

CCYD NEWSLETTER

CCYD aspires to empower our community to be collaborative, resilient and reflective individuals who have the self-confidence to embrace challenge.



CCYD Learner Wellbeing

CCYD is proud to present its new outdoor wellbeing gym. Whether during Health & Wellbeing lessons, PE lessons or break/lunch times our learners have the opportunity to burn excess energy and keep fit with a range of fun and engaging sports equipment. Pictured below are our learners enjoying the new equipment whilst burning calories.



Maths Department - Maths Challenge

On Wednesday 2nd February 5 students in Year 9 and 5 students in Year 10 sat the UKMT's Intermediate Maths Challenge. It's a problem solving activity for the best Mathematicians in the UK and the top students receive an award. Shay Norris (Year 9) and Adam Duke (Year 10) achieved a Silver award. Ayden Nixon-Hall (Year 10) achieved a Bronze award. An excellent achievement.

English Department - OXPLORE Essay Writing Competition



Loveday Lock, year 8, entered an essay writing competition, organised by the University of Oxford. The competition was open to secondary school students in Wales, Cornwall and the South West of England. Loveday had to write a 750-word response to the essay title "Is there ever a moral justification for trophy hunting?" And she won!! From one of the judges: "This was my standout essay of the whole competition! Loveday's engaging introduction had me hooked from the start, and her closing sentences gave me goose bumps!" See the full story via our website <https://ccyd.co.uk/year-8-loveday-wins-oxplore>

Eco-Committee - Big Clean Up!

A BIG thank you to the Eco Committee for their commitment and courage for delivering assemblies this term to each year group on recycling and litter. They work hard each day and show great passion for our school environment. Well done to everyone involved and keep up the great work. Each member received their official badge and a complimentary chocolate egg.



Design & Technology Department - A Hive Of Activity

Years 11,12 & 13 learners are currently utilising the workshops to complete the practical element of their projects. Lots of exciting ideas being developed and manufactured from furniture to lighting and storage to disability aids. We are so excited to see the final results.

KS5 News - Seren Project

Year 13 learner Eeva Salo has applied to attend a University in Finland and has been selected to tell her story to SEREN. Keep an eye on the SEREN blog to read her story...

<https://serennetwork.blog.gov.wales/>

Brilliant Club News

During the spring term, a group of Year 12 learners have been completing "The Brilliant Club Scholars Programme". The Scholars Programme has given learners an experience of university learning. They have taken part in small group university-style tutorials delivered by a PhD tutor.



Positively You Revision Skills

Year 12 learners have been attending "Positively You" workshops to enhance their revision skills in preparation for the upcoming examinations. These highly interactive workshops have equipped learners with a range of effective revision and examination preparation techniques, alongside stress management techniques to help them to reduce exam stress.

Berwyn Park - Minors Memorial

On Monday 14th March Head Girl Millie Howell and Ellie-Mae Davies attended the Berwyn Park and Minors memorial Opening Ceremony. The Berwyn Centre was opened in 1902 and demolished in 2013. Many ex-pupils will have visited the Berwyn Centre to watch and take part in school shows.



Ospreys Tackle Project

During the Ospreys Tackle session the pupils decided to enhance their skills on being creative! A task was given to create a kicking tee made by the limited resources of cardboard, string and sellotape. Pupils were split into teams, a design had to be planned and agreed before pupils could create a model. Pupils worked on communication skills, teamwork, negotiation, problem solving and collaboration to create a model of a kicking tee, which was then used in the activity session, to test.

The winning team of Theo, Harvey and Sam or "Ferry RFC" gained the most points out of the 4 teams which showed their skill and accuracy to win the days' challenge. Well done all. This was a competitive session



bringing out some strong design ideas and good co operation to make this a very enjoyable session.



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Science Department - British Physics Olympiad

William, Ethan and Evan opted to be part of the British Physics Olympiad. This consisted of them attending online lessons and sitting a very challenging assessment, which was sent off and marked externally. The content of the paper was exceptionally difficult and it is a great achievement that Ethan and Evan were awarded a commendation and even more impressive that William achieved a bronze award. This competition is highly regarded by further education establishments and employers and certainly sets them up to progress in the field of Physics.



Art Department - Worry Monsters

This term I have been working on a well-being sculpture project with groups of Key stage 3 learners. They have designed their own imaginative worry monsters and made them in clay. The learners have been an absolute delight to work with; their enthusiasm and creativity has been commendable. They are looking forward to painting their models over the next few weeks. I will be visiting our feeder primary schools in the summer term to work on the project as a transition activity.

Motor Skills Group - Ospreys Six Nations Event

A group of selected learners from CCYD Motor Skills group went to the disability six nations event based at llandarcy academy of sport which was in collaboration with the Ospreys. The learners were able to try out lots of different activities including tackling, passing and kicking. The day was thoroughly enjoyable and the learners loved exerting all that built up energy throughout the day.



Welsh Baccalaureate Department - Enterprise Challenge

This term has been incredibly busy for Keys Stage 4 pupils in their Skills Challenge/Welsh Baccalaureate lessons.

Year 10 have worked on and completed their Enterprise Challenge and their work will be submitted to the examiners at WJEC in May.

There have been lots of successful businesses created and I definitely think Sir Alan Sugar may have to watch his job in the future as CCYD churns out some excellent entrepreneurs.



Year 11 and 13 have had the challenge of completing their 2,000 and 5,000 word Individual Projects this term and with the deadline fast approaching we have seen many of them step up and tackle this extended writing task to the best of their ability. The topics have been vast and incredibly interesting from mental health issues to inequality in sport, physical activity in the pandemic and whether vaccinations should be made compulsory. It is a challenging task rich in literacy and numeracy skills but they have challenged themselves and we couldn't



be more proud. I am certain many of them will achieve results they can be proud of this summer. Our Year 12 learners have focused on their Community Challenges since September with many working with our Year 7 learners as part of the Enrichment Programme on a Friday afternoon. They have coached sports clubs, run drama groups and raised money for charities whilst developing a real sense of community spirit at CCYD. This will run up until the end of the Summer Term and I am really proud of their contributions. Well done all!



Music & Drama Department - Congratulations To All.

Exam Success! It's been a very successful term for our talented musicians, who have achieved fantastic results across a wide range of external exams. These include Year 7's Jacob Michel, who achieved a Distinction in his Grade 4 Drum exam, Year 8's Esther Thomas-Bizjak, who achieved a Distinction in her Grade 6 Musical Theatre exam, Year 10's Lucie Webb, who achieved a Merit in her Grade 3 Piano Exam, Year 10's Rhys Bissmire, who achieved a Distinction in his Grade 5 Theory Exam, Year 13's Joshua Ryan, who achieved a Distinction in his Grade 7 Viola Exam and a Merit in his Grade 8 Composition exam and finally Year 13's Eeva Salo, who achieved a Merit in her Grade 8 Trumpet exam! Well done everyone! We're all incredibly proud of you.

CCYD presents the "School of Rock". Both the Drama and Music Departments have had a wonderful time rehearsing with our talented learners this term and cannot wait to be back on stage performing to you next term. The "School of Rock" will be taking place between Monday 4th and Thursday 7th July 2022 in the Main School Hall. Trust us, you do not want to miss it! Tickets will be available to buy after the Whitsun half term.

6th Form Gig. Our delightful Year 13 class: Toby BaImont, Tia Featham, Keira Hill, Eeva Salo and Benjamin Walker have been busy organising and rehearsing for their end of course Gig that will be taking place at Blaengarw Top Club on Friday 15th July 2022. It promises to be a fantastic evening of musical entertainment, with something for everyone on their varied set-list! Further details of how you can buy tickets will follow.

Virtual School Eisteddfod. Congratulations to all learners who submitted musical entries for our Virtual School Eisteddfod in March. We thoroughly enjoyed listening to all of their instrumental and vocal performances. The competition was won by Year 8's Jakob Farmer, who performed the song "Show Me the Magic" by the Super Furry Animals on the electric guitar. Ardderchog Jakob!



NO ONE CAN STOP THE SCHOOL OF ROCK



Headteacher - Tracey Wellington

Dear parents/carers and learners,

Hopefully you will find this newsletter informative and it will give you an idea of how busy it has been since September. It is wonderful to share the achievements of our learners with you. The school is once again an hive of activity and it has been wonderful to see our learners thrive in lessons and extra-curricular activities. We are so proud of them and it has been great to witness the vast amount of congratulations postcards that have been posted home along with those learners who through their efforts and attitude to learning made it into the Best of the Best category and received an easter egg for their endeavours.

All of our key stage 4 and 5 learners have been involved in wellbeing and revision sessions via Positively You and hopefully these have given them the skills to prepare for their imminent examinations. We know that this has been a very challenging time for them and they have one final hurdle to climb to survive the examination season. We will continue to support them throughout and endless revision sessions are being offered. I must also thank all staff who have been resilient and upbeat throughout the term. It is through their team work that we have been able to keep all year groups in school when staff numbers via Covid have been high.

I would also like to thank you for your continued support and take the opportunity to wish you and your families a peaceful Easter break.

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Mrs Tracey Wellington