

CCYD NEWSLETTER

CELEBRATING OUR LEARNERS

"Taking Pride"

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NUMERACY/ MATHS RESULTS

Year 11 CCYD learners collected their Numeracy and Maths GCSE results in January with lots of happy, surprised and mixed emotions. The department were very proud of their learners achievements and will now support/focus on trying to better those grades in the summer examinations. The Maths department run a number of clubs both during and after school to fully support our learners so if you would like to find out more then please ask your teachers or email the Maths department via the school website.



CCYD PE U15's FOOTBALL TEAM

A great effort to our CCYD U15's football team who gave it everything in the final round of welsh regionals competition but unfortunately lost 2-0 to a strong Dwr Y Felin team.



OSPREYS TACKLE 2024

The first session for Tackle for 2024 was a great lesson with the Royal Navy on board. After an informative back story video and discussion of instructions, a task was set of building an air compressed rocket. This was done as a small team task demonstrating good team work with great communication and enthusiasm. The learners took to this competitively and rockets were tested outside, measuring the furthest distance travelled as the most successful rocket. This was very closely scrutinised by the learners, all rockets successfully fired and flew! We are very grateful to the Ospreys Community staff for organising this event, also to the Navy visitors for their patience and support with the delivery of this activity.



CAREERS WALES@CCYD

CCYD values the importance of future pathways for all our learners and whether that's sixth form, college, university, apprenticeships or the world of work. To help our learners at CCYD we facilitate Careers Wales as a support and guidance mechanism for those who are unsure of their next steps and those wishing to utilise the knowledge, experience and guidance of the Careers Wales staff. Pictured below is our School Careers Advisor Paul James with some of our learners.



WELSH GOVERNMENT GRANTS FOR LEARNERS

Dear Parent/Guardian,

There is support available for Free School Meals and other School Essentials, but many parents/carers have not claimed the help available to them. We are writing to remind you of the



two types of support your child might be eligible for. Don't miss out on Free School Meals. School meals promote healthy eating, increase the variety of food your child might eat, and

can improve behaviour and social skills. If you receive certain benefits, or your circumstances have changed, check if you're eligible through Bridgend County Borough Council. The form is short and only takes a few minutes to complete. If your child already gets Free School Meals, there could be up to £200 of additional help available per child through the School Essentials Grant, plus extra funding for your school. The School Essentials Grant helps with the costs of School Essentials like uniforms and equipment to make sure they are ready for the school day. Please note, if your child is in receipt of Free School Meals, you will still need to apply separately for the School Essentials Grant to access all of the funding available. For support visit: www.gov.wales/get-help-school-costs

DO YOU NEED ANYTHING?

givesashout@ccyd.org.uk

If you need support then "give us a shout" via the email address above

This is our new discrete access point for any of your requests for support.



Do You Need
UNIFORM,
FOOD or
EQUIPMENT

CCYD RUGBY VISITS FEEDER PRIMARY SCHOOL

CCYD Rugby Hwb Officer Ethan Waters visited Blaengarw Primary school for their second session of Rugby training. The pupils all had a great time showing lots of enthusiasm and teamwork throughout the session. As part of the role Ethan visits all our cluster primaries to introduce Rugby to our future players and actively get children involved in sport.



OSPREYS TACKLE PROJECT

The "T" in tackle is for teamwork. Working together is a huge life skill and one that the learners have been working on recently with all that this includes, such as communication, supporting each other, working together, empathy, maturity, focus, goal setting, problem solving and



growth mindset. This is not a one off week practice, the learners have been working on this since the beginning of term and will continue to do so, to enhance their knowledge and abilities. The group are becoming leaders in their own rights and it is interesting to see the development and consideration taken for themselves and each other. It is exciting to watch and a reminder for us all that success for one, is success for all of us.

YEAR 8,9 &10 GIRLS RUGBY PREPARATION

Our CCYD rugby girls utilised a lunchtime session to practice their tackling this week. The girls will be involved in a number of rugby festivals over the coming weeks and months so each session is vital when developing a squad.



DYLAN SAGE RIDES FOR TEAM WALES

Super proud of CCYD learner Dylan Sage who flew to Apeldoorn in the Netherlands to represent Team Wales in the Junior Track cycling Championships. Dylan is a junior pro cyclist who I'm sure we'll see enter the "Tour de France" or ride in the Olympics. Aged only 16 Dylan is already sponsored by a pro team and destined for great things in the sport of cycling. Well done Dylan!.



NIA LEWIS SELECTED FOR U17's WALES TEAM

Congratulations to CCYD learner Nia Lewis who was picked for the U17's women's Wales Football Team. Nia gets to play two friendly matches against Belgium and Czechia in the coming weeks and hopefully gets on the score sheet as well as supporting team mates to win the games.. Nia wears the #6 jersey and is looking forward to the experience as she develops her career in the sport of football.



Get support with homework
Access IT equipment
Play educational games
Socialize and have fun!

Believe in Me

Hot food is given at the end of the club as a reward for attending

Homework Club
Every Monday after school in the library

CCYD DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY

Our budding CCYD GCSE designers are busy developing their ideas into scaled models this term. Chosen from a selection of briefs our learners have to create a solution to a problem and justify and evaluate each decision. As well as making a model the learners have to produce a folder of work that shows the design development of their idea. This folder looks at research of existing products, materials, product testing, annotated sketches, CAD/CAM, and technical drawings. We all look forward to seeing the end results.



CCYD CYMRAEG - YEAR 10 REVISION SESSIONS

Da iawn blwyddyn 10! Very proud of our eager learners in year 10 attending after school revision ready for their speaking exam! Gwaith ardderchog. Please utilise these after school sessions across all your subjects to give yourself the best chance in your exams.



DARE 2 EXPLORE PROJECT

Dare 2 Explore had a visit to the beach recently. Lots of skills were put into practice, from food prep, researching beach life and collecting new materials for crafts. We also completed a beach clean up with a short slot for some sand play. A very productive session with the luck of the weather with us for the day! We are looking forward to the next session and seeing what activities are coming up. Diolch pawb.



CCYD PE - YEAR 8 RUGBY FESTIVAL

Year 8 attended a great rugby festival recently. It was an absolute pleasure to take the 26 boys from CCYD, for two of those boys it was their first game ever and they thoroughly enjoyed it. A huge thank you to the hosts, Ysgol Bae Baglan for facilitating the event. Looking forward to next year already.



CCYD DRAMA DEPARTMENT - UWTSO

We are incredibly grateful to have been invited to the University of Wales Trinity Saint David visiting day to explore their courses within the performing arts industry. Year 10 had a great day exploring and trying new things including hip hop dance, choral and ensemble singing and even an acting workshop!



GARW SBGC SPORTS EQUIPMENT DONATION

A huge thank you to Garw SBGC for the fantastic donation of sports equipment to CCYD recently. This kind donation will enhance the experience of sport for our learners and allow multiple activities to be played at the same time. Thank you so much for your generosity @GARW_SBGC



CCYD DRAMA DEPARTMENT TRIP

The Drama department had the best evening at the Wales Millennium Centre watching the latest play "Pan Goes Wrong". It was pure comedy gold and an incredible learning experience for our budding performers. We even managed to get a photo with the main man himself! The learners thoroughly enjoyed the experience and were impeccably behaved, a pleasure to organise a trip for such a lovely bunch.



CAREERS EVENT - 6th FORM / YEAR 11

CCYD recently hosted a Career's event for our 6th form and year 11 learners to explain different roles and the entry routes for apprenticeships in a variety of sectors including:-

Social / Child Care – We Care Wales

Local Authority – BCBC

Armed Forces - Navy, Army and RAF

Sunbelt – Customer Services, Engineering, Construction Maintenance Mechanic, Driving, Electro Technical Police

NHS – Cwm Taf Morgannwg

Employers will share their career path and progression with learners. Learners will be able to have one to one conversation with the sectors they are most interested in and received material to support their future choices.



ARE YOU A YOUNG CARER?

- Are you under the age of 18?
- Do you help look after someone in your family?
- The person you look after could be ill, elderly, have a learning or physical disability, substance or alcohol misuse or a mental health condition

If you are a young carer we can:

Give one to one support

Information on carers issues

Peer support - including trips and monthly groups

Support to manage your caring role alongside your education

We also support Young Adult Carers aged 16 - 25.

Training opportunities

If you would like more information please contact **Bridgend Carers Centre**

www.bridgendcarers.co.uk
alissa.bevan@bridgendcarers.co.uk
[01656 658479 / 07776 532237](tel:01656658479)

CCYD MOTOR SKILLS GROUP

A fantastic trip to the Motor Skills Sport Wales event in Cardiff Met recently. Our learners who attend our very own CCYD Motor Skills Club on a Wednesday had the opportunity to get involved in a multitude of activities and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. There were lots of smiles all day as the event inspired those who attended. All the group now have the opportunity to go to the disability 6 Nations in March and we can't wait.



CCYD PE / RUGBY

The CCYD year 9 rugby girls team finally got the opportunity to play a game after the disappointment of last months festival being called off due to adverse weather conditions. Team coach and CCYD Rugby Hwb Officer Ethan Waters witnessed some very accurate passing, firm tackling and high energy skill levels during the game. We all can't wait to see the girls in their next game soon.



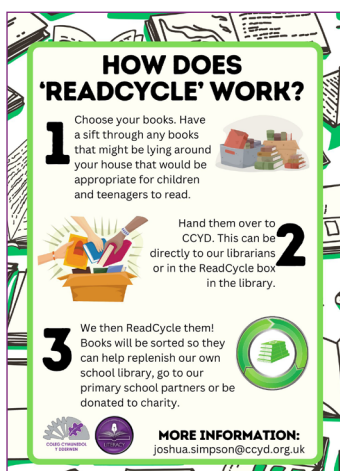
CCYD PE / RUGBY

The year 10 CCYD Rugby boys visited Cynffig School recently to challenge their year 10 team. Its was a great game of Rugby with both teams sticking to the rules and making the game easy to referee. We look forward to the boys reviewing the game in our next training session and working on set pieces and tactics for our next game.



CCYD LITERACY - READCYCLE

Donate your unwanted books to CCYD. We invite you to join our 'ReadCycle' book donation drive, a heartfelt initiative aimed at replenishing the stock at CCYD library. Your unwanted books can find a new home and purpose in the hands of eager learners. By donating to ReadCycle, you not only de-clutter your shelves but also contribute to fostering a love for reading within our community. Your generosity will help us build a stronger, more vibrant community through the power of literature.



CCYD PE / FOOTBALL

Good luck to CCYD year 8 learner Jesse Hampton who has been selected to play a Football Association of Wales regional football game between North & South Wales. He will be competing between now and May for a place in the Football Association of Wales U13's/U14's squad.



CCYD PE / FOOTBALL

What a brilliant game and an excellent win for our U13's CCYD football team beating a very challenging and physical Porthcawl team in the Bridgend Cup. A Great performance from every learner involved who worked as a team and battled the full 90 mins. Player of the Match = Niall Hayes.



CCYD PE / U18 FOOTBALL

After penalty shoot-out drama and a superb performance from our U18 football team they have beaten Lewis Bargoed 2-2 (3-1 on pens). They have made history making it to the quarter finals of the Welsh Cup. A first for CCYD. We could not be any prouder.



CCYD FUNDRAISING - WEAR RED FOR WALES

A huge thank you to all our learners / parents who donated towards the "Wear Red for Wales" in support of Velindre Hospital in Cardiff. We raised £252.59. Well done all.



CCYD HIGHEST ACHIEVEMENT POINTS AWARD

Congratulations to Year 7 learner Sian Beh for achieving the highest amount of achievement points throughout the whole school for this half term. Sian pictured (right) with our very proud head teacher Tracey Wellington after receiving her prestigious CCYD gift-boxed pen. Sian will now join our previous winners on our achievements gallery in the atrium.



An excellent achievement Sian, especially in year 7, keep up the hard work. Sian and Mrs Wellington are also supporting the "Wear Something Red" fundraising campaign in support of Velindre hospital by wearing a red top. Well done both.

CCYD PE - NEW KIT & TRAINING PREPARATION

Year 8 & 9 girls showing off their new kit, the learners said "wearing the kit is like a school uniform for sport, it makes us feel part of a team and we all feel proud to represent our school". A big thank you to @MacronNeath for supplying the kit. We had 17 girls at training this week in preparation for the RTP tournament, we look forward to seeing you give 100%.



CCYD PE - BRIDGEND CUP FOOTBALL

A cracking game this week in the U14's Bridgend Cup with our CCYD learners coming out on top with a 2-1 win. The team played a very strong Archbishop McGrath who couldn't quite match the determination and team.



TRACEY WELLINGTON - HEADTEACHER



Well that was a very swift five weeks! Once again it has been very hectic, especially for our learners sitting their external examinations in just over 10 weeks. The deadlines are fast approaching. Attendance for these learners is crucial with just over five weeks until the Easter break. Please encourage your child to attend all of the revision sessions on offer so that we can work together to support them through the examination season. Once again our newsletter is overflowing with a vast range of achievements and experiences. They really do make us proud! It's amazing to think that all of these events have been completed in such a short half-term. The student council have also been busy and have consulted with the school community over a summer uniform. They have done great research on this and their findings and proposals have been ratified by the governing body. Further information on this will soon follow. I would like to wish our whole community a relaxing half-term break!

CCYD MFL VISIT THE FRENCH INSTITUTE

15 CCYD Learners visited the French Institute based in Kensington/London as part of a trip organised by our Modern Foreign Language subject leader Miss Mari. The learners enjoyed looking at the multicultural shops & restaurants in the area (mostly French). The learners also watched "Le Temps des Secrets" from Marcel Pagnol in the French Institute and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. They asked lots of posing questions and behaved impeccably.



CCYD MUSIC - KS4 BTEC ASSESSMENTS

We're so proud of how well our KS4 BTEC learners have been preparing for their solo assessment week. Year 11's Jordan Tatchell is no exception. An



incredibly resilient & determined young man. Here he is pictured performing Ed Sheeran's "Photograph" on the piano. Hyfryd!. A true inspiration to others. Well done Jordan.



6th Form
Job
College
Higher Education

Post 16 Options Fair

YEAR 11 Parents / Carers / Learners

Thursday 22nd February 2024 3:30 to 5:30

Location: CCYD - Main Hall

READY

SET

CHOOSE

• Chat to your subject teachers about your options in the 6th Form

• Informal setting to speak to representatives from Bridgend College, Universities, apprenticeship providers and Careers Wales.

We look forward to seeing you!

HALF TERM @ HALO

Halo in Bridgend are offering FREE activities during the half term. Activities include: *Swimming, Dodgeball, Racket sports, Jumpingym, Bounce and Play.* Please visit the Halo website to see what's available and how to book.

Please visit the school website for all the latest information at www.ccyd.co.uk

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