



# CARDIFF HIGH SCHOOL

## YSGOL UWCHRADD CAERDYDD

# AUTUMN NEWSLETTER

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## WELCOME CROESO

We have come to the end of a busy, yet successful, term and I am very proud to be able to share with you this newsletter which is a fantastic celebration of successes, achievements and enrichment opportunities.

Our mission, in line with our school motto of "Tua'r Goleuni", is to provide a high quality learning experience for all, ensuring no pupil is left behind. We aspire to develop a love of learning and equip students with the knowledge, skills and experiences to enable them to thrive in society, regardless of their background or starting point. This is achieved through our core vision of "Learning Together". Our school ethos is ambitious and caring and is built around a strong partnership between staff, pupils, governors and of course you, our supportive parents and carers. I am very grateful for your continued support which allows us to all work collaboratively to achieve our shared vision of developing well rounded young people who are able to succeed in their aspirations and dreams.

I am thankful for my team of colleagues on the staff, both teaching and non-teaching, who work tirelessly to ensure that the school continues to develop and improve in every facet of school life. We are driven by our moral purpose to serve our community.

Finally, I want to personally recognise and thank the pupils themselves. They are the true ambassadors of the school and have worked hard and engaged, well to maximise learning opportunities but have also seized the many opportunities beyond the classroom, which are showcased in this newsletter.

I hope you enjoy the holiday period, spend quality time with family and friends, and wish you a peaceful Christmas holiday.

I look forward to welcoming our pupils back in the New Year.

Nadolig Llawen a Blwyddyn Newydd Dda.

**Mr S Thompson - Acting Headteacher**



## GET IN TOUCH

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# Farewell Mrs Yarrow

# Ffarwel Mrs Yarrow



It is with sadness that we say farewell to Mrs Allison Yarrow, Deputy Headteacher. Mrs Yarrow joined the school in September 2011 and since that time has made an enormous contribution to the leadership and life of the school.

In a school of our size, it takes extraordinary skill and patience to ensure that the wellbeing and achievement team, which she has successfully led and managed, has continued to evolve and move forward.

Mrs Yarrow has been instrumental in shaping and developing our expansive wellbeing provision, often pioneering new initiatives and approaches which have ensured that every child in this school has had the opportunity to thrive.

Not only has Mrs Yarrow been a Deputy Headteacher, but she has also been a mentor, a role model and a friend and colleague to so many of us. She has reminded us that education is about more than grades. It's about shaping lives, and her leadership has helped make this school what it is today.

On behalf of the governors, staff and students, I thank Mrs Yarrow for her many years of service, not just to Cardiff High School, but to the wider education setting as a whole. We wish you a very happy and well deserved retirement.

# Welcome Croeso



**Miss A Saif**

Teacher of Digital Technology and Lead for Computer Science



**Miss H Brookes**

Second in English



**Dr R Newcombe**

Teacher of Physics and Science



**Mrs C Owen**

Teacher of Business and Economics



**Miss B Thomas**

Science Technician



**Mr S Haines & Rolo**

Animal Assisted Therapist and Wellbeing Support Officer



**Mr S Jones**

Wellbeing and Achievement Officer Middle School



## Useful information



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## Student rewards



*Gwobrau myfyrwyr*

### Support Our Student Rewards Scheme

Last year at Cardiff High School, we introduced an exciting rewards initiative to honour our students' dedication, positive behaviour, and accomplishments. Students earn merit points that they can redeem for fun and practical stationery items through our online school rewards shop. It has been wonderful to witness the motivation and enthusiasm among students as they strive to earn their rewards!

To sustain this initiative, we kindly seek the support of our parent community. If you are able, we would greatly appreciate any donations of money, gift vouchers, or new, unused stationery items. Every contribution, no matter how large or small, truly makes a difference and directly benefits our students.

Thank you for your ongoing support and generosity. With your help, we can continue to celebrate our students and ensure that the rewards keep flowing.

If you are interested in supporting our stationery shop through a donation or by placing an advertisement in a future program or newsletter, please reach out to us at [ButlerA7@hwbcymru.net](mailto:ButlerA7@hwbcymru.net).



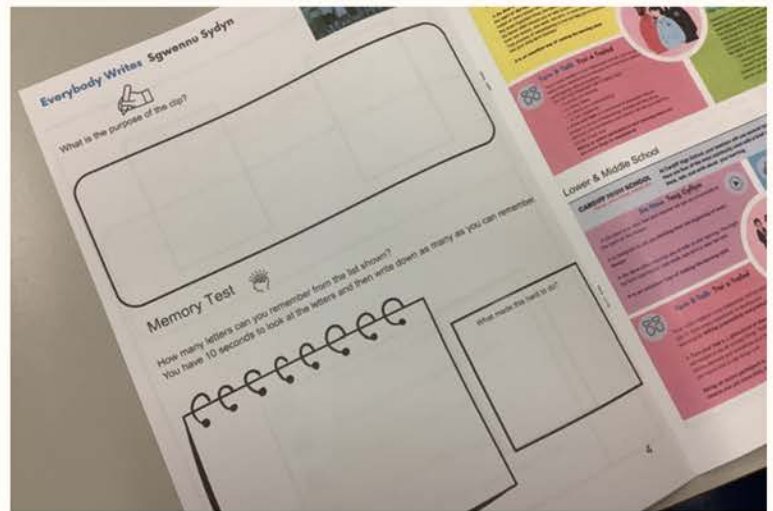
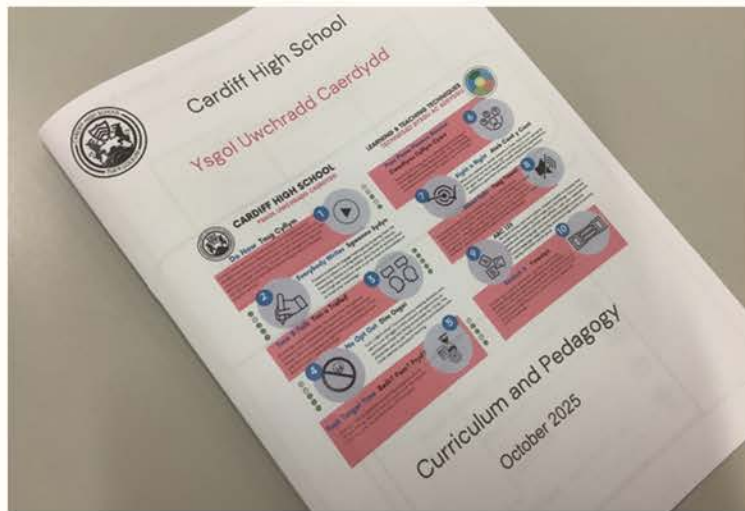


# Parental Engagement Events

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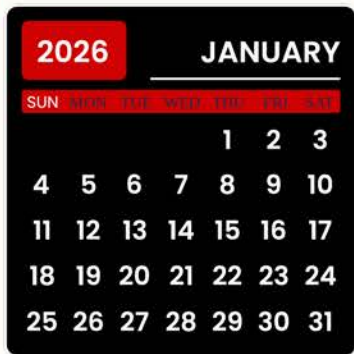


This year we have planned a range of additional parental engagement events to share with families the work, rationale and concepts that we use to create our school ethos. Our philosophy of "Learning Together" drives the school culture and ensures that all staff at the school aspire to actively develop their practice. These events are an opportunity for our wider school community to better understand the strategic approaches used at the school, to enable you to best support your child.



We have already run two successful evenings in the Autumn Term : Event 1 on Mon 20th October focused on Learning and Teaching and Event 2 on Monday 01 December explored wellbeing and achievement strategies.

Thank you to the parents and carers who attended and actively participated in these facilitated workshop events. We hope those of you who attended found these sessions useful.



**Parental Engagement Evening 3**  
**Monday 26 January:**  
**Supporting Learning and Skills**



# MOVIE MAKING CLUB

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Two-time movie-making club winner Charlotte Waterman in Year Eight has won a prize at the Children’s International Film Festival of Wales. Not only did Charlotte and her troupe win with ‘Cold Case’ from all of Cardiff High’s summer entries, and the previous Christmas competition (as reported last newsletter), she has won two external awards for her excellent craft. Charlotte has proved herself to be a talented actor over the last fourteen months of making films at school, and her skill and prowess with direction, editing, and scripting is equally exceptional, if not even more so. Make sure you keep your eyes and ears open over the next few years, for Charlotte is bound for the stage and screen, and many more awards are sure to need space in her cabinets.



# Law Department



# Adran y Gyfraith

## Year 12 and 13 Pupils Visit the Senedd

Pupils in Year 12 and 13 recently enjoyed a fascinating visit to the Senedd, the Welsh Parliament, where they explored how democracy works in practice and how citizens can shape the decisions that affect their lives. The visit gave pupils a first-hand insight into the role of the Senedd in representing the people of Wales. They learned how members of the Senedd debate issues, pass laws, and hold the Welsh Government to account. Through interactive sessions and guided tours, pupils discovered the process of law-making - from the initial proposal of a bill, through committee scrutiny, to final approval. This helped them see how ideas become legislation and how these laws impact everyday life. Pupils also explored the crucial role of committees, which examine proposed laws in detail, investigate key issues, and ensure that a wide range of voices are heard. They saw how committees provide checks and balances within the democratic system. The experience was both educational and inspiring, encouraging pupils to think critically about politics, law, and their own role as active citizens. Many left with a deeper appreciation of how democracy works in Wales and how they can contribute to shaping the future.





# Law Department



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## Year 13 Pupils Take Part in Mock Trial

Our Year 13 law pupils recently had the exciting opportunity to step into the shoes of barristers, witnesses, and jurors as they took part in a mock trial focused on the complex area of gross negligence manslaughter. The competition challenged pupils to prepare legal arguments, analyse evidence, and present their case in a simulated courtroom setting. Working in teams, they developed skills in:

- Critical thinking - weighing up evidence and identifying key arguments
- Public speaking - presenting confidently under pressure
- Collaboration - working together to build a persuasive case
- Legal reasoning - applying principles of law to a realistic scenario



Pupils had to grapple with difficult legal concepts, balancing the facts with the law, and anticipating the arguments of the opposing side. The mock trial not only highlighted the talent and potential of our Year 13 cohort but also demonstrated the value of experiential learning in bringing abstract legal principles to life. This was a fantastic opportunity for pupils to test their skills in a realistic setting, and we are incredibly proud of the way they rose to the challenge!

## Careers in Law Workshop - Visit from Aberystwyth University

Law is all around us - shaping everything we do, from buying everyday items to crossing the road safely. To help pupils explore this fascinating field, we were delighted to welcome representatives from Aberystwyth University for a special Careers in Law workshop. The session encouraged pupils to think about law not just as a subject, but as a lens through which we understand the world. One guiding question was: What do you care most about in the world around you? Chances are, there's a branch of law connected to it.

One of the most exciting parts of the session was exploring the diverse career paths available. Law graduates don't just become solicitors or barristers - they can work in:

- Legal research and policy development
- Corporate compliance and governance
- International organisations and NGOs
- Public service and government roles
- Academia and teaching
- Specialist advisory positions in areas like environmental or human rights law

The visit from Aberystwyth University gave pupils a valuable insight into how studying law can open doors to a wide range of careers. More importantly, it encouraged them to see law as something living and dynamic, a force that touches every aspect of society.



# Law Department



# Adran y Gyfraith



## Seren Academy – Becoming a Barrister Event

Congratulations also to Eva Quinn, who won the Best Advocate Award at the Seren Academy's Becoming a Barrister event. Eva impressed the judges with her confident delivery, clear reasoning, and ability to respond to challenging questions.

## National Sixth Form Moot Competition

A huge congratulations to Dylan Pymble, who achieved runner-up in the prestigious National Sixth Form Moot Competition, held annually at Cardiff University. Dylan represented the defendant in a challenging contract law case and impressed the judges with his ability to think quickly under pressure. Despite facing some tough questions, he demonstrated outstanding advocacy skills and was commended for his confident and articulate performance.



# Business Studies & Economics



# Astudiaethau Busnes ac Economeg

## Deputy Governor of the Bank of England visit

In September, the Business and Economics department welcomed the Deputy Governor of the Bank of England, Sarah Breeden, to speak to our Key Stage 5 pupils. It was a major coup for the department to have such an esteemed economist delivering a session for our pupils, who engaged excellently. Mrs Breeden spoke about her role within the bank as well as current monetary policy and the lessons that the bank has learned from previous events such as the financial crisis and COVID. Our pupils then had an opportunity to ask questions, the standard of which really impressed Mrs Breeden and her team. Since the talk we have been able to bring our learning from the session into the classroom to further consolidate pupils' understanding of the vital role that the Bank of England play in the UK economy.





# Health & Wellbeing



# *Iechyd a Lles*

## **Year 7 and 8 Health and Wellbeing Day**

In the summer term, we welcomed guest speakers from the Senedd, Cardiff and Vale Drug and Alcohol Service, and Crimestoppers, giving students the opportunity to explore important topics around citizenship, justice and personal safety. The day began with a visit from representatives of the Senedd, who delivered an engaging session on the role of the Welsh Parliament and how it serves the people of Wales. The session touched on the UN Rights of the Child, the work of the Youth Parliament, and how laws are designed to protect everyone in society.



Following this, students took part in a workshop on the dangers of addiction. The speaker helped them understand the risks and long-term consequences of drug use, including substances like nitrous oxide. The session encouraged open discussion and gave students the tools to make informed, healthy choices.

Later, Crimestoppers delivered a powerful workshop focused on hate crime. Students heard real stories from victims and took part in a game exploring unconscious bias. The session also covered grooming, how people can be influenced, and how to recognise when something doesn't feel right.

The day was a valuable opportunity for students to learn about their rights, responsibilities, and the importance of respect and inclusion. It helped them understand how democracy works in Wales and the UK, and how they can play a part in shaping a fairer, more compassionate society.

## **Year 9 and 10 Health and Wellbeing Day**

Year 9 and 10 students took part in a powerful and informative Health and Wellbeing Day focused on citizenship, safety, and making informed choices. The day began with a session delivered by the Senedd, where students explored the role of the Welsh Parliament, the history of devolution, and how laws are made. They also discussed voting, political parties, the Youth Parliament, and the importance of bilingualism in Welsh democracy.



Following this, students attended a workshop on Gambling Education and Prevention. The session examined the link between gaming and gambling, highlighting how some online games can encourage risky behaviour. Students learned to recognise warning signs, understand the risks of unregulated gambling, and where to seek help if they or someone they know is affected. The workshop also introduced cryptocurrency and its connection to gambling, helping students understand the consequences and how to stay safe online.

Later in the day, Kendra Ross from Crimestoppers delivered a hard-hitting session on knife crime. Students were introduced to Fearless.org, a platform for reporting crime anonymously. The workshop focused on the risks and consequences of carrying weapons, facts about knife crime, and how to stay safe. Students were encouraged to think about who they can talk to if they feel worried or threatened.

Throughout the day, students were encouraged to ask questions, reflect on their choices, and consider how they can contribute to a safer and more respectful community. Health and Wellbeing Day gave them the tools to understand their rights, recognise risks, and make positive decisions. We are proud of how thoughtfully our students engaged with these important topics and look forward to continuing these conversations in the classroom.



# Geography



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## Geography Fieldtrips

### Current Year 11 – Cardiff Inequality Study & Coastal Fieldwork (July)

Students explored urban inequalities across Cardiff, investigating differences in housing, services, and environmental quality between contrasting areas of the city. Later, they visited Ogmore and Southerndown to study coastal processes and landforms. These trips helped students understand how geography affects people and places at both local and regional scales.

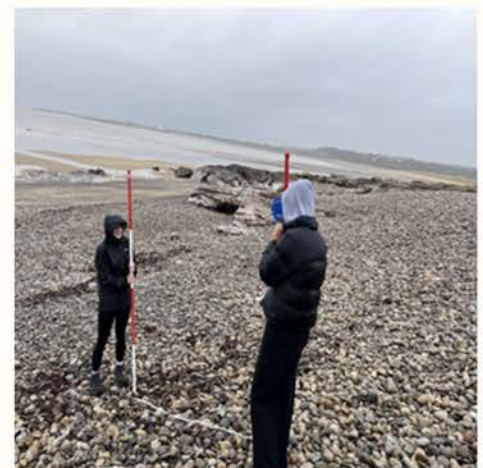
### Current Year 10 – River Ilston (October)

As part of their GCSE Non-Exam Assessment (NEA), Year 10 pupils visited the River Ilston to collect primary data on river features such as width, depth, velocity, and sediment size. Despite the chilly conditions, students showed great teamwork and enthusiasm, gaining valuable hands-on experience to support their coursework.

### Year 12 – Ogmore and Southerndown Coast (October)

A Level students faced some truly awful weather during their coastal fieldwork at Ogmore and Southerndown, but their resilience shone through. The experience deepened their understanding of physical geography and the challenges of field research.

We're incredibly proud of all our students for their curiosity, commitment, and positive attitude throughout these trips. Their fieldwork experiences are a vital part of their geographical education and will play a key role in their upcoming assessments.



## Wider Geographical Reading

Our department is working hard to make reading a regular and purposeful part of school life. We've introduced targeted reading lists that link directly to curriculum topics, helping students build subject knowledge while improving literacy. Reading is embedded into lessons across subjects, showing students how it supports learning and helping them to engage with real-world issues. We focus on making reading practical, relevant and accessible—whether it's fiction, non-fiction or academic texts.

### Our current recommendations:

- **KS3** – Boy 87 by Ele Fountain
- **KS4** – The Crossing by Manjeet Mann
- **KS5** – Prisoners of Geography by Tim Marshall





# Geography



# Daearyddiaeth

## Simon Oakes Visit

We were delighted to welcome renowned geography educator and author Simon Oakes to school for a special pre-exam session with our Year 13 students. With exams fast approaching, Simon delivered an engaging and motivational workshop designed to boost confidence, sharpen exam technique, and deepen understanding of key A Level topics.

Drawing on his extensive experience and passion for geography, Simon shared expert insights into global systems, synoptic links, and how to approach complex exam questions. His practical tips and real-world examples helped students see the subject in a fresh light and reinforced the importance of critical thinking and clarity in written responses.

Students left the session feeling inspired, better prepared, and more confident about tackling their final assessments. We're incredibly grateful to Simon for his time and energy and we wish our Year 13 geographers every success in their upcoming exams.

## MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING



## BORE COFFI MACMILLAN



This year's Macmillan Coffee Morning, hosted by the Year 10 GCSE SWEET class, was a brilliant success, bringing the whole school community together in support of a great cause. Pupils took the lead in buying ingredients, creating posters, baking, organising and running the event as well as creating a warm and welcoming atmosphere filled with school made treats and plenty of enthusiasm.

Their hard work truly paid off, raising over £400 for Macmillan Cancer Support. It was a proud moment for everyone involved and a wonderful example of what teamwork and kindness can achieve.



# Welsh Department



# Adran Gymraeg



## Sixth Form News

As always the sixth form are kept busy in the department. Joe Healy from Canolfan Iaith Genedlaethol is coming in to offer Welsh lessons to any sixth former interested in using the language. Joe is originally from Wimbledon but learnt Welsh online. He's therefore an excellent example of a young person who uses his Welsh every day. He also presents a show on S4C called 'Y Sin'.

The sixth form have already been on two visits to the Sherman Theatre. The play 'Romeo a Juliet' was performed by Theatr Genedlaethol Cymru. The Shakespearian play was performed bilingually with characters switching languages all the time. We also saw 'Dynolwaith', which was a one man show written and performed by Leo Drayton. The show was thought provoking and challenging as it dealt with the life of a trans person in Wales over the last 10 years. We also met up with Sophie James (an ex pupil from Cardiff High). She now works with the theatre company totally through the medium of Welsh. She is an inspiration to all.

## Llangrannog

In July 2025, over 240 staff and students went on a fun filled holiday to Gwersyll yr Urdd at Llangrannog. After a lovely walk to the beach, we all had ice cream before returning to a packed full day of activities which included skiing, tower zip wire, muddy assault course, bushcrafting, high rope assault course and many others. Many thanks to all the tutors from Year 7 who participated and also to the sixth form helpers.



School will again be moving for 3 days to Llangrannog next July where we will participate in a variety of activities from skiing to horse riding, from climbing to archery. Hopefully, all Year 7 students have signed up for the end of the year trip to Llangrannog in order to enjoy 3 days of fun, sun and siarad Cymraeg - 2 out of 3 will be guaranteed!





# Welsh Department



# Adran Gymraeg

## Shoebbox Appeal

Students, parents and staff have been busy at work ensuring that families in Ukraine will have a gift this Christmas from the people of Wales. Around 400 boxes were collected in total alongside £1000, which will be used to transport the boxes from Cardiff to Ukraine. Year 8 were the year group who collected the most gifts, with Ms Foreman's class (8T) collecting over 40 boxes. 7K won in Year 7 under the guidance of Mrs James, whilst 9L were top givers in Year 9 thanks to Mrs Olsen. Zac Allsop in Year 11 always deserves a special mention as once again this year he collected 12 boxes by getting his whole street involved. A huge thank you to all parents who supported this lovely venture. Yet again, we have shown that love is stronger than hate.



## Dysgwr Disglair

On Sumae Shwmae day, the annual competition for KS3 was held in order to find the best Welsh speakers in each year group. The Year 12 students were our judges and they also enjoyed the evening. Many thanks to all parents who supported and also to the Dorothy Watkins Foundation for donating the prizes. The winners were Aaliya Islam (Year 7), Hannah Duck (Year 8) and Zahra Nassrullah in (Year 9). It was a pleasure to hear all the students babbling in Welsh. Da iawn i bawb.

# BILINGUALISM

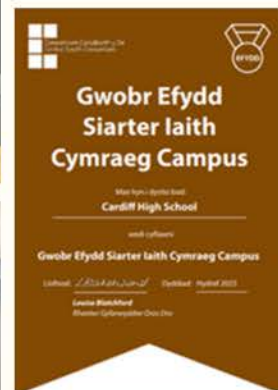


# DWYIEITHRWYDD

Our Criw Cymraeg have been working throughout the last term, putting things in place for us to work towards our Siarter Iaith (Welsh Language Charter) award. The pupils in the Criw Cymraeg created the shwmae poster competition, contributed to our new display board, and they also performed an assembly to pupils in Years 7-11 explaining the Siarter Iaith.

Following an accreditation visit from CSC on 5th November, 1, and the Criw Cymraeg, are pleased to announce that we have been awarded our Bronze award for Siarter Iaith! We are extremely proud of the work we have done, and to have achieved this award. We are now aiming towards our Silver award by this time next year.

Diolch yn fawr iawn i chi am ddarllen. Dymunwn Nadolig Llawn a Blwyddyn Newydd Dda i chi gyd. Thank you for reading. We wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.





# BILINGUALISM DWYIEITHRWYDD

We have had an excellent opening few months to the year with Bilingualism. The Criw Cymraeg have worked tirelessly along with the Welsh Department to create activities and promote bilingualism around the school. We started the year off with raising the awareness of Dydd Owain Glyndwr, where the pupils learnt about the revolutionary Welsh prince in their Welsh lessons, and information was shared on the screens around school, and with form teachers, to mark this occasion.

The main event of this term has of course been Diwrnod Shwmae. Diwrnod Shwmae is an important day on the Welsh calendar, with an emphasis on promoting the Welsh language spoken widely around local communities. We organised a poster competition for pupils, for which we had many fantastic entries which really showcase the artistic talent around the school. It was very hard for the Criw Cymraeg to decide on a winner, but in first place was Christy in 8T, second place went to Megan in 7P and third place went to Yumna in 7P.



We also held a competition for staff on the day. Pupils in Year 7 were issued with a 'tocyn iaith' (language token) and were able to give it to the member of staff who they felt had really tried their best with using Cymraeg in their lessons throughout the week. The staff really enjoyed the competition and got very competitive! The results were incredibly close, with just one token separating first, second and third. In third place was Mr Morris from the science department with 38 tokens, in second place was Miss Edge from the music department with 39 tokens, and in first place and winning the hamper of Welsh themed treats was Mr Powell from the DT department with 40 tokens.

Finally, on the Friday of Shwmae Week, Mr Lazell organised some shwmae themed activities for pupils in Year 7 and 8 during their Welsh lessons on that day, with a bit of help from our Welsh A-Level students as well. This, again, was enjoyed by all the pupils, and was a positive opportunity for the pupils to experience Welsh culture, but also to end what was an enjoyable week celebrating our language and culture.





# Sixth Form CHWECHED DOSBARTH

## Medic and Dentistry Preparation

Once again, we have been fortunate enough to hold many events to support our aspiring medics and dentists. On Wednesday 12th November we hosted a WAMMs event run by Cardiff University when they ran an “acing the interview” session for students from Cardiff High and other sixth forms. They examined interview structures, practice questions and a guide to what to include in the answers. This event was well attended. This was followed by a MMI event organised by Mr Maddocks. Medic and dentistry students from Cardiff University offered to come in and run mock mini interviews with our applicants. Both these sessions were extremely successful and have given our students excellent pointers to improve their interview skills for these courses.



## Peer Mentors

Mrs Jones has organised another cohort of peer mentors to support students in Lower and Middle School. Once again, we had a high volume of applications for a small number of training places. This led to 24 Year 12 students being selected to undergo two days of training by the schools in-reach team. The students found this training supportive and it gave them the confidence to undertake the role. They have now met with their assigned student on several occasions and the sessions are very positive.



## Sporting Success

Well done to both Jack and Will Bamborough for another round of successes in their sporting fields!

Good luck to Will who has been selected to play in the European Aquatics Challenger Cup in Istanbul at the end of November!

Jack qualified for the British Next Generation Swimming Championships and British Open Water Championships in Sheffield back in July. Jack came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Open Water competition for his age group and he reached the final in the 200m and 400m freestyle for his age group. Jack also attended the Commonwealth Games preparation camp in Turkey during October. This was a great opportunity to help him prepare to qualify for Glasgow 2026. Qualifications are in December and April - we wish him the best of luck! Jack also currently holds five British deaf swimming records in the 100m, 200m, 400m and 800m freestyle and in the 200m individual medley.





# ART DEPARTMENT CELF A DYLUNIO

All learners in the Art department have continued to flourish this year. Our annual show at the Cardiff School of Art's Creative Exhibition proved as popular as ever, with many pupils and parents making the short journey to Cardiff Met's Llandaf campus for the Private View in June. Outstanding work was once again in evidence with all exhibitors displaying a wide variety of techniques and processes across GCSE and A Level. Many of our A Level candidates have gone on to study creative subjects at Foundation and Degree level, locally and nationally. It has been a pleasure to teach them and we wish them every success in their future careers!



From above (clockwise): lobster pots by Amy Bennett, identity portraits by Nell Jones, Nathan Yotingco-Chiyuto and Amelia Smith, textile studies by Rebecca Bourne and Theo Jones, with an array of studies linked to identity. All work was showcased at Cardiff Met Creative Exhibition, June 2025.





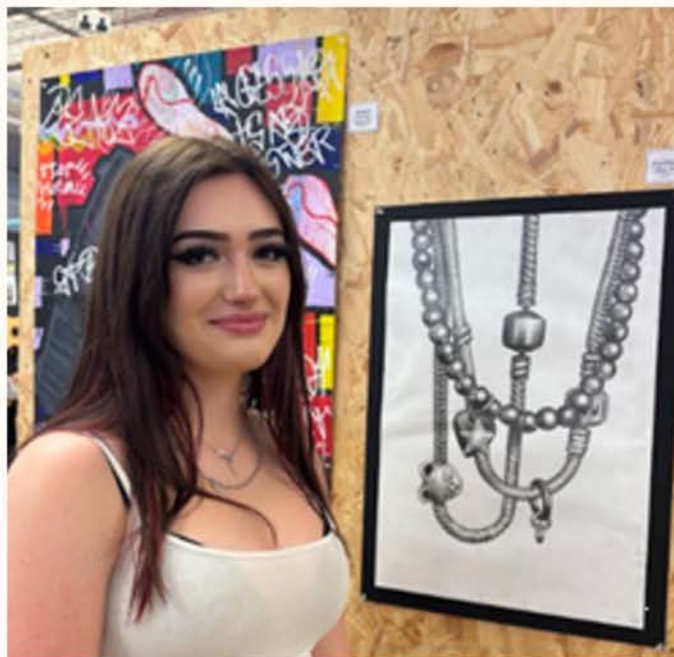
# ART DEPARTMENT



# CELF A DYLUNIO



Final pieces by Eva Green (Y11), Willow Brailsford, Theo Jones, Amy Bennett, George Gow and Ella-Jay White (Y13).

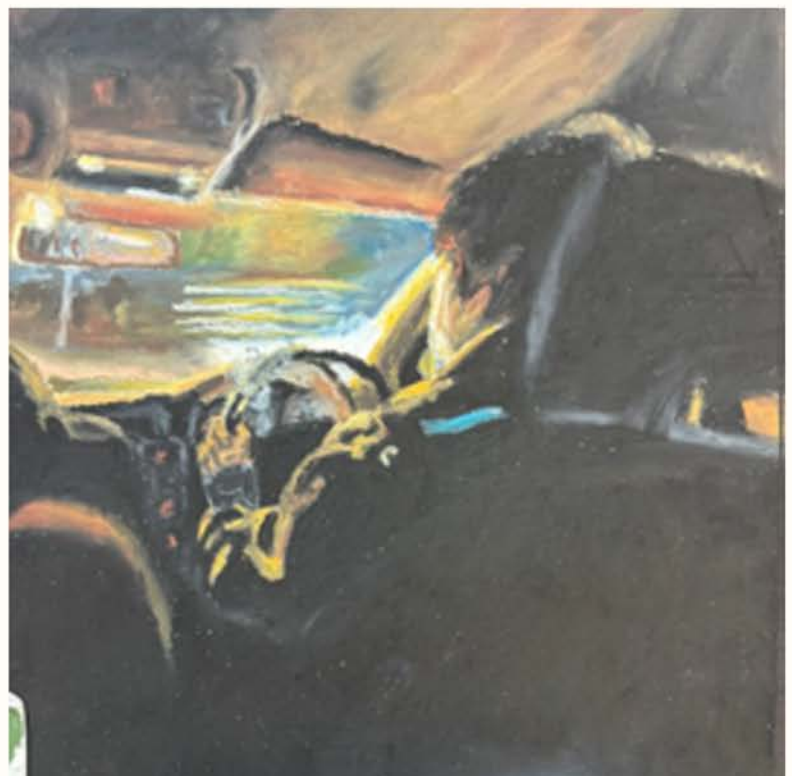




# ART DEPARTMENT CELF A DYLUNIO



Selected studies highlight the variety of materials all Art and Design candidates are encouraged to experiment with throughout their course. From right: Proverbs by Albert Speight, Dramatic Lighting studies by Naomi Young and mixed media etching on fabric and applique by Poppy Sumner entitled My Happy Place.

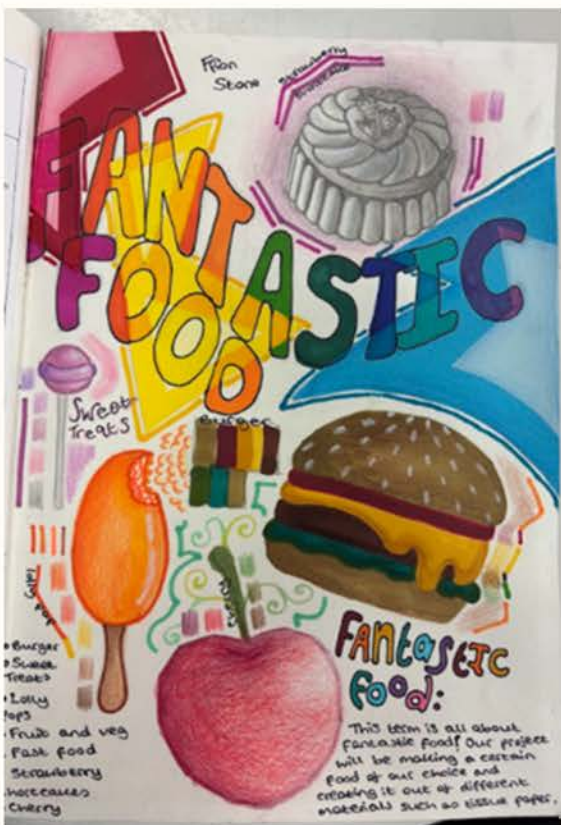




# ART DEPARTMENT CELF A DYLUNIO



Experimentation continues with Year 12 chiaroscuro charcoal and chalk drawings followed by bleach and ink development studies. Year 8 have enjoyed creating their practice plasticine pots before making their ceramic vessels this term. Year 9 are investigating food items with timed drawings and collage.





# ART DEPARTMENT CELF A DYLUNIO



We welcomed many prospective pupils to our open evening in October. Lots of our young visitors took part in our Lichtenstein selfie station or created Bob & Roberta Smith inspired art placards! More images of the evening and current pupil work can be found on our new department Instagram: @artdeptchs





# ART DEPARTMENT CELF A DYLUNIO



**Monday lunch art club!**

KS3 pupils come along at lunchtime to work on their own ideas, using pastels, watercolours and pencils. It has been wonderful to have such a full room of artists! Newcomers are very welcome: Monday Lunchtimes in F1, Week A. @artdeptchs





# DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY

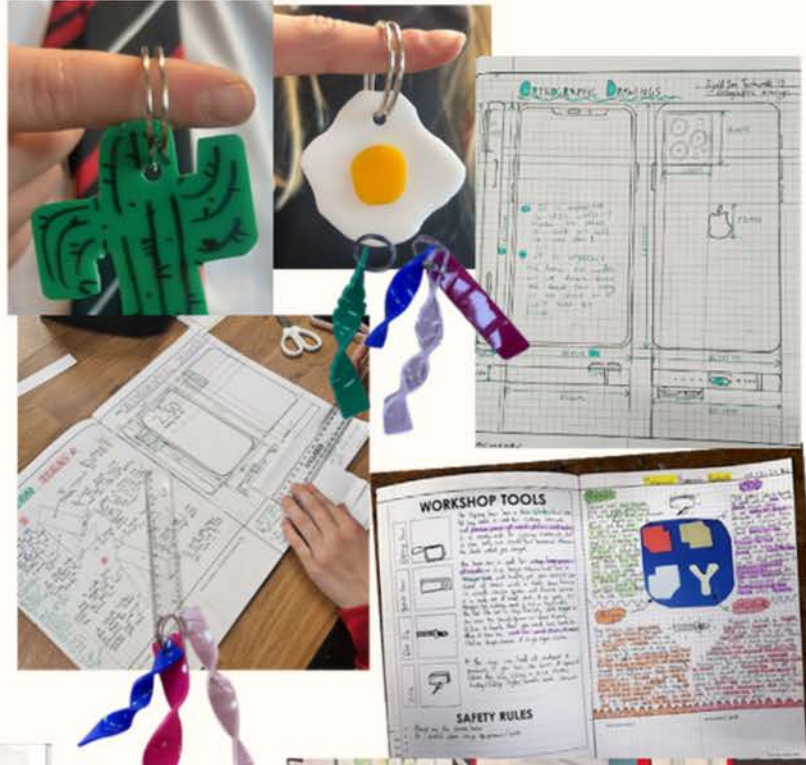


# DYLUNIO A THECHNOLEG

KS3 pupils have had a very strong and busy term in D&T, experiencing wide exposure to all areas of the subject, with an emphasis on learning knowledge and skills. Year 7 have loved getting into the workshops, Y8 have been busy in the kitchen, and Year 9 have been honing their skills designing and modelling. Over 5,000 merits have been issued to KS3 pupils in D&T this term. Year 8 are crowned the champions with over 2,000 merits, with Year 9 following very closely behind!

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# YEAR 7



# YEAR 8

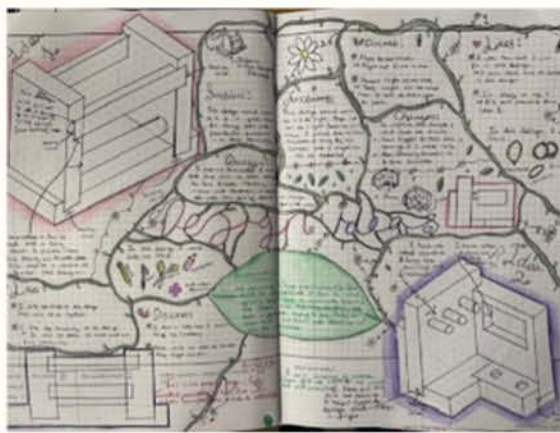
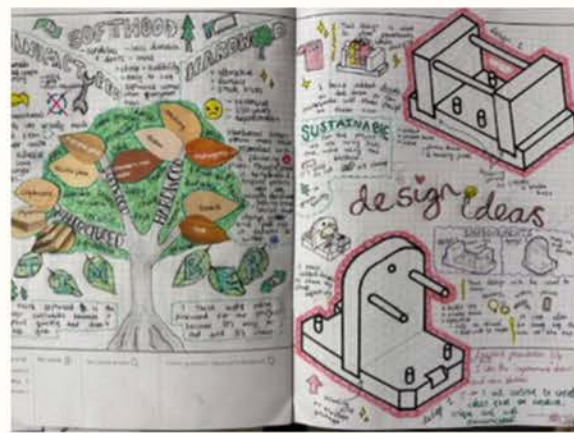
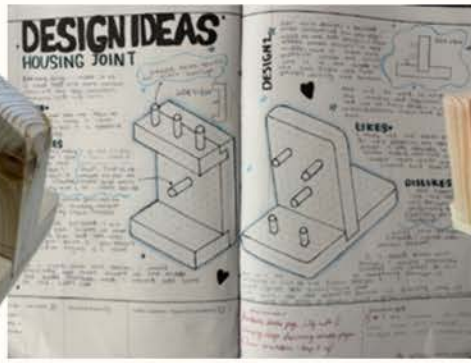
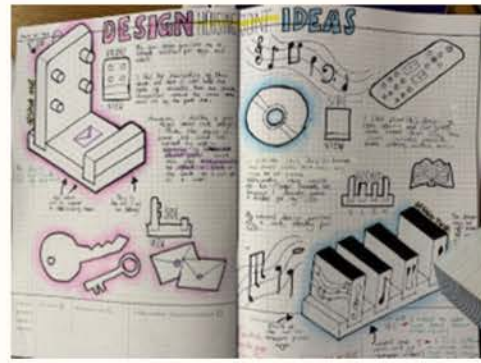




# DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY



# DYLUNIO A THECHNOLEG



# YEAR 9





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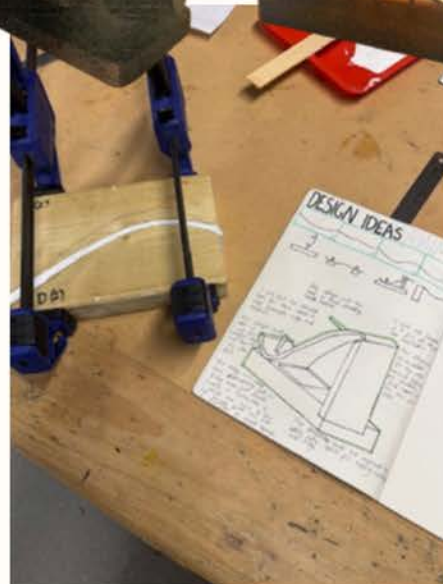
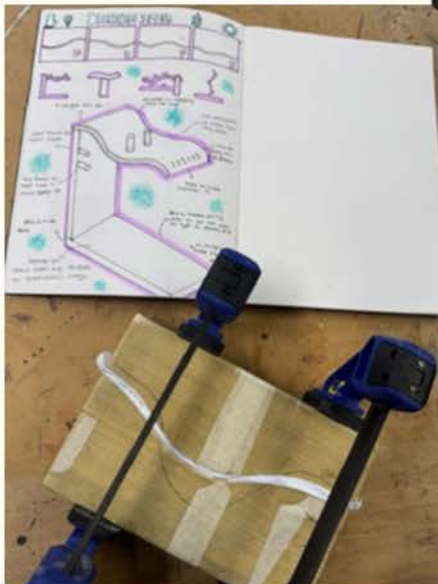


# DYLUNIO A THECHNOLEG

# YEAR 10

Our seven Year 10 Product Design classes have made an impressive start to their GCSE journey since September. Pupils have shown genuine maturity, positive attitudes and strong engagement across every lesson. They have already built a solid foundation of knowledge and skills through the laminating project, the USB lamp, the CAD and CAM ruler task, and the cube design and build challenge. Their drawing skills have developed well, supported by our improved theory books which pupils have responded to with real enthusiasm. The standard of work so far has been superb, and we look forward to seeing their skills grow even further as the year continues.

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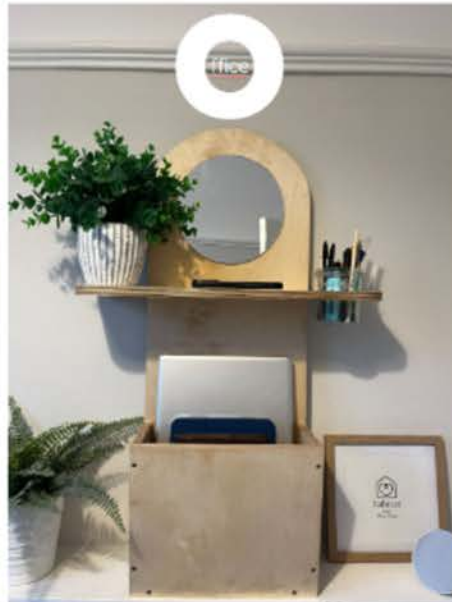
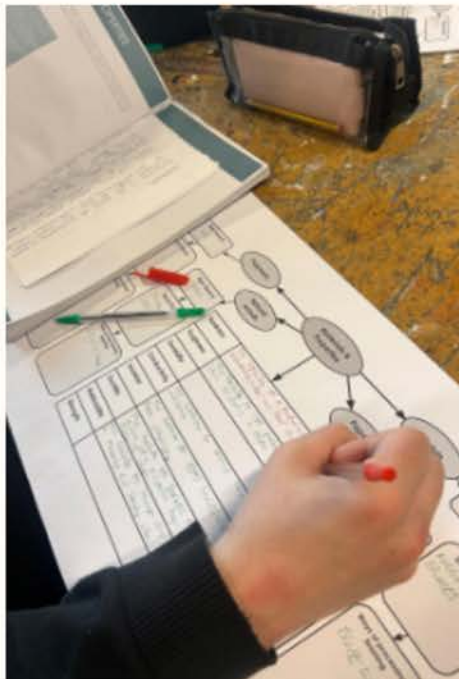
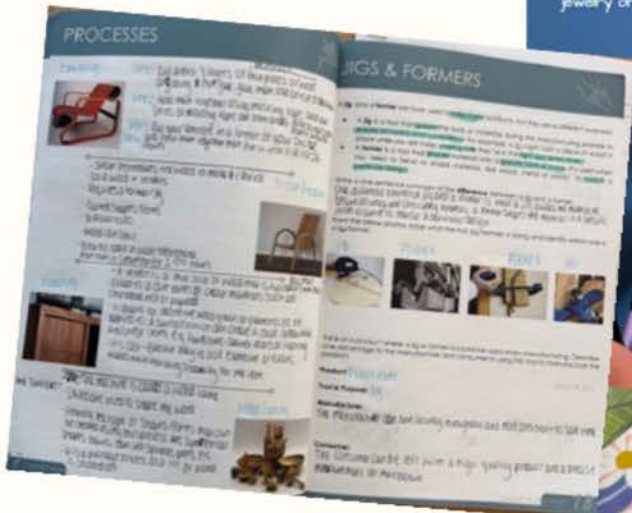
# DYLUNIO A THECHNOLEG

# YEAR 11

Our six Year 11 classes have shown real focus and determination throughout their NEA work this term. Pupils have carried out detailed research, generated a wide range of design ideas and developed a stronger understanding of materials, processes and manufacturing methods. This grounding has supported them as they move into the modelling stage, where they are producing early prototypes to test, evaluate and refine their concepts.

It has been impressive to see pupils becoming more confident in their decision making and increasingly independent in how they approach each stage of the project. The quality of modelling and written work so far reflects real effort across the year group, and they are well placed to continue making strong progress after the break.

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**Game Gate**  
Playstation game & headphone storage  
Made from birch flexply, beech dowel and iroko



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YEAR 12

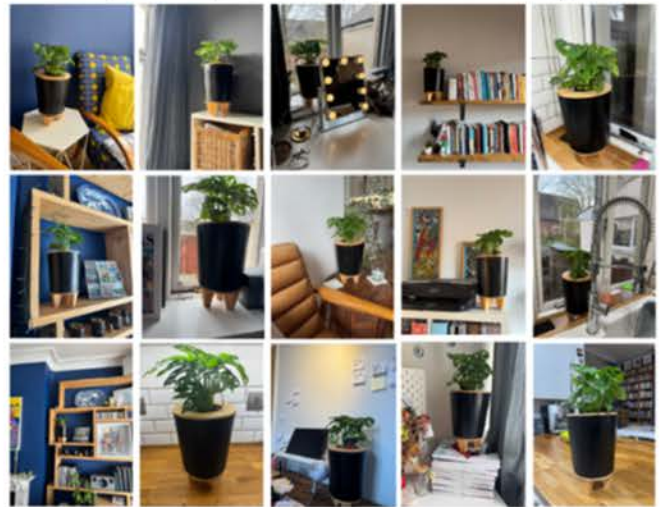
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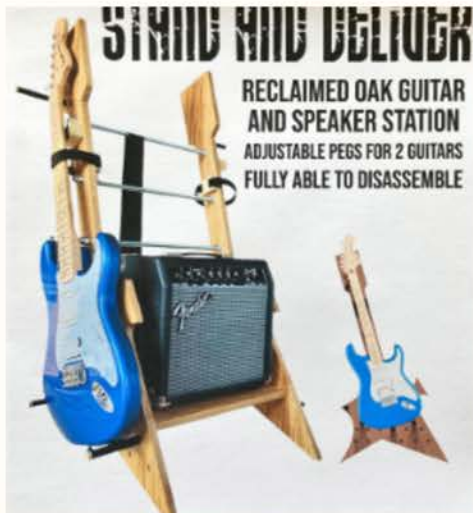
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ADJUSTABLE PEGS FOR 2 GUITARS  
FULLY ABLE TO DISASSEMBLE



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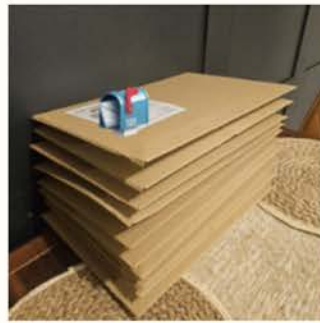


# DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY



# DYLUNIO A THECHNOLEG

Our Year 6 Open Evening was a fantastic event with both workshops full throughout the night. One space showcased our KS3 curriculum alongside examples of GCSE and A Level work, giving families a clear insight into the creativity and progression within D&T. In the second workshop, supported by our brilliant Cardiff High students, Year 6 pupils designed their own keyrings using 2D Design. These were then lasercut and posted to the primary schools in the days that followed and were very well received.



YEAR 6 OPEN EVENING

Our sixth form Open Evening was a great chance to showcase the quality of Product Design at Post 16. We displayed GCSE and A Level design work, models and final products, giving pupils and families a clear sense of what the course offers. Presentations also helped visitors understand the subject, the department, and life in sixth form as they consider their next steps.

SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING





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## EXTRA CURRICULAR

It has been a busy and exciting term for extra curricular opportunities in D&T.

Pupils have exhibited KS3, GCSE and A Level work at the Cardiff Met University Creative Exhibition 2025 and attended the WJEC Innovation Awards to celebrate design excellence across Wales. We also welcomed career talks from Powell Dobson Architects and Renishaw Engineering, giving pupils valuable insight into pathways within design, engineering and the creative industries.

There are plenty more opportunities and workshops planned for the new year, so keep an eye out and get involved!



## D&T CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISER

Thank you to all pupils, parents, carers and staff for supporting our personalised Christmas decorations and gifts this year. The department raised more than £2000, doubling last year's total. The money has already been used to purchase additional 3D printers, tools and higher quality visualisers to further strengthen teaching and learning across our workshops.

A special thank you to Mr Griffiths and Miss Reeves, who have worked tirelessly each day to fulfil orders. More than 200 cheeseboards and 150 personalised decorations have been individually designed, manufactured, finished and packaged through the department, which is a fantastic achievement!

We would also like to thank Miss Stacey and Miss James, who took our pop-up shop on the road and showcased our products at festive workshops and fairs across South Wales. We are grateful to our KS4 pupils who helped design, make and manage orders throughout the project. Your support makes a real difference to the opportunities we can offer our pupils, and we are extremely thankful.





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## ENTERPRISE CHAMPIONS



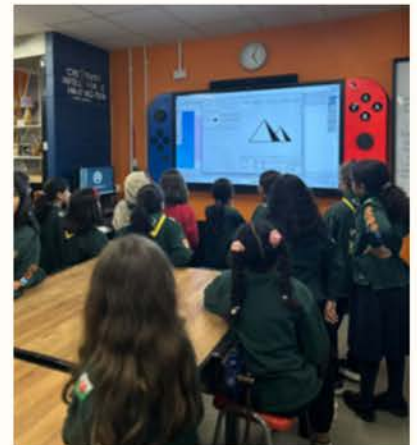
We would like to recognise Year 13 Product Design students Sofia, Yasmin, Tom and Tanvir, who volunteered to run our Christmas decoration and gift stall during the recent Year 12 Parents' Evening. They represented the department brilliantly, engaging with families, taking orders and showcasing products made in our workshops.

Their support helped us raise funds that will be reinvested into new equipment and resources for Design & Technology. We are grateful for their enthusiasm and professionalism, and it was fantastic to see our students contributing so positively to the wider school community.

## INSPIRING YOUNG DESIGNERS

Recently, our Product Design department was proud to see sixth former Yasmin take the lead in planning and delivering an after-school 2D Design workshop for her Cub group. She designed the session independently and guided the pupils through creating their own digital artwork using specialist software.

The Cubs thoroughly enjoyed the experience and were excited to develop new skills that helped them think like real designers. Yasmin demonstrated excellent leadership, clear communication and strong subject knowledge, acting as an inspiring role model for younger learners. We are incredibly proud of her initiative and the positive impact she continues to make within our school community.





# PHYSICAL EDUCATION



# ADDYSG GORFFOROL

## Rugby

### Sixth Form

The senior squad has kicked off the 2025-26 season with remarkable energy, having already completed seven competitive matches while gearing up for the Welsh Cup and Sevens campaigns. Several Year 11 students have made their debuts, showcasing the impressive depth of talent within the program.



#### Standout Performers:

- Dylan Burrows - Remarkably consistent and influential in all fixtures.
- Jack Stennett-Jones - His dynamic carrying has been one of the season's standout highlights.

### Year 11

Several Year 11 players have represented the Sixth Form team this season, making significant contributions and gaining valuable experience that enhances the strength of the senior squad.



### Year 10

The Year 10 team is training impressively and making significant strides in the Welsh Cup. The squad demonstrates strong dedication each week, with all players eager to enhance their skills and elevate standards as the season unfolds.

### Year 9

The Year 9 team has had an impressive start to the season, competing in eight matches and showcasing remarkable growth.

#### Standout Performer:

- Harry Broughton Jones - An exceptional scrum-half, he has even played at a higher level to enhance his skills further.



### Year 8

Year 8 has successfully completed ten fixtures, gaining momentum through consistent performances and continued growth from last year.

#### Standout Performer:

- Jude Lane - A defensive powerhouse and a true standout for the team.



# PHYSICAL EDUCATION



# ADDYSG GORFFOROL

## Rugby

### Year 7

Year 7 has kicked off with an outstanding start, participating in 10 A and B fixtures and demonstrating tremendous enthusiasm and growth. This group consists of remarkable players, both on and off the field.

#### Standout Performers:

- Freddie Parsons - Making a significant impact while playing rugby for the first time.
- Alex Kimberley - Exhibiting impressive skills throughout the matches.
- Buddy Williams - Exceptional at securing turnovers.



### Regional & Representative Rugby

This year has brought remarkable recognition beyond school rugby:

- 7 players selected for the Emerging Player Programme (EPP) at Cardiff Arms Park
- 5 players chosen for the Cardiff Schools Black XV
- 5 players participating in the Cardiff Dewar Shield (Blue Team) setup

These achievements underscore the strength of the Cardiff High rugby pathway.

### Thank You to Staff

A heartfelt thank you to Wayne Parsons, whose ongoing voluntary dedication consistently enhances the rugby program and provides exceptional opportunities for all players.

### Looking Ahead

The season is brimming with potential, featuring:

- Cardiff Cups for all year groups
- Welsh Cup fixtures for the senior squad
- An action-packed Sevens campaign to conclude the year

Cardiff High Rugby continues to grow, compete, and thrive at every level.



# PHYSICAL EDUCATION



# ADDYSG GORFFOROL

## Cross Country (Boys)

### Cardiff and Vale League Race Highlights

This term, the two Cardiff and Vale league races took place at Pontcanna Fields and Bro Morgannwg School.

The Year 7 team showcased impressive individual and overall results in both races:

- Isaac Burns: 9th and 4th place
- Ben Kahan: 11th and 16th place
- Ted Wilkinson: 22nd and 20th place
- Elliot Meyer: 2nd place in race two

As a result, we secured a commendable 3rd place in the overall league standings.

The Years 8 & 9 team also delivered positive outcomes, achieving 3rd place overall. The standout performer was George Bailey from Year 8, who finished 7th and 4th.

Finally, the senior team, comprising Years 10, 11, 12, and 13, topped the league with an impressive set of performances. Year 10 students Lucas Howard Machado (8th and 7th) and Shen Rose (24th and 13th) played a pivotal role in leading the team to victory.

### The Welsh Inter School Championships – Brecon

On Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October over 1800 runners from schools across Wales attended this fantastic event. The Years 7 & 8 boys team claimed runners up medals with George Bailey, Toby Ahmed, Elliot Meyer and Isaac Burns being the quartet that were the scoring team. In Years 9 & 10 race it was the tremendous efforts from Lucas Howard Machado, Shen Rose, Morgan Garwood-Pask and Ethan Ho giving the school another runners-up spot.



## Cross Country (Girls)

The girls participated in the second race of the Cardiff and Vale League at Bro Morgannwg. The course was quite challenging; however, the students handled it admirably and rose to the occasion. Our top finisher in the senior race was Lotte Backx, who secured 22nd place, closely followed by Polly Lees and Isla Bassett.

Our Year 8 & 9 team achieved a commendable 5th place, with the top three finishers being Martha McGreal, Olivia Jones, and Megan Meredith. The Year 7 team thoroughly enjoyed their first competitive run, finishing in an impressive 7th place, led by top finishers Agnes White, Amelie Backx, and Thilde Backx. In the recent Welsh Inter Schools Cross Country Championships held in Brecon, the girls delivered fantastic performances. Our Year 9 & 10 team, comprising Sophie Paul, Neve Samuel, Polly Lees, and Alice Kent, finished in 19th place.

Meanwhile, our Year 7 & 8 team demonstrated remarkable determination, attacking the race from the start. This team, made up of Martha McGreal, Olivia Jones, Megan Meredith, and Georgia Davies, was rewarded with an excellent 3rd place finish.





PHYSICAL EDUCATION



ADDYSG GORFFOROL

Football (Girls)



Year 7

The Year 7 teams kicked off their league campaign with a remarkable start, achieving two solid victories against Corpus Christi. The 'A' team triumphed in a thrilling match with a score of 4-3, while the 'B' team delivered an impressive 5-0 performance. Both teams exhibited outstanding teamwork, resilience, and a positive mindset throughout their games. The girls are demonstrating great potential early in the season and are eager to build on this success in their forthcoming fixtures.



Year 8

The Year 8 girls kicked off their season with an impressive 6-0 victory against St. Teilos, showcasing remarkable teamwork and offensive play. They later encountered several closely contested matches, where the 'A' team faced a narrow defeat of 0-1 against Llanishen and 3-2 against Whitchurch. Meanwhile, the 'B' team lost 0-2 to Llanishen and 1-4 to Glantaf. Notable players, such as Lyla Jenkins and Jess Osbaldeston, have played crucial roles throughout these games. The team continues to enhance their performance and eagerly anticipates upcoming fixtures.

The U13 team has also made a strong start in their Welsh Cup campaign, achieving a fantastic 5-0 win against St. Cyres in the first round. Although they faced a narrow 3-2 loss to Llanishen in the second round, the players displayed excellent effort, focus, and determination throughout both matches. Standout performances were delivered by Emilia Buttigieg, Ffion Grant, and Poppy Thomas-Duffy, who exhibited great skill and teamwork on the field.



U15

The U15 team has had an impressive start to their season, kicking off with a remarkable 8-0 win against Bro Edern in the first round of the Welsh Cup. Although they faced a challenging second-round match against Glantaf, which resulted in a 5-1 loss, the team demonstrated tremendous spirit and determination throughout the game. In league play, the girls maintained their strong momentum with an exhilarating 5-3 victory over Corpus Christi. Notable performances were delivered by Emily Kinsella, Alys Grant, and Rosie Craven, all of whom displayed exceptional commitment and skill. The team is now eager to build on these achievements as they turn their focus to the remainder of their league campaign.



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## **Football (Boys)**



### **Year 7**

This year has been truly enjoyable as we hosted fixtures for both A and B teams, along with an internal match that allowed many players to represent the school in their inaugural season. The team is making impressive strides in various cup competitions, highlighted by a thrilling penalty shootout victory against Plasmawr, where Freddie Parsons scored one goal and saved another. A recent friendly win against Corpus was the team's standout performance of the season, raising high hopes for their future. The team's accomplishments are rooted in a strong foundation, with captain Charlie Barnsley-Trowe and Vincent Tyler forming an excellent defensive partnership, while Elliot Meyer has demonstrated why he is so highly esteemed at Cardiff City.



### **Year 8**

The Year 8 squad has made an impressive start to the season, remaining unbeaten thus far. The team has demonstrated a fantastic attitude and has played some exceptional football, building on their Plate final performance from Year 7. Jake Poontaub has emerged as a standout player in midfield, contributing both goals and assists, while Toby Ahmed has brilliantly led the team.

### **Year 9**

The Year 9 squad has displayed remarkable progress and determination throughout the season. They have played with genuine spirit, even during cup competitions where luck was not in their favour. Many players have excelled, but newcomer Harrison Dyke has integrated seamlessly, making a significant impact, including scoring a goal on his debut. Meanwhile, Captain Charlie Evans has skillfully guided the group, setting a strong example for all with his performances.

### **Year 10**

Matches featuring Year 10 are always thrilling! Although a significant loss to Plasmawr resulted in their exit from the WSFA Cup, they have successfully advanced in the CSVFA Cup thanks to a dramatic 5-5 draw and a 4-3 victory in the penalty shootout against Bro Edern. A recent friendly match against Corpus ended in a 4-4 draw, showcasing their talent for both creating and scoring goals. However, there is still room for improvement in their defensive strategies to ensure continued success in cup competitions. Gabi Bird and Jay Joseph have developed a strong partnership on the left side of the pitch and have emerged as standout performers.





# PHYSICAL EDUCATION



# ADDYSG GORFFOROL

## Football (Boys)



### Year 11

The Year 11 team advanced to the second round of the CVSFA Cup with a victory over Cantonian. This match offered a fantastic opportunity for a sizable squad to participate, with many players taking the field for the first time representing the school! Seth Jackson and Evan Lewis both found the back of the net. Alessandro Santoro and Solomon Davies have also played for the senior team this year, making significant contributions to the squad.

### Senior

The senior team is currently in a strong position within the CVSFA league, having played five matches with four victories and one loss. They have also advanced to the third round of the WSFA Cup. The team's success is attributed to a solid defensive effort, boasting three clean sheets this season. Goalkeeper Jake Allday and center back Harry Fry have performed exceptionally well so far. With crucial matches on the horizon, the team aims to secure a playoff spot in the league and continue their journey in the Welsh Schools' Cup.



## Netball



### Year 7

The Year 7 netball teams have made a promising start to their season, demonstrating remarkable progress and enthusiasm throughout their matches. In their games against Corpus Christi, both teams excelled—the 'A' team triumphing with a score of 7-4 and the 'B' team achieving a victory of 9-5. However, they faced tough competition from Whitchurch, where the 'A' team narrowly lost 10-13, and the 'B' team came up just short with a score of 0-1 in a closely fought contest. Throughout all the matches, the players showcased excellent game awareness, teamwork, and developing technical skills. Notable performances were delivered by Nia Bassett and Daisy Wadmore, who both shone with their consistency and determination on the court.





# PHYSICAL EDUCATION



# ADDYSG GORFFOROL

## Netball



### Year 8

Year 8 has had a remarkable start to the season, with impressive attendance at training as we strive to enhance our overall skill level. We have played fixtures against Llanishen, Radyr, Whitchurch, and Corpus, and the girls remain undefeated. They are eagerly anticipating their County Prelims after Christmas, hoping to secure a spot in the County Finals for the second consecutive year.



### Year 9

The Year 9 netball squad has kicked off the season with focus and dedication. Weekly training sessions are gearing them up for upcoming matches against Bro Edern, Corpus Christi, and Llanishen High School, as well as the first round of the county tournament scheduled for after Christmas. Over the past few weeks, the girls have demonstrated remarkable determination and significant skill development, diligently refining their movement, decision-making, and teamwork in preparation for competitive games.

### Year 11

The Year 11 team is currently undefeated and has successfully qualified for the County Finals, having won their preliminary match earlier this month.

### National Urdd Tournament

Our Year 10 and 11 squad delivered an impressive performance at the recent Urdd Competition. The girls convincingly topped their pool, earning a spot in the Cup competition. They faced Bassaleg in the Quarter Finals and advanced to the Semi Finals, where they triumphed over Bro Edern with a score of 10-8. In the Finals against Strade, the girls were trailing at halftime; however, they maintained their composure and secured a 9-6 victory, earning the title of National Champions—an exceptional achievement!



### Seniors

The Seniors competed in the first round of the Presidents Cup, showcasing some outstanding netball. However, they finished as runners-up to Cathedral, losing narrowly by just two goals. Additionally, the girls participated in the National Urdd Tournament, where they emerged victorious in their pool. They advanced from the playoff game to the Cup competition but ultimately concluded the day in the Quarter Finals, where they faced another close loss by just two goals.





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### **Individual Success**

We are thrilled to announce that several of our students have achieved County selection this year:

#### **U14**

- Phia Sullivan, Gracie Varley & Emily Carrington

#### **U16**

- Lila Varley, Annie Brodie, Sophie Bauer, Isabelle Cox, Fi Osbaldeston & Lola Wadmore

#### **U18**

- Grace Matthey

### **Welsh Selection**

A huge round of applause for Phia Sullivan, who has been selected for Wales U15, along with Lucie Ruttley and Milla Crew, who have been chosen for Wales U17. Additionally, Lucie has earned a spot on the U17 Cardiff Dragons team.

## **Interform & Cardiff High School Sport Leadership Council**

### **Interform Cross-Country Run**

Our entire school community came together for an exciting Interform Cross-Country Run, where students competed and supported one another in a vibrant mass participation event. Everyone was encouraged to run, jog or walk a 1.3-mile (2000m) course around the school grounds, making it accessible and enjoyable for all participants.

This event also served a meaningful purpose by raising funds for Médecins Sans Frontières (Doctors Without Borders), enabling doctors to respond swiftly in conflict zones, natural disasters, and epidemics, while also supporting essential school improvements for our valued facilities. It was heart warming to witness such energy, determination and school spirit on display!

### **CHS School Sport Leadership Council**

We are excited to announce the formation of the School Sport Leadership Council, which brings together students from Year 7 to Year 13 to champion health and wellbeing across CHS. The council meets each term to share ideas, provide feedback and support initiatives that enhance health and wellbeing for all pupils.

Council members serve as role models throughout the school, promoting participation, teamwork, and a positive attitude towards sport and wellbeing. Congratulations to our inaugural team of leaders: Isaac Burns, Dina Ali, Megan Kong, Eva Bray, George Bailey, Mohammed Saad, Nia Sunil, Scarlett Thomas, Lotte Backx, Kieran Berry, Lily Blunt, Emily Kinsella, OShea St John, Jack Stennett-Jones, Rhiannon Khan and Iqra Abbas. We eagerly anticipate the impact of their ideas and leadership this year!



# Drama Department



# Adran Ddrama

## Our New School Radio Station!

We're excited to have re-launched our CHS Radio, a student-run station where children can explore broadcasting, storytelling, and audio production. Students will help create announcements, interviews, music segments, and short podcasts, building confidence and communication skills along the way.

A group of students from all year groups have met with sixth form mentors and we can't wait for you to listen.

### How Parents Can Help:

We are looking to expand our music library but this comes at a cost. If you'd like to donate to the station with an Amazon voucher we'd be so grateful and it would make a huge difference to our listeners. Please donate by sending a voucher to [cardiffhighschoolradio@outlook.com](mailto:cardiffhighschoolradio@outlook.com)

Stay tuned and give us a click—great things are coming on CHS Radio on [CHSRadio](#) | [Mixcloud](#)



Cardiff High School presents...  
Ysgol Uwchradd Caerdydd yn cyflwyno...

**Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> – Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> February**

**6pm in Neuadd Ceyln**

[www.ticketsource.co.uk/CrazyForCHS](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/CrazyForCHS)



## Senior School Musical: Crazy for You – Coming February 2nd-5th 2026!

We're thrilled to announce that this year's Senior School Musical will be the Broadway classic Crazy for You, running from February 2nd-5th. Our talented students have been hard at work bringing this high-energy, tap-dancing, laugh-filled show to life, complete with unforgettable Gershwin music and vibrant choreography.

This production promises a fantastic evening of entertainment for the whole family, full of heart, humour, and spectacular performances.

Tickets go on sale the first week of January so mark your calendars and be ready to secure your seats early. You won't want to miss one of the biggest highlights of our school year!

We can't wait to see you there!



# Drama Department



# Adran Ddrama

## BBC Filming

A group of 20 students were involved in filming Series 2 of the BBC comedy Mammoth, which was officially released this week. This was an incredible experience for everyone involved, giving them a first hand insight into the world of TV production. From observing how a set operates to performing in front of the camera, our students represented the school brilliantly and gained memories they'll treasure for years to come, as well as a bit of extra pocket money.



In addition to this, several of our students have also been busy appearing on the long-running BBC drama Casualty. They've thoroughly enjoyed the excitement of being on set, meeting cast and crew, and seeing how a major TV series is brought to life.

We are incredibly proud of all the students who took part in these projects. Their enthusiasm, professionalism, and creativity have truly shone through. We look forward to seeing even more of their talents on screen in the future!



# Show Racism The Red Card!



## 'WEAR RED' DAY AT CARDIFF HIGH SCHOOL

Show Racism The Red Card is a charity that supports anti-racist projects and educates young people by spreading this important message. The charity was founded in 1998 and it was funded partly by footballer Shaka Hislop due to his past experiences of racism.



At Cardiff High, we understand how important it is to embody these anti-racist values, so this year our whole school took part in... WEAR RED DAY!! We raised a grand total of £1360 for the charity!



## How Can I Take Part?

You can take part by participating in 'Wear Red Day 2026', or you could consider making a donation to the charity, which could help lots of people hear our anti-racist message, and also enable young people to be educated on anti-discrimination.

By **Ayesha Manzoor (Year 8)** and **Omera Ahmad (Year 7)**



# Music Department



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## Music for Youth - Chamber Choir

In July, the Chamber Choir was fortunate to be selected to perform in the National Festival Of Music for Youth in Birmingham's CBSO Hall. The choir had auditioned many months before and were selected as one of only 14 choirs to sing at the event. Following a very early train to Birmingham, they sang excellently and received superb feedback from the music mentors at the event. The choir's programme included Our Time from Merrily we Roll Along by Stephen Sondheim, Sure On This Shining Night by Morten Lauridsen and Do You Hear The People Sing from Les Misérables. Many congratulations to the singers who rehearsed so hard to reach the standard needed to succeed at this national event.



## Music for Youth Regional South Wales Group at the Albert Hall

The Royal Albert Hall is one of the nation's most iconic buildings and it was a huge privilege for 17 CHS musicians to represent the school at a special Proms concert this Autumn. Our pupils travelled to the event as part of the South Wales Regional Orchestra and Choir and gave superb performances to a massive audience. These included pop and rock fusion projects, a brand new world premiere of a piece, 'Causeway', and the fantastic Mambo from West Side Story. As a school we are very proud of the choristers and instrumentalists who were selected to take part.





# Music Department



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**Cardiff High School Summer Arts Festival**  
 A JOYFUL CELEBRATION OF STUDENT CREATIVITY AND TALENT!  
 A SHOWCASE OF LIVE MUSIC, DANCE, DRAMA PERFORMANCES AND GALLERY EXHIBITIONS  
 THURS | JUL | 3RD | 2025 | 4PM

## Summer Festival

In July, the music, drama and art departments put on a Summer Festival showcasing the amazing work of the performing arts pupils at Cardiff High. A massive range of artists and performers were stationed at venues around the school, inside and outside, with Year 7 drama plays, KS3 art work being displayed, and solo and group musicians in various rooms. It was brilliant to have a school full of audience members using the map to guide them from venue to venue, and being able to watch such a variety of performances.



## Autumn Concert

School Concerts always enthuse the whole school community and the Autumn Concert '25 was no exception. Since the start of term a huge range of music groups have been meeting weekly to rehearse, making music together and also developing their skills as musicians. It's fantastic to see so many groups operating weekly, including the Year 7 Choir, Year 7 Orchestra, Year 8&9 Choir, Year 8&9 Orchestra, Junior Boys' Choir, Senior Choir, Senior Boys' Choir, Senior Girls' Choir, Senior Orchestra, and Big Band. Neuadd Celyn, our main hall, was packed on the night of Thursday 13th November and the audience enjoyed a wonderful evening of varied music from Oasis to Mussorgsky, Miss Saigon to Queen. We are very grateful to the team of school staff who helped to make sure that the 300 performers involved were all set and gave of their best.





# Music Department



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## National Youth Orchestras and National Choirs

As a Music Department we are so proud of the musicians who gain places in our National Music Groups annually. The Summer of 2025 saw a huge crew of our musicians performing with the National Youth Orchestra of Wales and the National Youth Choir of Wales. The Orchestra included Bohan Jin and Henry Maynard. Singing in the choir were Chloe Curley, Sam Morris, Saul Gerard, Harry Eilbeck, Dylan Pymble and Henry Maynard. It was also excellent to see our former CHS performers Hydref Williams, Bethan Fenton, Morgan Fenton and Lucy Clarke still singing with the choir and Charlie Butcher, Dewi Thistlewood and Susie Rance playing with the Orchestra. Auditions are now in full swing for the groups of 2026 - all good wishes to everyone for their latest auditions.



## Crazy for You

Cardiff High School's Music and Drama departments are in full swing preparing for this year's musical, Crazy for You. Students have been rehearsing daily and have been singing and acting, as well attending intensive dance sessions to bring the production to life. Alongside them, the show orchestra has been hard at work tackling this exciting score. All this effort will culminate in an exciting series of performances scheduled for 2-5 February 2026.





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## LIGHTS, CAMERA, ADVERTISE!



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Questions? Don't hesitate to reach out! We would really value your support with our Musical.

Best wishes

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