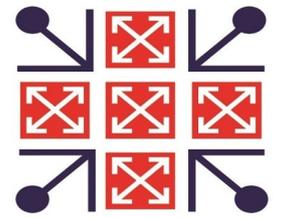


Llantwit Major School Ysgol Llanilltud Fawr



Newsletter/Cylchlythyr—Summer 2020

#LlantwitQuilt 2020



Dear Parent/Guardian

We hope you enjoy reading this Newsletter as much as we have enjoyed putting it together. As a body of staff we wanted to make it even more personal and pupil focussed than normal, and I am delighted that all departments have contributed fully. Hopefully the Newsletter will act as a reminder of what school life was like prior to the enforced closure! We particularly wanted to include a photograph of each of the Year 11 and 13 students and hope that this will act as a small memento to remind you of your time at Llantwit Major School. It is our sincere hope that we will be able to bring you together as individual year groups to celebrate your successes at some time in the 2020-2021 academic year.

Finally I would like to personally thank all pupils, parents and guardians for the way you have engaged with the school during these unprecedented times and to say on behalf of the entire school, we cannot wait to welcome you all back into the Llantwit Major School community when we are assured that it is safe to do so.

Fiona Greville

Letter for Year 11



Dear Year 11

The year 2020 is certainly strange
A time where we have all been forced to change
Your exams they got cancelled, by surprise, overnight
And many of you cheered with utter delight
Some of you sat there extremely sad
As you realised your predictions might well be bad!
My time as your HOY has certainly been interesting
As I dealt with the make-up, the phones and the boxing
There were times when I felt like my voice was an echo
No wonder I discovered a taste for Prosecco
So many of you made my job a total pleasure
You know who you are - my absolute treasures
It's sad I agree that our Prom has been scrapped
For Mr Francis it's great, his patience almost snapped!
You see every year as I do the Awards
Mr Francis he sits there pretending he's bored
But the truth is he secretly loves a good Prom
Donning his tux with casual aplomb
And when Mrs Greville dons her beautiful glad rags
It helps you forget about all of her nags!
I am pretty gutted that I won't see you there
To admire your attire, your nails and your hair
It would be the first time there was an absence of clashes
Over ridiculous bushes passing as eyelashes
Your teachers I thank them on your behalf
They are an incredible family of staff
Another special thank you goes to Mr Ed Rees
For bringing some quiet, some order and peace
And on to The Legend, our own Mrs Griffiths
We send you an abundance of virtual hugs and kisses!
I've said it before, a poet I'm not
But a heart full of pride - now that I have got
And so as I end my time of reflection
I will remember each one of you with great affection

Mrs D xx



Letter for Year 11



Always in our hearts



Letter for Year 13



Dear Year 13

As your time in the sixth form comes to a close
Let's reflect on the fun times, the highs and the lows
Seven years of hard work (well some of you!) and toil
Coronavirus - our memories you cannot spoil
From laughter and tears to appendicitis
The worst illness in the sixth form was lazy-itis
(you know who you are!)
Every strop, every drama it is part of our history
Although the reason for some of them still remain a mystery...
We tried to support you through many a break-up
And avert our eyes when it came to the make-ups!
I have loved every minute of our time as a family
Even though some of it was a complete calamity
A perfect example was our Prefect meetings
When I lost the plot over your incessant bleatings!
The Prom was my fave, and our many school trips
Which were thankfully not marred too much by my dodgy hip
The Ball it has gone - no sparkle, no shimmer
At least we won't see Mr Francis dancing on his zimmer
To Mr Rees who stepped in on Mrs Patterson's exit
What an asset you've been - please don't leg it!
The next line of thanks is a total no-brainer
It is for The Legend, the one and only Gaynor
I wish I had time to thank you all one by one
If I did there's a chance I would miss my one daily run
(clearly a joke)
Now a poet I'm not, but I am full of pride
All I can say is...I tried!
And so as you begin your next big journey
Remember one thing - I love you all dearly

Mrs D xx





Llantwit Young Reporters, Reporting on BBC Big News Day!

By Nicole Twomey and Tia-Jade Allen

On Friday 13 March, Llantwit's team of dedicated Young Reporters took part in the Big News Day 2020. This annual event is an important day for the reporters involved in the club, as it provides them with the opportunity to showcase the work they've done throughout the year.

Roving Reporter, Nicole Twomey, said, "News Day is really exciting as it involves discussing a lot of interesting news topics and being able to write about events that other pupils have taken part in."

This year, the team spent the majority of the day interviewing pupils and teachers on their recent achievements and experiences, talking about the benefits of school rules, and writing feature articles on topics which interested them - like girls in sport, politics and ... Katie Hopkins! Arguably, their biggest story was a debate between pupils about the Coronavirus pandemic: 'Do you think the government closing schools will be the right decision for us, and how do you think school closures will affect local communities?'

Throughout the year, members meet once a week on late lunch and come up with excellent ideas for articles - *anything* which interests *them* - and this year there were certainly a vast range of topics covered! If you want to read the articles then head to the school website and click on the BBC Young Reporter's page! <http://www.llantwitschool.org.uk/Departments/BBC-School-Report/>

As News Day only happens once a year, the Young Reporters had been working especially hard during the many months leading up to News Day to make sure that articles were completed and ready for submission to the BBC via our school website on the day.

Ms Clark, club supervisor, has said, "The Young Reporters team surpassed my expectations...again! They happily worked tirelessly, week in and week out, creating stories which *they* wanted to write. BBC Young Reporters is a pupil centred, pupil-lead club. This year, Tia-Jade facilitated the club meetings maturely and demonstrated excellent leadership skills, not only running the sessions but taking a lead on Google Classroom. All members used their creative sparks to come up with interesting topics to write about and I loved their enthusiasm to keep their peers up to date with topical issues."

Editor in Chief, Tia-Jade Allen (Year 12), said, "I've been a member of Young Reporters for three years, and every year the work our members have produced has just got better and better. I'm so proud of all of our members, they have worked tremendously hard throughout the year and they should be proud of themselves."

Young Reporters is a club in school consisting of students from Year 9 to Year 13 who write and film news articles about topics that they are passionate about, or about current topics in society. If you would like to be involved in BBC News Day 2021, please speak to Tia-Jade Allen who will sign you up to start reporting!

News from IT Department

Great start for all our brilliant IT students. You have been completing many different challenges while learning and applying a range of digital and computer science skills.

We have had some great challenges for our students in IT this year.

The Year 9 GCSE classes were getting into App development through the Digital Creators' Challenge from Vodafone. They worked in teams to design an app to improve lives in their local community, with the chance to win up to £6,000 to spend on IT equipment. There were many ideas from the students; however, huge congratulations to the Virtual Volunteering group who we are thrilled to announce are regional finalists of The Digital Creators' Challenge 2020! The judges were extremely impressed with the quality of their entry and they should be extremely proud to have made it to next stage of the competition. As a regional finalist, we are pleased to say that they made it through to the Digital Creators' Challenge Grand Final at Vodafone headquarters. Unfortunately, due to the current situation the final was postponed. Well done to Menna Wilson, Carla Lynch-Wilson and Callum Heather from the Virtual Volunteering group for getting to the final. They each received a goody bag as a reward.



Cyber security was another hot topic this year with three different challenges for students to complete.

HACKATHON EVENT AT CARDIFF METROPOLITAN UNIVERSITY IN WALES



Year 13 visited Cardiff Met again this year to take part in the Hackathon event. This year's Hackathon by Cardiff Metropolitan School of Technologies, in partnership with EC-Council, the world's leading cybersecurity credentialing body, makes the cut by having its prospective students experience cybersecurity first hand as an insight to the degree they will be looking to study. The event, which is in its 13th edition, included an ethical hacking competition that saw 12 schools compete for prizes while completing a guided 'Sniffing' lab assessment.

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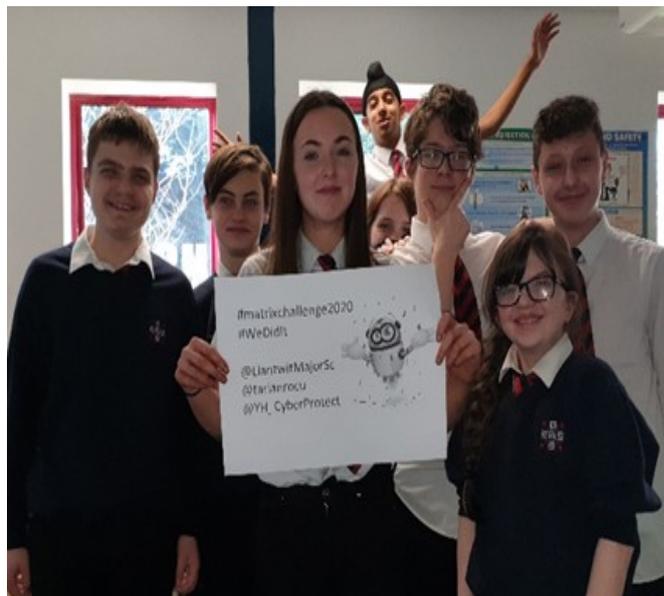
A select group have been engaged in completing the Cyber Discovery completion. Cyber Discovery is HM Government's free, online, extracurricular programme turning teenagers across the country into cyber security experts. For students aged 13-18,

they are seeking problem solvers, code crackers and, most importantly, those who never give up. They are currently offering places at a Virtual Cyber School. If you would like to apply to join, go to the following link:
<https://cyber-school.joincyberdiscovery.com/>

News from IT Department

MATRIX CHALLENGE 2020

The second competition was the Matrix challenge 2020. The Matrix Challenge was an exciting free cyber skills competition. Many students did a tremendous job and had fun whilst completing the challenge - especially the stenography and lateral thinking questions!



We have also been setting many challenges for homework with Code for Life in year 7 and iDEA in years 8 to 10.



Rapid Router has been created to teach the first principles of computer programming that are covered in the National Computing curriculum. Pupils have to develop algorithms to solve a range of puzzles. Pupils have made excellent progress with the challenges and the current (4 May) top 10 pupils are:

Code For Life Top TEN	
Total Score	Pupil
1310	Emily McDonagh
1198	Bethan Reynish
1144	Bethan Rendall
1133	Sam Whitbread
1098	Holly Rees
1008	Mason Winter
981	Abigail Fisher
976	Ethan Bacon
965	Emily Parrott
965	Emily Hibbert

IT Department Continued

BRONZE, SILVER & GOLD



The Inspiring Digital Enterprise Award, known as iDEA is an international programme that helps you develop digital, enterprise and employability skills. Through a series of online challenges, you can win career-enhancing badges, unlock new opportunities and, ultimately, gain industry-recognised Awards that help you stand out from the crowd. iDEA is the digital and enterprise equivalent of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award. Bronze is beginner, Silver intermediate and Gold advanced. Congratulations to all of our amazing students who have already achieved their bronze award.

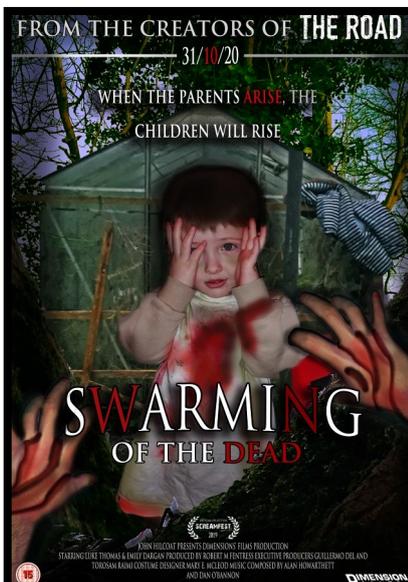
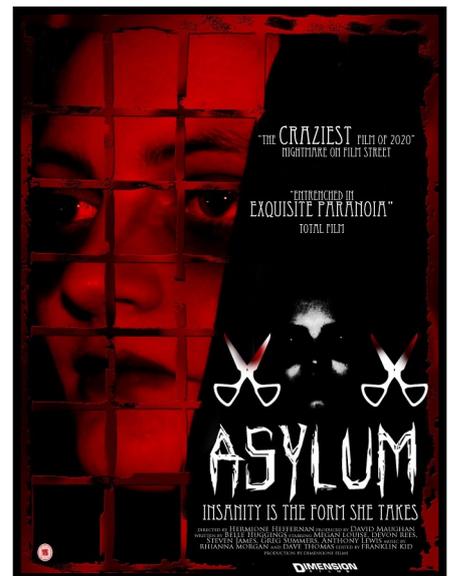
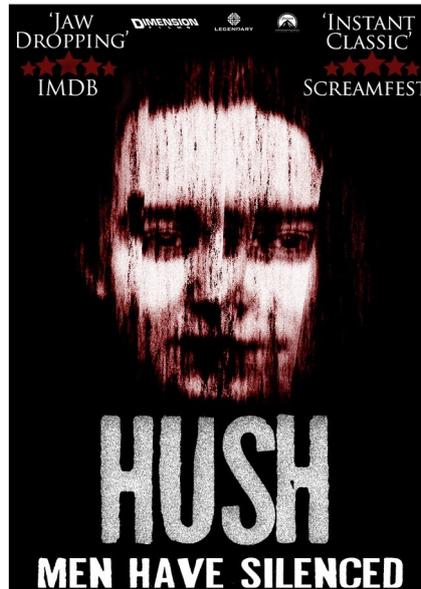
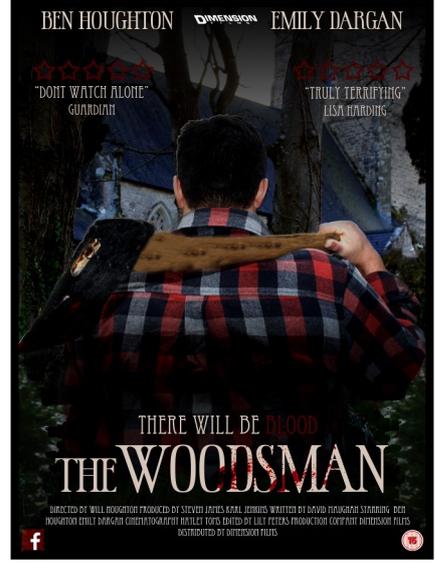
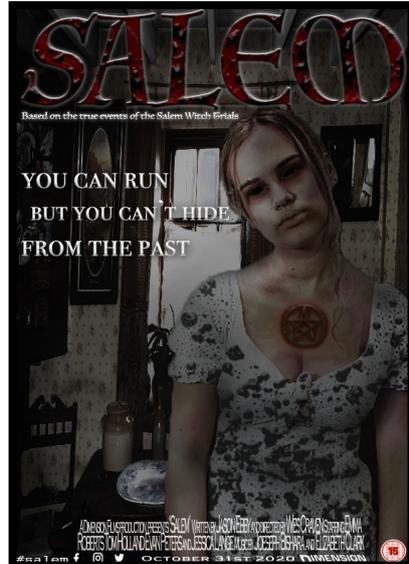
Bronze Award	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
	Oliver Poole	Rizik Salhab	Katie Tulloch
	Rees Harris	Sienna Lockwood	
	Charlie Liscombe-Ager	Luca Howles	
		Dylan Creed	
		Menna Wilson	
		Sam Thomas	
		Jessica Harry	
		Owen Rendall	
		Jamie Creighton	



Finally, Year 12 IT students took part in mock interviews this year to help develop their communication skills. Education Business Exchange very kindly offered support and carried out the interviews to make them as realistic as possible. The students had written feedback and the interviews were recorded to demonstrate and evaluate their skills.



Media Studies!

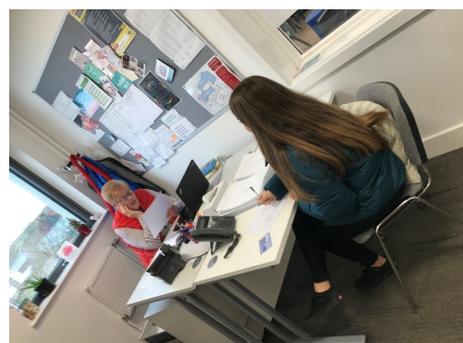
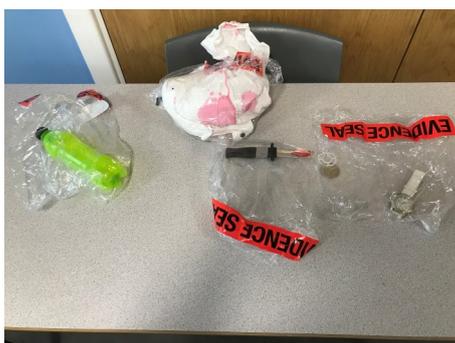
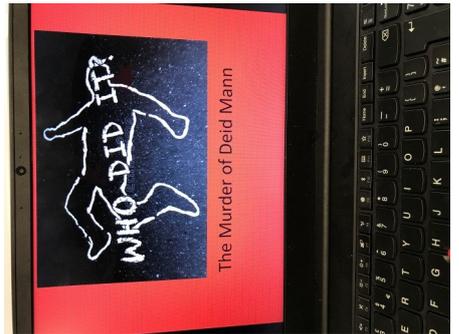
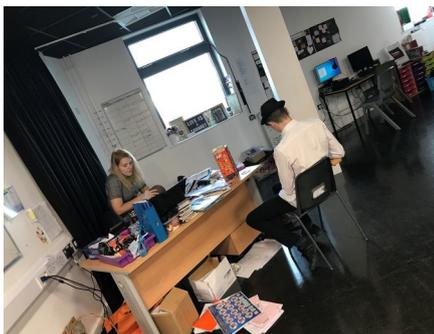


Media Studies A Level
 A sample of excellent work created by our year 12 media students for their film campaign projects. If you are interested in Media A Level contact Miss Toms for more details.

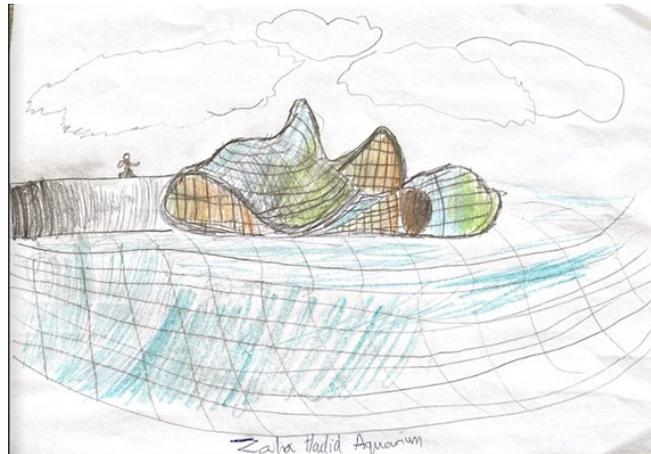
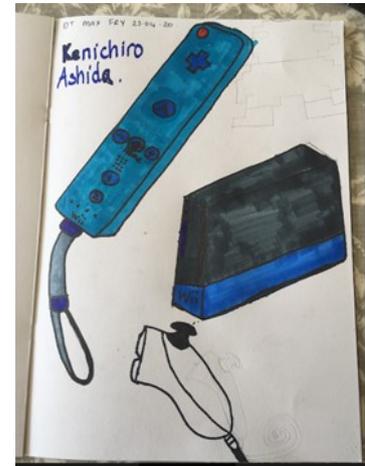
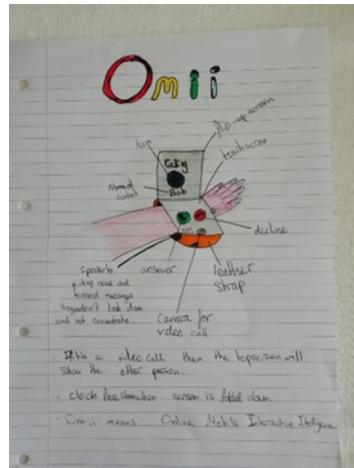
News from Psychology

Year 13 have been busy bringing Psychology to life during a CSI lesson. Recently the students have been studying psychological causes behind criminal behaviour. This lesson they were faced with a real life crime scene, where they were presented with cordoned off murder scene with a body silhouette on the floor and numerous items of evidence left to at the scene. They listened to a 999 clip and were given the roles of Forensic Psychologists with one aim.....To find the murderer.

They split up and interviewed 4 suspects.....Mrs Griffiths, Mr Rees, Mr Francis and Miss Toms. Upon their return they collaborated all their transcripts and applied them to the psychological theory they had been studying to identify the likely suspect. They had lots of fun and we definitely have some budding detectives!



Design and Technology Year 7 and 8



In KS3 Design and Technology pupils have been developing their research and creative designing skills. Every week pupils have to find interesting facts and information about a designer and produce a concept inspired by them. As you can see from the examples of work, pupils have produced some fantastic designs. As a department we are so proud of our students for their enthusiasm, hard work and dedication to the subject. Especially in these difficult times. Consequently we are giving out praise postcards for their efforts and want to give the pupils a well deserved pat on the back!

Llantwit Major School
Ysgol Llanilltud Fawr
PRAISE POSTCARD



Presented to: **Jake Morgan 7GC**

Reason for: **Good work and continued effort**

Presented by: **Mr Y Khan**

DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT

Geography Department News

Yr 8 have been creating phenomenal volcanic museum exhibits for their tectonics unit. Their task was to build a model, create an information poster and then erupt their volcano. It was an explosive success! Well done all! Also thanks to those parents and carers who may have helped a bit.



Yr 7 have been navigating their way around the school site using compass directions, bearings and grid references. There was fierce competition in every class as they located each site, took a picture (in the right direction) then raced back to base!

Yr 9 have been investigating the physical and human geography of the Glamorgan heritage coast. Their task was to create a tourist activity route using the map features, grid references, directions and scale. Some have a great future as travel guides!





Eisteddfod 2020

Diwrnod gwych! - An excellent day!

Friday 6 March saw phenomenal performances by pupils at Llantwit Major School's annual Eisteddfod where the school displayed the exceptional level of singing, dancing and Instrumental talents of their pupils. The event introduced year 7 pupils to the school's nurturing philosophy of encouraging talents from all subject areas. The school is split into four traditional Welsh groups: Hywel, Glyndwr, Llywelyn and Madog.



These 'houses' created a friendly rivalry between everybody in the school, including teachers! Points were scored by winning competitions, performing and completing homework tasks for different subjects, with points being awarded for first, second and third place, as well as for participation. This allowed all pupils to be actively involved in the event no matter what their talents - a key element of Llantwit Major School's inspirational ethos.



Throughout the Eisteddfod, excitement filled the busy school hall and tensions rose as the acts prepared to perform. The competitions were excellent, ensuring difficult decisions for the judges. During the day, it was wonderful to see so many year 7 and year 8 pupils taking part in the various competitions both individually and in groups, taking the opportunity to impress on stage. We also had performances from experienced Eisteddfod competitors in years 9 to 13. Every house took part in the house song competition, with each house giving an excellent rendition of *Sosban Fach*. Pupils

also watched a rousing performance from the talented *Les Miserables* cast.

The afternoon saw excellent competitions culminating in the Battle of the Bands and the Chairing of the Bard ceremony. Congratulations to Emily McDonagh in year 7 for winning the chair this year for her fantastic poem 'Parti'. Ardderchog Emily! The event celebrated the many talents of our pupils and it was clear that the performers enjoyed the opportunity to inspire the younger pupils in the school. This year, it was extremely close again, with Llywelyn eventually topping the table. The Eisteddfod closed with the pupils proudly singing 'Mae hen wlad fy nhadau'.



Llongyfarchiadau i bawb! Congratulations to all!



What a strange start to the Summer term! We have all really missed seeing the pupils around school but it has been such a pleasure to be in touch with many of them via google classroom or over the phone and catch up with their news. Remember that we are still at hand to help with any concerns you may have. Please get in touch if you need anything!

Both Years 8 and 9 are adapting well to the new routine of home learning and we are very happy to see the excellent attitude to learning that is being shown. There are still some pupils who have not signed up to google classrooms and have not yet accessed home learning. Continuing with learning at home is important as it will help to close the gap in learning and ensure that pupils are practising skills, meaning the return to school will be easier. It is vital that we are made aware of any problems with accessing work. This may be due to lack of ICT equipment, internet connection or illness in the family. We are able to put things in place to help these issues, so please do let us know.

Every Friday, five pupils from Years 8 and 9 will receive a postcard to celebrate a success, whether it is an improvement in effort towards home learning, an excellent piece of work or a general well done for working hard. We hope you will enjoy receiving positive feedback from the us throughout this strange time.

Despite being in lockdown, many of our Year 8 and 9 pupils are still displaying a thirst for learning, and are setting themselves challenges. Lara Aitkin in Year 8 has created a powerpoint presentation on water polo, we very much enjoyed reading all about her experiences of playing for her country. Well done Lara.

Harry Cook, in Year 8, along with his younger brother are taking part in a 'Jumpathon' to raise money for When you Wish upon a Star. What a wonderful gesture- very impressive!



Stay Safe, we will see you all soon! The Year 8 & 9 Team

LOCKDOWN CHALLENGE

We would like to set you all some challenges;

Miss Knight's Challenge - Go for a run/walk, try to record on an app such as 'strava' and share your picture.

Mrs Williams' Challenge - Create a 2020 time capsule (more info will be sent to help)

Mrs Cox's Challenge - Bake or cook something and share your picture.

Miss Thomas' Challenge - Have a social media free day!

We will look forward to seeing which challenge you choose to do. How many of you will try all 4?

The Scribblers Tour



The English Department organised two trips to the Hay Festival Scribblers Tour this year in Swansea in February for years 7-10. They attend interactive events where they got to hear real published authors speak about their writing experience. They also had the option to buy their books and have proper meet and greet sessions. Pupils worked on building stories, asking questions and expressing themselves through the power of writing. Authors and compères were able to spend time with the pupils, on and off the stage, to encourage creative conversations throughout the tour. The event offered pupils a chance to explore different styles of writing and it was a fantastic and exciting opportunity that all of the pupils enjoyed.

School Council

Your School Council has been working hard on your behalf. They have raised questions about the price of food and drink in the canteen and the governing body and the Headteacher have been liaising with the catering manager to voice these concerns. The charities that you have decided to support this year are Vale Plus, Stonewall Cymru and recently the school council have added NHS Charities Together as the 3rd charity. Due to a lower number of fundraising opportunities this year (following the closure of the school) the School Council have agreed to continue to support these charities when



we return to school and for the following academic school year. School transport has been raised with the Vale of Glamorgan Council and the use of form time has been raised with senior managers in order for your views to be shared and for appropriate activities to continue to take place. This is just a small selection of items which have been discussed on your behalf by the School Council. Many more items have been discussed. Please feel free to approach members of the School Council with any items you wish to be raised in a meeting. I would like to thank all members of the School Council this year. They have acted with professionalism, maturity, attended events and worked on policy that will benefit the school community. Thank you also to Mr Gwyn John (local councillor and one of our school governors) who has attended all meetings, offering support, advice and with Head Boy (Nathan Pownall) and Head Girl (Meghan McDonald) discussing the meetings with senior stakeholders. Thank you to all of the School Council for attending meetings and working hard on your behalf.

News from RS Department



Top RS pupils

There have been many fantastic pupils this year, who have worked extremely hard in RS lessons. Some pupils that have achieved postcards home for their efforts and outstanding work are;

Year 7 – Emily Hibbert - for putting 100% effort into all class and homework.

Year 8 – Lyla McGuinness - for putting 100% effort into all class and homework.

Year 9 – Stacey Tumity - for completing all set work to an extremely high standard! In particular, her double page poster on the Quran was amazing! Very detailed and colourful.

Ruth Cornick – for creating an excellent piece of work about the qualities of Allah. Work was very detailed and the presentation was fantastic!

Year 10 - Rosie King - for continually working hard in RS. She has completed all work both in class and at home to an excellent standard. She revised thoroughly for both mock examinations and has even completed extension tasks from her revision pack to maintain her A* grade.

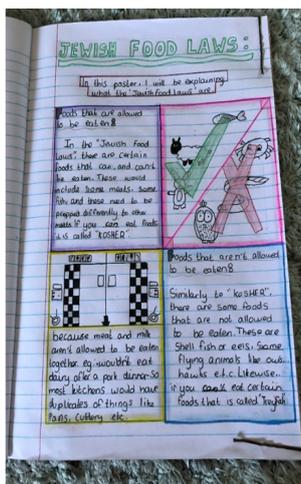


Year 7 Easter creative writing competition:

Year 7 have taken part in a creative writing competition. Pupils were given the instruction to retell a story from the Bible, There were some fantastic efforts such as Emily Hibbert, who imaginatively retold 'The Raising of Lazarus.'

Year 8 inspirational leaders:

Year 8 pupils have completed the task to research a modern day inspiration of their choice and create a 10 minute presentation that included; a brief outline of the life of the individual, a detailed description of the good works they have done and an explanation why you think they are an inspiration. There were some fantastic entries such as Maison David's presentation (with power points and video clips as learning aids). Clearly, a lot of time and effort went into his work!

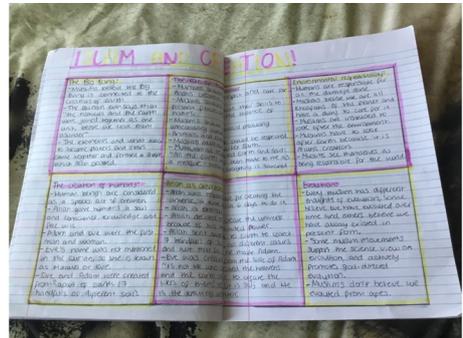
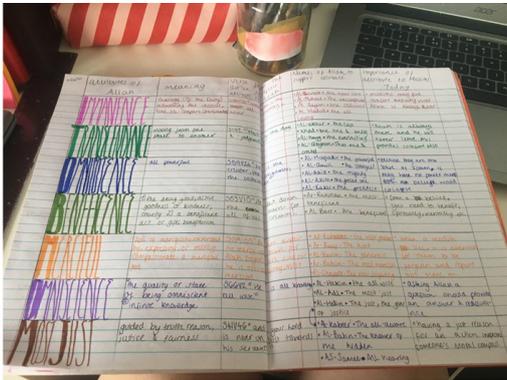
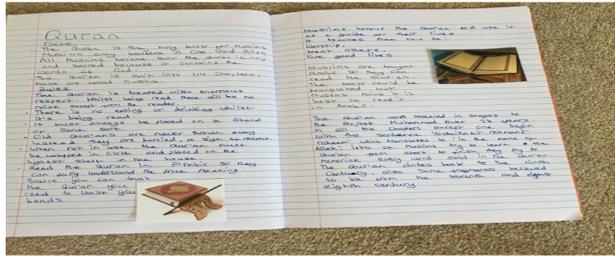




News from RS Department

A Farewell to Mr Corish:

The RS department have to say a farewell to Mr Corish. We wish him the best of luck at Treorchy Comprehensive School!



Top RS books to read:

- Narnia the Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe, C. S. Lewis
- Little People, Big Dreams Mother Teresa, M. I. S. Vegara
- The Diary of Anne Frank, A. Frank
- Noughts and Crosses, M. Blackman
- Knives Edge, M. Blackman
- Check Mate, M. Blackman
- The Girl in the Red Coat, R. Ligocka
- The Tattooist of Auschwitz, H. Morris
- The Librarian of Auschwitz, A. Iturbe
- Mazel Tov, the story of extraordinary friendship with an Orthodox Jewish family, J.S. Margot
- The God Delusion, R. Dawkins
- I Think Therefore I Am, L. Levine
- Philosophy 101, P Kleinman





The Cwtch - ALN and Wellbeing page

Hi Everyone!

Hope you are doing well and staying safe.

This is our ALN and Wellbeing page. We thought we could share with you what we have been doing to keep sane whilst in Lockdown.

We have been doing lots as a department to keep our spirits high: Monday morning video meet, Tuesday evening quiz, Wednesday check-in, Thursday catch up and fun Friday.

We hope you like our videos as much as we enjoy doing them for you! We have to say a massive 'Thank you' to Mr Craven for helping us do the video and putting it together for us.

We are here for you if you need us! Email or phone the school and ask to speak to us! Please remember that we are at home but if you contact reception, they can get in touch with us!

Keep safe and stay in!

Our challenge to you!

Paint a pebble that is related to Lockdown (perhaps how you feel about it) and it will go in the school remembrance garden at the end of lockdown.

Alternatively, choose one (or more) from our list below, take a photo and upload it!

Different things we have tried:

Listening to meditation music on youtube - 15 minutes meditation Miss C Thomas.

Wellness email on a Monday - This week I am going to be grateful for (5 positive things) Mrs G Griffiths.

Writing a journal of only positive things each day - Mrs C Tovey.

Learning sign language on youtube with Natasha Lamb. Mrs T Bennett (was Rees)

Stair case challenge (Big Ben, The Shard, Pen Y Fan) Miss Hanson and Mrs Dobbins

Jo Wicks at 9am on youtube.

David Walliams audio books

You could try them too!

Check-ins! We use this daily sometimes! Maybe you can use this with your friends or family.

Mental Health Check-In

Use an emoji to share how you're feeling today.

- ❤️ I'm doing really great!
- 🧡 I'm doing pretty good.
- 💛 I'm doing okay, I guess.
- 🟢 I'm starting to struggle.
- 💙 I'm having a really hard time.
- 💜 I need to reach out for support.

Riddles

See if you can work these out:

- 1) What travels all around the world but doesn't leave the corner?
- 2) What goes up but never comes down?
- 3) What has many teeth but cannot bite?
- 4) I have cities but no houses, I have mountains but no trees, and I have water but no fish. What am I?
- 5) I come from a mine and cover myself in wood always. Everyone uses me. What am I?

Name the teacher:

1) Mr 

2) Mrs  

3) Mr 

4) Mrs  

5)  

6) Mr  

6) Mrs 

8) Miss 

7) Miss 

10) Mrs 

8) Mrs  

12) Mrs   

News from the Art Department

Year 7 Art and Design: 'Thank You' NHS Posters

Year 7 have been working hard to complete their remote learning tasks. One of their tasks has been to create a 'Thank You' NHS poster, display it at home and photograph it. As you can see they have produced some beautiful designs to support our NHS key workers.



Year 8 Art and Design: Comic Book Designs

Year 8 have been focusing on developing a Comic Book as part of their remote learning tasks. Students have used their imagination and creative skills to create some fantastic characters and stories.

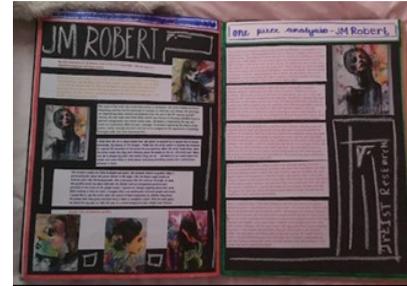
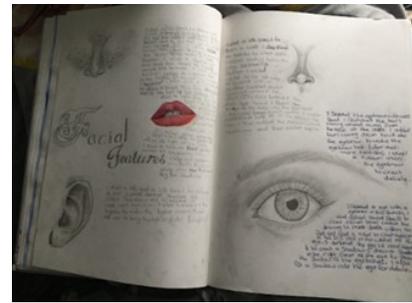
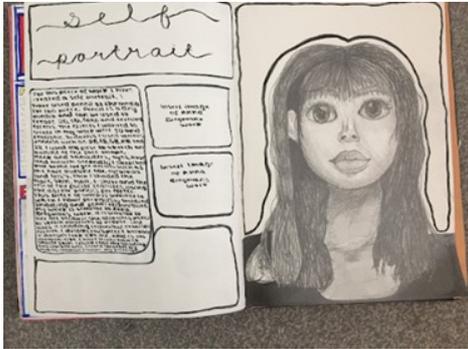




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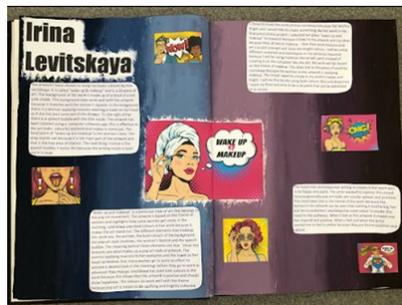
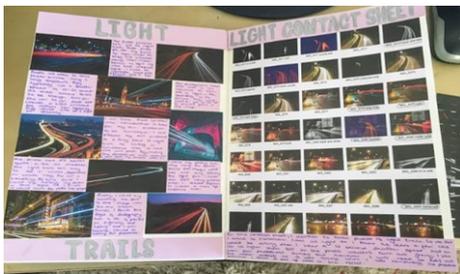
Year 9 GCSE Art, Craft and Design: Portraiture

Year 9 GCSE students have been working to develop their drawing skills by creating a series of facial feature and portrait studies. Students have worked fantastically to produce some exciting outcomes.



Year 10 GCSE Art, Craft and Design & Photography: Personal Project Development

Year 10 GCSE Art and Photography students have continued to develop their Personal Projects at home. Students have made a fantastic amount of effort to use the resources available to them to keep making artwork, resulting in some excellent creative and written work.





Les Misérables

SCHOOL EDITION

It is with great sadness that we announce the cancellation of the school production of Les Misérables due to be performed on the 7th -10th July 2020. Cancelling the event is not a decision that has been taken lightly, and we understand that many students, families and friends will be disappointed. We are very sorry and frustrated that the school show will not be able to go ahead this academic year but the health and wellbeing of all our students, staff and their families is the top priority.

All ticket holders will be issued with a refund via our box office provider 'Ticket Source'. Customers will receive an email confirming the cancellation of the event and a second automated email once the refund has been processed. Please note it may take up to 14 days for the refund to appear on your card.

We want to thank the students and staff for their passion and dedication given and hope that someday soon we will perform together once more. In the meantime, take care of yourselves.

We asked the students what have they enjoyed most about rehearsals?

"Working with the new cast on my favourite show to make it look amazing. Seeing how good the younger ones are"
Sophie Moore Year 13

"Learning new songs and making new friends"
Ciara Moore Year 7

"Meeting new people in different year groups"
Sam Hodgson Year 11

"Company rehearsals are the best. It is the time where we can be all together and it's where the most excitement lies as we lead up to the show"
Ellie Mae Williams Year 13

"Learning the routines for the different songs"
Ellie McNally Year 8

"The help from other teachers joining in the fun"
Dylan Guy Year 9

"Understanding more about the story and hearing people sing"
Griff Davies Year 10

"The fact that everyone has a chance to express themselves no matter their ability. It doesn't matter if you do something wrong because everyone is there to support you and no one is on their own. We are all one big family. Also the directors work so hard it's difficult not to be able to enjoy rehearsals."
Megan Johnson Year 12



Newyddion o'r Adran Celfyddydau Perfformio

Les Misérables

School Edition

07th -10th July 2020*

“Even the darkest night will end and the sun will rise.”



Enjolras



Jean Valjean



Javert



Fantine



Cosette



Marius



Eponine



Thénardier



Ms Thénardier



Gavroche



Grantaire



Combeferre



Feuilly



Joly



Prouvair



Courfeyrac



Lesgles



Little Cosette



Little Cosette

The 2019-20 coronavirus pandemic caused many events around the world to be cancelled. This would have been a fantastic show but the cast enjoyed memorable rehearsals together and our community stayed safe. See you next year!

Cast List: Tia Jade Allen, Jessica Bartlett, Emma Barrell, Megan Robinson Booth, Ella Bowen, Abigail Bowring, Gracie Clark, Maja Czzyńska, Emily Dargan, Griff Davies, Samuel Dobbins, Regan Draper, Abigail Fisher, Emily Fry, Henry Morgan Geddes, Isabelle Godfrey, Summer Davies-Green, Dylan Guy, Holly Guy, Evan Harris, Rees Harris, Emily Hibbert, Samantha Hodgson, Todd James, Lily Johnson, Megan Johnson, Daisy Jones, Imogen Kaye, Ieuan Lewis, James Llewellyn, David Maughan, Erin Maxwell, Fiona McAuley, Lyra McGuinness, Ellie McNally, Campbell Moore, Ciara Moore, Niamh Moore, Sophie Moore, Elie Morgan, Isabelle Morgan, Jake Morgan, Sameul Morgan, Ffion Paskin, Nia Paskin, Rhian Preece, Mia Griffiths Price, Ellie Price, Meagan Price, Heidi Randall-Sidaway, Isla Reed, Molly Hope Shakespeare, Poppy Shakespeare, Eddy Sharp, Chislett-Reynolds, Bethan Reynish, Bethan Roberts, Connie Roots, Bethany Said, Georgia Savage, Bethan Scholes, Tiegan Taylor, Alice Ferrier-Thomas, Luke Thomas, Will Thomas, Sienna Thompson, Celyn White, Daisy Williams, Ellie Mae Williams, Megan Withers, Bethany Wrigley.



Maths Department

MR. TOP TIPS

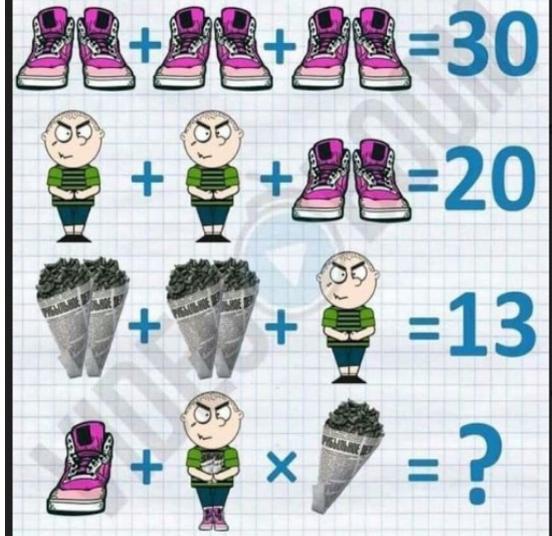


Watch the Video - "it really helps. The examples are like the ones in the quiz to show you what to do."

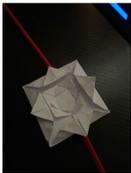
Upload your answers "It helped when I showed my teacher my workings so she could show me where I went wrong."

Set up a study group "Me and my friends have set up a group where we can talk about our maths work and help each other. We also play games."

You recently completed a survey for us on working from home. These are **YOUR top tips...**



A huge well done to Mrs Edwards' year 8 pupils who completed the fraction rose challenge! Wow some amazing creations. Who would have thought you could make a rose from paper and calculate fractions whilst doing it! Excellent work!



Ethan Cox - 8U



Harry Cook - 8U



Lydia Nash - 8U

Mrs Newton set this challenge for her year 9 class last week. Do you think you can solve it? Send your answers to your maths teacher on google classroom!

A message from your maths teachers

What's your favourite subject?

Follow the instructions, your answer will tell you what your favourite subject is....

Think of a number, double it, add six, divide it in half, and subtract the number you started with. Your answer is your favourite subject.....

- English
- Drama
- Maths
- Science
- Geography
- Welsh
- History
- Food Tech
- Music
- IT

What is yours????



Science Department



Science Department Independent research work 9 March 2020

The science department are so proud of all the hard work that our Key Stage Three students put into their second set of independent research projects. The idea behind each task set was for pupils to choose and then complete an extended activity that linked to and enhanced their knowledge and understanding of topics covered in lessons.

As a department we feel that the standard of work was even higher than that submitted in December. We would like to share with you some of their projects as we are sure you will appreciate the work of our creative and talented pupils.



The hand in for the final extended homework of the year is **8 June**. Further details will follow on the science google classrooms about how each task is to be completed and the choices of topics available. Pupils must choose one Biology, one Physics and one Chemistry homework from a list of three.

Until then the following gives a list of the general topics to get you thinking:

Year	Biology	Chemistry	Physics
7	Habitats and Feeding Relationships	States of Matter	Astronomy
8	Microbes and Inheritance	Reactivity of Substances	Electromagnetism
9	Food Chains and Webs	Water – hard, soft, fluoride, sustainability	Circuits

Staff Memory Board/Covid 19

Mr Davies - Remember to truly value your family and your friends - they will give you strength to deal with good and the bad.



Mrs Griffiths - Watching 30 episodes of 'The Crown' Blaming the tumble dryer for shrinking my clothes!!!

Mrs Denscombe - I never EVER thought I would actually be sick of Prosecco.

Miss Toms - When a student 'apologises for the inconvenience' you know you work in a wonderful school.

Miss Donaldson - "Eventually everyone will be quarantined to their house with no sports to watch....and in 9 months from now a boom of babies will be born ...and they will be call 'Coronials.'"

Mrs Pearson - Panic buying a Hot Tub - instead of a holiday.

Miss Games - 'Creativity is intelligence', having fun and inspiring images.



Mrs Bennett - Loved making videos to cheer up the parents and pupils with the fabulous Wellbeing Team - Teaching my own children.

Mrs Marshallsay - Family - Spending more time with and valuing those who are closest to me..... But missing contact with other family members.

Mr Crocker - We learn more in a crisis than in comfort - Family and friends are the most important.

Mdm Scantlebury - "I love Joe"

Mrs T Edwards - Stay at home to stay safe!



Dr Alter - Memory of Mr Bell having a 38" waist - before lock down.

Mr Will Jones - We must not go back to normal because normal was the problem.

Mrs Pownall - Never thought I would agree to putting table and chairs in the front garden!!!!

Mr Searle - The paternity leave I never expected.

Miss Hanson - The NHS clap at 8pm on a Thursday - look forward to that.



Mrs Gallo - It has taught us that it is your own home and family that keeps you safe.

Mr Matthews - 'Keep going.... Difficult road can lead to beautiful destinations' - Extremely long queues for essential shopping.

Mr Gomez - Cookies & Books

Mrs Greville - I will never take anything for granted again!

Mrs Allen - Bevan - Missing my family. Wish I had bought more flour.

Mrs Dobbins - We got dressed up in our Sunday best to play games.

Mrs Cox - Not being able to comfort and cuddle my Mum when her friend died during lockdown.

Mr Francis - "Its times like these that you learn to live again" - Foo Fighters - Times like these

Wellbeing Quotes

“ The purpose of life is to live it, to taste experience to the utmost, to reach out eagerly and without fear



Positive Wellbeing - Living your life with happiness and meaning



You can't go back to how things were. How you thought they were. All you really have is.....now.



Connect with people around you
Be active
Be curious about the world
Keep learning
Give - Do something nice for someone

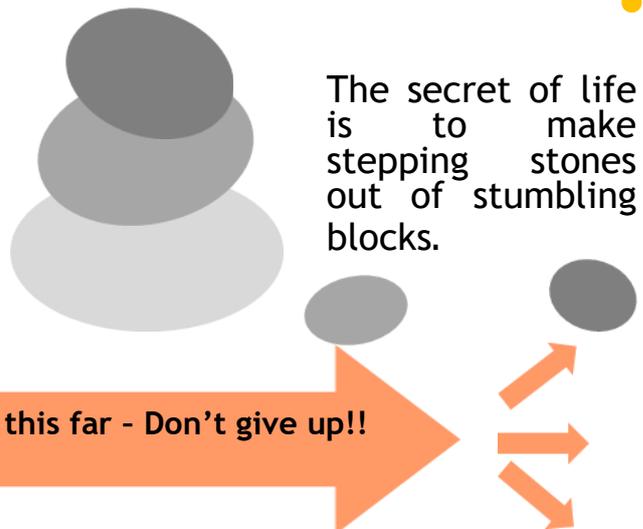
Walk slowly but never backwards!

Every day is a new adventure so embrace it!

Live your life without ever having to ask "What if?"



The secret of life is to make stepping stones out of stumbling blocks.



You didn't come this far only to come this far - Don't give up!!



Yr 9 Sociology class are currently learning about a topic called 'Families and Households'. A lot of the topic involves them making comparisons on family life of the past vs the present. Via remote learning, they have been busy making timelines showing how and why the family has changed from being a traditional nuclear family into wide diverse variety of family forms. They have also undertaken a task which has involved them interviewing family members about changes that they have witnessed. I really enjoyed reading them, they were very interesting.

Katie Fletcher interviewed her grandmother via facetime....here is what she found.....

When you were a child- was there a typical family and what was it like?

When my Grandma was younger, she was the middle child in her family with a brother and a sister. She had heterosexual parents who were married with a working father and a stay at home mother. They didn't have much money and there were very few toys around that were available to them.

What was the role of women when you were younger?

Her mother stayed home to look after her and her siblings. She would clean and cook while her husband worked and there were very few jobs available to women at the time. When my Grandma was 10, she had a job in a new factory that was built and then when my Grandma turned 14, she worked as a train driver.

What changes have you seen towards having children?

In today's society, there have been changes in having children and in the past, no men were allowed in the room during birth however now anyone is. Childbirth was viewed as a more 'normal' thing, compared to today where people have big celebrations and parties whereas nothing like that used to happen. There is also less pressure to have children than in the past and it is less expected.

What changes have you seen towards marriage?

Marriage has also changed significantly as people now expect when getting married that they will be able to get a divorce when they choose. In the past, it was frowned upon for people to get divorced and no one did unless there was a valid reason. People would stay married, throughout everything. People also spend a lot of money on weddings and big ceremonies, although people used to just marry in a church, as most people would not have the money for something big.

What changes in norms towards the family have you witnessed?

Children would also be a lot more disciplined by their parents, and wouldn't dare to speak back or say no to them. Now, there are more relaxed rules on families and we accept more diversity in relationships compared to the typical nuclear family that was around when she was younger.

Year 12 Sociology

Year 12 students have been continuing to cover research methods, which looks at the ways in which sociologists conduct their research. They have spent time completing a skittles challenge to show how, when sociologists select participants they need to be careful and try and select a wide range of different people. Sticking your hand into a bag of skittles and selecting them blindly, may mean you choose all the green ones and will not have a realistic account of how skittles generally taste. They have also been looking into ethics and have researched some pretty unethical sociological studies of its time- studies that they have come to learn, would not be allowed today due to strict sociological codes of ethics. Finally, this week they are starting practise to design their own studies- a requirement of paper 4 in A2 sociology- we are hoping for some insightful research.

Year 12 Psychology

Year 12 Psychology students have also been continuing to cover research methods. They have really covered some difficult topics remotely like validity and reliability of studies, but many have produced some fantastic work and I am very proud of them. They too have completed the skittles activity, similar to that done by the sociology students and have also looked into some unethical psychological research of the past and how it would not be allowed today due to British Psychological Guidelines. They are also carrying out mini investigations on one of the following four questions:

1. Does age affect memory?
2. Is memory affected by the type of information being learnt (words/pictures/numbers)
3. Can the time of day affect memory recall
4. Can noise level affect memory recall

They are doing this in groups via a meeting platform- zoom/ houseparty etc.

See picture of Lauren, Emily and Maisie in Year 12 carrying out their investigation whilst social distancing.



Year 13 Psychology/Sociology

Students have been keeping themselves busy, some have been doing free online distance learning courses in Psychology/Sociology with the Open University, some have been making good use of the social science department watch/reading list and others have been completing some 'Preparing for University' activities set on google classroom.



Aston Martin—Grand Opening George Snaith

On 21 February this year a group of pupils had the opportunity to attend the official opening of Aston Martin, Saint Athan.

We were taken on a tour of the factory, I enjoyed this greatly as I have an avid interest in cars. I was particularly excited to see the production line of the new Aston Martin DBX. We also saw a few other models of car which they produce.



Following the tour we were taken outside of the factory to await the arrival of Prince Charles who arrived in his very own Aston Martin DB6 which he was given as a 21st birthday present.

We were then taken back to the showroom floor where we saw the finished product of a DBX and which Prince Charles placed the Aston Martin badge on.



Nominations for Musical Theatre Performances in Grease

We have had good news from the Glammies Adjudication process again this year with 11 students being nominated for awards for their performance in GREASE.

Last year we had 4 nominations and Dylan Guy won in his category. We also won additional awards for Best Director and Best Presentation.

This is a competition where the students compete against both adults and youngsters so it is wonderful to receive so many nominations.

Best Actress	Sophie Moore as Rizzo Yr13 Bethan Scholes as Frenchie Year 11
Best Supporting Actress	Ellie Mae Williams as Marty Year 13 Mia Griffiths Price as Jan Year 11
Best Actor	Ieuan Lewis as Danny Year 13
Best Supporting Actor	James Llewellyn as Kenickie Year 13 Todd James as Roger Year 11 Henry Morgan Geddes as Doody Year 10 Sammi Morgan as Sonni Year 10
Under 14 Award Male	Dylan Guy as Eugene Year 9
Under 14 Award Female	Mali Morgan Year 7

SSCE Cymru have recently added a [Covid-19 support](#) information page onto the SSCE Cymru website. It provides signposting to organisations and resources relevant to supporting Service children during the Coronavirus pandemic, including:

- Education information
- Armed Forces organisations support
- Mental health and wellbeing support
- Home-schooling information.

SSCE Cymru are running 2 projects looking into support for schools and students during this time. **Covid-19 Service children outreach consultation.** This consultation is part of the planning for a unique bespoke support offering for schools and Service children. As a school, we shall take part in this consultation. They are also running a second project is: **Sharing advice from Service children.** Many children, Service and non-Service, are currently facing new experiences regarding isolation and distancing from friends and family. Recognising that many service children have already experienced such challenges and have developed resilience, methods and utilised resources to overcome these barriers and they can share this with others at this time. I look forward to sharing more information on these projects in the future.

MPCT Updates

The group of Year 8 students who had just started their Gold Leadership Award with MPCT were understandably disappointed that they have missed completing the award this academic year due to the school closure and especially sad to have missed the Expedition day at the MPCT centre Rhymney. However, we will do all we can to ensure they can complete the award and hopefully still have their Expedition day once we are back in school.

VE Day

We hope you all enjoyed the celebrations for the 75th anniversary of VE Day on Friday 8 May. It was lovely seeing so many houses in the local area decked out with bunting and neighbours toasting our WW2 heroes during the afternoon.





Awards/Achievements/Congratulations

Dylan and his family have been working hard to coordinate and make visits to distribute to key workers in the fight against COVID-19. Not only has Dylan been keeping on top of his studies, but volunteering to help with the production of visors.

Well done, Dylan! Super proud of you!



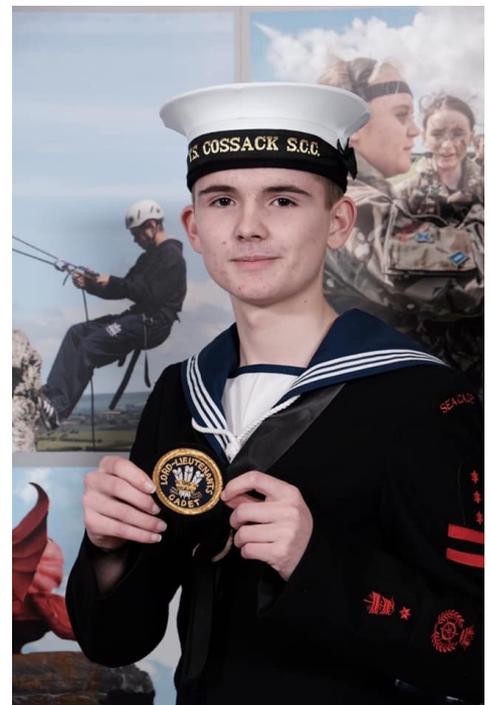
Some of our young carers and I had the pleasure of being invited to the Young Carers award ceremony at the Copthorne Hotel, organised by the Carers Trust Wales. At the event we were honoured to be presented with the young carers 'Beyond The Basics' award, an achievement which reflects our outstanding support and commitment to young carers within our school. The young carers who attended enjoyed the ceremony and as well as picking up the award, they had the chance to meet other young carers from different schools.

Josh Edwards or AC Edwards as he is currently ranked in Sea Cadets has been appointed as one of 4 Lord Lieutenant Cadets for South Glamorgan for the Year 2020. (He is also the youngest cadet selected) This appointment is selected by the Lord Lieutenant herself and he will join her this year in many special events his first one in April, assisting with the High Sheriff with his Declaration Ceremony being held at Howells school.

Josh has also been selected as a keen sailor and cadet to take part in the world tall ships race on the 3rd and final 2 week leg, racing from A Coruña in Spain to Dunkirk in France, on-board the Sea Cadet tall ship TS Royalist, training ship.

As well as sea cadets he has also been selected as a Welsh National Topper squad sailor.

Congratulations Josh.



Healthy Schools



The school is extremely proud to have achieved the highest standards in all seven Healthy Schools aspects of health and wellbeing for a number of years and have successfully been re-assessed on a number of occasions. Departments within the school continually assess and make provision for students health and wellbeing. Students in Years 7-11 were given the opportunity to participate in the schools healthy research work this year. Surveys were completed anonymously and the results of this work will help drive forward the wider skills curriculum and PSE curriculum over the coming year. It is great to see so many pupils contributing to the focus of the curriculum and for the school to recognise where past curriculum focus has been beneficial. Thank you to all of the pupils who contributed their 'voice' showing the importance students place upon their involvement in determining their health and wellbeing provision within the school.

The **National Quality Award** is awarded to schools that have achieved the highest standards in all seven **Healthy Schools** aspects of **health** and wellbeing.

Music/Drama

Music and Drama are by nature inherently sociable and practical subjects. We are pleased though that for the majority of our KS3, GCSE and A level students the lockdown has not deterred them from working creatively and sharing their efforts via the wonderful world of technology. We have had composition work from GCSE music students, physical theatre and monologue work from GCSE Drama, musical theatre work from A Level Theatre and even video monologues from Year 7. We want to thank you all for your continued efforts. Stay Safe.
Miss Toms and Mrs Davis

Celebration of Music Exams

The following students have also achieved the following awards.

Emily McDonagh Grade 1 Theory

Ellie McNally Grade 5 Theory

#homelearning #virtualdrama



#homelearning #virtualdrama



PE Department

The PE Department hope you are staying safe and staying active in these uncertain times! We realise more than ever how important keeping active is for our mental well-being whilst doing what we can to keep in touch with our friends and family.

STAY SAFE

KEY STAGE 3

For those of you looking to stay active but are struggling with ideas, why not try PE with Joe?

Every morning 9am – 9:30am



PE HOMEWORK PROJECT

Last term the PE Department held their first PE Homework Project. Overall there were outstanding projects submitted across all year groups! There will be more projects being held soon where you can win more prizes!



Basketball

This term we managed to play some fixtures with years 7, 8 and 9 representing the school in great fashion!



Cross Country



PE Department

Gymnastics

Every pupil involved in gymnastics this year has been commended for their excellent efforts and commitment to the gymnastics club. This Spring we had a huge number of entries to the gymnastics competition where these pupils represented the school with great pride!



Netball

Plenty of fixtures for KS3 this Spring with some great results and efforts! Netball club was a huge success with strong numbers week in week out!

KS4 and KS5

Extra-curricular has been very successful with KS4 and KS5 this term. A special mention to the year 10 football team who represented the school in a very challenging Cup tournament, coming up against some strong opponents and



Llantwit Major
6th Form
Rugby Team
2019/20

Year 9 - Community Challenge

Approximately half of our Year 9 pupils started the preparation for the Community Challenge this term. An exciting new challenge awaits these pupils - the creation of a Winter Wonderland for the Boverton area this Christmas. We have seen some wonderful ideas from this creative and innovative team of pupils and we have been impressed with the detail in their planning. Unfortunately the school closed before we actually got the time to spend creating the decorations. However, this does give us more time to collect more resources needed for the creations. So, please don't forget - keep the 4 pint milk bottles, the empty kinder surprise eggs, the lightbulbs and plastic spoons as well as all of the other materials you identified as needing, ready for our return to school. The other half of Year 9 pupils now need to get their thinking caps on for their challenge. We have had some wonderful outcomes in the past and the year group have already showed their positivity towards the challenge.

Some of the plans for the community challenge



Year 10 - Global Challenge

Year 10 students have been studying Swansea Bay Tidal Lagoon for the Global Challenge this term. We have seen some excellent Personal Standpoints written (the controlled assessment) and we have seen some creative and innovative plans for raising awareness of tidal energy and the lagoon. We would normally be seeing the results of the planning now, but I'm sure on our return to school we will see some wonderful work. With more time to think about materials that could be used and the opportunity to collect materials from around the home/garden, I imagine the outcomes will be even more innovative and engaging than I first thought. With such good work already completed in the Enterprise Challenge the department is looking forward to seeing the students continue to build on this success. We've seen some hard work over the school closure period under difficult circumstances. We are so pleased with your efforts Year 10. Keep trying your best!

Some raising awareness ideas created by previous year groups



Year 11 - Individual Projects

The department has thoroughly enjoyed reading the Year 11 Individual Projects this year. It has been very interesting reading your research into your area of interest or future career ambition. The projects have covered a large variety of topics which has made it all the more enjoyable to assess. Looking at the marks for all 3 challenges as well as the individual Project, the department is hopeful for excellent outcomes for pupils in this GCSE subject again this year. The department wishes all pupils the best for the future and looks forward to welcoming some of you back in the 6th form next year.

Welsh Baccalaureate

Year 12

Year 12 have had a very busy term working on their Community, Global and Enterprise Challenge. With the Community and Global Challenges almost complete the department is looking forward to watching and listening to your Community presentations about your community participation activities and your presentation of your solutions to problems identified in your global standpoint. These give students the opportunity to showcase what they have done and reflect on how they have planned the 30 hours of their community challenge. The students also are able to show how creative they are in coming up with new and innovative solutions to the global problem they wrote about in their global standpoint. These are usually very interesting to watch and assess and I'm sure this year will be no different. It was a shame that the Dragon's Den had to be postponed. The Year 12 students had prepared thoroughly and we were looking forward to the pitch of their innovative products. This will now take place on the students return to school. Students had been completing work using Google classroom before the school closure which has prepared them well for the work that has been set remotely. It is pleasing to see so many pupils taking on this new way of working with enthusiasm and continuing to work very hard and produce good outcomes. Thank you to all students who are continuing to engage with the programme of study. We know there are challenges but really do appreciate your efforts and hard work. Keep trying your best!

Year 13

Congratulations on getting to the end of your Welsh Baccalaureate A level. The department wishes that it could have been a more positive end to the year with face to face congratulations and a proper goodbye and good luck to you all. The spring term saw the last push in getting individual projects completed and it was pleasing to see such a variety of careers hoping to be pursued by such a great group of pupils with wonderful personalities and great ambition for the future. We really do wish you the best of luck, hope you keep in touch and come back to tell us of your successes.

What Career Live and What University Live? Event - Birmingham NEC

On Friday 28 February, the majority of Year 12 pupils attended the What Career Live and What University Live? event at the Birmingham NEC. The event gave students the opportunity to meet face to face with representatives from universities and major companies such as Deloitte, KPMG, Rolls Royce, JCB and Lloyds Banking group, to name a few. Approximately 40 universities attended the event to offer advice to Year 12 pupils considering this route. The pupils were also provided with the opportunity to attend sessions such as the Careers Theatre and Student Advice Theatre as well as workshops including a STEM Challenge, Busker's Corner and a Creative Hub.



I hope you're all keeping healthy, safe and happy. Whilst this is a strange and difficult time, we must keep things as normal as we can and stay positive. We are all realising how important our family and friendships are now and, whilst we are doing what we can to stay in touch and show that we care, we are all looking forward to the time when we can be with everyone again, including all of you!

Here's a few messages from us. Mrs Marshallsay

7HAT



Ms Scantlebury, wishing she was on the Côte d'Azur!



7MS



Be happy

We will see each other again soon.

Hope you're staying safe and well everyone!
Miss you All! Keep smiling!!!
Ms Scantlebury xxx



7GC



Hi everyone!
I hope you are all staying safe and healthy. Even though I am no longer your Form Tutor, I wanted to let you know that I am still thinking of you, during these strange and uncertain times. No one is sure of when this will end, but it is important that we remain positive and keep smiling. Fingers crossed this will all be over soon and we can get back to normality as soon as possible. Mr Corish x



Well done to Mrs David who smashed it for her charity event! She completed 20km (not just 15!) by jogging, rowing, skiing, biking and walking the distance. Love that attitude Mrs David - set yourself a target and beat it!



7RJN



I am missing you all and hopefully we will be back in school soon.

I have set myself **3 goals**.

Charity - I am participating in an event to raise money for Noah's Ark Children's hospital where I will aim to either ski, row, run or cycle 15K.

Act of Kindness- this week I donated food to the Bridgend Foodbank.

I set myself a **challenge** - My challenge was to follow a 'Couch to 5K' run over 9 weeks. I have just completed week 5 and jogged 20 minutes continuously.

As a form group set yourself a challenge and an act of kindness, it can be very small or something a bit bigger. Nothing to put yourself under any pressure in these unusual times. You could do it individually or part of a club or community team.

Mrs David

7JAD

Farewell Mr Corish

Mr Corish left Llantwit Major School at Easter to teach his first love subject, Drama, at another school. It was a huge shame that we weren't able to give him a proper 'Farewell' assembly and staff and students missed the opportunity to say Goodbye and Good Luck to him properly. However, some of his form, 7GC, have sent some lovely messages, all of which I shall send onto him (with names), and I know he will appreciate greatly. Thank you to those of you who sent the messages. Here are some brief snippets:



"...you would always help and listen."

"I liked it when you did all your accents"

"Thank you for being the best form teacher in the world. I wish you the best of luck in your new school. I hope you love it."

"Thank you for being my Form Tutor, I will miss you making me smile every day!"

"We all love your lessons soo much and love your enthusiasm towards us...you would always ask if we had anything on our minds and you would help us and we really appreciate that."

Praise

Despite not being in school, we are still acknowledging the great work that you have been doing through your home learning. Instead of Positive Phone call Friday, we have been sending out Praise Postcards to students nominated by staff for great effort and/or particularly impressive work that they have submitted. We are loving seeing your work and some of you have also been sharing photos of more practical skills you have been mastering whilst at home too. Well done to all of you for the work you are doing, we all think you're doing great! The following students have been nominated more than once by different teachers over the past weeks. **Well done to:**



Mason Fox, Theo Southern, Emily Hibbert, Emily McDonagh, Ariane Smith, Aalayah Clanfield, Will Grant and Max Fry.

We were not able to have an Easter Celebration assembly but I want to celebrate our top 3 achievement points scorers here, as it stands as of the end of March, they are:

Casey Kinman 7JAD, Macy-Lei Pinch 7GC and Cori Mounter 7GC



The form with the most achievement points is: **7MD! Well done 7MD!!**



French

Salut! from the French department. We hope you and your families are keeping safe and well. Many pupils have been busy working on their French (remotely!) If you're not sure of the Google classroom codes here's a reminder



French Google classroom codes

Year 7

A, L, U abna767

D cvn2ux6

F sdbflsr

N blkikfo

Year 8 6srsjct

Year 9 r3rp7oi

Year 10 i3qpgkj

French Reward Breakfast

We always try to reward our pupils for consistently taking an active part in their French lessons and using the target language to the maximum. In February, our 'Stars of the lesson' were invited to attend a celebratory breakfast in the department.

Well done to all our winners! We look forward to holding a similar event in, hopefully, not the too distant future.



Paris 2019 Remember when ...

We could eat at a restaurant



We travelled to another country



There was no social distancing ... except for Mr Craven and Mrs Marshallsay who already knew the dangers!





Although, **UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES**, should you **TRAVEL** to **FRANCE** at the moment we thought it would be interesting to look at some topical vocabulary!

Les Coronavirus Le Covid 19 the same in French

Un virus - virus

L'épidémie - epidemic

Urgences - the hospital emergency department

SAMU - the French ambulance service. The number to call for an ambulance in France is 15.

Les symptômes - the symptoms

Un vaccin - a vaccine

Les personnes fragiles - people particularly vulnerable to the illness.

Les personnes âgées elderly people

Les personnes souffrantes de maladies chroniques (people with pre-existing conditions).

Le bilan - the total or level eg *Le bilan en France a passé 190* - the total in France has passed 190

Cas confirmé - confirmed case

Cas suspect/cas investigué - suspected case

Se laver les mains très régulièrement - Wash your hands very regularly

Tousser ou éternuer dans son coude - Cough or sneeze into your elbow

Saluer sans se serrer la main, éviter les embrassades - Greet people without shaking hands, avoid hugs

Utiliser des mouchoirs à usage unique - Use disposable tissues

Un masque chirurgical - a surgical mask.

Fièvre - fever

Les mois de l'année de Covid 19



Head Boy and Head Girl



Hello, my name is Nathan Pownall and I was the Head Boy this year.

I have been in school from 2013 to 2020.

Funny moments: Surprisingly, most of the school-wide funny moments have come from the teachers.



#1: The teacher mannequin challenge. This came as both a huge shock and a massive source of hilarity to all those who saw it, with even the most unlikely of teachers getting involved in the fun. (Mrs Pownall!) What was even more impressive is that not one participant laughed even with hundreds of kids surrounding them doing so.

#2: The teacher Christmas video. In the classic Christmas spirit, every department and section of the school decided to dress up in festive gear and participate in a famous Christmas sing along.

My advice:

1. Work hard - you'll regret every moment that you didn't try or messed about when you get to year 10, 11, and maybe sixth form.
2. Appreciate the time you're in school - school feels like it's something you'll always have in your life and suddenly you find yourself in the adult world without the support of your teachers.
3. Your teachers want the best for you - no matter what disagreement you may have or the problems you might face in school, all of your teachers want the absolute best for you and nothing else.
4. Enjoy yourself - there are so many aspects of school that can be enjoyed regardless of what you love doing. Whether that's football, rugby, drama, painting, singing, philosophy. Throughout your school life you will be given an abundance of opportunity to experience all of these things as well as discovering new things that you love and will take into life after school.

I know these times are extremely tough for every one of you, not being able to see your friends, family and loved ones. You can't do many of things you love doing. But things are going to improve and will hopefully start doing so very soon. But for now you all must know that we are all in this together and will get through it and out of the other side together.

Memories from Head Girl Meghan McDonald



Year 7 and 8 Home Cooking

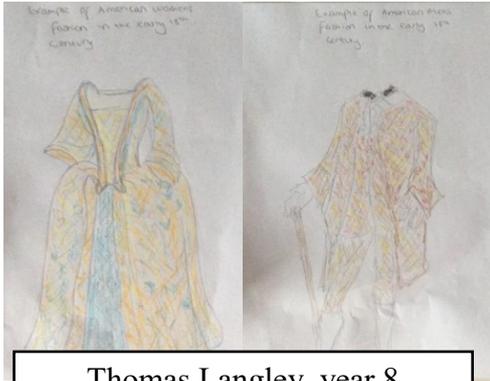


Textiles Home Learning



History Home Learning Heroes

Shout out to all of our amazing, enthusiastic and hardworking historians who are not letting lockdown get in the way of learning fabulously fascinating facts from the past! Year 7 and 8 kicked things off with a marvellous virtual tour of the British Museum, because why not visit a fantastic museum all from the comfort of your computer chair? Bonus: you don't have to queue to get in! Some absolutely awesome work was produced with learners picking a theme and a location that interested them most.



Thomas Langley, year 8

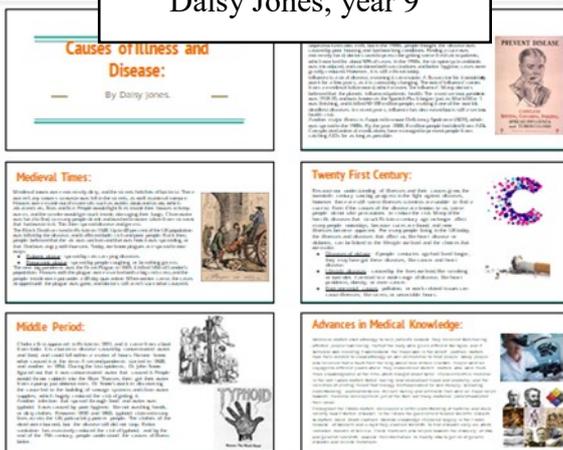
Miss Astley was torn between the 'Power and Identity' and the 'Trade and Conflict' themes. They then raised the bar and produced some sensational drawings for their second task: researching and then designing an outfit for an eighteenth century man and woman! The effort put into this task was very impressive.

Abigail Fisher, year 7



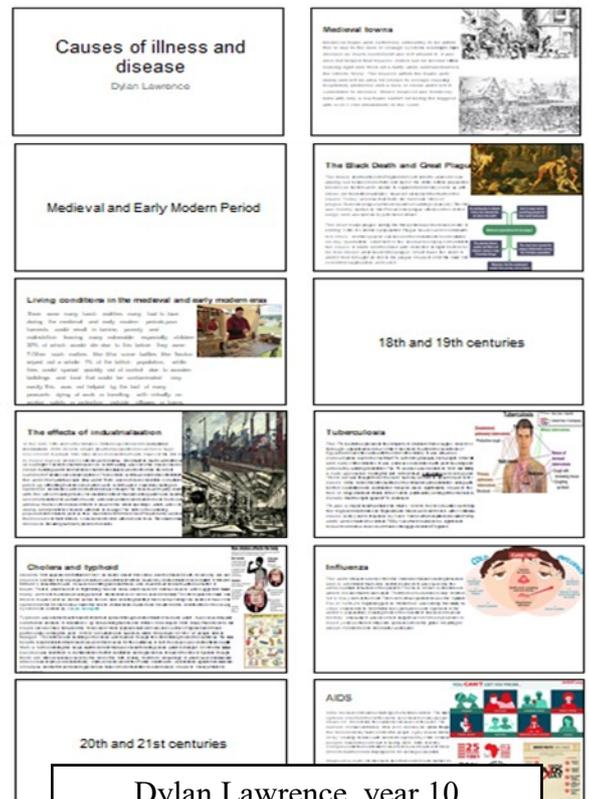
The work just keeps getting better and better too. The next task of creating a resource about the Ancient Egyptians allowed Year 7 and 8 to really get creative and produce work in a format that suited them the most. Miss Astley is disappointed that none of you wrapped yourselves in toilet paper and turned yourselves into mummies though. Well, toilet roll is a precious commodity at the moment so she's not going to hold it against you!

Daisy Jones, year 9



We'd better not forget Years 9 and 10 either... They are making an extraordinary effort to keep on top of their GCSE work and

have produced some fantastic presentations, detailing their knowledge of causes of illness and disease over time for their examined unit: 'Changes in Health and Medicine, c.1340-present day'. However, Dr Alter would like to see a few more video clips in your presentations, we all know he loves a video clip! Miss Astley will stop rambling on now. So, one final thing, to all of Llantwit's hardworking, hotshot historians: be enthusiastic, be inquisitive and most importantly, be safe.



Dylan Lawrence, year 10

Join Us and Make #LlantwitQuilt 2020

Every member of our community is welcome to participate - students, parents, carers, grandparents, staff and governors.

I am sure you have seen the many crafters and sewers on the Instagram, Facebook, Twitter etc during this strange but unprecedented time. Many have decided to use the medium of textiles, to share their thoughts and feelings around the importance of staying connected with others all be it through technology and the importance of our communities.

The Home Economics department have been inspired by [#Quilt2020](#) [#rainbowquilting](#) [#covidcrafting](#) [#scrappyquilt](#) and have decided to start our own quilt 2020 challenge.

So what exactly is it?

Our aim is to create our own Llantwit community quilt that will record this event and all the contributions we have made to stay safe within our community. It will be displayed in our school and will tell future generations our story of this time. The panels will be assembled and stitched together to form a quilt to be displayed when we are able to return to school.

We would like everyone to create a textile panel documenting your thoughts/feelings/memories of lockdown/Covid-19 through the medium of textiles. The panel must measure 20cm by 20cm (8 inches by 8 inches) and can be assembled using any textile processes or techniques. Keep hold of your panels for now and we will give you a date to bring your panel to the school when it is safe to do so. These will then be assembled into a memory quilt by Miss T Games.

Starting points for designs could be based on the following:

What makes you a good neighbour? What sort of things can I do to help? It may be that you or a family member is a key worker, it may be that someone you know is shopping for someone vulnerable. It could be something as simple as a smile or a wave. It may be the importance of family or friends, your home, your garden, your daily walk. A way of saying thank you.

For more inspiration and for the groups work see [@our_quilt_2020](#) on instagram





School Governors

Headteacher:	Mrs Fiona Greville
Teachers: (Elected as representatives of the teaching staff of the school)	Mr Mike Bell Mrs Maria Martin
Staff: (Elected as a representative of the support staff of the school)	Mrs Sharon Cox
Parent: (Elected as representatives of pupils currently attending the school)	Ms Jeni Jenkins Ms Sarah Hamilton Mr Stuart Pownall Mr Mark Minchinton Mr Robert James Mrs Alison Jones
LEA Appointed: (Nominated by the Local Education Authority to serve on the Governing Body)	Cllr Gwyn John Ms Rebecca Satherley-Thomas Cllr Eddie Williams Mr Derek Mutlow (Chair) Dr Carol Brown
Community: (Invited by other governors to join the Governing Body. Act as a link with the Community)	Ms Alyson Jones Mr Graham Price (Vice Chair) Mr Julie Lynch Wilson Mrs Paula Richards
Head Boy/Head Girl:	Nathan Pownall Meghan McDonald
Clerk: (Takes the minutes of the Governing Body and all its Committees)	Ms Claire Morgan

Useful links

Sims Parent App link	https://www.sims-parent.co.uk
School Gateway link	https://login.schoolgateway.com/0/auth/login
WJEC Website	https://www.wjec.co.uk/