

# CCYD NEWSLETTER

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"Taking Pride"



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## ENGINEERS OF THE FUTURE VISIT RENISHAW

Over 40 Year 10 Engineering learners visited Renishaw, Llantrisant on Monday 17th June 2019. The aims of the visit were to allow the learners the opportunity to experience the industrial environment where manufacturing and assembling lines are in full use. Learners were given a detailed tour of the site, allowing their knowledge from theory lessons to become more tangible as they relate them to the real world, whilst observing machines, robots and manufacturing processes. The learners then spent some time in the 3D printing lab where they used an online design package to create an image for printing. All learners thoroughly enjoyed the trip and have found it beneficial to the theory work and revision they are currently undertaking in preparation for their exam on the 25th June. We wish all Year 10 Engineers the best of luck!



## FAIRTRADE AWARE SCHOOL STATUS 2019

After lots of hard work and commitment from The Eco Committee we are pleased to announce that the school has been successful in its reapplication for the Fair Trade School status. Its official, we are now a Fair Trade Aware School. A huge congratulations to all those ECO learners and staff who contributed to the application and work tirelessly to promote and improve our school environment.



## 50 MILE MARCH RAF WARMA

Year 10 Learner Kelsie Mably recently completed a 50 Mile March with the Air Training Corps 1092 Bridgend Squadron. If that challenge wasn't enough Kelsie already has her eyes set on a 100 Mile March held in the Netherlands next year! Congratulations Kelsie, you have shown that with a Growth Mindset attitude you can achieve great things.



## YEAR 8 U14 SNOOKER STAR

Year 8 Learner Zac Cosker currently plays for the Under 14's Welsh Team. He competes in lots of competitions in the Under 14's category but has also played in the Under 16's category. Well Done Zac, we are all very proud of you.



## CCYD / ZIMMER BIOMET / BIG BANG

CCYD Year 12 learners competed in the Big Bang South Wales competition, run by the Engineering Education South Wales. It was hosted by the MOD at St Athan. The learners were teamed



up with Zimmer Biomet who are the leading medical device manufacturers. They are based locally and they set the learners the following brief: Develop a system to tag the location of product development and validation lots within the shop floor and create a tracking environment. From October 2018 the team of learners worked closely with Lloyd Dewar and Siam Williams from Zimmer Biomet to help them solve the brief. Learners visited Zimmer Biomet's factory where they gained an understanding of the environment where their system would be implemented. They utilised the facilities at Swansea University, Control 2K and University of Wales Trinity Saint David. On the day of the competition learners presented their work to a panel of judges, where they were also questioned about it. Throughout the day learners repeatedly presented to visitors who took an interest in their project.

## YEAR 10 LEARNER INVOLVED IN ACTING ON THE BBC

Leon Rayner has been involved in the filming of the new 'Jamie Johnson' series, which aired in April on CBBC.



It is about a boy who deals with the trials and tribulations that life throws at him by embracing his love for football as a way of helping him cope. Leon was an extra and also had a small role as a goal keeper in one of the episodes.

## CCYD REACHES 10,000 PODCASTS USING GCSE POD

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## EDUCATION MINISTER FOR WALES VISITS CCYD

Education Minister Kirsty Williams visited CCYD on the 10th of June to discuss the "New Curriculum For Wales". Joined by Huw Irranca-Davies (Assembly Member) and other guests Kirsty was given a tour of the school and facilities. The Minister then observed lessons via a learning walk and engaged with learners before sitting with the school council for a Q&A session. The Minister was very impressed with what she saw and commented on the good work that was being done at CCYD in preparation for the "New Curriculum". The Minister concluded her address to our learners saying that school should be more than just about exams, it is also about making students good, genuine, decent human beings who are positive about themselves and nice to others.



## YEAR 7 SKILLS CURRICULUM DEVELOPED FOR SEPTEMBER

The year 7 curriculum has been developed further for delivery in September 2019 in line with the new draft curriculum which was published in April. Departments have met to discuss the Skills/Challenge curriculum themes and have reviewed the content to further enhance the learning experiences of our Year 7 learners. Team Leaders have carefully considered the 4 purposes which are at the core of the personal development of learners and have mapped these across the themes. Literacy and numeracy skills are mapped across the themes and these are central to the learning experiences. We have seen a big improvement this year in attainment in the National literacy and Numeracy test outcomes which can be attributed to the success of the Skills/Challenge curriculum. We are currently working on developing themed projects to be delivered across 3 different Areas of Learning Experiences (AOLE's) in year 8 during the Autumn term. The AOLE's involved are Humanities, Expressive Arts and Science and Technology. We have also focused on learner independence and resilience during our Spring term learning walks. This allowed us to look at what resilience and independence qualities look like and also where there is evidence of this and best practice across the school. Following the learning walks we have developed whole school strategies in developing resilience and independence along with shared ideas through our T&L newsletter and host sessions across departments. This will continue to be a focus over the next year and beyond as it is central to developing the ambitious and capable learner skills. The posters are the 4 themes currently delivered in year 7 in the Skills/Challenge curriculum.



## MINI RUGBY SKILLS TOURNAMENT DAY BASED AT CCYD

CCYD recently pitched it's skills in a mini tournament against three other schools including Bryntirion, Maesteg and Bae Baglan. The morning consisted of a carousel of skills where learners learnt the basic skills of rugby. Each station was led by a WRU Hub Officer and included tackling, passing, carrying the ball correctly and kicking. The second part of the morning consisted of the learners putting those skills into practise and competed against the other schools in a mini tournament. The learners thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

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**PRESENTS**



# LEGALLY BLONDE



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METRO-GOLDWYN-MAYER  
MOTION PICTURE.

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**YEAR 11 BLACK-BELT TANG SOO DO GOLD MEDALLIST**



Year 11 learner Ffion Gleadhill has recently achieved her 1st Dan Black Belt. This is not an easy feat and comes with years of practise and discipline. Recently Ffion entered the Traditional Tang



Soo Do federation UK open in Cardiff and competed in the 16-18 age category against a very experienced field. Although she didn't come away with anything this time she was grateful for the experience and has future aspirations of competing at world level. Ffion has won Gold medals for both fighting and form at previous competitions and has already started an impressive collection.



**SUCCESSFUL BARCELONA TOUR 2019 - PE DEPARTMENT**

The PE department have yet again organised an inspirational half term experience for learners in years 7&8. This year they travelled to the city of Barcelona in Catalonia, Spain. Arranged in collaboration with @inspiresport, the boys enjoyed an amazing experience with visits to the largest stadium in Spain and indeed Europe, the Nou Camp, home of FC Barcelona as well as friendly games against local schools in both football and rugby. The hotel was very complimentary of the boys behaviour and attitude around the hotel and facilities, they were all a huge credit to the school. This was a fantastic trip for learners and staff alike with everyone arriving home safely having experienced a trip of a life time. Keep up to-date for the next trip by following the PE department on Twitter for all the latest and up to-date news @CCYD\_PE



**UKMT JUNIOR MATHS CHALLENGE 2019**

We are so proud to announce that 20 students in Year 7 and Year 8 took part in the UKMT (United Kingdom Mathematics Trust) Junior Maths Challenge. It's the UK's biggest national maths competition and CCYD scooped seven awards across years 7 and 8. The recipients of those awards are Ayden Nixon-Hall - Silver (Yr7), Rhys Bissmire - Bronze (Yr7) Liam Davies - Bronze (Yr7) Jake Greenslade - Bronze (Yr7) Adam Duke - Bronze (Yr7) Ceri Hill - Silver (Yr8) and Rhys Preston - Bronze (Yr8). These awards are very prestigious and few are usually won, so to take away so many from one school is an excellent achievement.



**OSPREYS TACKLE PROJECT**

CCYD Tackle learners were very fortunate to be invited to Llandarcy to view the Ospreys team training session, in preparation for the European Play offs. The group were invited to meet players and ask questions at the end of the session. The learners conducted themselves in a calm but confident manner and were able to get details from players regarding training, nutrition and also background details from players who were very accommodating and friendly, answering all the questions, signing autographs and having pictures taken. Learners reported that they very much enjoyed the session and were keen to grill the players about the sport, also very much appreciating the privilege of meeting the team. We would like to thank the Ospreys Community Staff for the invitation to attend the session. Good luck to the team for the play offs.



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**DURACEL BIG BATTERY HUNT**

Tom has been incredible collecting batteries for recycling within the local community. He has been entered into the National Prize draw with Duracell for his efforts. Fingers crossed he will win see more at the Big Battery Hunt. CCYD will continue to collect batteries for recycling even after the competition has closed.



The Eco committee were fortunate to meet with BCBC Waste and cleaner streets teams. They found out about decomposition of waste and the costs involved and some of the innovate ways in which waste collected such as the fuel pellets, although they were not sure how they felt about the coasters being made from recycled nappies! The Eco committee were enthusiastic and asked lots of questions and have lots of ideas they would like to take forward in the future to improve the school and community. Thank you to Angela and John for coming to talk to us.

**TRACEY WELLINGTON - HEADTEACHER**

I would like to thank all staff, governors, learners and parents/carers for your support throughout my first year. It has flown by and I am really proud of the achievements of our learners and the commitment and dedication shown by all staff. This term has been busy with examinations and I look forward to celebrating the results with our GCSE and 'A' level learners in August. I would also like to wish all the learners who are leaving us, the very best of luck with all future endeavours. Remember to be true to yourself, be positive and never be afraid of failure! I look forward to working with all stakeholders to secure our vision together and to ensure that we continue to drive CCYD onwards and upwards.

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