

Lliswerry News

Easter Edition 2019



Dear Lliswerry Parents, Carers and Learners,

The Easter holidays are almost upon us once again (where does the time go!) as we move ever closer to 'exam season'. Our year 10, 11 and Sixth Form learners have been hard at work preparing for their forthcoming exams with revision sessions galore taking place around the school. All learners have been encouraged not to 'break the chain' and to ensure that they follow their revision plan and continue to revise every day over the holiday period in order to retain and embed the knowledge they've already acquired.

It's not only our Key Stage 4 and 5 learners who have tests ahead of them of course, as learners in Years 7, 8 and 9 will be taking the National Reading and Numeracy Tests (sometimes just called Welsh National Tests or WNT's) just after Easter. These are Welsh Government tests, rather than originating in school, but they do provide us with very useful additional information about the literacy and numeracy abilities of our learners and where to target our teaching and support most effectively in the future.

Cluster activities with Maindee, Lliswerry, St Andrews and Somerton Primary schools have continued successfully on a weekly basis, with learners from our cluster schools attending the High School four afternoons each week along with periodic day long activities. We work very closely as a cluster of schools and that can only be to the benefit of Year 6 learners when they join us in September of each year.

As always at this time of year we are also in the midst of options for next academic year, with Mr Thomas busy on the complex task of creating a timetable of staff, learners, subjects, rooms and timings ready for timetable rollover in June. This is when our learners will move up to their next year group ahead of the official start in September, enabling them to be totally familiar with their timetables, teachers and rooms in preparation for the next academic year. Of course, it also allows them to get a head start on the subject content to be learnt next year! We are once again also working very closely with St Julian's High School in order to finalise our Sixth Form collaboration arrangements for 2019/20.

We are very pleased that our work to further improve the school environment for learners has come to an end for the time being, with the completion of the installation of the artificial grass surface, climbing frame and gazebo/outdoor classroom in the Year 7 Quad. It's great to see our learners getting so much enjoyment out of using these new facilities, along with the recently installed outdoor exercise equipment and gazebos/outdoor classrooms to the rear of the school.



I know that I highlighted this in our last newsletter, but can I please ask all parents and carers to once again remind their children of the need to be careful on their journeys to and from school, including those who travel by bike. We have had further incidents reported of learners walking and riding into Nash road without checking for traffic and also pushing each other accidentally into the road when fooling around, as we know children and teenagers do. We also had an accident involving a learner on the way to school last week (fortunately he was not seriously injured). The main entrance of the school at the end of the day is a particularly congested area so please remind your child to be extra careful in that area too.

At this stage of the year parents'/carers are often having to buy new items of uniform, as learners outgrow the clothes bought for the start of the year (my children seem to outgrow theirs on a very regular basis!). Can I ask parents'/carers to be mindful of our uniform rules, which all parents agreed to when their children joined Lliswerry High School.

Tight trousers, leggings, short skirts (no more than 7cm above the knee) or any footwear other than plain black are not acceptable – whatever your doubt, please do contact us. As a



guide, please see the images above – many thanks for your support with this.

Finally, I hope you enjoy reading our newsletter and finding out about many of the activities and events that our learners have been involved in. It never ceases to amaze me the amount of activities that take place and this is down to the dedication of our staff and the enthusiasm of our learners – both of whom make me very proud to be Headteacher of Lliswerry High School! I hope you have a very happy Easter.

Best wishes,

N Davies
Headteacher



The Performing Arts Team

Up and coming star



A huge congratulations to Keegan Price from Y11 who has managed to gain a place at the prestigious Performing Arts school 'Emil Dale'. Keegan attended an audition against 3,000 other pupils by singing, dancing and acting. He will leave to study there after his GCSE exams in the summer. Keegan was complimented on his ability to "blow the acting coaches away" with the acting monologue he performed. Well done Keegan and thank you for all participating in so many school productions over the years, I am sure it will put you in good stead for your future career. We hope to see you on the big screen soon.

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We are delighted to announce that our GCSE and 6th form Performing Arts learners have been chosen to work alongside the award winning theatre company to help create a play as part of the transition process for local primary school children.
Watch this space for our forthcoming production on July 2nd!

Mrs S James-Williams



Summer Showcase

Pupils are currently starting to prepare for the forthcoming Summer Show Case that takes place on Thursday 11th July. Pupils from all year groups are looking forward to an evening of entertainment where they will participate in acts of Dance, Music and Drama.

Do you want to be a star?

We are looking for singers, dancers, actors, bands, musicians and a variety of acts to star in our forthcoming...

“Summer Showcase 2019 Thursday 11th July 2019”



If you are interested in taking part please see Mrs S James-Williams or Mrs C Maynard for details.



World Book Day

On Thursday March the 7th, teachers at Lliswerry Highschool dressed up to celebrate World Book Day. As part of the celebrations, students took part in a quiz. The quiz involved students listing the names of the teachers and the fictional character the teachers were dressed up as. Book prizes will be awarded.

One year 7 student said, 'Seeing Mr Thompson dressed up as Captain America was fun. I think this would influence some students to read more!'

Mr M Thompson



Music for Youth



Baltasar Gracian once said "Great ability develops and reveals itself increasingly with every new assignment." and this is certainly true of our wonderfully talented and dedicated Lliswerry High musicians.

Their latest mission (and they chose to accept it) was to perform at the Music for Youth annual regional festival in the Newport Centre on Friday, 22nd March. The festival is an opportunity for youth ensembles of any size or genre to perform publically and receive feedback from professional mentors.

Blessed with a wealth of talent but limited by the organisation's restriction on entries we entered three of Lliswerry's finest:

Mantis, a 6th form rock band featuring Joe Higgins, Jacob Pinch, Harry Devonshire & Iwan Ellis, performed two Nirvana songs and brought the house down with their powerful and electrifying performance that had the mentors rocking in their seats.

SUBLE T's, a mainly female rock band featuring Lana Dowler, Siddartha Rai, Iseult Meates, Jade Howell & Dayle Davis kept up the pace with their skilful and captivating renditions of the Kings of Leon hit 'Use Somebody' and Harry Styles' 'Kiwi'.



Lliswerry Vocal Group, featuring pupils from Years 7-13 who are receiving singing lessons and led by their vocal tutor Miss Sophie Murfin from Gwent Music Support Service, gave a touching performance of 'How Far I'll Go' from Disney's Moana but they showed huge ambition and determination in performing a medley from the film Pitch Perfect consisting of 6 different vocal parts, unaccompanied except for drums.

To say they did us proud is an understatement-their performances and behavior were exceptional-but, more importantly they clearly enjoyed being a part of the Music for Youth experience.

Siddhartha Rai, Year 10 "It was refreshing to play to a different audience and interesting to hear other schools perform."

Amelia Hunt, Year 9 "It was great to do something different and cool to perform something from Pitch Perfect."

For those who didn't get a chance to see the groups perform they will be taking part in our annual Summer Showcase.

Mrs Maynard

Easter Revision

A number of KS4 pupils have been invited to attend additional revision sessions during the Easter holiday. The sessions will be held between the 24th and 26th April and will run from 09:00 until 13:00. You will have been informed by post of the exact sessions for pupils to attend. Please encourage invited pupils to take advantage of this opportunity.

The learning zone will be open Monday 15th April 12:30 – 14:30 and Tuesday 23rd April until Friday 26th April 11:00 – 13:00.

After school revision will continue to be offered to all pupils as we approach the exams, the first of which is on the 7th May. Please encourage pupils to spend some time each day preparing for their exams, it really will make a difference.

Examinations

Detailed below are key dates for your calendar for this academic year. *(Please be aware that these are fixed dates and cannot be rescheduled to an alternative date to accommodate absence)*

GCSE and GCE (A Level)

Year 10 & 11	GCSE ART	29 th April – 2 nd May 2019
Year 13	GCE ART	7 th May – 9 th May 2019
Years 10,11 (12 & 13 resits)	GCSE	7 th May – 26 th June 2019
Year 13	GCE – Chemistry Practical	8 th – 10 th May 2019
Years 12 & 13	GCE	8 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
BTEC on-screen examinations for year 10 and 11 learners are scheduled throughout the academic year. Learners will be notified in advance of these examinations.		

GCSE and GCE timetables will be provided to all learners in March and April 2019 who are scheduled to sit examinations in the summer. Timetables will also be emailed via Schoolgateway for registered users.

For the first time awarding bodies have designated a 'contingency day' for examinations in the event of national or local disruption to examinations. This means that learners need to remain available until Wednesday 26 June in the events the awarding body need to reschedule an examination.

Welsh National Tests

All year 7, 8 & 9 learners will be sitting the compulsory Literacy and Numeracy tests during the summer term. For the first time, the numeracy procedural test will be completed online and the numeracy reasoning and literacy reading tests will continue to be paper exams and will take place between Tuesday 30th April and Friday 10th May 2019.

	8.45 - 10.00 (Reg & Pd 1)	11.20 - 12.05 (Pd 3)
Tuesday 30th April	Year 7 Reading Test	Year 8 Reasoning Test
Wednesday 1st May	Year 8 Reading Test	Year 9 Reasoning Test
Thursday 2nd May	Year 9 Reading Test	Year 7 Reasoning Test
	Timetabled throughout the day	
Tuesday 7th May	Year 7 Online Procedure Test	
Wednesday 8th May	Year 8 Online Procedure Test	
Thursday 9th May	Year 9 Online Procedure Test	
Friday 10th May	Year 7 & Year 8 Online Procedure Test	

These tests are part of the Welsh Government National Literacy and Numeracy Framework (LNF) which supports children in Wales to develop excellent literacy and numeracy skills during their time at school. Please note that these are national tests and that all students across Wales will be sitting the appropriate test for their year group.



New PE Kit

From September there will be a new PE kit for KS3 and KS4 boys and girls. The kit is available from AJP Embroidery and will be **compulsory** for **all** pupils in Games and PE lessons:

Girls - Polo Shirt, **either** skirt **or** shorts **or** leggings, and socks

Boys - T-shirt, shorts, and socks

Pupils will have the option of purchasing a hoodie and are also permitted to have their initials printed on their kit too (no names or nicknames).



Sutton Trust US Programme 2019

Congratulations to David Adam in Year 12. Following a tough application process, David was selected as one of 200 students who will take part in the Sutton Trust US Programme 2019. These students were selected from over 1,000 high quality applications! David will spend a week of the summer holidays at a US university to experience their higher education system before considering his own university choices. In previous years this event has been held at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Yale University or Harvard and David is looking forward to finding out where he is going when he attends an introductory event in Nottingham during April. Good luck to David and we look forward to hearing about his week when he returns!

Miss G Reynolds



Cardiff University Engineering Experience Residential



As a school we have been lucky enough to secure fully funded places for six of our Year 9 learners to attend a three day residential engineering course at Cardiff University in July this year.

The course is sponsored by the John Thaw Trust and administered by the Smallpeice Trust, a charity founded in 1966 whose motto is 'Dare to imagine'

The trust's aim is to inspire young prospective engineers to 'think big, dare to imagine' and explore their passion for engineering.

Whilst at university they will live on campus in their own rooms, work with the staff & students of the engineering faculty at Cardiff as well as enjoy a range of social activities.

In order to secure their places our learners had to complete an in depth application form and submit to the Smallpeice Trust along with a recommendation from their science teacher.

The learners that will be representing Lliswerry are:

Hasan Ahmed, Kai Wilkins, Fatima Tahir, Cerys Flagg, Jasmine Madan & Smitha Bhabal.

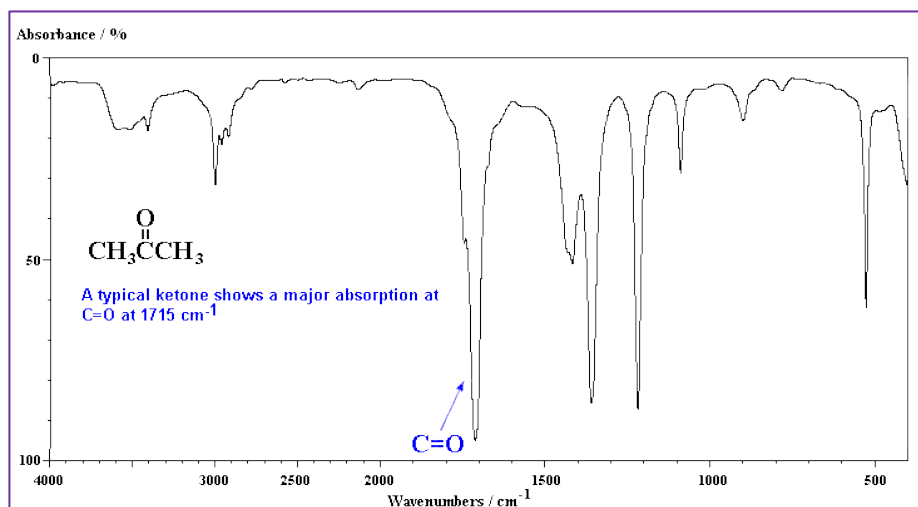
We wish them all the very best for what is sure to be a memorable experience.

Look out for a report on their experience in a future edition.

Mrs Ashford



Report – Year 12 Spectroscopy Trip to the University of South Wales



Firstly we would like to say thank you to the people who have organised this trip and to the University of South Wales for allowing us to experience such an opportunity.

Along with fourteen of our peers and our teacher, Dr R Taylor, we had the chance to actually see in action the amazing things we learn about in Chemistry and it was great to be able to apply the knowledge of Spectroscopy that, so far, we have only experienced in the classroom.

Seeing the laboratories, the mass spectrometer, IR spectrum and spectroscopy machines gave us an excellent insight into what studying Chemistry at university would be like.

During the day we had the chance to speak to current university students and ask any questions we had about Science and life as a university student in general.

Overall this experience certainly motivated us to continue advancing our scientific knowledge and it was a trip we will never forget.

Naeema Begum & Ioana Brehuescu (Year 12)

Year 11 Prom

Friday 12th June 2019 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.

There are a few spaces available please see Mr Marshall for further details.



Lliswerry Eco

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The Lliswerry Eco Initiative consists of 15 environmentally aware KS3 learners who work tirelessly to manage the school recycling, not a job for the faint hearted!

One of our main focus at the moment is to reduce the amount of

single use plastic that is currently in school. With this in mind we would like to introduce refillable water bottles for all learners at Lliswerry.

Our fundraising for this started on 30th March at Asda Pillgwenlly when eleven members of the Eco Initiative helped shoppers pack their bags in return for donations to our cause.

The majority of the learners packed almost continually from 10am – 4pm taking only short breaks and were an absolute credit to our school.

Comments from shoppers included:

- 'What a wonderful group of young people, they are an absolute credit to Lliswerry High School.'
- 'Until today I was in despair at the behaviour and attitudes of the younger generation. However my faith has been restored since meeting your Eco group, well done, you must be very proud of them.'



At the end of the day we were delighted to find that we had raised a fantastic total of £422.88. Congratulations to all involved:

Paige Needham, Miran Mohammed, Cerys Flagg, Jasmine Madan, Amelia Hunt, Hasan Ahmed, Emma Hudacekova, Julia Panasiuk, Jack Martin, FatimaTahir, Katelyn Williams-Cook.
Mrs J Ashford, Miss G McKeown, Miss S K Jones, Mrs E Stanley

Mrs Ashford

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!



Lessons from Auschwitz

Over the last few weeks, Usmaan Ali and Reagan Hawrot in Year 13 accompanied by Mr Herbert, have taken part in the Lessons from Auschwitz project which is organised by the Holocaust Educational Trust. The last part of their course is to teach the younger students and people of the community of the atrocities that took place at



Auschwitz during the Holocaust. Once they have completed the course, they will become ambassadors for the Holocaust Educational Trust. Below is an article written by our learners, explaining why we must remember the notable events that took place at Auschwitz Birkenau.

We took part in the Lessons from Auschwitz project which is run by the Holocaust Educational Trust. The project contained three parts the first involved listening to a testimony of a survivor, the second being the trip to Auschwitz Birkenau in Poland and the third part is teaching the younger students of the horrific events that took place during the Holocaust. On the first part of our project, we listened to the testimony of Eva Clarke, a Holocaust survivor, who was born during the last months of the Second World War. During this event we had the great opportunity to meet other students and teachers from schools around South Wales. On the 20th of February, we proceeded to visit Auschwitz Birkenau I & II and the town of Oswiecim. The visit to Auschwitz Birkenau was an unearthly experience which we will never forget. Being in Auschwitz I and seeing firsthand the possessions of the innocent people who were victims of an evil regime was an eye opening and heartbreaking experience. Auschwitz I and Auschwitz Birkenau were nothing we could have ever anticipated even after the studies we had done of the period. Auschwitz Birkenau was an immeasurable place with barely to no buildings compared to the size of the land. It would be hard to imagine how the prisoners of Auschwitz coped with the grim weather in rags and no shoes. Our day in Poland was long, cold and tiresome but nothing compared to what the victims in Auschwitz suffered, who worked nonstop, not knowing if they would live to the next day. This was a life changing experience for the both of us which will never be forgotten. I would advise you to visit Auschwitz Birkenau so that you get a personal experience of what type of torture people had to endure. If we were to hold a minute silence for every person who died in the Holocaust the silence would last 11 and half years.

It is important to remember the Holocaust because this was an act of anti-semitism, which still occurs today. In recent times we have seen anti-semitic views surface as well as ethnic cleansing still taking place at present time. In our society today, we still have more than 2.6 million British people who deny the tragic events of the Holocaust. We cannot forget such vicious acts against humanity, otherwise the world cannot and will not learn from the past. It is important to pay respect to the perished and give respect to the relatives of those who passed. The real question is **Did we or Did we not learn from these events?**

Usmaan Ali and Reagan Hawrot, (Year 13)



Communicate Easier, Faster and More Effectively

We are now using **Schoolgateway**, which allows us to communicate with parents quickly and cost effectively via email, text or smartphone. It will also allow us to send electronic reports in future.



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

Using Schoolgateway will enable us to send you app messages (avoiding the cost of texts) and you can send messages back for FREE. It's quick and easy to use.

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



From September 2019, all communication from the school will be sent via Schoolgateway.



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.



Biometric Catering System

The school is still going ahead with the introduction of Biometric payment systems for catering, this will allow a much quicker and easier way of learners being able to purchase food. Originally this was to be introduced in February but is now being installed towards the end of June.

There is still time to register your child's details and forms are available, all that is required is your signature and we can get them registered on the day. This will be a much better way for them to get their lunch as the current lunch cards are going to be phased out and they will instead have to remember a 4 digit code.

Parent Pay

If you require payment pay access please contact Mrs Rose-Phelps who can provide you with your access code and pin number. By using parent pay this reduces the need to send your child to school with money for lunch or school trips.

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. Governor's 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.



Learner support

At Lliswerry High we want to create an outstanding climate for learning. It is important that our learners feel happy and supported in order to achieve their best in the classroom.

Our Pastoral team consists of both teaching and non-teaching staff who are available to offer support and guidance to learners in an effective and timely manner. As such we would ask that you emphasise with your child that they should approach a member of staff in the first instance should a problem or issue arise, rather than contacting home. By giving staff an opportunity to resolve any concerns we will be able to reduce any unnecessary worry for both you and your son / daughter.

Medical room

We have a small medical room which is managed by a first aid officer. Learners visiting the medical room will be assessed and a decision on the next course of action will be made by the first aid officer, i.e. learner receives treatment, a phone call home is made or returns to class. Learners should familiarise themselves with the protocol below before visiting the medical room:

Learners:

- Q. What should I do if I feel unwell in a lesson?
A. Tell your subject 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?
A. Go to learner reception and the staff there will help you.
- Q. If I feel unwell during the changeover of lessons, what should I do?
A. You must report to your next lesson and speak to your subject teacher.
- 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 unless you are in one of the designated areas during lunch or break time.
- 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.



Important Dates for your Diary



April 2019

Monday 15th – Friday 26th
Wednesday 24th – Friday 26th
Monday 29th
Tuesday 30th – Friday 10th May

Easter Holidays – School closed to learners
Easter revision – year 10 & 11 learners
School re-opens to learners (Week 1)
Welsh National Tests years 7-9

May 2019

Monday 6th
Tuesday 7th
Tuesday 7th
Monday 27th – Friday 31st

Bank Holiday – School closed to learners
School re-opens to learners (Week 2)
External exams begin
School closed for half term

June 2019

Monday 3rd
Tuesday 17th
Friday 21st
Friday 21st
Friday 28th
Wednesday 26th

School re-opens to learners (Week 1)
KS3 PPEs begin
Year 11 Founders' Day Ceremony
Year 11 Prom
Inset Day
External exams end

July 2019

Thursday 11th
Friday 12th
Friday 19th July

Summer Showcase Event
Sports Day
Last day of school year

