For those that don't know what this club (and indeed the game itself) entails, think of chess with individually modified warriors and rules regarding the different aspects of combat. Oh, and it's largely set in the 41st millennium.

This year, our veterans from the club's inception have helped to coach the new recruits and the ranks have swelled. With just under thirty members who compete week in and week out, there is currently a Cardiff High School League in the form of a campaign, where a galaxy of planets is the prize and each army competes for territory.



Two brave commanders do battle with their miniatures!



Another brave commander and his lethal Tyranid Horde!

These armies include futuristic beasts, alien races, magic abilities, vehicular behemoths, and a whole host of other awesome concepts and ideas.

Most recently, four members of the club competed in the Schools' League for the first time, with Rhys Davies (8T), Marley Powell (8H), Toby England-Elbro (8P), and Morgan Southwood (8J) waging war against last year's semi-finalists in the national competition. They fought bravely but were defeated; however they will get a last chance to qualify in February 2016.

If you like modelling with miniatures (not on the catwalk), playing strategic games, or reading the best that science-fiction has to offer, all in a welcoming and comradely environment, then pop along on Mondays and Thursdays after school in F19.

Mr. Ellis and Mr. Desambrois

'Thanks a Macmillan'

Following this year's fabulous Macmillan Coffee Morning, pupils from the Year 11 C.O.P.E group presented a cheque personally to the Macmillan team at the University Hospital of Wales. In total, the small team of six dedicated bakers helped raise an impressive sum of over £260. Beginning with September discussions led by Macmillan's Sue Llewelyn, the pupils planned, co-ordinated and delivered an enjoyable and heartwarming, never mind belly-bulging, fundraising event. From Suhaib Amjad's majestic Malteasea cake to Joe Parker's brilliant brownies to Adam Williams' chocolate extravaganza, the spread was enough to make Mary Berry swoon. The pupils wish to thank all members of staff who brought cash and great cheer to such a worthy cause. Diolch yn fawr.



Photography Club

Photography Club members are busy making themselves involved in a variety of projects. Recently, we've been photographing our new gym equipment and creating exquisite portraits. The upcoming projects will involve documenting a rugby match, photographing CHS car boot sale and taking pictures for the next issue of CHS school newsletter. If you haven't made your mind up yet, look at this portrait and ask yourself if you would like to learn how to create it. Then, simply turn up in F02 Thursday (or sometimes Friday) lunchtime!

