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Dear Parents & Carers,

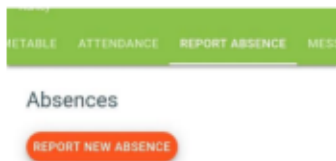
As we approach the final week before half term, we thank our parent community for their continued support, especially with the donations for the Harvest festival. Donations have been gratefully received. Year 2 have been developing their superhero stories, whilst you can see on one of the other pages what the LiFE faculty have been doing.

## Dates for your diary

- ⇒ Wednesday 23rd and Thursday 24th October 2024: Activate (Reception —Year 3) & Advance Year 4, 5, 6 Progress Evening. Please refer to letters sent with individual appointment dates/time confirmation.
- ⇒ November GCSE examinations for English Language, Mathematics and Numeracy (see information below)
- ⇒ Half term Monday 28th October until Friday 1st November 2024
- ⇒ Please note : Change of date from Thursday 14th November 2024 which was initially noted as Year 7 Progress Evening. This event will **not** take place in November as this was replaced with the orientation meetings at the beginning of this term. The Progress evening will take place in May to review academic progress. Contact Ms L Burnett if you have any issues regarding your child.

## Class Charts Communication

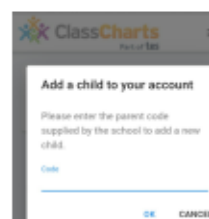
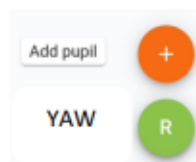
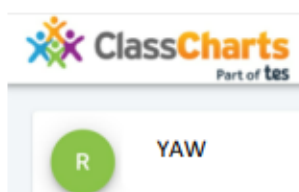
Thank you to the 85% of parents are now set up on class charts. As you will be aware all parental communication is made via Class Charts. We use announcements for school information and messages for individual information. Please ensure that you have turned on notifications so that you are informed of new information. If there is anyone having difficulty with the set up or logging into Class Charts, please call into the school office on Monday between 3-4pm and we will help you. Please bring your mobile device with you.



First day absence messages are made through the MESSAGING section of the App. If your child is not in school, you will receive a message to inform you of their absence. Parents can REPORT AN ABSENCE using the system.

You need to ensure that you have logged in for **all** of the children you have in Ysgol Afon Wen as some of the announcements and messages sent will be individual to them, their class or year group.

Press the orange button to add other children or move between the children on class charts



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# Newsletter 18.10.24

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## Introducing the Careers Google Classroom

We are excited to announce the launch of our **Careers Google Classroom**, designed to provide your child with valuable insights and resources to help them explore different career paths and plan for their future. This initiative will support students in Years 6 through 11, with tailored content for their phase.

Here's what to expect:

- **Years 9, 10, and 11:** Every **Monday**, during term time, new videos or career-related information and opportunities will be shared. These will cover a range of topics, from specific career pathways and qualifications to essential skills for the workplace. The code to join this classroom is: dixjj4r

**Years 6, 7, and 8:** For younger pupils, content will be released **fortnightly on Mondays**, focusing on early career exploration and developing an understanding of different industries and roles. The code to join this classroom is: n6xz4zr  
The Careers Google Classroom will be a great opportunity for pupils to access resources at their own pace, reflect on their future goals, and gain knowledge to make informed decisions about further education, training, or employment. Please encourage your child to check the classroom regularly and engage with the materials provided.

We're committed to helping every student discover a future that excites them, and we look forward to supporting their journey.

## GCSE Examinations: November 2024 series

Date	Component Title
Mon 04 Nov	English Language Unit 2 Description
Tue 05 Nov	Maths-Num UNIT1 Higher Noncalculator
Wed 06 Nov	English Language UNIT3 Argumentation
Thu 07 Nov	Maths-Num UNIT2 Higher Calculator
Mon 11 Nov	Maths UNIT1 Foundation Noncalculator
Wed 13 Nov	Maths UNIT2 Foundation Calculator

There are some pupils in Year 11 taking the November examination series for Mathematics, Numeracy and English Language. These are the dates if your child is being entered. Individual statements of entry have been published. Please follow exam timetable.

## Attendance

Nursery	84%	Year 4	92%	Year 9	82%
Reception	80%	Year 5	97%	Year 10	83%
Year 1	86%	Year 6	90%	Year 11	83%
Year 2	91%	Year 7	89%		
Year 3	88%	Year 8	88%		

Congratulations to **Year 5** who have the highest attendance this week. The school expects every pupil to have at least 95% attendance to school.





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## Activate Phase Parent Workshop

We would like to welcome parents into the Activate building at Ysgol Afon Wen. On **Wednesday 13th November** and **Thursday 14th November** we will be hosting numeracy workshops at school for parents and children.

The aim of the workshops is for parents to work with their children to develop their numeracy skills. During the sessions, parents will have the opportunity to explore the Numicon resource with their children and will also have the opportunity to join a lending library (more will be explained on the day).

We look forward to seeing you at Ysgol Afon Wen for the following sessions which will start at 9am i

Wednesday 13th November - Year 1 classes (Mrs Sheppard and Miss Jones)

Thursday 14th November - Reception classes (Mrs Rowland and Miss Greenman)

## Celebration of Success

Congratulations to the following pupils who have achieved the most positive points this month. Well done!

<b>Nursery</b>	Poppy Andrews Harper Marshall	<b>Year 4</b>	Zack Jaswal Isabelle Harris	<b>Year 9</b>	Ffion Elliott Fletcher Spencer
<b>Reception</b>	Ze Yan Li Isabella Michard Pugh	<b>Year 5</b>	Harriet Thomas Alfie Fulcher	<b>Year 10</b>	Zac Davis Sophie Speed
<b>Year 1</b>	Isabelle Biggs Oliver Blake	<b>Year 6</b>	Lola-Rose Peck Phoebe Williams	<b>Year 11</b>	Emily Davies Thomas Davies
<b>Year 2</b>	Brooke Bouldin Delilah Ford-Thomas	<b>Year 7</b>	Jacob Davidge Cristelle-Mai Phillips		
<b>Year 3</b>	Alay-Mae Benkhasib Tommie Alger	<b>Year 8</b>	Doua Albarony Ella Brown		



Congratulations to this pupil who swam for the Rhondda Polar Bears in Ystrad Sports Centre where he secured first place.



The pupil leadership team who have been working hard all week to canvas student voice in preparation for their first Senedd meeting with Mr Cobb.





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## Faculty of LiFE – News

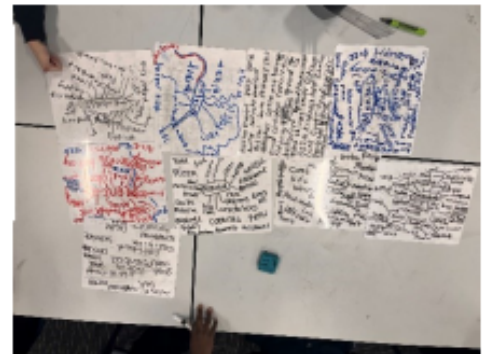
**Subject shout outs! Da iawn for all your hard work this year so far!**

Subject	Year	Pupil name
Humanities	7	Ava Perry, Jacob Davidge, Autumn Jones, Tara Abodunrin & Catherine Abodunrin
	8	Pippa Boulton & Hayden Booker, Carys Elliot & Michelle Johnson-Ibe
	9	Piotr Kudelka & Ava Hopkins, Muhammed Sharif
	10	Ethics – Tia Marshall, Thomas Holley & Jack Holmes Geography - Amelia Weyman History – Emillie Rees
	11	Religious Studies - Gwenny McCarthy, Ethan Ackford & Autumn Phillips Ethics – Finley Dyer, Farrah Williams, Tianna Lovatt & Kaitlynn Martin History – Caleb Edwards
PE	7	Charlie Whiles, Abdul-Hakeem Jackson-Ali
	8	Menna Leach, Will Davies
	9	Ffion Elliot, Sonni Long
	10	Keira Briggs
	11	Farrah Williams



Miss Warburton and Mrs McCabe took the GCSE Geography class to Cardiff Bay to collect their primary data. Pupils completed surveys with members of the public about how Cardiff has changed over time. Da iawn!

Year 4 have been exploring the components of health and well-being. They have looked into the concepts of Kindness, Self-care, and Emotions.



We have incorporated pupil-led & officiated games to ensure all learners are self-aware of rules & regulations of sports.



Great success at Archery Club with Year 4 – 6.



### PE Kit reminder

Pupils need to bring their PE kit to every lesson – even when supplying a note to excuse. All pupils will play a role to support their learning within all lessons, even if not physically performing.





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## Should I keep my child off school?



### Yes

#### Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

### No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



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#### Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.





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## Eye to Eye Counselling Service

"Sometimes we all need someone to talk to"



### Cyber Safety:

The internet is a great way for young people to access information, support, entertainment and stay connected with friends and family, but it also has its **risks**.

#### What are the risks of internet/social media use?

- Content which maybe inappropriate or unreliable, such as self-harming material or sexually explicit images/videos.
- Being a victim of, or be involved in, inappropriate or harmful behaviour such as cyber bullying, sexting, misuse of personal and private information.
- Other people having access to their personal information
- Being a target for online scams
- [Online grooming](#)\*

#### How to keep myself safe online?

- Think before you post, be mindful of who will see or view the content you share/post
- Don't share login details to your social media and online accounts
- Be careful of unknown links, these could be scams or phishing where others can gain access to your accounts and personal information
- Be mindful of who you are speaking to online, only accept friend/follow request of people you may know.
- Talk to a trusted adult if you receive any threatening or hurtful comments/messages online
- Don't share any personal details, including photos that may contain identifying information (such as school logos and house numbers)

#### How to keep my child safe online?

With the online world being a big part of young peoples everyday lives it can be difficult to monitor exactly what they get up to online, but there are thing you can do to help keep them safe.

- Talk about it, communication is key to keeping them safe online
- Talk with them about what they like to do online, this can help you have a better understanding of the safety talks they need
- Have them check their privacy settings (e.g. social media profiles set to private)
- Help them to manage what they see and do online
- Set up parental controls on devices
- Connect with them on their social media accounts
- Establish trust, this way they may be more open on the issues they maybe having online
- Educate yourself on the [signs](#) of online grooming

\* If you are concerned that your young person or another child is **being groomed** online it is important that you **report this** to the police via 101. You can also make a report online through the [safety centre \(CEOP\)](#).



[www.eyetoeye.wales](http://www.eyetoeye.wales)

#### Useful Contacts

**Eye to Eye Counselling Service:**  
01443 202940  
Email: [info@eyetoeye.wales](mailto:info@eyetoeye.wales)

**ChildLine**  
0800 1111  
[www.childline.org](http://www.childline.org)  
(online chat available)

**NSPCC**  
0808 800 5000  
Email: [help@nspcc.org.uk](mailto:help@nspcc.org.uk)  
[www.nspcc.org.uk](http://www.nspcc.org.uk)

#### Helpful Resources

[NSPCC: Keeping children safe online](#)

[Raising Children: Internet Safety,](#)

[Teens](#)

[Parents Protect: Online safety](#)



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