



NEWSLETTER

Welcome!

TERM DATES

Welcome to our KS5 newsletter! In this newsletter you will find examples of what pupils have been up to in school since December. We are excited to share with you some student successes and achievements, examples of pupils' work and some key information.

We would like to thank all parents and carers for your continued support this term.

Easter Break:
Monday 25th march
To
Friday 5th April

Summer term
Monday 8th April
to
Friday 24th May

Half Term
Monday 27th May
to
Friday 31st May

Monday 3rd June
to
Friday 19th July

Head of Sixth form's message

This Spring term has been a busy one for sixth-form students. Their mocks took place in January, allowing students to experience the rigors of A-level exams. Staff have been working very hard to support students in developing a range of revision techniques, such as the Blurting Method, The Leitner box, and The Feynman technique. In a recent analysis, it was interesting to see the correlation between revision and results. The more revision techniques students used, including past paper practice and reference to mark schemes, the higher the results. Students have been asked to reflect on their mock results and identify improvements they need to work on such as more revision, timed past paper practice to improve exam technique, or addressing any misconceptions.

Good Friday - Friday
29th March
Easter Monday -
Monday 31st March
**May Day Bank
Holiday** - Monday 6th
May
Spring Bank Holiday -
Monday 27th May
Royal Welsh Show -
Monday 22nd July -
Thursday 225th July





Arwyn Walby, Year 12 student received his first football international cap for Welsh Schools U18 on Thursday 18th January when he played in the U18 International fixture against Australia.

Arwyn was also represented the U18 Welsh Schools in the international fixture against England in February and against Scotland in the Centenary Shield in March. Congratulations Arwyn.



Arwyn also travelled to Rome last month, where he played as part of the Welsh Schools Football Under 18 team, winning the 2024 Torneo Caput Mundi - After a win against Canada schools 4-2, a 2-1 loss against San Marino U18s and a 3-1 win against Denmark schools, Wales progressed through to the final where they were to meet local rivals England. After a hard fought scoreless match, Wales came out on top 4-3 on penalties.

Very well done Arwyn, we are very proud of all you have achieved.



Arwyn also regularly makes the Squad for Hereford FC when he is not representing Wales. Keep it up.



South Powys U18 Boys Basketball Competition

Congratulations to the Calon Cymru boys involved in the U18 Basketball Competition. Despite playing against stronger opposition both the A team and the B team acquitted themselves really well and all boys can be proud of how they represented the school. Well Done Boys!



CFFI Wales Junior YFC Member of the Year



Congratulations to Tori Davies, Year 12 who was awarded The Junior Member of the Year 2024-2025 earlier this month at the All Wales Finals held at Theatre Brycheiniog. Tori is a member of Howey YFC. Well Done.





The Powys Teaching Health Board has continued to support our Health and Social Care and Childcare Students with authentic experiences to complement their A-level teaching. The Academy they have developed also informs our students of career pathways in the health and social care sectors and of the pathways available within Powys. This has been a valuable addition to Sixth form provision.

Aberyswyth University Visit

Recently 10 year 12 students attended a taster day of lectures at Aberyswyth University for Geography, Law, Art, Engineering, Agriculture, Veterinary and Life Sciences. It was an informative and interesting day for all.



Year 13 - Post 18 Pathways

70% of our year 13 students have applied for university courses and the remaining students are applying for apprenticeships, work and a few are intending to take a year out and gain some life experiences through travel and volunteering. Year 13 parents will be invited to a TEAMS information webinar evening on the next steps, including student finance, and clearing on the 15th of April 2024. Our students must continue to attend all lessons to maximize their academic potential leading up to the exams in the Summer.



Year 12 - Post 18 Pathway preparation and work experience

Year 12 are currently working with form tutors to identify their pathway for post-18 options. Work experience is a valuable opportunity to confirm whether a particular career path is feasible. Work experience is the week beginning 1st July 2024. All students are expected to find a placement by Easter to support their applications in the future. Employers in Powys are very keen to support students with work placements and I would encourage students to start applying as soon as possible. We will be using the UNIFROG platform to administrate the work placement, so look out for any emails from UNIFROG over the next few months, and please keep an eye on your junk email as well to ensure these notifications aren't missed. Year 12 parents will be invited to an information evening in the Summer term to explain the UCAS application process for university courses and apprenticeships.





RSE

RSE topics covered this term for years 12 and 13 included a practical session in our kitchens for cooking on a budget and all students have been given a Sixth Form Recipe book, contributed to by staff. In addition, year 12 have looked at the value of voluntary work experience and placements, and year 13 students were informed about how to apply for student finance and how to manage their finances through budgeting and money-tracking apps.

NEA Deadlines

All students are working hard to meet deadlines for NEA work and assessments. We thank you for your continued support in ensuring students meet these deadlines to secure the marks towards the qualifications, whilst giving students adequate, unpressured time to focus on the exams in the Summer. Tutors and staff are more than willing to support students with managing their time effectively during study periods in the day to allow students to have time for well-being and self-care when learning how to manage the work/life balance and reduce stress.



World Down Syndrome Day

Join us on Thursday 21 March

The 'Lots Of Socks' campaign is a celebration of everything that makes all of us different, and yet the same.

Wear your brightest and boldest socks to celebrate World Down Syndrome Day!

#LotsOfSocks
Join us on 21 March 2024

Staff and students will be supporting World Down Syndrome day on Thursday 21st March by wearing Odd Socks to school!



Notices/Reminders:

Exam Stress Support tips for parents

Exam time can be as stressful for parents as it is for students. So how do you help teenagers stay calm, motivated and reach their full potential?

HERE ARE SOME TIPS TO SUPPORT THEM:

- MAKE SURE THEY ARE EATING AND DRINKING AT REGULAR INTERVALS
- HELP YOUR CHILD GET ENOUGH SLEEP
- BE FLEXIBLE DURING EXAMS
- HELP THEM STUDY
- TALK ABOUT EXAM NERVES
- ENCOURAGE EXERCISE DURING EXAMS
- MAKE TIME FOR TREATS
- REWARD EFFORT RATHER THAN RESULTS
- JUST BE THERE FOR YOUR CHILD

ABC BITE SIZE FAMILY LIVES NHS YOUNG MINDS

For any other Emotional Health and Wellbeing Services, please click [here](#) or scan the QR code.

Chwched Powys Sixth Lanyards

Wear your ID badge and lanyard!

WHY?

To keep you safe!

Your safety is our priority. Wearing your ID badge and lanyard will help to make all our staff happy to take you to school in school and who's your's. Everyone MUST wear their lanyard and ID badge at all times. Otherwise, if you have lost your lanyard, please email Mrs Price for a replacement.

YCC SIXTH FORM: Keeping Everyone Safe

Sixth Form Expectations

- Wear your lanyard and ID badge.
- Sign in and out of campus on the sign-in sheet.
- Check emails and Teams daily.
- Attend ALL lessons and tutorial session.
- Inform Mrs Price and teachers if you are absent and request and catch up work missed.
- Bring your laptop fully charged and charging lead to every lesson.
- Switch off and put mobile phones away when leaving the Sixth Form Centre and Bulth Common rooms.

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Gwybodaeth Cyswllt/Contact Information

I gysylltu ag aelod o staff/To contact a member of staff:
Campws Llandrindod/Llandrindod Wells Campus
Ffôn / Phone 01597 822992
office@caloncymru.powys.sch.uk

News about Ysgol Calon Cymru can be found on our website or, for our latest news, you can also follow us on Facebook or Instagram:

www.ysgolcalon.cymru



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Notices/Reminders:

- School Nurse Drop In - will restart after Easter Holidays. Anyone wishing to have a referral please contact Miss Rhys-Jones: rhys-jonesr5@hwbcymru.net
- Youth Work - Our new Youth Worker, Hannah Harrop, will be starting on Monday 8th April. If you would benefit from a weekly check in session, please let a member of staff know.

Dates to remember:

8th April – Year 12 Physical Geography Trip

22nd – 24th April – Art Exam

24th & 26th April – Year 13 Biology Practical Exam

1st & 3rd May – Year 13 Physics Practical Exam

8th & 10th May – Year 13 Chemistry Practical Exam

9th May – Summer Exam season Commences (Individual timetables given to students)

27th June – Year 13 Prom

1st – 5th July – Year 12 (into Year 13) Work Experience

9th July – Year 12 Geography Fieldwork

15th -17th July – Gold DofE Expedition

- VESPA study resources and Independent Learning Guides on TEAMS and Moodle which can be accessed via the school website

There is a wealth of revision resources available on the school website here:

<https://vle.caloncymru.powys.sch.uk/course/view.php?id=521>

Revise Wales resources: <https://revise.wales/alevel>

HWB Powerup resources: <https://hwb.gov.wales/resources/power-up/as-and-a-level-learners>

- UCAS and UNIFROG guides are also available on TEAMS and Moodle

NB: Absences need to be emailed to pricel466@hwbcymru.net and teacher of lessons missed asking for work to be emailed or put on teams





We are pleased to announce that Ysgol Calon Cymru has now achieved the Bronze Award. The pupils and staff have worked hard in achieving this status and it shows, as the quality of Welsh is improving year after year. Llongyfarchiadau bawb!

The objective of the Siarter Iaith (Language Charter) is to promote a strong Welsh ethos in schools and to provide a range of enriching activities that propel the children to enjoy learning Welsh. The Siarter Iaith exhorts participation from every member of the school community and the Criw Cymraeg are instrumental in leading and driving the Siarter Iaith forward.



To ensure that all efforts are rewarded, the Charter is based on the principle that schools follow challenging but attainable targets in connection with promoting the use of the Welsh language. The Criw Cymraeg's current targets are:

1. to encourage pupils and staff to use incidental Welsh around the school and to reward them for their efforts in speaking Welsh.
2. to help pupils and staff to develop their Welsh language skills and knowledge of Welsh history and culture.
3. to listen to more Welsh music.

What's next? Beth sy'n nesa?

We never stop thinking of ways to improve here in the Criw Cymraeg. Here are just some examples of activities and events that we will be working on this year:

We will continue to reward both pupils and staff for speaking Welsh in and out of the classroom by awarding pupils with a 'Credyd Cymreictod'.

We will continue to monitor the use of Welsh in classrooms and around the school.

We will organise activities and events to celebrate key dates/ events in the Welsh calendar.

Continue to develop our Criw Cymraeg page on the school website, where we'll be able to share with you our work.

We will continue to develop the use of Welsh at Ysgol Calon Cymru with the aim of achieving the Silver Award.



Of course, to realise our aim we need your help. Supporting the learning and enjoyment of the Welsh language at home (including use of Welsh Language learning apps – Duolingo/Quizlet/Say Something in Welsh), engaging in school activities focussed on Welsh, and helping your child/children understand the history, tradition and importance of our wonderful language.

A significant number of our staff, new and old, have attended Welsh for Adults courses. If parents/carers are interested in learning or improving their Welsh on such a course, please do get in touch or search online under 'Learn Welsh':

<https://learnwelsh.cymru/about-us/providers/aberystwyth-university/>



At Ysgol Calon Cymru, we strongly believe that the Welsh language belongs to us all: fluent speakers, learners and those who are shy about their Welsh. It's our language and it's our place to look after it and nurture it for future generations. We sincerely thank you for your support and please contact us with any ideas/suggestions for this important area of school life. Diolch!