

## MAJOR NEWS / NEWYDDION MAWR

### SUMMER TERM / TYMOR Y HAF

Start / <i>Dechrau:</i>	Monday 8 April 2024 / <i>Dydd Llun Ebrill 8 2024</i>
Half Term / <i>Hanner Tymor:</i>	Monday 27 May 2024 – Friday 31 May 2024/ <i>Dydd Llun Mai 27 – Dydd Gwener Mai 31 2024</i>
End / <i>Diwedd:</i>	Friday 19 July 2024 / <i>Dydd Gwener Gorffennaf 19 2024</i>

Week Beginning – Monday 8 April 2024 / *Dydd Llun Ebrill 8 2024*

Week 26/ *Wythnos 26*

### *Message from the Headteacher*

Welcome to the first edition of the summer term of Major News. I trust you all had a restful Easter break. It has been a pleasure to welcome our learners back to school and our first week back in school has been focused and productive.

Thank you again to all parents/carers for your support in enforcing our mobile phone approach. Your messages supporting the new measures are very much appreciated and they have most certainly contributed positively to our school ethos. Please be advised that since student use of mobile phones is not permitted internet access has been switched off for students.

We have been delighted to welcome two senior members of staff back from secondment to a neighbouring school this week. Mrs Pownall, Deputy Headteacher, will be leading on Self-Evaluation and School Improvement and Mr Francis, Assistant Headteacher, will be taking the strategic lead on Key Stage 4. It's fantastic to have Mrs Pownall and Mr Francis back with us here in Llantwit Major.

As ever, many thanks for your continued support and I wish you an enjoyable weekend.

**Mrs C L Robins**

School Calendar

Week Beginning – Monday 15 April 2024 / <i>Dydd Llun Ebrill 15 2024</i>		Week 27/ <i>Wythnos 27</i>
Monday 15 April / <i>Dydd Llun Ebrill 15</i>		
Tuesday 16 April / <i>Dydd Mawrth Ebrill 16</i>		<b>Trip: Year 7-10 PE Urdd Competition Year 10 Welsh oral exam</b>
Wednesday 17 April / <i>Dydd Mercher Ebrill 17</i>		<b>Trip: Year 7-10 PE Urdd Competition Trip: Performing Arts Theatre trip (evening performance) Year 10 Welsh oral exam Year 11 Art/3D exam</b>
Thursday 18 April / <i>Dydd Iau Ebrill 18</i>		<b>Trip: Year 7-10 PE Urdd Competition Year 10 Welsh oral exam Year 11 Graphics exam</b>
Friday 19 April / <i>Dydd Gwener Ebrill 19</i>		<b>Trip: Year 7-10 PE Urdd Competition Year 11 Graphics exam</b>
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Monday 22 April / <i>Dydd Llun Ebrill 22</i>		<b>Year 11 Photo/Textiles exam Year 11 Welsh oral exam</b>
Tuesday 23 April / <i>Dydd Mawrth Ebrill 23</i>		<b>Year 11 Welsh oral exam</b>
Wednesday 24 April / <i>Dydd Mercher Ebrill 24</i>		<b>Year 11 Welsh oral exam</b>
Thursday 25 April / <i>Dydd Iau Ebrill 25</i>		<b>Year 11 Photo/Textiles exam</b>
Friday 26 April / <i>Dydd Gwener Ebrill 26</i>		<b>Year 11 Art/3D exam</b>

## **English Department**

### **Refine your writing: A How to Guide**

Encouraging proofreading and editing at home, especially focusing on spelling, punctuation, and grammar (SPAG) as well as addressing basic errors, is immensely important for students in Key Stage 3 and GCSE. Parents play a crucial role in fostering these skills. By promoting a habit of reviewing and refining written work, parents help their children refine their language proficiency and attention to detail. In the academic landscape, meticulous proofreading ensures that students' ideas are communicated clearly and effectively, enhancing the quality of their assignments and exam papers. Additionally, instilling these habits early on not only boosts their confidence in written communication but also prepares them for the rigorous demands of higher education and professional settings. Parents' guidance in honing these skills at home equips their children with invaluable tools, enabling them to excel academically and beyond. The link below will guide you on how you can help your child at home when it comes to proof reading.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zspjsg8/revision/6#:~:text=When%20proofreading%2C%20ensure%20that%20sentences,to%20link%20each%20sentence%20together.>

## **IT Department**

### **Exciting Visit from Hyett Education Inspires Future Innovators**

We were thrilled to welcome representatives from Hyett Education to Llantwit Major School just before Easter for an exhilarating educational experience like no other. The visit brought an electrifying buzz to our classrooms as students had the unique opportunity to delve into the fascinating world of aerospace technology and programming.

### **Hands-On Learning with Small Drones**

One of the highlights of the visit was the hands-on workshop where students from years 10, 12 and 13 got to work directly with small drones. Under the guidance of experts from AeroTech Innovations, our pupils learned the fundamentals of programming these aerial marvels. From basic flight controls to more advanced manoeuvres, the workshop provided an immersive learning experience that captivated the minds of our young innovators.

### **Igniting Passion for STEM**

The visit not only provided valuable insights into the field of aerospace engineering but also ignited a passion for science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) among our students. By engaging in real-world applications of programming and robotics, our pupils gained a deeper understanding of how these subjects play a crucial role in shaping the future of technology and innovation.

## Empowering Future Innovators

At Llantwit Major School, we believe in empowering our students to dream big and reach for the stars. The visit served as a reminder that the sky is not the limit when it comes to what our pupils can achieve. By exposing them to cutting-edge technology and hands-on learning experiences, we are nurturing the next generation of innovators and problem-solvers.



*Music and Performing Arts Department*



Llantwit Major School is excited to announce that on **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April at 6pm** tickets will go on sale for the school production of **Guys and Dolls**. The show will run from **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2024** at Llantwit Major School. The evening performances will start at 7:00pm and doors are open at 6:30pm.

Hailed as the perfect musical comedy, 'Guys and Dolls' gambles with luck and love under the bright lights of Broadway. Considered by many to be the perfect musical comedy, Guys and Dolls ran for 1,200 performances when it opened on Broadway in 1950. It received nearly unanimous positive reviews from critics and won a bevy of awards, including Tony Awards, Drama Desks and Oliviers.

Set in New York City, gambler, Nathan Detroit, tries to find the cash to set up the biggest craps game in town while the authorities breathe down his neck; meanwhile, his girlfriend and nightclub performer, Adelaide, laments that they've been engaged for fourteen years. Nathan turns to fellow gambler, Sky Masterson, for the dough, and Sky ends up chasing the straight-laced missionary, Sarah Brown, as a result.

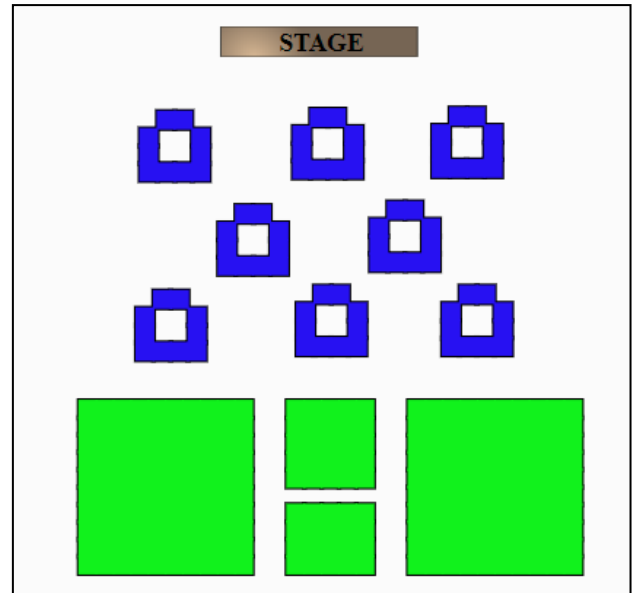
Tickets are priced at £12.00 for Adults and £10.00 for Concessions. Tickets are available via online booking platform **Ticket Source**. Remember they will not be live until **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April at 6pm**. Performances will seat 280 people and tickets are expected to go fast. We encourage you to book early to avoid disappointment. This year we are continuing to enhance our seating options to include cabaret seating for the front section of the theatre. Tickets in

this zone are available at £12.00\* Tickets will be available to purchase online at <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/llantwit-major-school>

Llantwit Major School prides itself on the outstanding quality of its productions. Our students and creative team are excited to wow you once again following the triumph of Les Misérables 2023, winning 6 regional awards and 12 nominations at the South Wales Glamorgan Drama League including 'Best Overall Musical' and our previous award winning productions of Little Shop of Horrors 2022, Grease 2019 and Anything Goes 2018.

We cannot wait to share this exciting production with you.

\*concession rates are not offered for this area.



## A week in sport

Welcome back to the final term of the school year. ☀️ Please see an updated extracurricular timetable including the return of Tennis club and Athletics club. 🏸🏃

PE EXTRA CURRICULAR TIMETABLE 2024					
WEEK 1/WEEK 2	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 1 3-4PM	8th and 15th of April Rugby 7s Training/Trials				
	Athletics JWC/RJN	Fixture Day	Basketball JWC	Football RJN 3G	KS4 Lunchtime Basketball JWC
	Badminton MSW <i>(Will begin 22.04 due to LC Repairs)</i>		GYM	Tennis MSW MUGA	GYM
WEEK 2 3-4PM	8th and 15th of April Rugby 7s Training/Trials				
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Extracurricular clubs began on 8th April 2024 with Rugby 7s training and trials on the 8th and 15th in preparation for the upcoming URDD 7s tournaments. 🏆 Selection and further details will follow regarding these competitions.

Extracurricular clubs will begin on Monday from 3-4pm and, as usual, all are welcome to attend and enjoy. [#teamlantwit](#)



Congratulations to the Llantwit Major RFC U15s rugby team who have returned home from their rugby tour of Malta. 🏆 The team managed to secure second place in the 15-a-side tournament and third place in 7-a-side tournament. 🏆

Well done from us all here at [#teamlantwit](#)



A huge well done to Year 9 pupil Archie Preece who is often making appearances on our page. 🥊 Archie travelled to Glasgow over the Easter weekend with the Welsh Boxing squad to take part in an international boxing dual against Scotland. 🏴󠁧󠁢󠁥󠁮󠁧󠁿 Archie won both bouts by unanimous decision against the Scottish number 1 and number 2 at 50kg. 🥊 A brilliant weekend of boxing for the whole Welsh squad. 🥊

Well done Archie from all of us here at [#teamlantwit](#)

A huge well done to Year 8 pupil Lily Davies and Year 9 pupil Asha Williams who played their first game with the Welsh Schools squad against Devon FA Girls in Newton Abbot. 🇬🇧 Unfortunately, they came away second best with a final score of 6-3, but they played well.

[#teamllantwit](#)



An excellent turnout for the annual Urdd 7s Rugby trials. 🏆 🇬🇧 A reminder that the second trial will be taking place next Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April at 3-4pm for the following year groups and squads as follows:

Year 7 – Friday 19th April

Year 8 – Thursday 18th April

Year 9 – Wednesday 17th April

Year 10 – Tuesday 16th April

The teams for all year groups will be selected on the 15th April following the second training session. 🏆

[#teamllantwit](#)



Girls' Extracurricular Rugby to return 🏆

Girls' extracurricular rugby will return to Llantwit Major school and will be open to Years 7 to 10 and delivered by Rugby Works. 🏆 .The club will begin this week and take place every Wednesday from 3-4pm. Please ensure PE kit is worn and pupils are advised to bring appropriate footwear. The club is open to all ability and experience levels and a great opportunity to try something new or continue to improve your skills in the sport.

We look forward to seeing you all there. 🏆 [#teamllantwit](#)



### **Help and support information**

If you feel you may need help and support with the cost of living crisis the links below may be of use.

Is my child eligible to receive free school meals?

<https://www.gov.wales/free-school-meals-information-parents-and-carers>

Services and support that help with food costs. Information on food vouchers and food banks.

Penarth food pod:

[https://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/en/our\\_council/press\\_and\\_communications/latest\\_news/2022/March/New-Food-Pod-opens-in-Penarth.aspx](https://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/en/our_council/press_and_communications/latest_news/2022/March/New-Food-Pod-opens-in-Penarth.aspx)

Vale Food Bank: <https://vale.foodbank.org.uk/get-help/foodbank-vouchers/#Vale%20foodbank>

Food Vale: <https://foodvale.org/where-can-i-get-support/>

How to get free or cheap food: <https://www.moneysavingexpert.com/shopping/how-to-get-free-or-cheap-food/>

Find information on grants and benefits available to you such as Council Tax Reduction.

<https://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/en/living/Cost-of-Living/Grants-and-benefits.aspx>

Get help with household and energy bills.

<https://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/en/living/Cost-of-Living/Household-and-energy-bills.aspx>

If your child is in receipt of free schools meals and you would like to discuss any aspect of their school life please contact Mrs E Denscombe at [denscombe@llantwitschool.org.uk](mailto:denscombe@llantwitschool.org.uk)

Classroom Expectations

**CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS**

**B**e Ready

**E**ngaged

**S**afe

**T**ake Responsibility

**BEING THE BEST WE CAN BE**

## **Key Academic Dates 2023/2024**

### Summer 2024:

- **Start:** Monday 8 April 2024
- **May Day BH:** Monday 6 May 2024
- **Half term:** Monday 27 May 2024 to Friday 31 May 2024
- **End:** Monday 22 July 2024 (**INSET**) (Students finish on Friday 19 July 2024 @ 1pm)

### INSET Days:

- **INSET Day 4:** Monday 19 February 2024
- **INSET Day 5:** Monday 8 July 2024
- **INSET Day 6:** Monday 22 July 2024

## **General Information**

### ***Contacting School***

Please refrain from telephoning the school, other than for urgent purposes. For all general enquiries please email [llantwitmajorhs@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk](mailto:llantwitmajorhs@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk). **Please be reminded that we operate an appointments only system for meeting with parents/carers and if you present at school requesting an immediate appointment we will not be able to accommodate you.**

### ***Forgotten Items***

**We can no longer accept** the delivery of forgotten items such as PE kit, books, lunch boxes etc. during the school day. Please ensure your child arrives at school with the equipment needed for the day. In the exceptional case that you do need to bring an item into school for your child, you will be asked to leave it on the desk in the main entrance. This is to reduce traffic on to the school site and ensure student safety during lesson transitions.

### ***Medication***

Please note we **do not** stock medication of any kind in school, including paracetamol, and we are not allowed to dispense medication without parental consent. If your child receives prescribed medication a medical form, available from main Reception to be collected by your son/daughter, will be required to be completed and returned to Reception. Should your child need medication throughout the school day please ensure they bring just what is needed for the day to school with them.