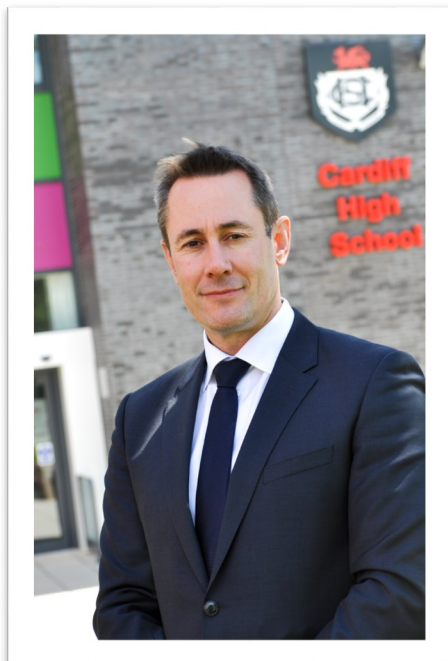




# CHS Summer Newsletter

## 2021



I recently read that for the sixth year running Wales has missed its recruitment target for teacher training. A worrying trend. After the last two academic years, I wonder what will become of the teaching profession? Encouragingly, there have been positive signs of a renewed interest in what schools do, not just operationally but in the classroom, as extra curricular activities and in the wider community. There is no doubt in my mind that becoming a teacher is a privilege. Hopefully, this curiosity will lead to more people entering the profession. The scrutiny in schools is in part, against the backdrop of the perceived loss of learning and emotional distress caused by the pandemic.

I understand this, and the school is planning short term and long term how we address these issues. But let's be positive for a moment, we should remember that during the last eighteen months, most of our children have engaged with learning, both in school and on line. We should remember that over the last eighteen months, most of our children have become more independent, more organised, better at planning out their learning and developed ways of working

that will be invaluable for them in their futures. We should also remember that many of our learners have enjoyed the experience of working from home.

Our philosophy in Cardiff High School has been one of learning together, the primary focus has always been to instil in our learners a love of learning. This will guide us as we approach our new academic year. Our approaches to teaching will ensure our pupils engage with their education, are confident to take risks, develop communication skills and leadership qualities, and benefit from socialising with one another. When you enjoy learning, that content which may have been missed, can be recaptured.

We look forward to a new academic year, hopefully without interruption, when we are able to bring back a little more routine to the working week, full of innovative and exciting learning opportunities and a wide variety of extra curricular opportunities. That is not to say that some of what we have learnt this year will not be utilised in our future approaches, for example from September, every pupil in our Sixth Form will be loaned their own chrome book. The idea of independent learning and different ways of learning will continue to be promoted. The structure of the school day is also significant, we want to give all year groups more freedom during their break and lunch periods. With more space comes greater opportunity to socialise and opportunities to make friends.

Along with our approach to instil in our pupils a love of learning, we have focused on numerous aspects of wellbeing for all our students. Looking forward, we are very confident the school will continue to evolve, that our pupils will engage in and enjoy their learning and we will provide an even greater level of care for our students.

It has been a very difficult time for many of us and I am very grateful to everyone associated with the school for all their help, hard work and good wishes. Hopefully everyone will be able to enjoy the summer months and I look forward to seeing everyone again in September.

# St. David's Day

Although we were unable to celebrate St. David's Day with the usual excitement of an Eisteddfod day, years 7 and 8 still had fun with interform competitions. Year 7 designed a praise postcard and year 8 decorated their windows at home with a Welsh theme. Excellent standard of entries but particular da iawn to the following winners-



**Year 7: 1st Betsie Gow 7H, 2nd Iona Barker 7L, joint 3rd Poppy Sumner 7J and Hyoin Jang 7T**



**Year 8: 1st Seren Webber 8J, 2nd Olivia Sheppard 8S, joint 3rd Martha Templeman-Lilley 8H and Verity Russell 8H.**



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We are pleased to announce that the support for Young Carers in Cardiff High School has been recognised and awarded by the Young Carers Trust. We are now working towards achieving 'Best Practice' status.

The BBC estimates that **there are about 700,000 young carers in the UK**. Being a young carer often means looking after a family member who is ill, or helping them by looking after the other members of the family while they can't.

We know that young carers may need a little extra support to enjoy and do well at school. At Cardiff High School we want to make sure all our young carers get the same opportunities in life as others. If you think your child might be a young carer, please contact:

Alison Venn,

Associate Assistant Headteacher. ([VennA4@Hwbcymru.net](mailto:VennA4@Hwbcymru.net))



**1 IN 5**

**SECONDARY SCHOOL  
CHILDREN MAY BE A  
YOUNG CARER**

## Adran Gymraeg/Welsh Department

Diolch for the help given to the Welsh department during these strange times.

Over the past few months, students have been lucky enough to access extra help from different organisations.



Lewys Wyn from the Urdd has been meeting students from the 6<sup>th</sup> form on a weekly basis to discuss a variety of topics. This has happened through zoom and they have met different people who can chat with them around Wales.

Elan Grug joined a 6<sup>th</sup> form lesson recently to discuss the upcoming Senedd elections in order to try to ensure that all students aged 16+ were aware that they have a voice as they have a vote. It was interesting to hear what were the powers that are held in Cardiff as opposed to the government in London.



Mererid Hopwood and Tudur Dylan Jones are renowned poets who have both won the eisteddfod chair at the National Eisteddfod. It was a pleasure therefore to hear them discuss their own poetry and the thinking

behind creating poetry. Mererid Hopwood compared making a poem to baking a cake with different ingredients and methods. Diolch to Erw for organising this online event. Hopefully face to face courses will restart in the coming months.



Freebies are always accepted in the Welsh department. Thanks to Welsh Government helping, students are able to access and subscribe to law! for free. law! is a magazine aimed at Welsh learners aged 11-16. Please go to the Urdd website for more details [www.urdd.org](http://www.urdd.org).



Students are also able to download Cysgliad for free on their home computers and laptops. Cysgliad consists of 2 programmes that we regularly use in school. Cysgeir is an online Welsh dictionary. This can also be downloaded for free on phones – apgeiriaduron. Cysill is an online grammar checker and is useful to all students.



## Welsh Learner of the year

Huge congratulations and llongyfarchiadau to Phoebe Skinner in Year 13.



Phoebe was announced as the best Welsh learner in Wales at the Urdd eisteddfod at Llangrannog Urdd camp over half term. She had to submit a short video promoting an idea or an event. The adjudicator was Jason Mohammed (the journalist and himself a Welsh learner). He commented on her passion for the language as Phoebe had prepared a video on the advantages of studying Welsh at A Level. She included facts on the Welsh government target for 2050 as well as her experiences using Welsh within her workplace at 'Cant a Mil' bookshop.

She also mentioned her visit to Patagonia which inspired her to share her vision with others.

Phoebe and the other two finalists were interviewed live on S4C by Heledd Cynwal. Her father was also interviewed. I'm sure that he was relieved that his interview was in English! After listening to the adjudication, she was presented with a lovely trophy. More interviews followed including another live chat on Radio Cymru with Ifan Jones Evans.

As a Welsh department we are very proud of Phoebe - continuing the tradition of participating in the Urdd eisteddfod. Pob lwc i ti yn y dyfodol Phoebe ac wrth gwrs bydd angen i ti barhau i ddefnyddio'r iaith ble bynnag y fyddi yn y byd.



🇬🇧 **Urdd Gobaith Cymru** @Urdd · May 31

Phoebe Skinner o Gaerdydd yw Prif Ddysgwr Eisteddfod T 2021! 🎉

The #EisteddfodT Welsh Learner Prize goes to Phoebe Skinner from Cardiff - our very first main winner of the week!

.llongyfarchiadau enfawr i ti, Phoebe! 🏆



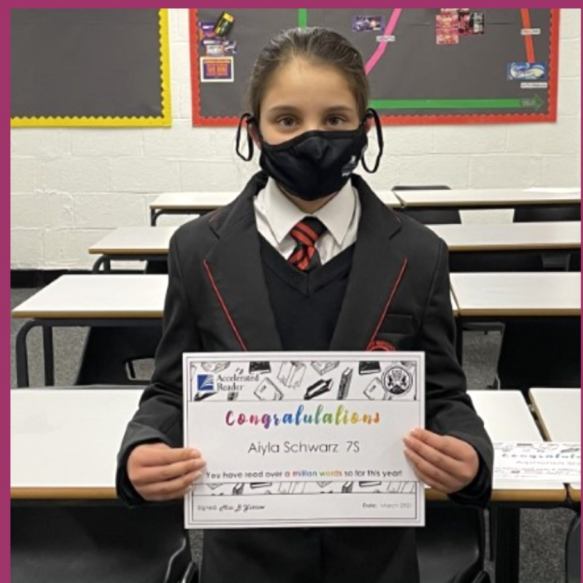
# One Million Words!

The English Department would like to congratulate Sophie Thomas, Aiyla Shwarz and Alphonsa Shijan from year 7, as well as Seth Evans from year 9 for their fantastic achievement of reading over 1 million words each in this academic year. Well done to you all!

**SOPHIE THOMAS**



**AIYLA SHWARZ**



**ALPHONSA SHIJAN**



**SETH EVANS**



# World Book Day 2021

## KS3 Competition Winners



### Year 7

**3D Model** – Alphonsa Shijan

**Costume for a character** – Aayan Rafiq

**Design a New Front Cover** – Aiyla Schwarz

**Design a book token** – Aiyla Schwarz and Zev Cooper

**Mini-books competition** – Eemaan Deen, Mae Taylor and Sophie Thomas

**Design a perfect bookshop** – Aiyla Schwarz

### Year 8

**3D Model** – Haf Griffiths

**Design a book token** – Verity Russell

**Costume for a character** – Martha Templeman-Lilley

**Design a front cover** – Annsa Jaison

**Design a perfect bookshop** – Verity Russell

**Mini-books competition** – Ellie Kahan



### Year 9

**Design a book token** – Amy Bennett

**Design a costume** – Alex Shijan

**Design a front cover** – Ella Stephens

**Design a perfect bookshop** – Amani Yaseen

**Mini-books competition** – Amy Bennett



# The Baxter Project

**Therapeutic  
Activities Group CIC**

Dave, Baxter and Trixie have been visiting CHS since December 2018. And more recently we have had Sam and Baxter for a visit on Fridays!

Dave O'Driscoll is owner, trauma recovery practitioner, youth worker and former probation officer. Pupils take Baxter or Trixie out for a walk, allowing Dave to work one to one with targeted pupils without the awkwardness of sitting face to face in a room. Children find it easier to talk whilst walking and Baxter breaks down barriers and opens up a dialogue.

Dave spends a whole day with us at CHS with Baxter in the mornings and Trix in the afternoons and on Friday's Sam and Baxter spend the day with us. Students go out individually for an hour walk and they are in charge of the lead! Dave provides a report on progress periodically, but targeted students can attend these sessions for as long as is necessary.

Allison Yarrow, Deputy Headteacher, said results from around 40 pupils referred for walks had been 'hugely impressive'.

The Baxter Project helps pupils with a history of low self esteem, has improved attendance for pupils suffering with school phobia, reduced fixed term exclusions and increased capacity in managing emotions and anger management.

As staff we love having Baxter and Trixie in school (and Dave), we love to make a fuss of them and it is definitely therapeutic for us!

For more information please see:

Facebook—<https://www.facebook.com/tagthebaxterproject/>

Twitter—@Baxter\_Project

Or call: **07854 944 355**



***BAXTER***



***TRIXIE***



# ParentPay

96% of Cardiff High School parents have signed up to ParentPay. ParentPay is the easy, safe and convenient way to pay for School Canteen Funds, Clothing Items (hoodies), Peripatetic Music Fees, Revision Guides and many more items. But! That is not the whole story.

ParentPay is the way we communicate with you via the ParentPay email platform. More now than ever in a bid to limit contact, we are sending home emails and alerts to parents via ParentPay. Email is a much more efficient way of communicating with Parents. No more soggy letters in the bottom of bags, no more missed communication and faster and safer!

If your child is currently at CHS and you are not signed up please email [youngs11@hwbcymru.net](mailto:youngs11@hwbcymru.net) for an activation letter. If your child is joining us in September please sit tight and an activation code will arrive with you before the start of term!

**For all your ParentPay  
Questions email  
[youngs11@hwbcymru.net](mailto:youngs11@hwbcymru.net)**

## Lost Property

The most useful piece of advice we can give you is to label everything! If an item of lost property arrives with us at reception and it has a name on it, we can happily reunite it with its owner. Generally if an item is lost it will not arrive with us at reception until the following day, once the housekeeping team have completed their day and deposited all that they find with us. If the items have a name on them we will request the owner comes to reception to collect. Any items that are not labelled will be put in the lost property cupboard (**which fills extremely quickly**).

Pupils are permitted to ask for the cupboard key at reception to search for their lost items but unfortunately we can not allow parents to come into school and search due to Covid restrictions at the current time.

**Please note: Due to Covid restrictions we are unable to hold our lost property events for Parents/Carers to attend. Items of lost property are only held for a short amount of time!**



### **News from The Sixth Form Charity Committee**

This academic year has been an incredibly tough time for the Sixth Form Charity Committee. The consistent alterations in rules and regulations means restrictions have been applied on the way we operate. As a result, we have been unable to turn to previous favourite events such as the Krispy Kreme's Donut Sale or Christmas Discos in order to raise money. Despite this, we excogitated a plan to try and raise funds for our charities – AP Cymru and Kids Cancer Charity. We managed to put in place a few Non-School Uniform days and put together an online pub quiz which many enjoyed. During these tough times, the charities will certainly benefit from the extra money we are able to provide.

However, as the summer term rushes to an end the Sixth Form Charity Committee has to say a sorry goodbye to all the Year 13's who will be moving onto pastures anew over the next few months. We've all done an immense job and made a

difference, thank you for spending your time trying to raise money for charity!

With every door that closes, a new door opens and we are hopeful that the current Year 11s will be able to take part in Charity Committee. In Year 12, it is incredibly important to embrace opportunity as you complete university and apprenticeship applications and Sixth Form Charity Committee is an immense opportunity. You get to be a part of a team striving towards the same goal - raising money for charity. This can help

improve soft skills such as Communication, Teamwork and Leadership which are vital for any area of work you want to go into. It can be something you can refer back to during your personal statement to help stand out from the crowd - which is especially important in incredibly competitive fields such as Medicine or Dentistry.

The Sixth Form Charity meet every Tuesday Week A after school in F18 (Mrs. James' classroom). Students in year 12 and 13 will be guaranteed a warm welcome and you can make real difference to the lives of others who need support.

Rhys David



# Girls Rugby



Girls rugby at Cardiff High School has been thriving

this term with the introduction to Y7, 8 & 9 all having rugby during their curricular timetable. Over 300 girls have had the opportunity to play and experience rugby and the challenge of a new sport to some. Their enthusiasm has been second to none and they turned up to every session with a smile on their face and a willingness to develop as rugby players. The girls have had the chance to develop their rugby handling/kicking and contact skills. They have progressed significantly in such a short space of time and am looking forward to seeing their development in potential summer touch fixtures after half term.

During extra-curricular, numbers have been fantastic with over 90 girls from three-year groups out on the 3G after school on a weekly basis.



Summer touch tournaments have taken place over the last seven weeks with some brilliant rugby being played. In the Year 7 tournament, Lucy Shelton was running in tries for fun, whilst Beatrice Browne was stopping defenders left right and centre.

The Y8 tournament was very competitive with every match being within one try. The Tigers came out on top with some strong individual performances from Ava Lane (8K) and Rhiannon Khan (8T).



The Y9 girls battled the elements in their tournament, showing their rugby skills in the toughest conditions. Tries were running in from all areas of the pitch with Heidi Sartor (9T) and Annie Pribanova (9P) showing their pace to score tries from their own try line. With more training and tournaments planned, It is a very exciting time for girls' rugby in CHS!

Y10 girls have had the opportunity to take part in summer touch extra-curricular as well as in their GCSE lessons. Tournaments will begin to run after half term as well as fixtures. They have shown great commitment to their extra-curricular rugby even during the assessment period. The girls in all year groups have been fantastic and a pleasure to coach. I look forward to girl's rugby



continuing next term as well as into the new school year.

## The power of school sport

Sports have always brought people together. Whether playing or supporting; race, religion, politics, socioeconomic status and gender are all thrown out the window when performers/supporters band together to celebrate (or commiserate) the result of a competition.

With the world in the midst of the coronavirus pandemic and people feeling more isolated now more than ever with borders closed and stay-at-home mandates in place, sports have provided a release for many and the importance of being active has been given a heightened sense of purpose.

The PE department have strived to continue to provide a broad digest of sporting opportunities in lessons and in extra-curricular clubs, albeit with stricter rules in place.



Clubs have been of an inclusive nature and provided all pupils will opportunities to continue to participate in their favourite activities, which for many were not possible outside of a school environment.

A second lockdown did little to prevent the department from providing engaging opportunities to be active.

Pupils followed a 'healthy me' programme, 'trained like' famous Welsh sporting stars and set their own training goals and followed bespoke programmes from the comfort of their front room, bedroom or garden! To continue the



essential teacher-pupil contact, staff led online workouts; coaching exercise technique, motivating students and discussing short and long term affects of exercise. I know I speak for the whole of the department when I say that seeing so many pupils engaging in our lessons gave the department a real buzz and we were delighted to offer pupils a welcome break from their studies.



Our return to school has provided a return to face-to-face teaching and offered summer sport opportunities (something missed last year!). Pupils' participation levels have been phenomenal and a shining light during a challenging year. We look forward to continuing to offer chances to participate in pupils' passions and hopefully a welcome return to inter-school fixtures.

## In house competitions

Due to not being able to play inter-school matches this year we engaged in several in-school competitions this year. Our Netball & Hockey teams have competed in the 'Christmas Cup', playing out for the honour of winning our mini Christmas tree trophy! In house football and rugby tournaments have taken place with many boys participating and enjoying friendly rivalry on



pupils for their commitment to training & congratulations to all our winners. We hope to make these an annual tradition for all year groups!

### PE Christmas Fitness Advent Competition

Pupils in Years 7 and 8 were set a Christmas competition to complete a short, sharp fitness activity each day, until Christmas Day. Well done to all pupils (and staff) who completed their fitness advent calendars! Congratulations to our competition winners Milla Crew, JJ Samuel, Josh Wyatt and Caitlin Tipler.



### Virtual Cross-Country

Since September, Cardiff &

Vale Schools Athletics have run Virtual Cross-Country competitions. In the Autumn term we were able to run together in school and submit times. During the Spring term, pupils were brilliant at running and recording themselves and submitting results online. Congratulations to our top-placed runners; Milla Crew & Ed Xiberras, Year 7; Megan Taylor & Rowan Macentee, Year 8; Heidi Sartor & Zonse Makuta, Year 9; Katrin Powell & Tom Morris, Year 10; Lola Osmond & Dylan Hands, Year 11. A special mention to our Year 10 pupils who had the greatest number of entries in both competitions.

### Mini Marathon

This year our pupils engaged in the mini marathon, a virtual run set by the London Marathon. Pupils could choose to walk, jog, run or race 2.6 miles. All pupils in Year 7, 8 and 9 took part and made it a wonderful event! Congratulations to our top-placed runners:

Year 7: Hari Paul, Ameena Nuruddeen, Harry Fry, Milla Crew

Year 8: Megan Taylor, Josh Wyatt, Rhiannon Khan, Charlie Payne

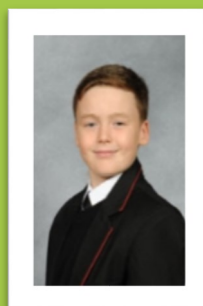
Year 9: Cerys Richards, Ben Boyce, Megan Rogers, Rhys Ruttley

We are keeping our fingers crossed to hopefully be running our annual interform Cross-Country Charity event in September!



## PE PUPIL OF THE TERM

We love nothing more than celebrating our pupils! This year we have sent pupils praise cards to acknowledge those we feel have made a particularly positive impact in lessons this year. On top of this we have launched a 'Pupil of the term' award. Winners from the Autumn term were Joe James (Y9) and Malkia Beadle (Y13); Joe has shown great determination to develop his fitness level and has become a keen runner, whilst Malkia has balanced her A-level studies with high level netball with the Severn Stars. During the winter term we celebrated Rhys Carlson (Y7) and Heidi Sartor (Y9); both of whom made a tremendous effort during our online lessons and were full of enthusiasm. We look forward to crowning our next winners at the end of this term!



## *Diff Diaries*

We are delighted to announce that a number of our pupils from Years 8, 9 and 10 have been awarded medals for their entries to the 'Diff Diaries Competition' ran by 'The Cardiff Commitment Project'. Pupils were asked to write blogs and diary entries detailing their experiences of the first lockdown last March. They have collected the best entries and are available to view online at: <https://sites.google.com/hwbcymru.net/the-covid-19-diff-diaries/entries>

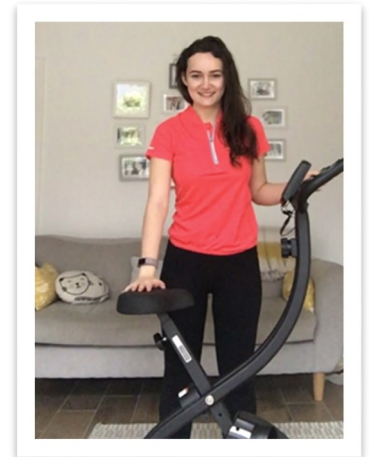
A special mention goes to Irfan Gwilim from Year 9 as his entry was shortlisted in the top 5 entries for the whole of Cardiff! He was the recipient of a trophy and his work will be displayed in the special exhibit in Cardiff Museum in the near future. Well done to everyone who took part!



# 6th Form News

## Charity Bike Ride

Well done to Carys Richards in 12H who has completed a charity bike ride on an exercise bike at home, equivalent to the distance between Cardiff and Paris. Carys did this to raise money for St. Kentigern Hospice, who provide care for those with life-limiting conditions. Carys said, 'They are a fantastic charity who deserve every penny and I'm really excited to be involved in the Hospice Challenge Champion Campaign'. At the last count, Carys has raised in excess of £700 for this wonderful cause. We are incredibly proud of her. Well done, Carys!



## Summer School Success

Yale  
YOUNG  
GLOBAL  
SCHOLARS

Congratulations to Shorief Ali and Jane Rance on securing places on the UNIQ Oxford University Summer School and to Lili Wedgewood and Holly Mai Bowen on securing places on the Yale Young Global Scholars Programme. Both these programmes will allow the students to explore their favourite subjects with world class academics and to interact with students from both within the UK and the rest of the world. Both will take place virtually this year however they will still provide a deeply enriching experience academically and socially.



## Aberystwyth Partnership Scholarship

A huge congratulations to our Head Prefect Poppy Jones on being the recipient of Aberystwyth University Partnership Scholarship Award. This bursary will go a long way to supporting Poppy during her first year. Well done and good luck!



# 6th Form News

## **John Marusza Award 2020-2021**

Well done to Jihan Chowdhury 13L on being the recipient of The John Marusza Award 2020-2021. This award is in memory of the former Head of Upper School, Mr John Marusza who sadly passed away in 2016. This award is given to a student who is cheerful and has used his or her best efforts to persevere, and who reflects those qualities of good humour and positivity. Jihan is a student who embodies these qualities and is a well deserving recipient of this prestigious award.



## **Farewell and Good Luck Year 13!**

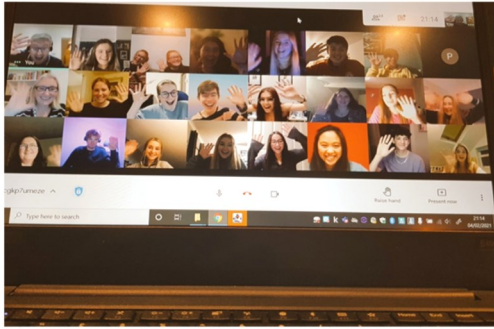
On behalf of the Sixth form team we wish to say thank you to our year 13 students. It has been a pleasure getting to know all of you and working alongside you over the last two years. We are sad that we could not have our traditional send off this year however there will be a virtual assembly being posted soon, we hope you enjoy it. Good luck to you on whatever pathway you choose, we know that you are equipped with all the skills you need to be successful!

Finally a big thank you goes out to our Senior Prefect Team who have worked hard for the benefit of the Sixth form and the school over the last year in this extremely difficult year. They have conducted themselves with maturity and with humour in all aspects of school life and have been true ambassadors for Cardiff High School. Thank you for all your hard work and dedication to the role of prefects.



# Music

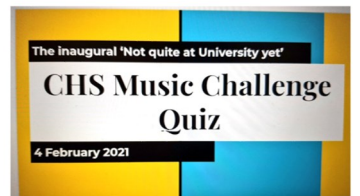
## SIXTH FORM MUSIC QUIZ



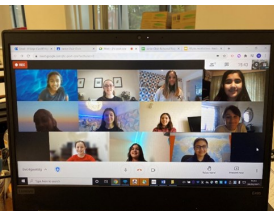
The demands of the second lockdown halted so many of the activities which we've come to enjoy together in the music department at Cardiff High. The 6<sup>th</sup> Form music classes would have been setting out on a concert visit to London during the spring term – but since this wasn't to be we got together virtually for our inaugural 'Not quite at University Yet' Challenge Quiz!

With rounds prepared by Mr Leggett, Miss Edge, Mrs Faria

and Mrs Crossan the pupils worked together in virtual teams facing rounds the sublime to the entirely ridiculous. We had a great evening in each other's company and it was lovely to be able to find some collective enthusiasm for music at such a difficult time.

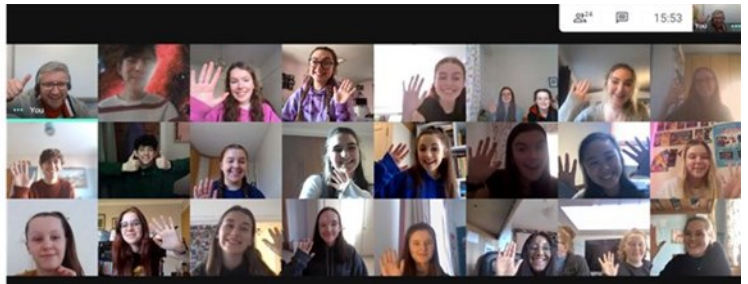


## Back to Choir:



National limits on the singing in person in the recent year didn't stop the choirs of Cardiff High from singing! Miss Edge forged ahead with the Junior Choir in Yrs 7-9 singing Leonard Cohen's Halleluja and The Beatle's hit All you Need is Love whilst Mr Leggett and the Online Senior Choir tackled a medley of songs from Guys and Dolls. As ever the enthusiasm of our musicians made it a pleasure to gather

online at the end of a school day in order to have 'virtual choir' of students across the year groups. We're counting down now to being able to return to a more normal routine of regular in-person choir rehearsals.



## Hwyl Fawr Blwyddyn 13 / Goodbye Yr 13 Music

It was sad to be saying goodbye to the Yr 13 music class recently. The pupils have all been involved in music making at Cardiff High from the outset in KS3 and have performed in countless Concerts, Musicals, Carol Services and other events over the years. Their passion for music making is second to none – we said farewell in the best way possible under the circumstances – with cake and some music! We hope that the year to come brings more freedom and the chance for a lot more music making. It's a pleasure to see 5 of the class this year going forward to read music at University too.



**Keep an eye on Twitter: @MusicCHS** Many of you will have enjoyed our Virtual Christmas Concert last December via the Music Department Youtube Channel and Twitter. Keep an eye out for our Summer Music Festival. Our Year Group Bubble Orchestras are back rehearsing after Half Term and along with some soloists we hope to share a week long Music Festival with you as we end the school year.

## **Business and Economics Department**

### **Virtual Question and Answer session with the Finance Minister and Chief Economist for Wales**

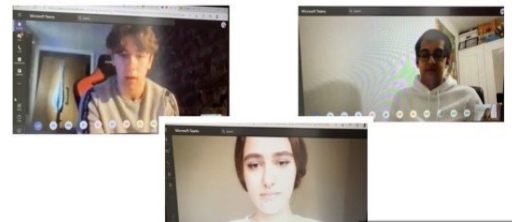
The Business and Economics department were contacted by the Welsh Government to participate in a new engagement programme that is being targeted towards 16 -18 year olds, which was the first of its kind for the Welsh Treasury. With 16 -17 year olds now being able to vote for the first time in Wales, Welsh Government were keen to take this opportunity to engage with our Year 12 and 13 Economists on the role of the Finance Minister in Wales, and to bring them closer to the decisions which affect the Wales they live in, now and in the future.



At a time when obtaining work experience or taking part in visits was near impossible for our students, this experience enhanced current knowledge and understanding of Fiscal Policy and the wider macro economic factors that are influenced by Welsh Government decisions. The Minister and Chief Economist introduced themselves and explained their roles within Welsh Government, explaining the challenges they faced. Students were also able to ask questions during the live session.



This was a truly unique opportunity and our students thoroughly enjoyed the session!



## **Virtual Talks for Year 11 Business and Economics**

With thanks to Adrian from Careers Wales we were able to arrange business related discussions for our Year 11 pupils to end their final week. Thank you to Charlotte from PWC who virtually joined our lessons to talk to students about all the opportunities available at Price Waterhouse Cooper, the different routes of entry to the firm and the duties and skills required working in HR.



In addition, we would also like to thank Lena, an ex-pupil of Cardiff High School. Lena joined our Year 11 Economics lesson and explained to us her role as an Economist within the Bank of England and the various entry routes and graduate programmes that the Bank offers. Students had the opportunity to ask Lena questions about her day to day work as well as learn some interesting facts about the Bank of England and learn about the issues that they are facing.

# Exciting News!

## Your Own Zone!!



We are so looking forward to being joined by a brand new Year 7 in September 2021.

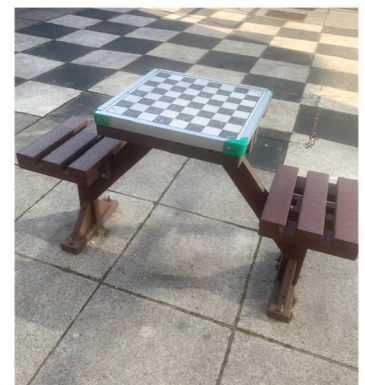
Although you haven't had the chance to visit us yet, we have been busy planning for your arrival! One thing that we are very excited about is the fact that you will have your very own area in the front of the school when not in lessons!

**What will this mean?** You will have the chance to spend your break and lunch times in an area set aside just for Year 7 pupils. This will give you a chance to meet new friends who may not be in your lessons.

**What will this look like?** Your area will have tables and benches for you to spend time with your friends. Table tennis equipment, outdoor chess sets and sport items (such as footballs) will be available for Year 7 to enjoy. Simply pop to reception, pick up the equipment and enjoy your free time!

New bike racks, again dedicated to Year 7, will also be ready for September!

When you become a Cardiff High pupil, we will be encouraging you to share with us any other ideas you may have for this part of the school. Get your thinking caps on!



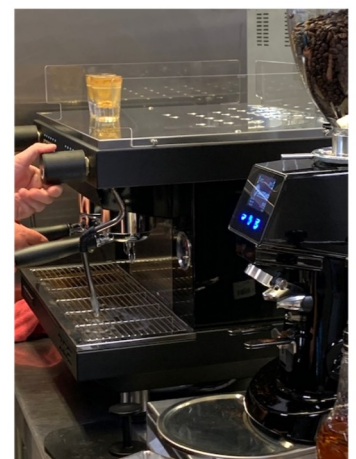
## Sixth Form 2021 Updates



From September 2021 all Cardiff High sixth form students will be offered a Chrome Book to support their AS and A2 studies. In addition to the dedicated sixth form area, Ty Celyn, the sixth form will also have a large, quiet study space in the Learning Hub

to aid their independent study.

There is also a dedicated café for Key Stage 5 with barista machine for hot drinks available to them throughout the day. These exciting new additions to our highly successful sixth form will further support the achievement and wellbeing of our students.



# Specialist Flooring in the Sports Hall

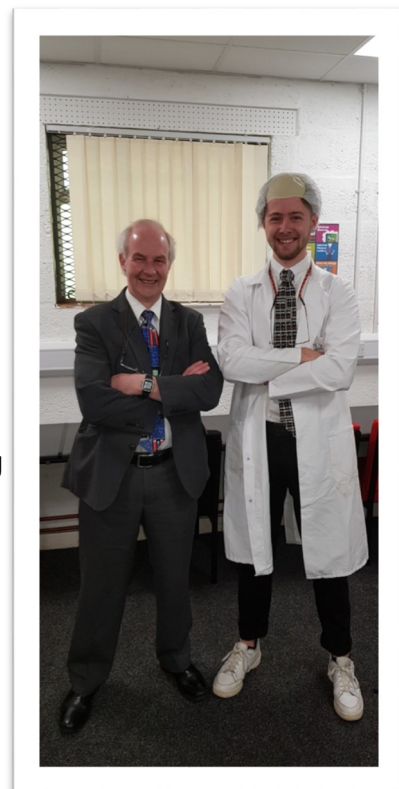


# And Finally a Fond Farewell to...

**A**s you may already know, Mr Nigel Jones is retiring after a long and successful career at Cardiff High School. Having started teaching here in 1981, "Nige" as he is affectionately known by both staff and pupils alike, has become something of a legend in his own right. A passionate scientist, he has spent 4 decades sharing his vast knowledge and expertise and nurturing a love of chemistry amongst generations of families in Cardiff. He has unapologetically high standards and can often be heard encouraging his students with his now infamous catchphrase "Think like a Chemist". During his time here he has twice been nominated for the Salters' Chemistry Teacher Award, he has been a successful form tutor, Head of Chemistry and Head of Science. More recently he has stepped back slightly from the chalkface to spend more time with his family, however, Nigel, has continued to go above and beyond for his students and colleagues. In his role as UCAS referee for our aspiring medics, dentists and vets, he has willingly devoted hours to successfully support and guide countless pupils through the application process, personal statements and mock interviews.

Nige's enthusiasm, experience and wealth of bad jokes will be truly missed by everyone at Cardiff High, particularly amongst members of the Science Department, where I have no doubt he'll still be remembered in another 40 years.

We hope you enjoy a long and happy retirement, Nige!



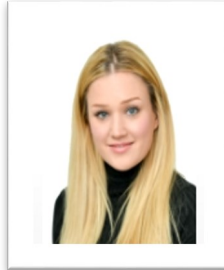
## Good Bye & Good Luck



Daniel Devonald



Lisette Hillier



Charlotte Taylor



Lowri Woosnam



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Cerys Dyke



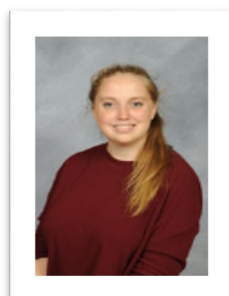
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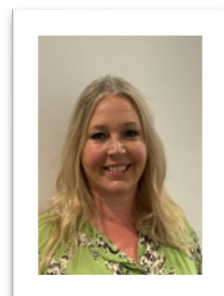
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