



Lliswerry News

Summer Edition 2017

Dear Lliswerry Parents, Carers and Learners

The end of another academic year is fast approaching and we are busy preparing for the next already. I have been very pleased to be able to do much of this work with Mr Davies so that the handover for September will go smoothly.



The public examinations are over and we have enjoyed saying farewell to Year 13 as they prepare for the next stage in their lives. Many are looking forward to university and are planning this next important step carefully. Year 11 Founders' Day and the Prom were very enjoyable events and this year group, along with year 13, are now enjoying a well-earned rest after the hard work preparing for the exams. We look forward to the results in August:

Results Days

Sixth Form Results	17 August 2017
Key Stage 4 Results	24 August 2017

I would like to congratulate learners and teachers for working so hard

Learners should come into school between 9.30am and 12.30pm on the relevant day and use the front door entrance. Results will be issued in the school hall.



Year 11 Prom 2017

Back in school, the timetable has “rolled over” and so each year group has progressed up a year and started their new courses. This early start enables us to maintain focus on learning and gives everyone a boost at the time of the year when energies could drop.



A number of learners throughout the school have been involved with our welcome for the new intake for September and we would like to thank them for this. We recognise that coming to the High School can seem like a big move and we have worked closely with our cluster schools and introduced a number of new transition activities in the last few years to help with this. Our New Intake Evening and the Moving Up Day have gone well and our new learners have started their journey with us.

We are looking forward to working with our new September 2017 intake and their families.

As the end of term approaches, we look forward to the Summer Showcase and Sports Day. These both provide learners with opportunities to share their talents and also to have some fun. Last year the staff Tug of War brought out some very competitive streaks!

At the end of the academic year, we are saying our farewells to some staff who are leaving Lliswerry High School. On behalf of the school, I would like to thank them all for their many years of dedication and hard work for the school, the learners and their families. They have all played their part in making Lliswerry High School the school it is today and we thank them for their commitment to the school.

Thank you and farewell to the following staff:



Mrs Davies, Mr Jones, Mr Morgan & Mrs Perkins Over 120 years experience at the school



Mr Bohana, Mrs Rawlings Miss O'Keefe, Mrs Morgan

We wish you all happy and rewarding new challenges





Finally, as this is my last term, I must state publicly that I have really enjoyed my 7 years as Headteacher. Thank you to the community for all the kind messages I have received both personally and about the huge improvements we have made in recent years throughout the school. This has been a team effort and as a school, we are rightly proud of the progress we have made and will continue to make. I am confident that Mr Davies will build on this and that the school will go on to even greater heights.

Wishing all learners and their families, governors and staff a restful and enjoyable summer holiday.

Alyson Mills
Headteacher



Well Done Lliswerry High!

We have reached our attendance target for this academic year and this is for the 3rd year. As we have said before, there is a clear link between good attendance and good outcomes in examinations.

Good Attendance supports Good Exam Results

Uniform

Please make sure your uniform meets the School Uniform Policy

Our uniform policy is available on the school website so please check that what you are considering buying meets the policy.

It has been brought to our attention that some shops are selling "School Uniform" that is not compliant with our policy.

In particular, please ensure:

- Skirts are no more than 7cm above the knee.
- Trousers are not tight to the leg and are tailored, classic cut.
- Black jeans are NOT acceptable or trousers with rear patch pockets.

Lliswerry High School
Ysgol Uwchradd Llys-werr

OUR ACCEPTABLE SCHOOL UNIFORM RULES:

Girls:

- ✓ Blazer
- ✓ Black cardigan
- ✓ Blue blouse tucked in with top button closed
- ✓ Velcro tie worn correctly
- ✓ Black skirt no more than 7cm above the knee or black classic cut trousers
- ✓ Totally black footwear
- ✓ Discreet makeup only, no false eyelashes
- ✓ Any head dress worn for religious reasons must be black if worn
- ✓ Thick black tights or black/white ankle socks

Boys:

- ✓ Blazer
- ✓ Black V-neck sweater
- ✓ Blue shirt tucked in with top button closed
- ✓ Velcro tie worn correctly
- ✓ Black classic cut trousers
- ✓ Black socks
- ✓ Totally black footwear

WHAT IS NOT ACCEPTABLE SCHOOL UNIFORM:
Hoodies or sweatshirts, skin tight trousers/jeans/leggings, facial piercings, false nails or nail varnish, no more than one stud in each ear and hair must be of a natural colour.

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Year 10 Welsh Baccalaureate Community Challenge

During the Spring Term 10RHM, 10GMK and 10GR were focussing on their Community Challenge for their Welsh Baccalaureate qualification. Their Community Challenge activity was to support the improvement of a specific school area, by helping to develop a garden area that will encourage native flora and fauna to benefit the school community. The learners have planned a community garden, they worked extremely hard to clear and plant their gardens including flowers, fruit, and vegetables as well as making a bird house to attract native birds. The learners have worked exceptionally hard and have made a huge difference to the school community so that learners can enjoy the outdoor space. They have also developed their organisation, teamwork and problem solving skills.

The site before the Challenge



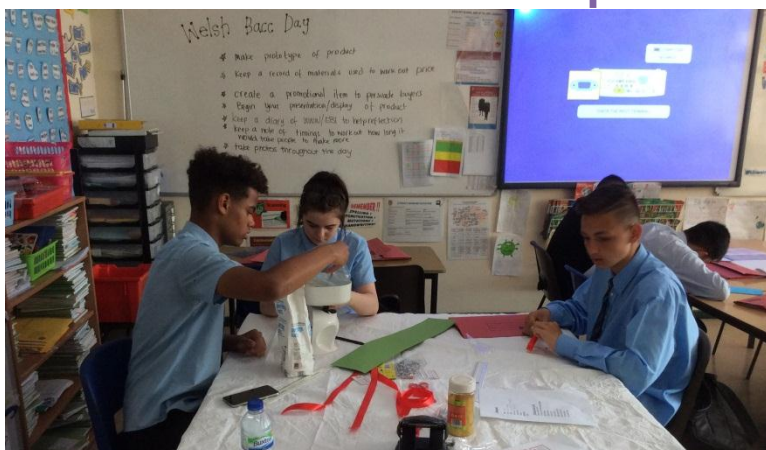
The site during the Challenge



The site after the Challenge



Year 10 Enterprise and Employability



In June, three form classes from Year 10 took part in the Enterprise and Employability Welsh Baccalaureate Challenge Day. To help towards gaining their qualification in Welsh Baccalaureate, learners needed to work as a team to develop a company and produce a prototype of a Christmas product. All learner showed the creativity, resilience and determination needed to produce a prototype of their chosen product.

Advanced Welsh Baccalaureate – Community Challenge



To achieve the Community Challenge students must participate in 30 hours of community activities. Most of our year 12 students chose to coach younger students. About 20 learners coached Mathematics to Year 11 learners resitting their GCSE Maths. Some of the learners achieved C grades in the November exams and other learners have results pending. The bonus with coaching is that everyone benefits, especially the year 11 and 12 students.

The second most popular coaching activity was Reading Buddies which involves supporting Year 7 learners with reading. The Year 12 students gain a certificate which is highly valued in educational careers. Besides the academic coaching there was also coaching in sport and dance.

UK Maths Challenges

In 2016-17, many of our learners have entered the UK Maths Challenges organised by the University of Leeds. In the autumn term, Laura Walker, Liam Fletcher, Matthew Whiteman and Bryony Cluer in Year 12 were successful in the Senior Maths Challenge. In the Spring Term, Jay Thomas (Year 10) and Adam Sykes (Year 9) were our best in year in the Intermediate Maths Challenge. Finally, in the summer term there were great results from Cameron O'Connor, Hasan Ahmed, Atlanta Webley, Jacie Bourne, Amelia Hunt, Raihan Noor and Shay Lonergan (Year 7) in the Junior Maths Challenge. Well done to all who entered the challenges and our certificate winners, the Maths team are very proud of you all!



Primary School Football Tournament



Our annual primary school football tournament took place on Wednesday 21st June and was another great success. 96 learners from our four feeder primary schools attended the morning with each school Lliswerry, Maindee, St Andrews and Somerton all bringing 4 teams along to compete.

The standard and effort was very impressive throughout the competition which was eventually won by a team from Lliswerry Primary School. The PE department are looking forward to some

excellent, sporty boys and girls coming up in September.

A big thank you to our sports volunteers from Year 9 and Year 12 who helped the day run smoothly and be a huge success yet again.

Primary School Netball Tournament

Our annual primary school netball tournament also took place this term. A super, fun morning was had. The final results were:

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| 1st place | Maindee Primary School |
| 2nd place | St Andrew's Primary School |
| 3rd place | Somerton Primary School |
| 4th place | Lliswerry Primary School |

St Andrews also won the 'Fair Play Award' for the day.



Gypsy, Roma, Traveller Celebration

The GRT Celebration event at the YMCA, Newport was attended by Lliswerry learners. All had fun dancing, singing and celebrating GRT culture. Lliswerry High were fortunate to win in some of the art competition categories. Well done to all that participated!



Helping our Community

As part of the Learning Support Centre project of 'Helping our Community' the learners decided they wanted to help the animals in our local RSPCA centre. To do this, they decided to make dog and cat beds out of recycled materials. The beds turned out very well and the children enjoyed a visit to the RSPCA centre to donate their creations, have a guided tour of the facilities and meet some of the animals.



Drama Performance



As the school has been working so closely with the script writer Nigel Crowle, some Year 11 Drama learners decided to perform his very funny play 'Shorten Curlies'. They wanted to perform the play as their final GCSE Drama acting exam. Nigel kindly offered to help direct the girls and even updated the script to set it in Newport rather than Cardiff. The hilarious play that was set in a hairdressers, went down really well with the audience and all 4 girls gained an A* for their excellent portrayal of the characters. A big thanks to Nigel and well done to the girls.

Lliswerry High Composers Become Legends



On Sunday, 2nd July Mrs Maynard, Music teacher, was privileged to attend the world premiere of the opera 'Newport Legends' at the Riverfront Theatre. The Opera was a joint project between various schools and community groups from across Newport in conjunction with the British composer Errollyn Wallen MBE and the company Operasonic.

Earlier in the year, Errollyn and Operasonic Creative Director, Rhian Hutchings had visited Lliswerry High and worked with a number of our learners in producing songs about local legends. She was very proud to hear two of those songs performed by professional opera singers during the final opera. Congratulations to all who took part in this fabulous project and especially well done to our very own Legend composers at Lliswerry High.

Tripiau Ysgol Yr Adran Gymraeg



Next year, the annual Welsh residential trips return with the opportunities for Year 7, 9 and 10 learners to get involved. Learners will be invited to spend the weekend at Urdd residential centres in West or North Wales. Urdd Gobaith Cymru is an organisation established in 1922 with the aim to protect the Welsh language. By visiting these centres, young people are given the chance to learn and socialise in the Welsh language.

Year 7 learners will be invited to visit Llangrannog, West Wales for the weekend from Friday 9th till Sunday 11th February 2018. The cost of this trip will be approximately £150.



Year 9 and 10 learners will have the opportunity to spend the weekend in Glanllyn, North Wales from Friday 12th January till Sunday 14th January 2018. The cost of this trip will be approximately £100. Further details will be given to learners during the Autumn Term.

Science Week



During the Summer term, we were invited to celebrate science with five mixed year 5 and 6 classes at Lliswerry Primary School. Miss Evans and Miss Dunlop planned an explosive display of experiments that explored the relationship between solids, liquids and gases. The Lliswerry Primary School learners were delighted with the lesson and were all keen to tell us as many interesting science facts as possible. One learner commented "I know the three types of rock. They are pebbles, boulders and sand; this learner will have fun in Geography next year! The learners made raisins dance, they made some elephant's toothpaste, and the firm favourite of the session, was making their own ice-cream using some ice, salt and lots of cold hands. Miss Evans and



Miss Dunlop thoroughly enjoyed meeting the primary learners and the learners themselves came away with a thirst for science and a demand for the ice-cream recipe.

Dates for your



Important Dates for your Diary

SEPTEMBER 2017

Monday 4th
Tuesday 5th
Tuesday 5th & Wednesday 6th
Thursday 21st
Tuesday 26th & Wednesday 27th
Thursday 28th

First day of the new school year
Learners return to school
Sixth Form Enrolment Days
Year 7 School Photos
Year 6 Curriculum Days
Open Evening for Year 5 & 6 learners

OCTOBER 2017

Thursday 12th
Tuesday 17th
Thursday 26th

Year 11 Parents' Evening
Year 7 Progress Evening
Year 10 Parents' Evening

TERM DATES:

Autumn:

Term Begins Monday 4th September 2017
Half Term Monday 30th October – Friday 3rd November 2017
Term Ends Friday 22nd December 2017

Spring:

Term Begins Monday 8th January 2018
Half Term Monday 19th – Friday 23rd February 2018
Term Ends Thursday 29th March 2018

Summer:

Term Begins Monday 16th April 2018
Half Term Monday 28th May – Friday 1st June 2018
Term Ends Tuesday 24th July 2018

INSET Days (school closed to learners):

Monday 4th September 2017
Friday 24th November 2017
Friday 16th February 2018
Monday 23rd July 2018
Tuesday 24th July 2018



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Are you entitled?

Free School Meals, Uniform Grant & Discounts On School Trips And Activities

Did you know that by registering for and receiving free school meals could save you over £400 a year? Not only does your child have the opportunity to enjoy a free school meal, but they could also be entitled to discounts in the cost of some trips and activities, such as music tuition and even art equipment.

Year 7 learners starting secondary school who are in receipt of free school meals are also entitled to a School Uniform Grant, worth £110. You only need to complete one application form for both Free School Meals and the year 7 school uniform grant.

The school also benefits from additional funding for all learners who get free school meals. This funding is given to schools to raise the attainment of children and enables us to provide additional support in many curriculum areas. It helps us pay for trips and visits to widen the experiences for our learners.

Children and young people are entitled to Free School Meals if their parents or carers receive certain payments.

Am I Eligible for Free School Meals?

If parents receive any of the following payments, their children are entitled to receive Free School Meals.

- Income Support
- Income Based Jobseekers Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit, provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and their annual income does not exceed £16,190. (HM Revenue and Customs are responsible for assessing the level of annual income.)
- Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit 'run-on' - the payment someone may receive for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit
- Young people who receive Income Support or Income Based Job Seekers Allowance in their own right are also entitled to receive free school meals.



How to Apply

Complete the online Free School Meal and Clothing Grant application form at www.newport.gov.uk. Search for Free School Meals; there is a link on our school website. Application forms are also available from the school by telephoning (01633) 277867 or from Newport City Council by telephoning (01633) 656656.

If your child is currently in receipt of Free School Meals there is no need to re-apply, with the exception of those learners returning into the Sixth Form. These learners must re-apply before the deadline date.



No Parking

Please can we remind all parents, as well as letting potential future parents know that there is no parking available in the school grounds between 8.00am and 8.45am and between 2.30pm and 3.10pm. This for health and safety reasons and to prevent any learners coming into contact with vehicles whilst on school premises.



Senior Learners



We are pleased to announce the following learners have been selected, (by both learners and staff), for their hard work. The contribution to the school over the years, their personality and confidence and being a good role model for younger learners. We wish them success and achievement in their new role.

Rebecca Cork & Ueda Ndrecaj
Temidayo Dosumnu & Liam Fletcher

Education Maintenance Allowance

All Years 12 and 13 learners are eligible to apply for EMA. Certain criteria have to be met, but please check the website below to see if you can get up to £30 a week for attending school! Make sure you return the completed form to EMA WALES in Cardiff. See Ms Lewis or Miss Reynolds if you have any queries.



www.studentfinancewales.co.uk

Lunch Cards

Please can all learners remember to bring their lunch cards to school **EVERY DAY**. If you have mislaid your card or broken your card, a replacement must be purchased at a cost of £2.50. Learners are asked to see the Headteacher's PA **at breaktime** to pay and collect a new card. Thank you for your cooperation.

Parent Governor Vacancy

We are currently looking to recruit a new Parent Governor who will play an active part on the school's Governing Body. School Governors have an important part to play in ensuring that the requirements of the National Curriculum are met, establishing standards of behaviour, selection of staff, budget matters etc. Governors sub-committees meet once every half term

and the full Governing Body meet every term.

If you are interested in becoming a Parent Governor please contact the Headteacher's PA on 01633 277867.

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COMING SOON...

Next year's school production will be...



Thursday 8th and
Friday 9th February 2018