



Llswerry News Christmas 2017

Happy Christmas

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Buon Natale

Wesołych Świąt

Nadolig Llawen

Joyeux Noel

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Frohe Weihnachten

Feliz Natal

Feliz Navidad

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Dear Llswerry Parents, Carers and Learners

The end of the first term is almost upon us and I have to say that my initial months as Headteacher seem to have flown by! It has been a very busy time with lots of activities going on, in addition to the normal day to day high quality teaching and learning.



We have welcomed our new Year 7 learners who have settled in brilliantly, held Remembrance assemblies, completed our November Challenge programme leading into the November examinations in English and maths, held STEM (science, technology and mathematics) workshops and enjoyed many ongoing activities with our cluster Primary School learners to name but a few things.

Children in Need fundraising activities (during which my table tennis shortcomings were brutally exposed by some of our 6th Form 'ping pong' experts) and a very brave sponsored head shave

for Cancer Research UK have also taken place! Further charity work in the form of our wonderful October Harvest initiative and our Christmas shoe box campaign have added to the richness of school life - many thanks for your contributions. Additional information about these and other activities can be found further on in this newsletter.





By now our learners have become very familiar with my 'mantra' of "Have a positive day", focusing on the key personal qualities of ambition, belief, determination and resilience – all vital characteristics for success not only in school, but in life.

I'm sure that these characteristics played their part in our Year 11 learners achieving excellent results once again in 2017 and in Lliswerry High School being placed in the highest possible position nationally (quartile 1 in 'education speak') for English, maths, maths numeracy and for the number of learners who achieved at least five GCSE's at A* to C grade including English and mathematics. A fantastic achievement which we are determined to build upon even further in the future.

So, as we move into the Christmas holiday period, I would like to thank you all for your welcome, for your continuing support and to wish you all a peaceful and enjoyable Christmas and a happy New Year.



Neil Davies
Headteacher

Operation Christmas Child

Once again, the pupils and staff at Lliswerry High have worked together to make sure that children around the world have a Christmas to remember. Each year, members of the school community put together shoeboxes of gifts as part of the Operation Christmas Child appeal. These boxes are then distributed worldwide to children who would otherwise spend yet another Christmas without ever receiving a gift.

Georgina Cridland, the school's shoebox coordinator, led a team of pupils from the 6th form who organised the project at Lliswerry High.

"Christmas for me is about giving and I love that our school is able to help give so many children a great Christmas this year and that I was able to be a part of it" Georgina Cridland



59 shoeboxes packed and ready to put a smile on the faces of children around the world.



Year 11 Focus: Sporting and Community activities

Police Cadets

On the 15th and 16th of November, Year 11 student Louis Barrett led assemblies for Year 9 and Year 8 about Police Cadets. It included, reasons to be police cadets, opportunities with police cadets and loads more. He got the opportunity to discuss and show what he does as a cadet. He's completed over 400 hours of volunteering all over Gwent and is currently active all over Gwent.

Since joining the scheme he's developed, not only professionally, but personally as well.

"I love volunteering all over Gwent and dealing with situations that no other teenager faces, whether it be dealing with youths causing nuisances at events or helping the elderly navigate their way around the event. I'm not doing the same thing all the time, I'm dealing with a variety of issues and I love it. Being a Police Cadet has not only given me self-motivation and self-belief it has also given me the opportunity to undertake refereeing"

"Doing assemblies for the school gives me great pleasure as I'm hopefully inspiring the next wave of pupils to hopefully do something good for the community they live in"



Refereeing

Louis is also a referee for Gwent County, he's one of the youngest referees in Wales. Louis referees for Newport County and has refereed for school on multiple occasions. He's recently been put on the referee's development group where training will be at least once a week on fitness, decision making and match control techniques. Louis aims to join The FA to hopefully pursue a career refereeing at the top flight.

"Being a referee has been one of the best things I've done, it's given me an opportunity to stay involved with the game and make new friends. I love refereeing as it keeps me fit and healthy, luckily I referee for Newport County Academy. I've had many opportunities with them and they are amazing, whether it be on the line for the U18s or refereeing the U16s. I'm so grateful to have had these fantastic opportunities"



Acting out in Public!

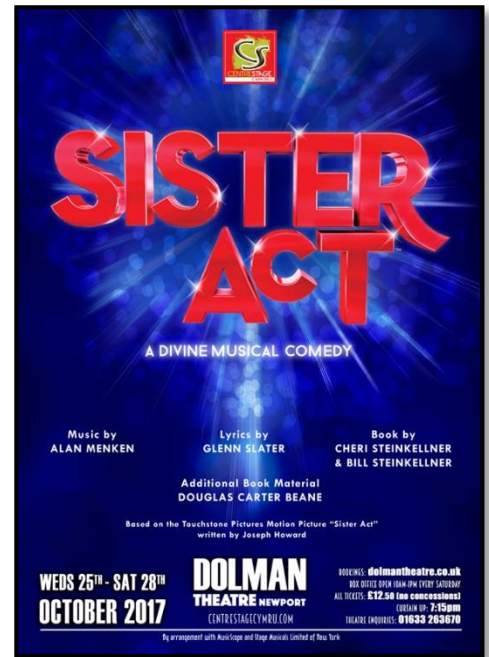
In October this year Maddison Sutton, one of our own Year 11 learners performed in the stage musical 'Sister Act' at the Dolman Theatre.

Madison's Story:

'I participate with a theatre company outside of school which I really enjoy. We put on shows in the Dolman theatre and our latest production was "Sister Act the musical". The production sold out every night. I believe that it is important to participate in activities outside of school because it opens up different opportunities for you. I have gained a lot more confidence since participating in extracurricular activities and have made a lot more friends who have the same interests as me. The first show I did with CSC (Centre Stage Cymru) was "Whistle down the wind" at the age of 12 where I played the part of "Brat". That is when I knew I found something I loved doing and I have been doing ever since!

Apart from performing, I also volunteer at the Dolman every Saturday, this has taught me personal skills and also skills that would prepare me for the world of work. It has given me a taste of what is to come when I have the opportunity to get a paid job. I have learnt people skills and also ways to keep my lifestyle structured and organised.

If you have the time to do these activities outside of school, do it! They open up friendships and opportunities for you that you cannot get anywhere else.'



Volunteering

In the autumn term Callum Bate volunteered in a football tournament.

Callum's story:

Hello, my name is Callum I will be telling you about how I volunteered for Newport Live and how it has helped me progress over the past year and a half. I am currently helping out with the football and cycling sessions. I started to do volunteering when I realised how much sport meant to me. The first time I volunteered was 9th August 2016 helping out for a Road To Rio Event, helping people of all ages to be active and see what it was like to participate in different sports that they do at the Olympic Games. Over 2,000 people attended the event! Then a couple of weeks later I was asked to help out with the British Paralympic Cycling Team over the NISV (Newport International Sports Village). It was a good couple of days helping out and I was able to meet some famous people.

Recently I helped out with County in the Community for a school's football tournament and I helped out with a cross country run down in Tredegar Park. In October half term I was doing my Sports Leaders Level 2 course, by doing this course it allows me to progress on my coaching and learn how to lead a session efficiently as well as complete risk assessments. I have recently completed my 10 hours of volunteering in the community to successfully earn my Sports Leaders qualification.





Golfing

Michael Powell, 11MG, started playing golf at 10 years of age at Llanwern golf club. He has played, on average, for 15 hours a week after school and on weekends. He has competed in junior tournaments all over the UK and has won two junior competitions.

To date Michael has won many competitions resulting in receiving new golfing equipment and golfing bag. Michael has represented Wales for Junior Golf and has the opportunity to go to Portugal March 2018 to compete in the Junior European Final in Algarve.

Michael really enjoys the team competitions and has the support of the people from the club, as well as his friends and family.

Boxing

Kaci Joseph, 11NP, has been boxing at Alway ABC Boxing and Weight Training Gym for three years. He recently had the privilege to travel to Guernsey as a member of the Wales Boxing Selection Squad to represent Wales. His fight in Guernsey was a split decision given to Guernsey. He was on the first bout of the night, they sadly lost 7-3.

In October Kaci had a boxing match in Cwmbran where he achieved his first win. His opponent was actually a boy he met on the Guernsey trip, who is also on the Welsh team.

Kaci expressed 'it was a fun experience as well as challenging'.



Year 11 Prom

Friday 22 June 2018 is the date of the Year 11 Prom at the Coldra Court Hotel, Newport.

We have held this event for the last few years and it has always been very successful and much enjoyed by learners as a way to celebrate the end of the examinations. We would like to take this opportunity to remind learners that throughout the remainder of the school year their attendance (including lateness), attitude to learning and behaviour (not just in lessons) will continue to be monitored by the Key Stage 4 team and positive outcomes in these areas are essential in enabling them to attend the Prom.



The Performing Arts Team has had a busy term!!

During September the school was used as a location for filming the up and coming film called 'Two for Joy'. Luckily for some of our budding young actors, the team also required 10 of our learners to be used as extras. The pupils spent the morning learning the ropes of making a film along with working with the actors, directors, costume designers and film crew. To top it off they also got to meet Samantha Morton, who stars in the production.



Y10 pupil Caitlyn Landman was a film extra and said, *"I couldn't believe how many film crew there were. There seemed to be loads of cameras and technical equipment everywhere. It actually took much longer to film the scene than I thought it would as we had to film about 20 takes. It was really interesting."*

The film is due to be released next year so watch out for our stars!

Hairspray School Production February 8th & 9th



The cast of 'Hairspray' have been extremely busy rehearsing day and night for the forthcoming show. In particular, Molly Dare and Grace Davies from Year 12, have been working flat out as they are choreographing the dance for the show.

Also as part of the Year 12 BTEC Performing Arts course each pupil has taken on a key responsibility in helping with the creation of the play. From directing scenes, to set design, costumes to publicity. So far the group have worked really hard as a team.

Remember tickets go on sale the first week back in January!



Acting Workshops



So far this term there have been a number of visits from local performers who have carried out some acting workshops with our learners.

9SKJ are working closely with the resident actor and script writer Catherine Dyson, who is currently based at the Riverfront Theatre. The group are helping her to create a play called 'Transporter' that will be performed in the New Year.

The play is about a young girl who becomes a refugee and it follows some of the terrible ordeals that she has to face.

Also the GCSE Drama and BTEC Performing Arts groups were lucky enough to be involved in a questions and answer session with ex pupil Connor Allen. Connor, who left the school 8 years ago has gone on to become an up and coming actor. He spent time with the learners performing extracts from a number of monologues he has won awards for plus showed them a selection of his other work, ranging from adverts, to theatre and TV work. [Thank you Connor.](#)



Year 12 & 13 Art Trip London October 2017



Photography students stood outside the Tate Britain.

On Friday 27th October the Art team took 20 Year 12 and 13 pupils to London to experience a variety of galleries and the city itself. It was a wonderful experience that helped broaden the minds of our learners. Here is one student's account of the day.

To start off our London experience we went to the Tate Britain gallery. When exploring this art gallery we were exposed to many different types of art. When walking around the gallery we took photos of different pieces of art to inspire us. Some of the artworks were very unusual and conceptual. This really got us talking and gave us a different perspective of art.

After visiting the Tate Britain gallery we then began to walk around London to explore the city itself. With the theme of Social and Cultural Issues in mind for our next project we headed towards the Houses of Parliament. We then travelled across Westminster Bridge which saw the horrific attacks earlier this year. There were a lot of flowers and this was a moving experience. As we walked further through London we walked past: different markets, street musicians, graffiti covered underpasses and more. We headed along the South Bank heading for the Tate Modern gallery. The gallery showcased all different kinds of art in all manner of different media. In the gallery we first found a structure of giant three seater swings which were great fun. The gallery was massive and we could



have spent the whole day there. We finished our day with a walk around Borough Market which gave us the opportunity to photograph some amazingly different market stalls.

'Going to London and visiting the galleries benefited me because it allowed me to question my thoughts of both tradition and modern art work. The galleries forced me to look at the deeper meaning of the artwork and showed me how there can be multiple meanings within one piece of art. Going around with different people my age showed me that art can mean different things for different people and that art can and should be interpreted in different ways.

This trip has really helped me better understand the importance of art and gave me a great opportunity to photograph things I wouldn't normally have the chance to. Thank you to Miss Keohane and Mr Apperley for taking us on this trip.' Chloe Giles Year 13



Leake Street - A graffiti art underpass.

'I was amazed at how much artwork there was on show in both the museums and they inspired me to do better in my art coursework. My legs killed for days'.
Olivia Davies Year 13

'It was interesting to see original paintings and to see different styles of art first hand'. Sarah Dixon Year 13

I enjoyed walking around to see the pieces of art personally, the trip got me inspired and helped me with my own work'. Megan Edwards Year 13

Brave the Shave



Following a difficult and inspiring family experience, our Year 13 learner Alex Cridland decided to take on an amazing challenge by shaving her head to raise money for Cancer Research UK. Alex spent months fundraising and organising for this to take place in school and at the end of September, in front of a sports hall filled with staff, learners, family and friends, Alex braved the shave and raised over £2000! A massive well done from us all! We would also like to thank Alex and her family for sharing their story with us and allowing us to be part of this moving and inspirational event.



Children in Need



Our newly formed Sixth Form ambassador team led the organisation of a number of events to raise money for Children In Need.

The week started with a Sixth Form and staff table tennis tournament. Our learners proved too big a challenge for those staff involved and after some closely fought matches, the finalists were Year 13 learners Elis Chapman and Liam Fletcher. After a long match, with lots of support cheering on both boys, Elis was finally crowned as champion. Well done Elis and all involved!

A lunchtime penalty shootout took place at the Gol, with Mr Grimes and Mr Spear bravely volunteering to play in goal. Mr Spear faced the challenge of our Sixth Form and Football Education Programme boys whilst Mr Grimes met our Year 7-9 learners. Both goalkeepers faced some superb penalties from over 50 learners, but proved very difficult to beat! Scoring 3 out of 4 shots against Mr Grimes, our Key Stage 3 winner was Year 8 learner Shay Loneragan! Well done to Shay and to all of those who took part!

Finally, on Children In Need day, the Sixth Form put on a lunchtime talent show. A packed school hall were treated to acts from synchronised swimmers, singers, dancers, as well as dancing teachers and a singing Mr Godfrey! The winners, voted by the audience, were the synchronised swimmers! The event, presented by Mampenda Secka and Harrison Smith, was the end of a week of fun and hard work and was thoroughly enjoyed by all of those who took part and by the audience.

The final total raised for Children In Need was £300! Well done to the Sixth Form team and thank you to all who donated!



Year 7 STEM Experience

On 17th November the whole of Year 7 found themselves in teams of five or six in the school hall for a STEM experience!

This was delivered by the Engineering Development Trust in partnership with Liberty Steel in an effort to increase the uptake of STEM subjects in school and beyond.

The learners spent four hours working in groups on two different engineering challenges; successful completion of which would put them on track of earning their Industrial Cadets award, an achievement recognised by industry.

The first of the two challenges was to build a strong structure using only straws and masking tape. Before doing so the learners were shown a presentation of different structural designs e.g. the Eiffel Tower with particular emphasis on the strongest shape being a triangle.

The second task was for each team to build a working trebuchet (catapult) using the Knex building system.

Organisers were looking for a strong and stable structure capable of firing a missile (rolled up piece of paper) the furthest distance over a 20cm high wall. Extra points were given for incorporating a trigger mechanism into the design.

There were several excellent efforts during this activity and more than a few impressive trebuchets made!



As well as successful designs in both activities the organisers were also looking for good listening skills and teamwork, skills that are extremely important in the workplace.

All learners will now complete a reflection task of their experience during a one hour Science lesson following which successful learners will be presented with their Industrial Cadets awards. Many thanks to Alexis from EDT for all his hard work with our Year 7 learners

Dare to Engineer

60 Year 9 learners were fortunate enough to spend the day working on an engineering challenge from The Smallpeice Trust. Their first challenge was to work in teams of five to build a strong structure out of ten sheets of A4 paper with a relatively tight time limit!



The structure had to be a minimum of 45 cm tall and capable of holding 100g (or more) masses.

The main part of the activity was for the teams to build a prototype of a working water filtration system similar to those fitted to new 'Smart' buildings. Each team had to purchase items from the engineering shop keeping a record of their costs. These included a pump, wires, a battery and LED water level indicator.

Once they had purchased all their equipment, each team was tasked with building their system. This comprised of a waterproof box fitted with a pump and an LED water level indicator both of which had to be working when tested. Everything had to be built from scratch (including the box!) and teams were able to use cutting knives, hot glue & solder to help them.

Report from Harry Idubor

"Our day was splendid! We met new friends and I learnt new magnificent things! On this day I had to be resilient and work hard"

Using equipment such as this was a new experience for many and consequently an insight into the world of work especially that with an engineering focus.

After three hours of designing, planning and building their filtration systems it was test time!

Each team had their system tested for waterproofing, design and aesthetics as well as whether the pump and LED indicator worked with marks being given for each one. They then had to market their system to their peers again receiving marks for this.

Finally the results were in...many congratulations to the team of boys from 9SKJ, Sid, Louis, Claudiu & Ryan!

Their design 'Quack' gained top marks in almost every element and they were awarded with a pair of personal headphones each.

Many thanks to Jon from The Smallpeice Trust for a fantastic day, thoroughly enjoyed by us all.



Who is in control?

On the 1st December all students in year 7 and 8 were treated to the “Who is in control” roadshow delivered on behalf of BAE systems, the Royal Air Force and the Royal Navy.



This was a fast paced interactive presentation focusing on the importance of STEM subjects (Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics) in school as well as in the future as both our lives and the workplace become increasingly more technological.

The Roadshow was devised in response to the Government's acknowledgement that there is already a shortfall of 'home grown' scientists and engineers to meet the needs of the country and by capturing the interest of young people aged 10 – 13, it is hoped that the numbers taking STEM subjects will increase and ultimately increase the pool of talent in years to come.

The show was in 3 parts.

Part one explored the world of drones, the technology behind them, the countless uses that they are currently put to and their possible uses for the future. Part two focused on computing and the control systems that all modern technology is built around. Part three featured a very special robot, Nao. One lucky learner was given the chance to pitch their wits against Nao – an experience that won't be forgotten in a hurry!

Check out Youtube for a fantastic insight into what this humanoid robot can do! Fun creative demonstrations throughout the roadshow clearly explained the concepts to our learners and helped to embed the learning that they will encounter in school. Throughout the roadshow our learners were immersed in the possibilities a career in STEM could lead to. Girls particularly were surprised to learn that even though careers in engineering are amongst the highest paid in the workplace that only 10% of the engineering workforce are currently female!

One thing made clear, however, was the importance of gaining good GCSE qualifications at 'C' grade and above in science, Maths & English! Many thanks to Jon, Beccy & Emma who provided a thoroughly enjoyable workshop with a great message for our young people.



Key Stage 4 Support

To give pupils in years 10 and 11 the best opportunity to achieve the very best outcomes staff are offering additional support during lunchtime and after school. Subjects and times with staff initials are listed below. Please encourage pupils to make use of these session to catch up or improve their work.

Monday Lunch	Tuesday Lunch	Wednesday Lunch	Thursday Lunch	Friday Lunch
Art - RHM, KK	Art - RHM, KK	Art - RHM, KK	Art - RHM, KK	Art - RHM, KK
Biology – CHP	Biology – CHP	Biology – CHP	Biology – CHP	Drama – SJW
Drama – SJW	Drama – SJW	Drama – SJW	Drama – SJW	Food & Nutrition – AB
Food & Nutrition – AB	Food & Nutrition – AB	Food & Nutrition – AB	Food & Nutrition – AB	Sport (Badminton) – AC
Sport (Badminton) – AC	ICT – HL	Welsh – NP	ICT – DS	Welsh Bac – KK
Welsh Bac – KK	RS – JC	RS – JC	Welsh Bac – DH	Photography – PA
Photography – PA	Welsh Bac – KK	Welsh Bac – KK	RS – JC	Textiles – GMK
Textiles – GMK	Photography – PA	Health & Social – EP	Welsh Bac – KK	Child Development - GMK
Child Development - GMK	Maths – DJ	Photography – PA	Photography – PA	
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Monday After School	Tuesday After School	Wednesday After School	Thursday After School	Friday After School
		Sport – JAC	Science - RT, GD, DAT, CB	
		Maths – RD	ICT - DS	
		Maths – DLM		
		ICT - HL		



Year 11 WBQ Enterprise and Employability Challenge day

On Thursday November 16th three form groups in year 11 took part in their WBQ Enterprise and Employability Challenge day. They were required to work as a team to create a product for their own company. Learners worked as a team to design and create a product that showcased their abilities to plan, develop and communicate.



11 RHM Using sewing machines to Create Advent Calendars



11 GMK Creating Advent Calendars

All learners who took part in the day have shown determination and resilience, they have developed not only their knowledge of industry but have developed their communication and team working skills.

'I wish we could have more days like this' Molly Knight 11GMK

Welsh Department Cymraeg bob dydd

Miss Price has won a place for Lliswerry High School to be part of the Welsh Government funded programme Cymraeg Bob Dydd 2017/2018. This project gives opportunities to English medium schools to offer extra-curricular sessions to pupils who show enthusiasm and passion for the Welsh language. The department are on the lookout for llysgenhadon (ambassadors) for the project. If you're a learner at Lliswerry High and interested, please let Miss Price know. Potential activities include a visit from Ed Holden 'Mr Phormula' to deliver a session of 'beatbocsio' and 'rapio' and a trip to the Urdd Eisteddfod between 28th May and 2nd June 2018. For more information visit these websites. <http://www.mrphormula.com/> <http://www.urdd.cymru/en/eisteddfod/>

Fixed Penalty Notices

Following the announcement of Fixed Penalty Notices the Lliswerry Cluster Schools are now issuing these Notices in cases where there are 10 sessions of absence (1 session = half a day) in a term. This is in support of our drive to improve attendance in all our schools across the cluster.



Sick Learners

Learners:

- Q. What should I do if I feel unwell in a lesson?
A. Tell your teacher and he/she will give you a red exit slip to leave the classroom to go to the medical room in learner reception.
- Q. What should I do if I feel unwell at break time or lunchtime? (If the bell goes for the start of the lesson, you must go to your lesson and speak to your teacher.)
A. Go to learner reception and the staff there will help you.
- Q. Should I contact my parents and ask to be collected?
A. No, the staff on learner reception will contact home if you need to be sent home.
Reminder: You should not use your mobile phone whilst in the school building
- Q. Who can give me permission to go home if I am unwell?
A. Your Head of Year or Head of Key Stage or a Senior Member of Staff

Parents:

We have recently had a number of parents called to school by their children without the staff having any knowledge of a learner feeling unwell. Parents are asked for their support in the process above and to wait for the school to contact them to collect their child.

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 Mrs Rose-Phelps at breaktime to pay and collect a new card. Thank you for your cooperation.

Literacy and Numeracy PPEs

The Literacy and Numeracy PPEs (Mock Tests) that all students in Years 7-9 will be sitting, will be taking place between Wednesday 10th January and Friday 12th January 2018.

The National Tests that your child will sit in the summer are part of the Welsh Government National Literacy and Numeracy Framework (LNF) which supports the children of Wales to develop excellent literacy and numeracy skills during their time at school. These mock assessments are essential to prepare your child for the tests. The results of the PPEs will allow the school to support your child with identified areas of improvement. It is therefore essential that your child attends these tests and we look forward to your support in helping your child make progress with their literacy and numeracy skills.



Important Dates for your Diary

JANUARY 2018

Monday 8 th	School re-opens to learners (Week 2)
Tuesday 9 th	GCSE English Literature Exam
Wednesday 10 th – Friday 12 th	Year 7-9 Literacy and Numeracy PPEs
Friday 12 th – Sunday 14 th	Year 10 trip to Glanllyn
Thursday 11 th	November exam results published
Thursday 18 th	Year 7 Parents Evening

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Wednesday 7 th	Year 11 Pathways Evening
Thursday 8 th & Friday 9 th	School Production – Hairspray
Thursday 15 th	Year 9 Parents Evening inc Options
Friday 16 th – Saturday 24 th	Skiing trip to Italy
Friday 16th	INSET Day – School closed to learners
Monday 19 th – Friday 23 rd	Half term week
Monday 26 th	School re-opens to learners (Week 2)

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Thursday 8 th	January exam results published
Thursday 15 th – Saturday 17 th	Year 7 trip to London
Thursday 22 nd	Year 8 Parents Evening
Friday 30 th March – Friday 13 th April	School closed for Easter holidays

APRIL 2018

Monday 16 th	School re-opens to learners (Week 1)
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**Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from the Staff
and Governors at Lliswerry High School**



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