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Dear Parents & Carers,

Since Ysgol Afon Wen opened, several positive developments have taken place.

Pupils have settled into their routines and classes, contributing to a productive learning environment. Teachers are reporting increased engagement in class activities, with many students actively participating in discussions and showing enthusiasm for their subjects.

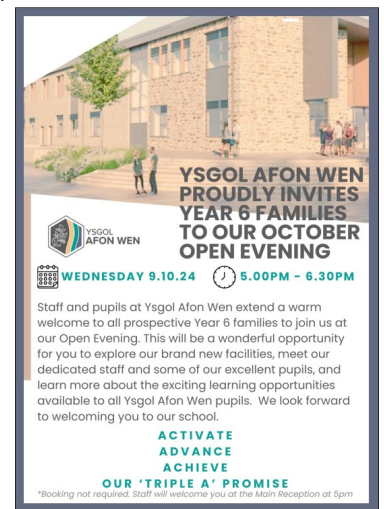
Extracurricular activities (excluding PE) will fully commence after half term, once the construction of our new Astro-turf has concluded. The school show auditions were a great success, with almost 250 pupils securing a part, the interest was so overwhelmingly great, that we will have two casts for our 'High School Musical'. This choice is very popular with all age ranges and echoes our community spirit through 'We are all in this together'.

Additionally, safety protocols and health measures have been smoothly integrated, ensuring a safe and supportive atmosphere for both pupils and staff. Thank you to all of our community who have supported us in keeping all learners safe, especially at the start and end of the school day.

Overall, the school year has started off on a very positive note, with our momentum

## Dates for your diary

- ⇒ Wednesday 9th October: Year 6 Open Evening (for pupils not already a student in Ysgol Afon Wen).
- ⇒ Thursday 10th October 2024: Year 11 Progress Evening. See letter sent from Mrs C Morgan, Head of Year 11
- ⇒ Harvest Festival: Friday 11th and Tuesday 15th October 2024
- ⇒ Wednesday 23rd & Thursday 24th October 2024: Activate (Reception –Yr 3) & Advance Year 4, 5, 6 Progress Meetings (more information to follow)



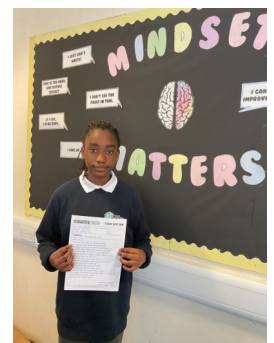
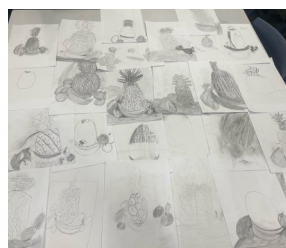
## Welsh National Tests

The National Reading, Numeracy and Reasoning Assessments will be taking place between

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October for all pupils in Years 2 and above**

The National **Reading** assessment will consist of a number of passages followed by short, closed response and multiple choice type questions. The National **Numeracy Procedural** assesses knowledge of numerical procedures such as the four number operations, equivalent fractions, decimals and percentages and work on area and volume.

**Numeracy (Reasoning)** assessments provide information on how well your child can use and apply what they know in order to solve numerical problems.





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## Attendance

Good attendance is essential for our pupil’s academic success and personal growth. By attending school regularly, students stay engaged with the curriculum, participate in class discussions, and avoid falling behind, all of which contribute to higher academic performance and wellbeing.

It also helps develop important life skills like responsibility, discipline, and time management. Moreover, consistent attendance allows pupils to build social connections and access support services that promote emotional well-being.

Overall, maintaining good attendance sets students up for future success in higher education and the workplace.

Nursery	75%	Year 4	96%	Year 9	84%
Reception	86%	Year 5	95%	Year 10	88%
Year 1	93%	Year 6	89%	Year 11	81%
Year 2	94%	Year 7	90%		
Year 3	88%	Year 8	87%		

Congratulations to **Year 4** who have the highest attendance this week (Monday 30th Sept.—Friday 4th October). The school expects every pupil to have at least 95% attendance to school.

### WHAT DOES YOUR ATTENDANCE LOOK LIKE?

Do you want to be registered as a Persistent Absentee?

- 190 DAYS = 100%**  
VERY BEST CHANCE OF SUCCESS
- 183 DAYS = 96%**  
YOU'RE OFF TO A FLYING START
- 179 DAYS = 94%**  
LESS CHANCE OF SUCCESS
- 175 DAYS = 92%**  
HARDER TO MAKE PROGRESS
- MORE THAN 18 DAYS = 90%**  
YOU ARE A PERSISTENT ABSENTEE



STRIVE TO BE ON TIME  
**EVERY MINUTE COUNTS**

MINUTES LATE	IMPACT ON YOUR ATTENDANCE IN A YEAR
5 MINUTES A DAY =	3.4 days 98.4% attendance
10 MINUTES A DAY =	6.9 days 97.6% attendance
15 MINUTES A DAY =	10.3 days 94.6% attendance
20 MINUTES A DAY =	13.8 days 92.9% attendance
30 MINUTES A DAY =	20.7 days 89.2% attendance






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## Extra Curricular Activities

### PE ENRICHMENT SCHEDULE




WEEK	DAY	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
WEEK 1	TUESDAY	NETBALL (YEAR 7 & 8)	SPORTS HALL - 3-4PM
	TUESDAY	SWIMMING (YEPS SIGNUP)	POOL - 3-4PM
	TUESDAY	ARCHERY (YEAR 4-6 QR CODE PARENTAL SIGNUP)	GYMNASIUM - 3.10-3.50PM
WEEK 2	WEDNESDAY	GIRLS RUGBY (YEARS 7-11)	SPORTS HALL - 3-4PM
	WEDNESDAY	ARCHERY (YEAR 7-11)	GYMNASIUM - 3-4PM
	THURSDAY	NETBALL (YEAR 9, 10, 11)	SPORTS HALL - 3-4PM
WEEK 3	TUESDAY	NETBALL (YEAR 7 & 8)	SPORTS HALL - 3-4PM
	TUESDAY	SWIMMING (YEPS SIGNUP)	POOL - 3-4PM
	WEDNESDAY	GIRLS RUGBY (YEARS 7-11)	SPORTS HALL - 3-4PM
	WEDNESDAY	ARCHERY (YEAR 7-11)	GYMNASIUM - 3-4PM
WEEK 4	THURSDAY	NETBALL (YEAR 9, 10, 11)	SPORTS HALL - 3-4PM
	FRIDAY	MULTI-SPORTS (YEAR 4-6 QR CODE PARENTAL SIGNUP)	MUGA (SPORTSHALL IF RAINING) - 3.10-3.50PM

**FOOTBALL** - Year 7-11 Fixtures ongoing.

**FOOTBALL & RUGBY** - Beginning once access to school fields / Astro is established

**BASKETBALL** - Beginning after half-term

**YEAR 4-6 PARENT / CARERS MUST PRE-REGISTER STUDENTS AT ALL CLUBS EACH WEEK USING THE QR CODE**




### EXTRA-CURRICULAR TIMETABLE

# TEAM YAW

ALL ABILITIES WELCOME

TUESDAY- Y7&8 NETBALL  
WEDNESDAY- Y9,10&11 NETBALL  
THURSDAY-GIRLS RUGBY (ALL YEARS)

MEET AT SPORTSHALL @ 2:50PM



## Year 3 & 4 Swimming lessons

From Monday 7th October until 25th October, Year 3 and 4 will take part in Swimming lessons on site in the Leisure Centre. Pupils will have an intensive three week period of swimming lessons where they will go on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Please ensure that they children have their kit and are prepared.

Year 3 Miss E Lyle	Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday	9.15—10.15
Year 3 Mrs M Fawkes	Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday	10.15—11.15
Year 4 Miss M Nash	Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday	11.15—12.15
Year 4 Mrs K Jones	Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday	13.15—14.15

Please note: Year 5 and 6 will complete the same intensive course of swimming lessons in January.





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## Harvest Festival

As part of our Harvest celebrations, the children in Nursery—Year 6 will be having a Harvest assembly on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October (Activate) and Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October (Advance).

The local church will be attending the service and will be delivering a Harvest message. As part of the celebrations, please could your child bring a tin or packaged food to school (please make sure that the food is in date). This will be donated to the church who will then create food parcels for people in the local community. All member of Ysgol Afon Wen are invited to donate. There will be a box for donations in the pupil reception for older pupils.



## Celebration of Success

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

Nursery	Sebastian Coad & Arianna Webb	Year 4	Dylan Taylor & Albie Brickell	Year 9	Lillie-May Shankland & Muhammed Sharif
Reception	Poppy Perry & Elijah Kuras	Year 5	Amelia King & Faith Wilson	Year 10	Tia Marshall & Finley Christo
Year 1	Quinn Driscoll & Havana Pyne	Year 6	Grace Blatchford, Seren Coles & Lara May	Year 11	Cameron Brickle & Maxie Lock
Year 2	Hayden Barrat & Leo Harris	Year 7	Chloe Adams & Alicia Davies		
Year 3	Taran Mantle & Harrison Davies	Year 8	Izzy Mardon-Hughes & Temidola Oyebola		

## Student Leadership Team

Following a rigorous interview panel, congratulations to the following students who were appointed a members of Ysgol Afon Wen Student Leadership Team:

Head Pupils: Freddie Brock & Rebecca Robets

Head of Activate Phase: Tom Davies & Chantelle Culley.

Head of Advance Phase: Joni Usar & Layla Cox.

Head of Achieve: Seth Kemlo & Jay Cummings.

## Phase Information

### Activate Phase (Nursery to Year 3)

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Harvest Festival R-Yr3

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October (for 2 weeks)

Literacy and Numeracy

Welsh National Tests (Yr 2 and 3)

Year 3 Swimming (see information above)

### Advance Phase (Year 4 to Year 8)

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Harvest Festival Yr 4—Yr6

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October (for 2 weeks)

Literacy and Numeracy

Welsh National Tests (Yr 4, 5, 6, 7, 8)

Year 4 Swimming (see information above).

### Achieve Phase (Year 9 to Year 11)

Year 11 interim report published early October.

Information to follow with interim report about GCSE deadlines for Year 10 and 11 pupils.

Year 11 Parents' Evening Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October (for 2 weeks)  
Literacy and Numeracy Tests (Yr 9)





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## Year 11 Revision Sessions



## Year 11: Revision Sessions

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Break					
Lunch					
Afterschool	French (2:45pm-3:15pm)	English: Clwb Saesneg (2:45pm-3:45pm)  Computer Science: Catch up session (2:45pm-3:45pm)	Mathematics: Higher: C4 (2:45pm-3:30pm)  Intermediate: C3 (3:00pm-4:00pm)  Foundation: C1 (2:45pm-3:30pm)	Religious Studies: B1 (2:45pm-3:45pm)  Practical Music Support (2:45pm-3:45pm)	

## Parental Communication



Please ensure that you have downloaded and logged into the Class Charts parental app and turned on notifications.

All Ysgol Afon Wen information is sent through Class Charts, supported by the schools social media.

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