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Dear Parent / Guardian,

Start of September Term 2023: It is a pleasure to write to you at the start of a new year at Glantaf as we look forward to welcome pupils back to school. I also hope you have had a restful and enjoyable summer break. Yr7 and 12 will start term on Tuesday 5th of September with all other pupils starting the new term on Wednesday 6th of September.



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A Level, BTEC, AS, GCSE and vocational results: We were delighted to celebrate our students success in their examination results. As regards Year13, the vast majority of students secured places at their first choice Universities or for their placements next year. The overall results were outstanding, with 35% of students gaining at least 3 A* or A at Advanced Level and 91% of all grades awarded being A* - C. These grades are admirable, and speak of the mature dedication and excellent work ethic of our students as well as the support of teachers and tutors at school. Congratulations also to Yr12 students on their AS results which provide a firm foundation for Yr13 studies. For Yr11, it was great to see pupils celebrations as 85% gained at least 5 A*-C; and 36% of students gaining at least 5 A*/A. Year 10 students who received results in Science and RE and modules in History, Welsh and English also gained strong results which bodes well for Summer 2024 success! Congratulations therefore to all pupils on these results as we wish them well for the future and thank them for their sincere contribution to Glantaf.



Congratulations Yr13!

New staff: We are pleased to welcome new members of staff who will be starting with us at Glantaf this September. They include, Yr10 Head of Progress and Wellbeing, Mrs Ffion Berry; Mrs Sophie Spillane (Deputy Lead of English); Ms Emily Jones and Mr Iwan Jones (Science); Ms Gwenno Davies (PE); Ms Fflur Mathias and Ms Bethan Thomas (Cymraeg); Ms Abigail Fraser and Mrs Eleanor Gardner (D&T); Ms Nia Squirrell (Music); Ms Nia Richardson (Digital Technology); Ms Rachel Phelps (Drama); Mr Hari Bowen (Humanities) and Mr Mathew Pritchard (KS5 Learning Coach) as well as Ms Mya Hurst, Mr Saul Tanhai, Mr Sam Powell and Mr Steffan Amos joining our learning support team. We also welcome our new receptionist, Ms Charlotte Hill and D&T Technician Mr Evan Jones.

Night at the Races – 15th September at Whitchurch Tennis Club: Join us for a fun night to support Cyfeillion Glantaf (*Friends of Glantaf Association*), with an opportunity to get to know others within the school community. Tickets are available on *ParentPay* – but please do not delay as numbers are limited. It would be lovely to welcome familiar and new faces as we start a new academic year together! *Croeso – welcome to all!*

School transport: You should have received confirmation of bus and taxi routes if your child is eligible for free school transport. Cardiff Bus timetable is also available for the 615 service here: [School Services from September 2023 - Cardiff Bus](#) Bus passes will be distributed to pupils at the start of term and will be required for all journeys from Mon 11th Sept.



GCSE success for Yr 11!

Cymru v Denmark, 26 Sept: We are delighted to confirm that we have organised tickets for Yr7 and Yr12 to attend the Cymru v Denmark football game at Cardiff City Stadium on the 26th September, which will be a great opportunity for Yr 7 pupils and their Buddies to support *Cymru* together. More details will be shared with you shortly and tickets will be available on *ParentPay*.



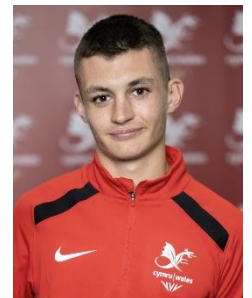
Year 7 Lunches: In order to register Yr7 pupils on our *ParentPay* system correctly, we kindly ask Yr7 pupils to bring a packed lunch for their first week in school. By Monday 11th September, all accounts should be active. We will then run an induction process for Yr 7 in our canteen on alternate weeks: pupils in 7Dewi and 7Dyfrig access to canteen (week 2, Mon 11th Sept) pupils in 7Illtud and 7Teilo (week 1, Mon 18th Sept). All pupils in Yr7 will have daily access to the canteen from Mon 2nd October.

Congratulations to Yr11 on their results!

Road and cycle safety: We welcome the new 20mph legislation and we remind you to not park or pick up / drop off close to the school gates. We encourage pupils to cycle to school using designated cycle lanes and the Taff Trail. All pupils should wear a helmet and bikes need to be locked using our cycle racks and NOT on school railings, where there have been thefts, in the past.

School uniform, mobile phones and punctuality for registration: Many thanks for your support regarding correct school uniform as we welcome pupils back for the new term. We also remind pupils that mobile phones should not be used during the school day, in line with promoting positive messages on wellbeing and reducing screen time. We also ask for your support in not sending texts, messages or making calls to your children during the school day. Pupils who do use their phones will have to hand in their device to reception and collect it at the end of the school day. Finally, a reminder that all pupils need to arrive on campus by 8.30am. Late arrivals, from September will have to register in Reception and hand in their mobile phone for the remainder of the school day. We thank you for your anticipated support in these matters.

Gold Medal for Tomi!: Congratulations to Tomi Roberts-Jones (Yr13) on his and Wales's historic first ever Gold Medal at the Para Commonwealth Youth Games in the T38 100m.



Upcoming events:

- 8 Sept Year 7 & 12 Photos: individual and year group photos
- 13 Sept Inter-house cross country race
- 15 Sept Sixth Form charity walk / *Cyfeillion Glantaf* Race Night
- 18 Sept Yr 12 Information evening on *Teams* at 5pm (Welsh) and 6pm (English)
- 26 Sept Cymru v Denmark match at Cardiff City stadium – details to follow
- 28 Sept School INSET** (Staff cluster training day – no school for pupils)
- 3-6 Oct Yr 7 Llangrannog residential

Contact us / Website: If you are joining us as a new parent we direct you to our website: [Ysgol Glantaf](#) Contact details for our Progress and Wellbeing Leaders is also available here: [Progress & Wellbeing Support | Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Glantaf](#) As we start a new year together please be reminded to contact us at the school in case of any query or concern and follow our twitter account for any updates: @Ysgol_Glantaf

Yours sincerely,

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Broad smiles as Yr11 celebrate their GCSE results!