

Lliswerry News

Summer Edition 2018



Dear Lliswerry Parents, Carers and Learners, The summer holidays are almost upon us and I can't help but wonder where the year went! As I mentioned in previous newsletters, the weeks seem to fly by and this term has certainly been no exception. However, we have squeezed a lot into each and every week, not least all of the exam preparation and the exams themselves for our Year 10, 11 and Sixth Form learners. We now look forward positively and, like all schools, a little nervously to the forthcoming results days in August! I'm sure that we will have some fantastic results to celebrate once again this year.

Results Days

Sixth Form Results 16th August 2018

Key Stage 4 Results 23rd August 2018

Learners should come into school between 10:00 am and 12:30 pm on the relevant day and use the front door entrance. Results will be issued in the school hall.

During this term there have been the continuing enrichment trips and visits for many of our learners, ongoing transition events to prepare our new learners for the move from Year 6 into Year 7, Duke of Edinburgh expeditions, our Summer Showcase concert (where so much wonderful talent and hard work was on display) and, of course, our usual focus on the vital 'bread and butter' aspects of Lliswerry High School: delivering high quality teaching and learning. As I'm sure you are aware, we have already 'rolled over' our timetable so that learners have been able to move up a year group in order to engage in their curriculum for next year. This has been particularly beneficial for our Year 9 learners, who have been able to start their new option choices early.

We are saying farewell to some members of staff at the end of this term:

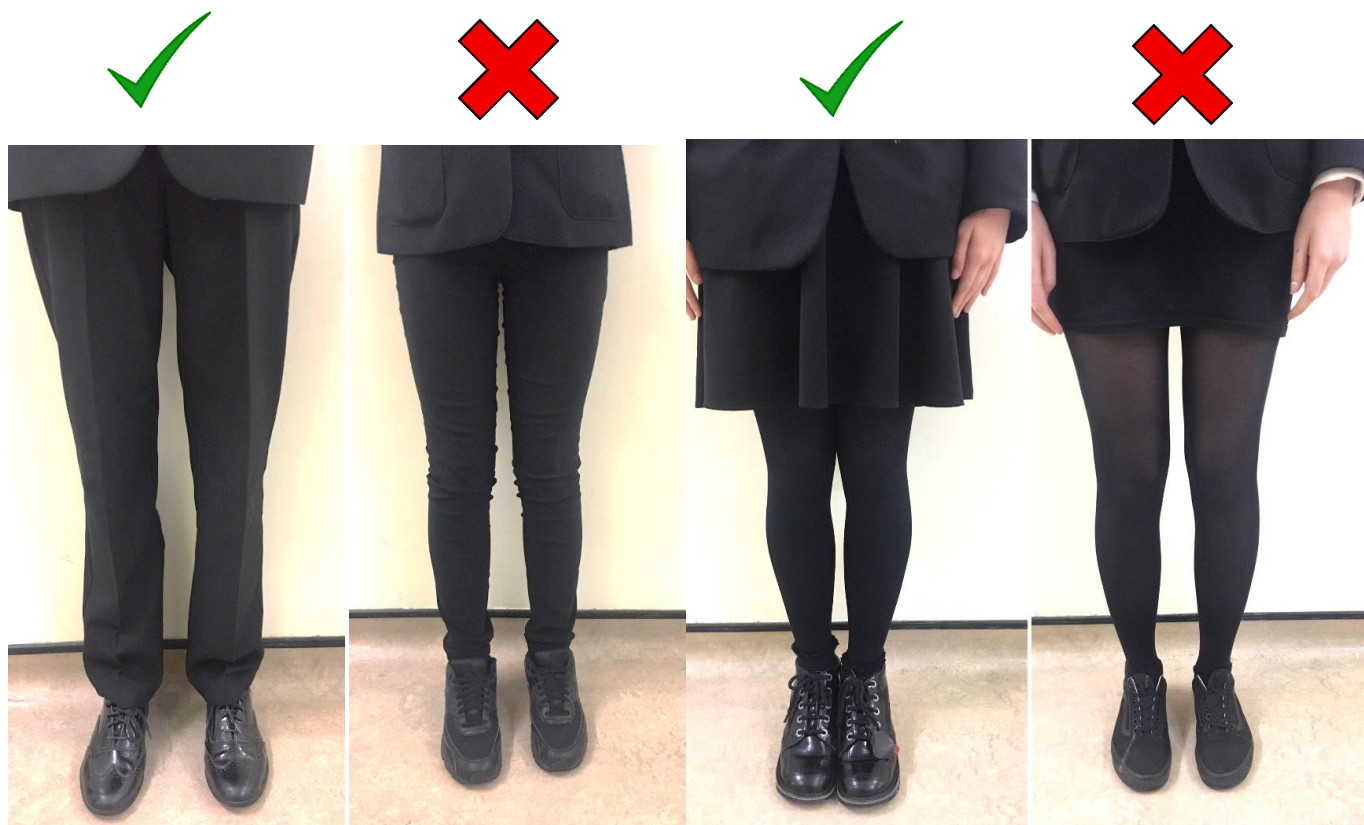
Mr Grimes (Deputy Headteacher), Mr Spear (ICT), Miss Daniels (maths) Mrs Hopkins-Morgan (science), Miss G Dunlop (science), Mrs E Slocombe (Teaching Assistant) and Miss H Stieber (Teaching Assistant) are moving on to pastures new and we would like to thank them for their dedication to our school and our learners, and to wish them the very best of luck for the future. In September, we will be welcoming Mrs Evans (Assistant Headteacher), Mr Binding (science), Miss Thomas (ICT), Mr Jones (maths), Mrs J Davies (Teaching Assistant), and Mrs N Korossi (Teaching Assistant) I look forward to them all contributing very positively to the future of our school.

Looking to the future, Welsh Government is continuing to review education in Wales and in particular the ways in which school performance is measured and the curriculum being offered to learners. Please be assured that we are already preparing for the changes which are to come and also for the start of the new curriculum being introduced from 2022. It may seem a long way



off, but it will soon be here and in the interests of all of our learners we have to ensure that we are ready for it.

I'm sure that many of you will be purchasing new items of school uniform ready for September. Can I please ask that any uniform bought meets our school uniform policy? Our uniform policy hasn't changed - tight trousers, leggings, short skirts (no more than 7cm above the knee) or any footwear other than plain black are not acceptable – whatever your son/daughter may say! If in doubt, please do contact us. As a guide, please see the images below.



I would also like to make a plea to parents/carers of learners who cycle to and from school. It may be 'uncool' to some learners, but it is important for them to wear a helmet. We can provide a secure storage space available in school should this be required. A national newspaper has reported on a major study of bike helmet use around the world from more than 64,000 cyclists and found that helmets reduce the risks of a serious head injury by nearly 70%. The study also found neck injuries are not associated with helmet use and cyclists who wear helmets reduce their chance of a fatal head injury by 65%. With the amount of traffic on our roads nowadays, this is something that I would respectfully ask all parents and carers to address with their children. We have already spoken to learners about this in school earlier this year. As we all know, helmets don't guarantee safety but they do provide added protection. This web link also gives some useful information and advice for both cyclists and drivers:

<http://think.direct.gov.uk/cycling.html>

Finally, I hope you enjoy reading this last newsletter of the academic year and finding out about all of the activities that have been happening in Lliswerry High School. I also hope that you have a fantastic summer and I look forward to continuing our progress at the start of September. Many thanks once again for your ongoing support.

Mr N Davies - Headteacher

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Curriculum Days- 'Musical Extravaganza'

Over 240 Year 5 children from our local Primary Schools worked with the Performing Arts team on a two day event where learners took part in a Musical Theatre extravaganza. By the second day, every learner had appeared on stage by singing, dancing or acting-out scenes from "Hairspray", "High School Musical" and "Grease". A large number of parents, primary staff and friends flocked to watch the entertaining show which consisted of a variety of acts. The Year 5 pupils seemed to have a lot of fun and took on the difficult challenge of learning lines, dance moves and songs over just two days. A great time was had by all.

Music Department News

The musician Marilyn Manson once said "Music is the strongest form of magic" and, after a fantastic term in the Music Department, it would be hard to disagree.

Our very talented learners have worked their magic on many occasions, with Year 11s giving some very touching performances on Founders Day, one of our school bands rocking assemblies to celebrate World Music Day, and learners from our feeder schools giving fabulous performances in our Performing Arts transition project. It is exciting to know that even more talent will be heading our way in the near future.

A particular mention to our GCSE learners who worked hard and made huge progress over the course of the year. It's been a pleasure to see them grow in confidence and skill.

Many congratulations to Katrina Stanley on gaining a distinction in her Grade 2 piano exam and to David Adam who gained a merit in his Grade 5 singing exam - both very well-deserved.



Harrison Smith has had a particularly outstanding year. Not only has he gained a distinction in his Grade 8 singing exam but also a place in the National Youth Choir of Wales. We will be very sad to lose Harrison who is not only an outstanding and enthusiastic performer but also our sound and tech assistant. Harrison - please come back to see us and remember us when you are performing on Broadway! In the words of his examiner, "You'll go far".

A final 'thank you' to all those who have supported the Music department this year including Gwent Music Support Service and Eventz.

Congratulations Rhys Johnston - Year 13

Our congratulations go to Rhys Johnston whose final coursework for A' level Product Design, was considered the best design and technology work of all coursework submitted throughout GCSE, A/S and A' level for 2017-18. Rhys won a copy of "Design of the 20th Century", by Charlotte and Peter Fiell. His work will now be entered for the Schools Design Competition, where the very best learners will have the opportunity to win hundreds of pounds worth of vouchers for themselves and the school, plus a chance to exhibit their work at the Young Furniture Makers exhibition in October of 2018.



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We are grateful to the Furniture Makers' Company, which is a City of London Livery company and British Furnishing Industry's Charity for sponsoring this award.

Rhys is planning on starting a degree course in film making at Carmarthen University later this year.

Well done Rhys - we are delighted for you.

Mr Bootle

Leader of Learning for Technology and Art

Thank You Morrisons!

A big thank you to Andrea Griffin - Community Champion at Morrisons Newport - for sponsoring Lliswerry High School GCSE Food and Nutrition learners to learn about barbecue safety and hygiene. Morrisons kindly provided the school with ingredients and equipment to facilitate this event.

Learners were taught about how chilling food properly helps stop harmful bacteria from growing, especially in the warm summer months. The most important aspect learnt was cooking at the right temperature and for the correct length of time to ensure that any harmful bacteria are killed. They also learnt about how effective cleaning gets rid of bacteria on hands, equipment and surfaces, helping to stop harmful bacteria from spreading onto food and how to avoid cross-contamination. We all had a great time, thanks to Morrisons!

Mr A. Bootle. Leader of Learning for Technology & Art



GCSE Textiles & GCE Product Design

We would like to congratulate sixth form learners who study Design and Technology Product Design at A' Level, and those key stage 4 learners who study Design and Technology Textiles. Your practical work this year has been outstanding and was complimented by the visiting moderators and other teachers who have seen your work when it has been on display. The standard of work this year has been very high and we hope that, when you collect your examination results in August, you are pleased that your efforts have been rewarded. Congratulations to you all.

Here is a small selection of the coursework from 2018.



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Careers Wales Launch Spotlight on SE Wales Infographic at Lliswerry High School



During the Spring Term, Careers Wales launched its latest Spotlight on South East Wales infographic. Lliswerry High School was proud to be chosen to host this event. The event was opened by the Leader of Newport City Council, Councillor Debbie Wilcox, who provided the year 11 learners with a motivational speech about their future careers.

This was followed by a demonstration of the new infographic where the learners heard about future job trends, what jobs will have the most vacancies, and what industries are growing.

A feature of the infographic is a quiz that highlights the many different and varied career opportunities that are available in South East Wales. Year 11 learners took part in this quiz and were shocked by the answers. This quiz is the starting point for all learners to consider when thinking about their future careers.

Finally representatives from the NHS made a presentation on the different types of careers that are available in the NHS. This ranged from the obvious such as doctors and nurses to less obvious such as car mechanics. The learners were surprised to find out that the NHS is the fourth largest employer of people in the world.

The infographic is now available on the Careers Wales website. The school would urge all parents and learners to visit the Infographic and discuss the many possibilities that are available in our area.

The links to the infographic are:

careerswales.com/spotlightonsoutheastwales
gyrfacymru.com/golwgarddeddwyraincymru

In addition if you have any questions whilst you are looking at the infographic, please ask for a webchat (click on the green CHAT NOW tab on the bottom right of the page) or give them a call on 0800 028 4844.



University Day for 'A' Level Science Learners

When the invitation came for 'A' level Science learners to attend a day at the University of South Wales Science campus, Treforest, approximately a dozen budding scientists jumped at the opportunity to experience higher education!

There were two courses on offer: Forensic, and Pharmaceutical Science.



Included in the day for those interested in forensic science, was a visit to the crime scene house where, suited up appropriately, our learners were able to look for evidence from several different 'scenes of crime'. They were also able to investigate blood spatters to calculate, amongst other things, where the suspect had been standing when using a weapon to commit a crime. This necessitated the use of trigonometry and other advanced maths skills!

Those taking part in the pharmaceutical science day were able to complete a

hands on laboratory investigation about which indigestion remedy was the best value. In addition they were able to make a hand cream to take home.

All learners were given a tour of the Science Campus and were given a chance to ask current students about university life.

All in all, a great day and one which left all of our learners thinking about their future studies at university and beyond.



Chemistry at Work Event for Year 9 Learners



Thirty of our Year 9 learners mainly those who had selected to study triple science in KS4 were lucky enough to be given the opportunity to visit the University of South Wales for a chemistry at work day.

Supported by See Science & First Campus as well as the university, our learners took part in three different workshops designed to give budding scientists an insight into the applications of chemistry in the world of work.

Learners had the opportunity to meet a variety of chemists working in this sector and to try a selection of hands on activities.

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Workshops were delivered by specialised staff, all PhD qualified from local universities.

The first workshop was entitled chemistry in the 3rd Dimension where learners wore 3D glasses to 'step inside' a variety of chemical systems. This included looking at the difference between diamond & graphite and at an anti-cancer drug.

The second workshop was a practical session held in the university science labs where our learners wore white coats and safety glasses to undertake experiments involving the extraction of colour from vegetables to check freshness followed by an analysis of a substance using thin layer chromatography.

The final workshop was a session on fluorescence in life sciences where our learners found out about the role of fluorescent chemical compounds in healthcare.



Dylan, 9PD said 'The trip was incredible from start to finish and really opened my eyes to the opportunities that would be available to me at university. I enjoyed every minute and am now determined to study engineering in the future.'

This was a great day thoroughly enjoyed by all involved and if given the opportunity again an experience we will surely repeat!

Sports Day



On Friday 13th July, we had our annual sports day at Lliswerry High school which ran throughout the day and was another huge success. Learners from all year groups took part with a total of around 160 competitors representing their houses: Ebbw, Severn, Usk and Wye.

The morning sessions saw all of the field event competitions; high jump, long jump, shot putt, javelin, discus as well as track events 200m, 800m, egg and spoon and sack races. At the mid-way point of the day, Wye house, who were the defending champions, took a narrow lead from Usk. After an early lunch, the whole school took to the field to see all the afternoons' events and cheer on their houses in the 100m, relay, and tug of war events. The afternoon was also an opportunity for staff to compete in a few events; 100m, egg and spoon, sack race, and the relay.

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The overall winners of the House Cup were Wye house who managed to retain the trophy by beating Usk house (2nd place) by 30 points. Ebbw house finished in 3rd place and Severn house finished 4th.

Well done to all competitors for taking part and making every event competitive and enjoyable. A special mention to all the staff who helped out with events, recording, scoring, timekeeping, and setting up to help the day run smoothly. We look forward to next year's event.

School Shop



Lliswerry school stationery shop.

Open between 1:30 and 1:50pm in B13 meeting room.

The school shop stocks everything you need for school at very reasonable prices!

Parent Governor Vacancy

GET
INVOLVED!

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. Governor sub-committees meet once every half term and the full governing body meet every half term.

If you are interested in becoming a parent governor please contact Mrs Rose-Phelps Senior School Support Officer on 01633 277867.

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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 learner reception at break time to pay and collect a new card. Thank you for your cooperation.



Communicate Easier, Faster and More Effectively

From September, we will be rolling out a new service **School Gateway**. This means that we can communicate with parents quickly and cost effectively via email, text or smartphone. It will also allow us to send electronic reports in future.



Parents, welcome to:

Schoolgateway

Keeping you informed of what's going on at school.



Download the app
Android and iPhone

or visit the website:
www.schoolgateway.com

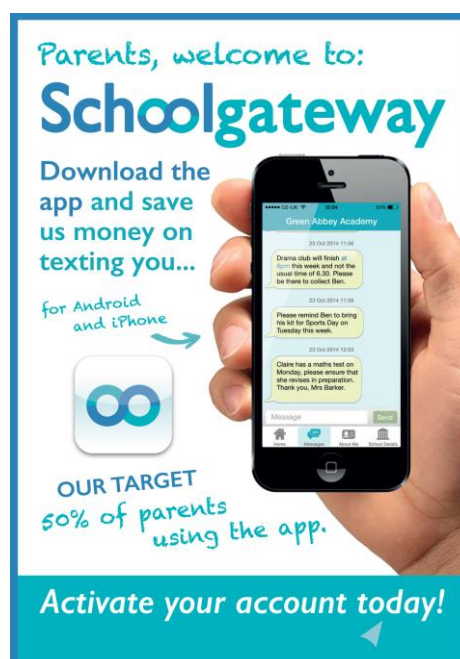
Activate your account today!

The image shows a hand holding a smartphone displaying the School Gateway app interface. The app shows a list of student details for Paul Good at Green Abbey School, including Attendance (94%), Timetable, Payments, Behaviour (20 points), Achievement (55 points), Assessment, and Student Details. The background is a light blue gradient with a blue border.

If you have a smartphone, you can help us save money by downloading the 'School Gateway' app from your app store (Android and iPhone).

By doing this we can send you app messages (avoiding the cost of texts) and you can send messages back for FREE. It's quick and easy to do.

All you need is your email address and mobile number that school holds on record for you. If you have trouble logging in, please contact the school.




Parents, welcome to:

Schoolgateway

Download the app and save us money on texting you...

for Android and iPhone



OUR TARGET
50% of parents using the app.

Activate your account today!

The image shows a hand holding a smartphone displaying the School Gateway app interface. The app shows a list of messages from Green Abbey Academy, including a reminder to bring a kit for Sports Day, a reminder to bring a kit for Sports Day, and a reminder to bring a kit for Sports Day. The background is a light blue gradient with a blue border.

We're aiming to get 50% of parents using the School Gateway smartphone app

Please help us achieve this target.

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Exams

Detailed below are the key examination dates for your calendar for the next academic year.

(Please be aware that these are fixed dates and cannot be rescheduled to an alternative date to accommodate absence)

Years 12 & 13 (resits)	GCSE	5th – 14th November 2018
Year 10	GCSE	8th – 18th January 2019
Years 11	Science practical assessment	7 th January – 22 nd February 2019
	English speaking & Listening	28 th January 2019 & 11 th February 2019
Year 10 & 11	Food and Nutrition practical	March 2019
Years 10 & 11	Welsh oral	April 2019
Years 10 & 11	ART	29 th April 2019 – 7 th May 2019
Year 13	Art and Photography	10 th May 2019
Years 7, 8, 9	Welsh National Tests	1 st – 15 th May 2019
Years 10,11, (12,13 resits)	GCSE	7 th May – 26 th June 2019
Years 12 & 13	GCE	13 th May – 26 th June 2019
Years 12, 13	GCE Results day	15 th August 2019
Years 10,11 (12,13 resits)	GCSE Results day	22 nd August 2019

Learners must remain available until and including Wednesday 26 June 2019 should an awarding body need to invoke its contingency plan.



COMING SOON....

Next year's school production



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Important Dates for your Diary



September 2018

Monday 3rd

Tuesday 4th

Tuesday 4th & Wednesday 5th

Thursday 20th

Thursday 27th

Inset day

Learners return to school

Sixth Form Enrolment Days

School Photos

Open Evening for Year 5 & 6 learners

October 2018

Thursday 11th

Thursday 25th

Monday 29 – Friday 2nd November

Year 11 Parents' Evening

Year 7 Progress Evening

School closed for half term

Term Dates:

Autumn:

Term Begins

Half Term

Term Ends

Monday 3rd September 2018

Monday 29th October - Friday 2nd November 2018

Friday 21st December 2018

Spring

Term Begins

Half Term

Term Ends

Monday 7th January 2019

Monday 25th February – Friday 1st March 2019

Friday 12th April 2019

Summer

Term Begins

Half Term

Term Ends

Monday 29th April 2019

Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May 2019

Friday 22nd July 2019

INSET/Professional Learning Days (school closed to learners)

Monday 3rd September 2018

Monday 23rd November 2018

Monday 4th March 2019

Friday 28th June 2019

Monday 22nd July 2019



2018-2019 School Calendar

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School Closed/Holidays



No school for students/
Teacher in-Service Day

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