CCYD NEWSLETTER CELEBRATING OUR LEARNERS CELEBRATING OUR LEARNERS



COLEG CYMUNEDOL Y DDERWEN

CCYD ATTENDS STEM SUMMER CAMP

STEM Summer Camp empowers young learners through Engineering and Innovation. A huge thank you to all the learners and staff who participated and supported in this 5 day camp based at Cardiff Met University during the summer holidays. The learners thoroughly enjoyed the camp and have been inspired by the experience. There is a video on the school website should you wish to learn more about the STEM summer camp at Cardiff Met University.



CCYD MUSIC - Bridgend Music

A HUGE diolch to the fantastic staff @Bridgend_Music for paying us a visit. Our Year 7 learners thoroughly enjoyed a varied programme of orchestral music & real life demonstrations of each instrument. Delighted to see peripatetic take up back to pre-COVID levels at CCYD.



CCYD IL DEPT- GREAT FRENCH BAKE OFF

To mark the European Day of Languages on 26th September 2025, the International Languages Department hosted its much-anticipated Great French Bake Off—a delicious celebration of European culture through baking!

Learners from across the school were challenged to bake a cake, dessert, or pudding inspired by a European country, and the results were as creative as they were mouth-watering. After much deliberation (and a lot of tasting!), we are thrilled to announce our three star bakers: Sophia Brown (Year 7), Ioan Hart (Year 8) and Arriana Slader (Year 9). A huge congratulations to our winners and a big thank you to everyone who took part. Your bakes brought Europe to life in the most delicious way possible! Bon appétit!



CCYD LEARNER SCHOLARSHIP

We are delighted to celebrate Morgan Garfield as he leaves CCYD to begin an exciting new chapter at Llandovery College on a scholarship. Having only taken up judo in 2022, Morgan's dedication and natural talent have already seen him represent Wales for the past three years, with an incredible gold medal in his debut competition. His achievements are a testament to his hard work and passion for the sport. We are immensely proud of him and wish Morgan every success in his future journey.







CCYD PE - GIRLS FOOTBALL

A fantastic turn out for the first girls training session of the new academic year. It was lovely to see so many girls engaging in sport and taking advantage of the extra curricular activities on offer. Playing team sports and exercising brings so many advantages to our learners. It helps build your confidence, allows you to be part of a team, develops your resilience and also form new friendships. Well done girls, we're all looking forward to the season ahead.









Protecting the privacy and security of all individuals on School Premises.

Thank you for your understanding and support in helping us maintain a safe and respectful school environment.

CCYD PE - YEAR 7&9 BOYS RUGBY

Both year 7 and 9 travelled to Llangynwyd recently with both teams representing the school shirt brilliantly despite their defeats. Lots more games to practice and improve as a team. The players of the match were Evan Kerslake Yr 7 & Zak Davies in Yr 9. Congratulations to all the boys, we are proud of you.





CCYD ENGLISH - YEAR 13 HAMLET TRIP

Year 13 learners from Coleg Cymunedol Y Dderwen had the exciting opportunity to attend a performance of Hamlet at the Chapter Arts Centre in Cardiff. The trip was part of their A-level English Literature studies, offering a chance to see one of Shakespeare's most iconic tragedies brought to life on stage. The production captivated learners with its modern interpretation, powerful performances, and thought-provoking direction. Learners were able to see

the emotional depth of Hamlet's character, the tension of the Danish court, and the timeless themes of revenge, madness, and betrayal—all elements they've been studying in class. Staff accompanying the trip



praised the learners for their engagement and thoughtful reflections during the post-show discussion. This enriching experience not only supported their academic learning but also deepened their appreciation for theatre and literature. A huge thank to the staff who helped make the trip a success.









CCYD PE - YEAR 7 BOYS FOOTBALL

WOW!! What a turnout for Year 7 Football training, we had 44 learners turn up ready to run around and show off their skills whilst enjoying their football at CCYD. Keep it up Year 7. Top effort, Really good to see youngsters doing exercise.



CCYD STUDENT SUPPORT

Our fantastic year 10 MLD learners made a start to clear areas of the school garden with Mrs Hudd recently. Mrs Hudd is our new outdoor numeracy and literacy LSO. It's amazing how quickly the weeds have grown over the Summer holidays so the learners were hard at work clearing them all up. At break time our learners were able to try some cucumber which was hand picked from the garden and cut in slices. "It's so rewarding being able to grow your own produce and eat it" they said..



CCYD GCSE RESULTS 2025

We are absolutely delighted with our learners' achievements this year. Their results reflect their hard work, resilience, and the unwavering support from staff and families. Once again there was a wonderful atmosphere in the atrium with strong bonds of friendships on display. It was fantastic to see families and the community together, supporting and celebrating our results.













CCYD A LEVEL / BTEC RESULTS 2025

We are delighted to share the outstanding achievements of our learners in this year's Level 3 examinations. At Coleg Cymunedol Y Dderwen, our learners have once again demonstrated commitment, resilience and ambition, achieving results that reflect their hard work and the unwavering support of our dedicated staff, parents and carers.















CCYD LEARNER SUPPORT - WELSH GOVERNMENT VISIT

We were privileged to welcome Welsh Government visitors from the Senedd recently to CCYD. Our learners were telling @vaughangething @cefincampbell @CThomasMS about our school and all about their hard work in the outdoor learning area which showcased our fruits, trees, vegetables, poly-tunnel, wild flower garden and sunflowers.









YEAR 9 - WINNING RISE AWARD

Some of our CCYD Year 9 learners completed the award winning Rise championed by ICAEW programme focusing on skill building, confidence and future work skills to help raise aspirations.









CCYD TACKLE PROJECT - YEAR 9

This week we are happy to announce the new cohort of Ospreys Tackle learners in year 9, who start their journey with Mel Sartain our Ospreys Community Officer. The group have already shown some great teamwork and passion for engagement in learning. They will continue to build on this and improve their employability skills as they progress. Great collaboration and impressive have a go attitude from the pupils are encouraging signs for this year. Diolch yn far pawb!













CCYD ECO MEMBERS

Our CCYD ECO members were keen to get to work in the garden at today as the weather was dry. They collected hops, marigold seeds and then tackled the path. The learners are committed to making a difference in our school garden.









CCYD PE - YEAR 7 RUGBY

An awesome team performance from our year 7 rugby boys against a very strong Cynffig team. We played excellent as a team which resulted in CCYD coming away with a 22-7 win. MOTM award went to Lucas Jones for his evasive running with the ball in hand.



CCYD GARDENING CLUB

Our after school gardening club continued with the ongoing task of weeding the path. It doesn't take long for those pesky weeds to come back. Unfortunately with no weed killer its all manual removal for these guys. As we tell the learners, doing something is better than doing nothing.





CCYD GARDENING CLUB

Some 11MLD learners making a start on the tidy up of the garden with Mrs Hudd







INTERNATIONAL MARTIAL ARTS

CCYD is proud to announce that three of its outstanding learners, Sophie Blackwell, Will Hinkin and Louie Kinsey have been selected to represent Wales at the International Combat Organisation World Championships 2025, which will be held in Swansea, Wales. These 3 martial artists all train at the LC Martial Arts school in the Garw and Ogmore Valley. The prestigious world championship event brings together elite martial artists from around the globe, and Sophie, Will and Louie's selection is a testament to their dedication, discipline, and talent in the sport. Their journey serves as an inspiration to others and a reminder of what can be achieved with passion and perseverance. Good luck, Sophie, Will and Louie, CCYD is behind you all the way!



CCYD IL DEPT - CROCHET CLUB

There is truly no better moment in a teacher's career than when learners feel confident enough to become leaders! Amaya and Sian are the 2 fantastically patient leaders of this new Crochet Club which meets on a weekly basis.











CCYD PE - U14 BOYS FOOTBALL

An unbelievable game of football. Winning, losing and drawing throughout. After being 7-5 up with two minutes left, our U14 boys ended up drawing 7-7 and then went on to beat Cwmtawe 6-5 on penalties. Massive congratulations to the boys. MOTM Zac Povey.



CCYD STAFF SPOOKY BAKE SALE

Our Fabulous PTFA staff arranged a Halloween themed bake sale in order to raise money for the PTFA fund. There were cakes, hot drinks and a raffle on offer at this lunchtime event.





RAFFLE WINNER Mr Josh Simpson

CCYD PE - KS3 GIRLS FOOTBALL

With the next round of Welsh Cup games around the corner, this incredible team of girls are still working hard notching up a 6-0 win in their recent KS3 game. Goal scorers: Freya, Mia, Lucie, Melody & SofiaT. A big shout out to our very own U15's Captain Lily for her excellent refereeing. Thank you.



CCYD PE - U13's GIRLS FOOTBALL

Unlucky to our CCYD U13 girls football team this week losing out to Bryntirion in the second round of the Welsh Cup. An excellent all round performance full of positivity, resilience and girl power but unfortunately today just wasn't our day! Onwards and upwards, we can do this girls!



CCYD LEARNER OF THE HALF TERM

Each Half term our Heads Of Year (Pastoral Leads) nominate a learner in recognition of their outstanding effort, positive attitude and commitment to learning. Each learner receives a certificate, a voucher and a photograph displayed at school.

























Year 7: Rhiann Mathath

Since joining secondary school in September Rhiann has made steady and encouraging progress both academically and socially. Initially quiet and reserved, Rhiann has gained confidence in participating in class discussions and group activities. Rhiann's enthusiasm for learning is infectious where she demonstrates a curiosity and a willingness to improve. Rhiann was elected as Form rep for 7M and has adapted well to the new routines and expectations of secondary school life, showing increasing independence and responsibility in managing homework and meeting deadlines. With continued support and encouragement, Rhiann is well-positioned to thrive in the coming months.

Year 8: Joshua Miles

Joshua is a dedicated and studious learner, always approaching his studies with genuine enthusiasm and a positive attitude. Joshua is polite and respectful in all interactions and he carries himself with quiet confidence.

Year 9: Anaya Newton

Anaya is an outstanding example of what it means to be a dedicated and responsible learner. She is polite, hardworking, and conscientious. As a form rep, she takes initiative and shows genuine commitment to making a positive difference. Anaya has 264 positive award points and 100% attendance. She asks thoughtful questions in lessons to deepen her understanding, demonstrates independent skills and always strives to exceed expectations.

Year 10: Riley Williams

Riley scored 100% on his higher tier maths test. A brilliant result! Riley has a fantastic work ethic and he has approached each subject with confidence, focus, and a strong sense of dedication that sets a great foundation for success.

Year 11: Phoebe Evans

Phoebe is a model learner - brilliant yet always modest in her achievements. She is consistently well-mannered, focused, and dedicated to her studies, approaching every task with quiet determination and a clear drive to succeed.

Year 12/13: Ruby Hughes

Ruby has come back to Year 13 and shown huge resilience. She has kept her head down, focused on her studies and shown determination to reach her goals. She goes about 6th form life with a quiet strength. She is always immaculately presented, in correct school uniform and conducts herself as a role model for other learners.

WORLD CHAMPION MARTIAL ARTISTS AT CCYD

We're incredibly proud to celebrate the achievements of three exceptional martial artists who represented Wales at the International World Combat Championships 2025 in Swansea. Sophie Blackwell stunned the world by becoming World Champion in TWO disciplines, extreme weapons and extreme creative forms, showcasing unmatched skill, determination, and versatility, Sophie then went on to win a Silver medal for Creative Weapons, Bronze Medal for Creative Form, Bronze Medal for Traditional Form, Bronze Medal for Traditional Weapons, Bronze Medal for Fighting and a 4th Place in the Grand Champions open hand Forms. Will Hinkin earned a bronze medal in Creative Weapons, impressing judges with his precision and artistry. Louie Kinsey fought his way to a bronze medal in Fighting, demonstrating true grit and warrior spirit. These athletes have not only brought pride to Wales but have also inspired a new generation of martial artists. Diolch yn fawr and congratulations to all three!

Sophie Blackwell WORLD CHAMPION

International World Combat Championships 2025

Congratulations Sophie

A Credit to LC Martial Arts School & CCYD School. COMMITMENT, RESILIENCE, RESPECT & DISCIPLINE

World Champion - Extreme Creative Forms World Champion - Extreme Weapons

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Silver Medal - Creative Weapons Bronze Medal - Creative Form Bronze Medal - Traditional Form Bronze Medal - Traditional Weapons Bronze Medal - Fighting

4th Place in Grand Champions Open Hand Forms

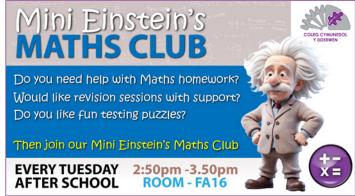






CCYD MATHS - MINI EINSTEIN'S CLUB

Lovely to see so many learners at our new Mini Einstein's after school Maths Club! With support from both teachers and 6th form representatives, the learners are fully engaged in learning methods, completing tasks and enjoying challenges.









CCYD CYMRAEG - LLANGRANNOG TRIP

Am benwythnos! What a weekend! The Welsh department took 45 learners to Llangrannog on Friday 17th - Sunday 19th October. There were so many activities on offer including skiing, go-karting, quad biking and Archery! We also can't forget the lovely 2 hour walk up a mountain to get to the beach and I know Miss Winters is very grateful for the boost from Cai Gregory and Daniel Stephenson on the way back! We are so proud of our learners, they were well behaved during all the activities and we look forward to taking more groups in the future. A big shout out to Mr Grigg, Mrs Whitney-Embleton, Miss Winters and Mrs Michel for giving up their weekend to provide these learners with a weekend they will never forget!



CCYD PE - NATIONAL URDD 5-A-SIDE TOURNAMENT

Our year 7/8 and 9/10 boys and girls football teams travelled to represent the school in the National Urdd 5-a-side tournament. The results at the end of the day were Year 9/10 Girls - Group Stage Year 9/10 Boys and Year 7/8 Girls - Quarter Finals Year 7/8 Boys - Semi finalists. Well done all, brilliant experience and a target to beat next year.



CCYD IL - FRENCH INSTITUTE TRIP

On Saturday 11th October the IL (International Languages) Department at CCYD and learners embarked on a road trip to London with Porthcawl Comprehensive school. Eating snacks, making friends and a quick stop at Reading services made the outgoing journey go very fast. We arrived in Kensington, located the French institute and off the learners went exploring shops such as Harrod's, many eateries including the kids favourite Burger King and 2 hours of freedom from staff. A special mention to Zak E. and Shay D. for walking all the way to Buckingham Palace and Chelsea stadium! Well done boys!. The learners then all convened at the French institute to watch an extremely powerful film called 'La plus Preceuse des Marchandies' (The Most Precious of Cargoes) and we'd definitely recommend you watch it especially if you are studying / interested in history. The weather was so lovely and our group of learners were so good at time keeping we decided to give them a little more freedom after the film before going home. Of course on the return journey we had a little stop at another services (Delamere this time ...variety is the spice of life!) ...what a fab little day we had! Are you interested? Will you be taking part next year? come and see the IL department to find out more. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6gW-rrODeLs

















CCYD is proud of its staff for organising and successfully running school trips. They are important because they provide learners with hands-on learning experiences that deepen their understanding of subjects taught in the classroom. They also help develop social skills, independence, and confidence by exposing learners to new environments and challenges. The learners certainly enjoy them!



CCYD D&T - YEAR 6 OPEN EVENING

Noisy fun in the D&T department at our Year 6 open evening. Learners experienced a carousel of activities including the laser cutter making acrylic keyrings, a mini furniture assembly project and our famous hammer accuracy test which we're pleased to announce our headteacher passed with flying colours. We look forward to seeing all our new problem solving creative designers next September!







CCYD PE - U13's GIRLS FOOTBALL

CCYD U13 girls came away with an excellent result in the first round of the Welsh Cup. So proud of them, a very solid team performance. A huge thank you to Alisha and Lily for some top refereeing.





CCYD PE -YEAR 10 & 8 BOYS RUGBY Both Year 10 and Year 8 boys won their matches against Bryntirion. The stand out player performances of the match go to both Jenson Swift /yr 8 and Rohan Davies (yr 10).



CCYD LEARNER SUPPORT

New Emotion and Control board in Learner Support was finished recently and it's already a big hit with our learners. Allowing our learners to help with the creation of such displays means firstly they understand the message and secondly they are proud to show the display to peers and can explain/describe the meaning/reasoning for it.





CCYD LEARNER SUPPORT

Lots of hard work at the CCYD Gardening Club with Mrs Hudd and Mrs Grant. Our learners thoroughly enjoyed the experiences (and the weather). The learners worked on weeding, watering, planting and clearing during their lunchtime. A fantastic activity for our learners well-being. Garden Club is on Wednesday lunchtime and Thursday after school. Please see Mrs Hudd if you are interested in helping.





CCYD PE - U18's BOYS FOOTBALL

Extremely proud of the effort shown from our U18 football team recently against a strong Olchfa team narrowly losing out 1-0 in the Welsh Cup. A fantastic group of boys who gave it everything on the pitch Unlucky lads!! Well played all and good luck to Olchfa in the next round.



CCYD PE - YEAR 8 BOYS FOOTBALL

Congratulations to a strong opposition Gwyr side recently who beat our year 8 football boys 4-1 in the Welsh Cup. A tough battle on the pitch with some superb football. Good luck to Gwyr in the next round as we go back to training!



CCYD PE - U15's BOYS FOOTBALL

Fantastic game of football for our CCYD U15 boys team who beat Bryntirion 3-1 in the @WelshSchoolsFA Welsh Cup. A huge shout out for his superb strikes to Jesse Hampton to secure the win.



CCYD PE - YEAR 7&9 BOYS FOOTBALL & RUGBY

What a term of sports! This time we were away to Bryntirion. Year 9 gave a great account of themselves against a strong Bryntirion side despite having many boys missing and year 7 bounced back from a loss last week to a convincing win.





CCYD PE - GIRLS FOOTBALL

Well done to these ladies recently on a tough battle in the Welsh Cup away to Plasmawr. Not the result we wanted but plenty of positives to take from it, we'll go back to training and work harder. Heads up girls - we go again!!



CCYD PE - YEAR 7 BOYS FOOTBALL

A superb game of football recently in Swansea for our Year 7 football team who beat Ystalyfera 3-2 in the Welsh Schools FA Welsh Cup. Man of the Match goes to our very own Lucas Jones with two cracking precision strikes. Da Iawn all.



CCYD LEARNERS TEST NEW FITNESS APP

A group of our learners were selected to take part in an exciting opportunity of testing and evaluating a new health and fitness application before it launches live on Apple store. The creator of the 'Bia.male' fitness, Gary Trembath, attended the school on Friday 26th September to present the app's features and functions. He then presented the learners with an instruction guide on how to download the app free of charge to use it and provide valuable feedback before its intended launch on the Apple store platform.



CCYD PE - YEAR 10 BOYS OSPREYS CUP

Year 10 rugby boys showed some great character against a well organised Llangynwyd in the Ospreys cup recently. They unfortunately came away with a loss but lots of positives to build on now for our next fixtures in the coming weeks.





CCYD LOUIE KINSEY

Year 9 learner Louie Kinsey recently competed over the weekend and came away with the prestigious Tang Soo Do Grand Champion belt after achieving a Gold medal for his weapons form, a Gold medal for sparring and then the Grand Champion for forms. Louie also gets to represent Wales in the 2025 World Championships and we wish him all the very best. Super proud Louie, well done.





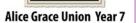
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Please download the App and contact the school for your login codes.

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HIGHEST ACHIEVEMENT POINTS OF THE WEEK

CONGRATULATIONS



Kenzo-Jay Hamer Year 11





Carys Moyle-Seal Year 11

POINTS OF THE WEEK CONGRATULATIONS



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Chantelle Short Year 10



Amelia Byrne Year 7

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Year 10: Paul.Franklyn@ccyd.org.uk Year 11: Beverley.Hill@ccyd.org.uk Year 12/13: Rhian.Wilson@ccyd.org.uk

TRACEY WELLINGTON - HEADTEACHER

As we reach the end of what has been a long and first half-term, we want to take a moment to congratulate all of our learners on their outstanding achievements. Your hard work, determination and resilience have been truly impressive, and we couldn't be prouder of everything you've accomplished. We are particularly proud of those learners who have had the incredible honour of representing Wales in their respective sports. This is a remarkable achievement that reflects not only your talent and commitment, but also the values of excellence and perseverance that we champion at Coleg Cymunedol Y Dderwen. Well done to everyone – you've set a fantastic standard for the rest of the year, and we look forward to seeing what you'll achieve next term! We would like to wish the best of luck to all those sitting examinations in November.

Warm Regards, Tracey Wellington.