

# The New Illtyddian

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## Business Class – top class!

St Illtyd's are extremely lucky to be partnered with GE Aviation in Nantgarw as part of the Business Class programme. This programme means that we work very closely with them in various initiatives. GE Aviation staff visit the school on a regular basis to provide maths mentoring for our pupils and we have also arranged pupil visits to the GE Aviation site.

As part of our partnership with GE Aviation, a small group of our Year 9 pupils spent a day at an event in the Presidents Lounge at the Principality Stadium with a number of other schools and a variety of businesses who all form part of the Business Class Cardiff Cluster. Businesses including GE Aviation, ITV

Wales, Principality Building Society and Hugh James Solicitors provided interactive activities designed to raise pupils' aspirations. Highlights of the day included putting a news report together and using TV cameras with ITV Wales and an inspirational talk from Jeff Smith from Big Moose.

Two of our pupils, Lewis Carwardine and Leo Fowler were the successful candidates in a timed fan blade activity on the GE stand, and were the lucky winners of a £15 Amazon voucher each. They completed the challenge in a time of 1 minute and 2.03 seconds, the fastest time of all the schools on the day. Well done boys!

We look forward to continuing to work with GE Aviation on many more initiatives in the future.

## HEAD'S MESSAGE | NEGES Y PENNAETH

On behalf of all at St Illtyd's Catholic High School I would like to wish everyone associated with the school a very happy Christmas holiday and very best wishes for a successful 2018.

As we come to the end of this long term, the whole school community is looking forward to a well-earned rest, and whilst there is still much to do before the last day of term on Friday 22nd December, I know that both staff and students alike are looking forward to the festive period and to celebrating faith, family and friends.

We have had yet another fantastic term here at the school. Our students have been involved with a wide range of activities



and events, many of which feature in this newsletter, but there has also been so much more going on at

the school! Our students are very blessed to have staff who are so committed to ensuring that a wide range of learning and extra-curricular opportunities continue to be on offer for them at the school.

As always, a genuine thank you needs to also go out to parents and governors and for all their help and support. As a school, we continue to do extremely well and not just in terms of academic results, but with regards

to meeting the needs of all our students and ensuring that they continue to grow and develop into successful young adults and this success wouldn't be possible without the work of our families and the school governors too.

We will return after the Christmas break on Monday 8th January. This is not an inset day and the children will be expected to return to school fully equipped, in full uniform and ready to work, from 8.20am.

I hope that everyone connected with the school has a safe, happy and relaxing break and I look forward to seeing all pupils back in January.

**MRS TRACEY JARVIS**  
ACTING HEAD TEACHER



## '13' – a new musical

With a young, inexperienced cast mainly from Year 7 and 8 (though ably supported by older students) it was a brave decision to stage '13' – a musical with which few of our audience members were familiar. '13' is an original musical designed to be performed by teenagers, with music and lyrics by Jason Robert Brown and book by Dan Elish and Robert Horn.

Pupils really made the roles their own – developing individual styles and gaining in confidence through the four performances. All the cast delivered their lines clearly so that every nuance of expression, every joke and throwaway line could be clearly heard. This was appreciated by the audience, amusing moments gaining much laughter and applause.

The show opens with New Yorker, Evan, addressing the audience, explaining that he is just about to turn thirteen and celebrate his Bar Mitzvah. But, his parents are splitting up, he has to move to Appleton, Indiana, 'the lamest place in the world' and make new friends. Somehow he has to get his new classmates to come to his Bar Mitzvah. Throw in a trio of rabbis, a scary movie, mobile phones and some inventive thinking into the mix and you have the key ingredients for an imaginative plot.

In a demanding role, Ethan Napier played the Jewish boy, Evan Goldman, with the characteristics of a typical teenager in a new environment, in turns diffident, then full of confidence. Ffion Morris and Morgan Stacey excelled in their roles as the social misfits, Patrice and Archie, who show Evan what true friendship is.

When all seems lost and Evan is thinking of cancelling his Bar Mitzvah as no one will come to it, Patrice and Archie tell him how they cope with life's problems. In a message for us all, they sing, 'If that's what it is' you 'go on and put one foot in front of the other...and just keep walking on'.



Adam Shore, as the cool class president, Brett, with Megan Bidgood and Kyle Hewett as his two sidekicks provided much of the humour. Jessica Lloyd Burke was wonderfully naïve and far too trusting in her role as cheerleader Kendra. Robyn Pearce revelled in her role as Kendra's poisonous friend, Lucy.

Outstanding individual performances were well matched by the precision of the dance routines throughout the show. Constantly smiling cheerleaders completed a well-executed routine; deliberately awful geeks (did they base their dance movements on their dads?); a music-hall moment with Evan and Archie (on his crutches) beautifully in step with one another.

Did Evan achieve his dream Bar Mitzvah? Not exactly – his classmates didn't come but it wasn't completely empty. Patrice and Archie were there with his Mum and Dad. And that's good.

'13' ends with the whole cast in party mode. 'Brand New You' with its catchy chorus even brought the audience to its feet. The effervescence of the youthful cast, the beat of the music and the exhilarating dances wowed all present. As the rabbi would say – 'MAZEL TOV'!

## Accelerated Reading

Our new intake of Year 7s have been very lucky this year to have access to a brand new programme called "Accelerated Reading". Staff worked hard last term to set up a library in the Pod, creating a lovely environment in which pupils can come in and read at breaks and lunch times. The idea behind the programme is to encourage a love of life-long reading and of reading for pleasure. The programme has got off to a great start with the Pod being regularly filled with pupils at break times. Following on from reading a book, pupils are then invited to take an on line quiz to test their knowledge and understanding of it. St Illtyd's are very grateful to Tesco (St Mellons), Sainsburys (Colchester Avenue) and the Utilities Warehouse for donating money towards our new books.



Year 7s (l-r) Ethan Davey, Ewan May and Jayden Hutchison enjoying Accelerated Reading

Accelerated Reading Display Board





## Christmas Market

Our Community Christmas Market was another huge success this year. Now in its fifth year, the Market has become a staple in the St Illtyd's calendar. Staff from the Eden Bus ran Santa's Grotto, RAF St Athan Voluntary Band got us into the festive spirit and over 30 stalls provided an array of Christmas gifts and treats. There was a lovely

atmosphere in the hall and it was great to see so many members of our wider community coming along to support the event. A huge thank you to everyone that came along (over 400 of you!).

**MRS L MAY, COMMUNITY FOCUSED SCHOOL'S CO-ORDINATOR**

## Creative Pathways Careers Event

A group of Year 11 students who are taking the subjects of art, drama, textiles or music recently attended the Creative Pathways Careers Event at City Hall organised by Careers Wales. The event was an interactive careers event focusing on the creative sector. Pupils had the opportunity to meet some of Wales' biggest creative organisations including the BBC, ITV Wales, National Museum Wales and the Royal Welsh College of Music & Drama. Students took part in a number of workshops and discussion panels. The day was very inspiring and our students thoroughly enjoyed it.

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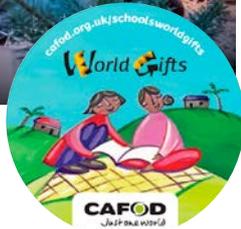


## A fantastic achievement!

We would like to say a huge congratulations to ex Year 11 students Nikita Greedy, Owain Jones and Regan Lawrence who during their five years at St Illtyd's achieved 100% attendance. The three students were rewarded during the Year 11 Leavers Celebration. This is a fantastic achievement and one that all of our students can aspire to. Well done Nikita, Owain and Regan!



# Spirituality at St Illtyd's



## 'Active Advent'

This Advent staff are donating to the CAFOD world gifts scheme.

Examples of Christmas gifts:

- £33 to provide water for a family
- £10 will pay for literacy classes to teach a child to read

Pupils are busy collecting items for Christmas hampers which will be donated to our local parish communities. An update from both these activities will feature in the next Illtydian.

## St Illtyd's Charity Group (1)

St Illtyd's Charity Group had a stall at the St Cadoc's Christmas Fayre in November which raised money for the SVP. They also continued this hard work with a stall in the Christmas Market in St Illtyd's. The pupils sold a variety of goods including books, toys, jewellery and Fair Trade products.

## Houses of Parliament Visit (2)

Josh Robbins and Emma Cottrell in Year 10 represented St Illtyd's at the Archdiocesan annual visit to the Houses of Parliament. They are pictured with Lord Paul Murphy. A more detailed report on the day will be in the next Illtydian.

## CAFOD Soup Lunch (3)

In October the Charity Group held a lunch time fundraiser to raise money for CAFOD. Pupils and staff paid 50p to purchase bread and soup for this worthy cause. A fantastic £130 was raised to assist the work of CAFOD.

## SVP Group

The school's SVP group has been very busy out in the community this term. They have been down to St John Lloyd RC Primary School on a weekly basis and have been supporting learning across all year groups. The group have also been regular visitors to our care home next door, Quarry Hall, where they have kept residents company through chatting with them and joining them in their bingo sessions.



"While Advent is certainly a time of celebration and anticipation of Christ's birth, it is more than that. It is only in the shadow of Advent that the miracle of Christmas can be fully understood and appreciated. It is only in the light of Christmas that the Christian life makes sense."

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all pupils, parents and carers a holy and happy Christmas.

**MR P. MORIARTY (AHT: RE, CATHOLICITY AND SPIRITUALITY)**  
**RE DEPARTMENT – MRS POCKNELL, MRS JAMES, MRS WILLIAMS, MRS YELLEN AND MRS JENKINS**

## First Aid saves lives

This term, Year 7 have all taken part in a "First Aid Awareness" course run by St John Cymru. As proof that these courses save lives, one student, David Djalo in 7LW, stood up at the start of a session and explained how, following a first aid course he had attended in St Cadoc's Catholic Primary School, he had been able to save his friend's life. Following an accident, David was able to put all of the skills he had learnt on the course to good use and changed his friend's outcome for the better.

**MRS L MAY, COMMUNITY FOCUSED SCHOOL'S CO-ORDINATOR**



Clockwise from top left: David Djalo tells the class how he saved his friend's life; Getting hands on with CPR; Lesedi Moima practises how to save someone from choking

## First Campus Residential Project 2017

In July, 15 of our Year 9 pupils were extremely lucky to be chosen by Mrs May and Mr Green to experience university life in three days as part of the First Campus Residential Project. The aim of the residential was to inspire pupils to consider a future at university. Our pupils were accompanied by Mrs May and Mr Fleet. Over the course of three days, pupils experienced studying a chosen subject at degree level, working and socialising with other students and developing confidence in their own abilities. The three days proved to be not only inspiring, but also a lot of fun. The residential was a thoroughly rewarding project, inspiring all of our pupils to think about their future study and career paths. Following on from the Residential, nine of our students attended a follow up day in September, where they took part in further activities on university life and were able to meet individuals from different industries in a careers carousel.

**MRS L MAY, COMMUNITY FOCUSED SCHOOL'S CO-ORDINATOR**



## Cooking with vegetables

Family Cookery has started again this term and our latest recruits have been expanding their knowledge of how to cook with vegetables. They have been cooking recipes and using ingredients they have never tried before and broadening their horizons in the kitchen. If you would like to join the weekly group that meets on a Tuesday, 3.00-5.00pm, please contact Mrs Luisa May to book a place on 02920 778174. The new course starts on the 9th January 2018.

**MRS L MAY, COMMUNITY FOCUSED SCHOOL'S CO-ORDINATOR**



## Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who participated in the recent Macmillan Coffee Morning - it was a huge success! There were edible donations from our generous staff, cakes baked and decorated by pupils from Years 7 and 9, the Cake Off competition, a prize raffle and very efficient cake sale hosted by our enthusiastic Year 11 prefects. We raised a total of £136 for the Macmillan Cancer Support and had a fantastic day with cake too - what more could we want?! The Cake Off in particular was a stunning display of talent and the prize hamper was won by Jodie Mott in Year 10 for her creative and delicious Mario block cake. Watch this space and you could be a winner at next year's event. See you then!

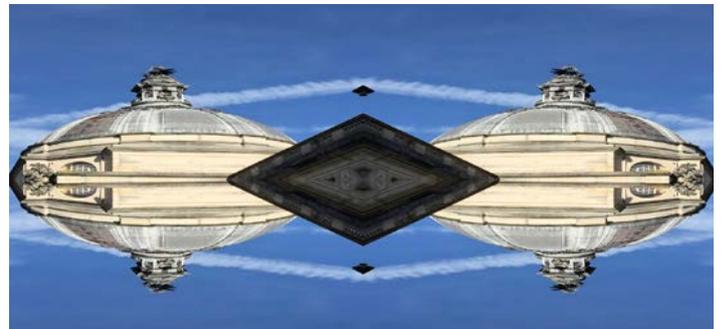
**MRS N JAMES, DT TEACHER**



## GCSE Photography success

Three ex Year 11 students completed their GCSE photography exam with higher than predicted grades. Adam Shore, Chloe Davenport and Molly O'Brien worked on their GCSE Photography every week after school as part of our "Period 6" programme and completed their final project based on architecture around Cardiff. The photos show some of their work.

**MR B DOCKRILL, COVER SUPERVISOR**



## Shaping Child's Rights

At the end of the summer term, representatives from our school council attended the third Grand Council Event of the year. The theme for the day was the 'Child's Rights Partners Programme'. The event enabled our young people to work directly with representatives from across a range of council services and wider partners to explore key questions, which will help to inform priorities to be delivered through the Child Rights Partners Programme run by UNICEF UK. The day's programme consisted of interactive workshops led by UNICEF UK and the council's Active Involvement Team (AIT) and the outcomes of these will be captured in a city-wide action plan.

**MRS L MAY, COMMUNITY FOCUSED SCHOOL'S CO-ORDINATOR**



## Hawaii Day at Ty Gwyn School

Reese Clooney in Year 11 is currently on work experience in Ty Gwyn School. On Tuesday 11th July it was a Hawaii fun day for the children and they all had to dress Hawaii style. The children and staff had face painting, a magic show and a visit from many animals such as owls, a tarantula, a frog, meerkats, snakes, scorpions and lizards. The children all had a fantastic time.

**REESE CLOONEY, YEAR 11**

## Writing talent at St Illtyd's

We are very lucky at St Illtyd's in that we have some very talented writers amongst our midst! Pupils have been attending a weekly "Creative Writing Club" run by English teacher Miss Cooper and, over the past year, a high number of the students have had their work published in the poetry compilations "Busta Rhymes" and "The Poetry Trials". Here are extracts from some of their work.

### My Train Journey

As I stared out the window I saw,  
The hail slapping the front of the door.  
It was long and loud and made thuds,  
Turning the grass around us into mud.  
Jessica Cleverly 8MJ

### The Future

The future looks bleak,  
Because the prime minister looks on fleek.  
What can I say to make your day,  
Or you could pray in the hay.  
Latesha Henry 9NJ

### The Stages of a Flower

The first petal forms,  
The curves and shapes aren't clear yet,  
Its bright, golden colour is undetectable,  
Camouflaged in the petals of others.  
Soon it will grow into something beautiful.  
Holly Tee 3AB

### World War

Air raid sirens, loud and clear,  
I was petrified and smothered in fear.  
People running, screaming, crying,  
Running fast in the dark night.  
The sound of sirens was deafening,  
Lights were flashing and buildings  
crashing.  
Brandon Cosh 8MLC

### The World

You say the world is happy,  
I say that it is sad, as some children get  
Bullied every single day.  
Wiktoria Chmura 3AB

### The Fairy Godmother

'You're the fairy godmother!' she gasped,  
Her eyes filled with wonder.  
I've heard that you grant wishes for people,  
Can you make me look ten years younger?  
Holly Tee 3AB

# Welsh Bacallaureate

## News from the Welsh Bacallaureate department

The Welsh Bacallaureate is continuing to give our students a variety of real life experiences while supporting them to develop stronger employability skills needed for their successful futures. The autumn term has been incredibly busy and truly inspirational to witness our year ten and eleven students developing essential skills through the programmes 'challenges.'



Our community challenge brief provides our students with an extremely valuable opportunity to actively support a local charity for at least ten hours by carrying out a fundraising activity or working closely with them to improve their output. The students have engaged with a variety of local charities and are setting up clubs, organising

food banks, and supporting campaigns such as clothing collections. We continue as a curriculum hub for the Welsh Bacallaureate and are providing a professional support programme for schools across the central south Wales region. In this edition of the Illtydian you can read a variety of reports from our students and staff involved in supporting the Welsh Bacallaureate programme.

**LLOYD ROWE, HEAD OF WELSH BACALLAUREATE**

## First Give

Over the past academic year, current Year 10 pupils took part in the First Give Programme, during their PSHE/Citizenship lessons. The programme gets pupils actively thinking about social issues in their area; and learning about the local charities that work to address the issues identified. The Year 10 pupils have then gone out into the communities to meet these charities and have put together inspirational presentations in which they champion a particular charity and the work they do.

In July 2017 the school hosted its first Grand Final for the First Give Programme where 8 groups from Year 10 competed for a total prize fund of £1,500 for their chosen charities. The School Final was an inspirational event, which provided an opportunity for the students, school, representatives from the charities and wider community to celebrate all the hard work that the students had put in throughout the course of the Programme.

Members of the two groups then went on to represent the school at the First Give Annual Awards Ceremony on 2nd October in the Lord Mayor's Office in London. Steve George, Joshua Govier, Emma Cottrell, Courtney Bloomfield and Chanel Turner (all from 10DJA) attended the prestigious event in London, presenting a 30 second soapbox challenge pitch in attempt to win a further £250 for the Jacob

Abraham Foundation; narrowly missing out on the prize to Parliament Hill School who presented on the Grenfell tower disaster.

I am enormously proud of the efforts of all pupils that took part in the programme, and especially the finalists who were a real credit to the school in the manner they passionately presented for their charities. I would also like to say a big thank you Mrs D James and the Year 10 tutors for all of their support throughout the programme, and to the panel of judges that included Mrs Jarvis, Mr Rowe, John Grimes (Governor) and the Rt Honourable Lord Mayor of Cardiff Bob Derbyshire.

**MR K GREEN, WELSH BACALLAUREATE/ MATHS TEACHER AND HEAD OF YEAR 10**



The top three groups were as follows:



• **Winner (£1,000) – Steve George and Joshua Govier (10DJA) who represented the Jacob Abraham Foundation.**



• **2nd Place (£250) – Emma Cottrell, Chanel Turner, Chelsea Winter, Courtney Bloomfield, Lauren Hill, (10DJA) who represented 2 Wish Upon A Star**



• **3rd Place (£250) – Freya Johns, Anya Dourani, Hollie Cooper and Nazia Akhter (10DNE) who represented Llamau**



## India Trip 2017

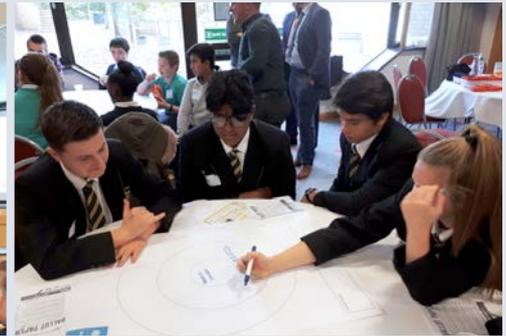
This summer I went to India with a charity called Me to We. This trip was the Virgin Atlantic Scholarship. I applied and 2 months later I was accepted. 29 other lucky applicants were accepted and went on this once in a life time trip. During the trip, we travelled some of Rajasthan and did so much work building a secondary school in the rural area. The moment that stands out to me is when we went on our opening ceremony, where we blessed the work ahead, and we met the children from the feeder primary school and got to take a look at the conditions of their old class room compared to the new ones. Few of the children wore shoes but not one of them were sad or ungrateful, to them they are the lucky ones. The smiles on their faces warmed my heart and is an image I can never forget. I am so lucky to have been picked for this trip; I am extremely grateful for the experiences I have had and I recommend applying.

**BETH STRONACH 11CH**



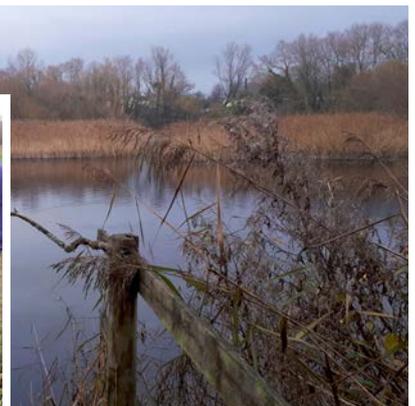
## Local Democracy Week event

During Local Democracy Week in October, a group of Year 10 students were lucky enough to be invited along to County Hall to meet the Council Leader, Cllr Huw Thomas and Deputy Leader, Cllr Sarah Merry. This visit formed part of the Global Citizenship part of their Welsh Baccalaureate learning. They were able to find out what their roles involve as well as take part in a question and answer session. This was followed by an interactive workshop to discuss the key issues raised by young people in the "Make Your Mark" ballot. The event was very informative for our students and a great opportunity.



## Magor Marsh ECO Club trip

On Wednesday 22nd November, we took seven Year 7s to Magor Marsh for our Welsh Baccalaureate Community Challenge. As part of our Community Challenge, we had to support a charity for a minimum of 10 hours. We decided to work with Gwent Wildlife Trust to teach the Year 7s about the local environment. To do this we formed an ECO Club. On our trip we explored the Marsh, built bird feeders, and developed our teamwork. Thank you to Gwent Wildlife Trust for supporting our trip- we had a great day!  
**ELISE DAVIES, HOLLY SHORTIS, ALISSA PARSONS AND ERIKA ARIMBUYUTAN, YEAR 11**





## STEM Roadshow

Years 7 and 8 were lucky to be treated to a STEM presentation as part of the STEM Roadshow delivered on behalf of BAE Systems in partnership with the RAF and the Royal Navy. The Roadshow was devised in response to the Government's acknowledgement that there is already a shortfall of 'home grown' scientists and engineers, and by capturing the interest of young people aged 10-13, we can hopefully increase the numbers that take STEM subjects and ultimately increase the pool of talent in years to come.

The Roadshow explored the world of drones, the technology behind them and their various uses- both now and in the future. The presentation then went on to focus on computing and control systems that all modern technology is built around. The presentation ended with a very special robot called Nao.

The performance showed that the world of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) can be fascinating. The presentation was fun, interactive and very inspiring for our pupils.  
**MRS L MAY, COMMUNITY FOCUSED SCHOOL'S CO-ORDINATOR**



## Marine Skills Initiative

Our Marine Skills Initiative is going from strength to strength. Feedback from our most recent voyage on board Challenge Wales in October was that this was the best team we have ever sent in terms of teamwork, with every member of the crew getting fully involved. As a result of a previous sailing day in May, Year 11 student Adam Murdie was successful in being awarded two funded sailing weeks with the Island Trust. This is an excellent way for Adam to develop his interest in sailing and gain further qualifications. Our heartfelt thanks go as always to the Reardon Smith Nautical Trust and Cardiff St David's Rotary Club for giving our pupils these wonderful experiences.

**MRS L MAY, COMMUNITY FOCUSED SCHOOL'S CO-ORDINATOR**

## Honours Programme

### Mensa results

As part of our provision for more able and talented pupils, students were invited to sit a Mensa test during June and July 2017. Mensa is the world-renowned high IQ society and its members include some of the most intelligent people on the planet, including Professor Stephen Hawking and film director Quentin Tarantino. We had a fantastic response with over 160 pupils opting to sit the test, with 14 pupils scoring over 148, making them eligible for Mensa membership. Both Zofia Peters and Lydia Napper (Y8) achieved a perfect score of 162, and Holly Tee achieved a score of 161 putting them all within the top 1% of the population. The three girls recently spoke about their success to the Western Mail, and the full article can be found at: <http://www.walesonline.co.uk/news/education/schoolgirls-aged-12-highest-iq-13634213>

Further Mensa tests will be offered in the New Year to all pupils, including the current Year 7s – hopefully we will discover a few more geniuses in our midst!



### Honours Programme

The Honours Programme launched in September, with all pupils scoring over 130 in the Mensa test being put in two 2 form classes and undertaking further learning. Since the start of term, each form has been looking at different topics designed to challenge their skills and develop their knowledge away from conventional lessons. The Key Stage 4 form with Mr Richards has been looking at the philosophy, Nietzsche, and Hobbes and how they differ on their views of religion and morality, while the Key Stage 3 form with Miss Briscoombe has been looking at the issue of mental health and how it effects both people and society. Both form classes have approached these topics well, and will be sharing their research by delivering video presentations with pupils and parents on Reporting Day.

### Cambridge trip

In October, 14 Year 11 pupils had the opportunity to visit Cambridge University and gain an understanding of what it is like to study at the world famous University. During the morning, pupils attended a talk on admissions and entry criteria as well as being given a tour of the student dorms at Churchill College and given a very hearty lunch. The afternoon saw pupils being given an extensive tour of the grounds of Trinity College in the centre of Cambridge, including its very impressive chapel and gatehouse. Pupils also managed to see punting taking place on the river Cam, and the very quaint town centre. Despite the 5:00am start, all pupils enjoyed the visit and found it to be both very interesting and useful in their consideration for college and university courses. A special thank you also needs to be made to Mr Walsh, who drove the minibus for a total of 10 hours up and back – superb stamina indeed!

**DAVID-OWEN RICHARDS,**  
HONOURS PROGRAMME LEADER



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY  
**2017/18**

Please note the following dates for the academic year:

**TERM DATES**

**Autumn Term ends:**  
Friday 22/12/17

**Spring Term starts:**  
Monday 08/01/18

**Spring Half term:**  
Monday 19/02/18 -  
Friday 23/02/18

**Spring Term ends:**  
Thursday 29/03/18

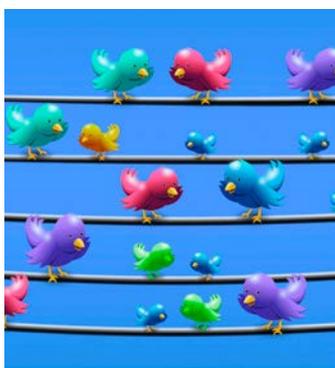
**Summer Term starts:**  
Monday 16/04/18

**Summer Half Term:**  
Monday 28/05/18 -  
Friday 01/06/18

**Summer Term ends:**  
Tuesday 24/07/18

**INSET Days:**  
Monday 23/07/18  
Tuesday 24/07/18

The school will be closed on Monday 7/5/18 for the May Day Bank Holiday



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## Year 8 netball tournament

The Year 8 netball team attended the county netball tournament at Talybont earlier this month. They played 6 games in total and made considerable improvements to their game as the tournament progressed.

The results from the day did not reflect the effort and progress during the tournament; but all have come away positive and looking to develop further next time. Unlucky and well done girls!

## Year 10 county netball tournament

The new look Year 10 netball team attended their first county tournament of the year last month in Llantwit Major. They played Howells and Llantwit Major and showed strength as a team by improving in each game. The team pulled together and stepped up to the challenge against some very tough opposition and were commended for their determined efforts and positive attitudes by staff at the event.

## Extra Curricular Clubs

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
<b>Afterschool</b>	Year 7 Netball (Barn)	Year 8 Netball (Barn) Year 7-8 Rugby (Field)	Department Meetings	Year 9-11 Netball (Barn) Year 7 & 8 Football (Field) Basketball (Gym)

## Christmas Party

The Year 10 ASDAN class had to organise an event as part of their ASDAN Cope Challenge in order to gain their level 2 qualification and so they decided to arrange a Christmas party for the Aspire class. They would like to say a huge thank you to Greggs, Iceland and the Co-op for donating food for the party and to the Spar for donating £30 which enabled them to buy prizes for the party entertainment. The party was a massive success and was thoroughly enjoyed by the whole class so a big thank you to all our sponsors for making it possible.

**MRS A YELLEN, ASPIRE TEACHER**



Year 8 pupil Elisha Tranter enjoying the party