

Dear Parents/Carers,

The GCSE revision and examinations have continued this week in Ysgol Afon Wen. We are extremely proud of the Year 11 pupils who are still working hard to achieve the best they can. Only a small number of examinations left next week. Keep going!

It was wonderful to see the Year 6 and 7 pupils clap the Year 11 pupils out of the theatre following their leavers assembly. Mrs Morgan (Progress Leader) has created a montage of photos from their life in Hawthorn High School and Ysgol Afon Wen, they had presentations, signed one another shirts to keep for the future and enjoyed an ice cream.

Guests from Show Racism the Red Card came to speak to pupils in Year 5—8 this week, more of which can be seen later in the newsletter and the upcoming events in school can be found below.

Dates for your diary

Date	Event
Monday 16th June	Year 7, 8, 9 exams start
Wednesday 18th June 2025	GCSE examinations end
Monday 23rd June 2025	Year 6 transition week Year 10 work experience week
Thursday 26th June 2025	Year 6 Parents' Transition Event 5pm
Monday 30th June 2025	Reception Celebration Assembly 9.10am. Activate Sports Day
Tuesday 1st July 2025	Year 2 and 3 : 9.30am—11.30am Parents welcome. Reception - Yr 1 : 1.45pm—2.45pm Parents welcome. Achieve Sports Day (Year 9 and 10)
Wednesday 2nd July 2025	Careers Fair for Year 8 Summer Showcase performance 4pm (Yr 5-8)
Thursday 3rd July 2025	Advance Sports Day (Year 4, 5,6) Year 4, 5, 6 : 1.30 - 3.00pm Parents welcome.
Friday 4th July 2025	Nursery Celebration Assembly 9.10am Advance Sports Day (Year 7 and 8) Year 2 Celebration Assembly 2.30pm



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Year 7, 8 and 9 Summer Assessments

Pupils have been preparing all week for Summer assessments following the schedule below. Year 7 and 8 examinations will take place in classrooms lesson 2 and 4 each day with their timetabled class teacher. The reading and numeracy assessments will take place in the computer room. For Year 9 all exams (except Technology) will take place in the Sports Hall, preparing the pupils for the potential GCSE modular examinations in Year 10.

We wish them the best of luck and encourage all pupils to remain calm, try their best and ensure that they understand that assessment of their academic progress will be formulated on classwork, homework, class assessments and presentations that have taken place throughout the academic year. An end of year examination is only one part of the assessment process and practice for future examinations.

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
Monday 16 th June 2025	Mathematics Welsh	Science Technology	
Tuesday 17 th June 2025	English Science	Humanities Welsh	GL Assessment Reading
Wednesday 18 th June 2025	Humanities French	French Mathematics	GL Assessment Numeracy
Thursday 19 th June 2025	Technology	English	
Friday 20 th June 2025	GL Assessment Reading	GL Assessment Reading	Technology (Classroom)
Monday 23 rd June 2025	GL Assessment Numeracy	GL Assessment Numeracy	Mathematics (8.50- 10.30) Sports Hall Welsh (1.15 – 2.45) Sports Hall
Tuesday 24 th June 2025			Science (8.50-10.30) Sports Hall Humanities (1.15 – 2.45) Sports Hall

Change in communication method

In the new academic year, the method of communication is going to be changing for Ysgol Afon Wen. The whole of RCT has moved to a new management information system called Bromcom which hosts a “My Child at School” App. Information will follow for all parents to log into the app in preparation for the change.



Show Racism the Red Card

[Our Story - Show Racism the Red Card](#)

“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.”

Nelson Mandela

In the 1990's, Newcastle United's 'Entertainers' were challenging for the Premier League title. It was with this backdrop, that Shaka was at a petrol station near St. James' Park one day filling up his car with petrol when he was confronted by a group of young people shouting racist abuse at him. After they got closer and one of the group realised that they had been shouting at Shaka Hislop, the Newcastle United Goalkeeper. Their attitude suddenly went from abuse to admiration and instead they began asking for an autograph.



Pupils in Ysgol Afon Wen invited speakers from Show Racism the Red Card who worked with groups of pupils from Year 5 to Year 8 looking at elements of racism and challenging misconceptions, stereotypes and negative attitudes in society.



Coleg y Cymoedd Female Rugby

Pupils in Year 9 and 10 were joined by Gavin Gallagher this week. Gavin leads the female rugby team in Coleg y Cymoedd. He was able to showcase the fantastic facilities and discussed options for further education. If anyone would like any additional information please contact Gavin on gavin.gallagher@cymoedd.ac.uk



Celebration of Success

Congratulations to the following pupils who have been commended by their Progress leader or teachers. Well done!

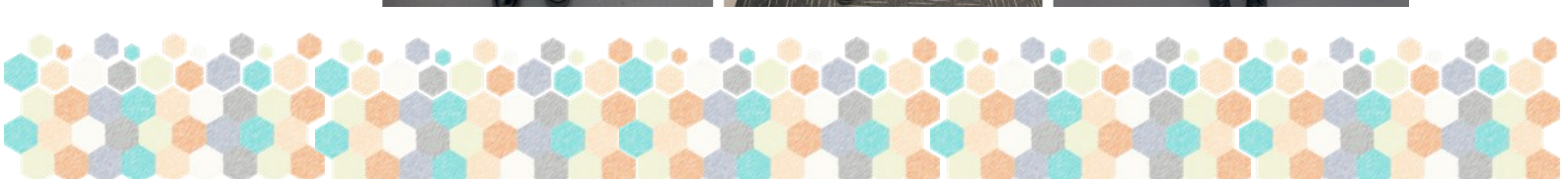
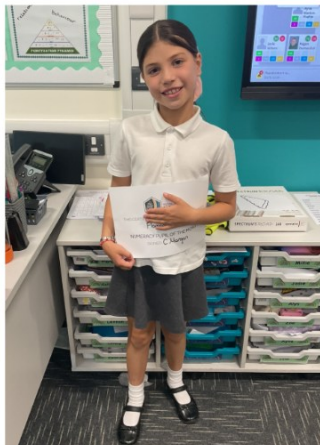


Nursery	Poppy Andrews	Year 4	Isabelle Harris	Year 9	Lily Baker
	Oakley Phillips		Florence Lucas		James Beese
Reception	Max Delataire-Morgan	Year 5	Archie James David	Year 10	Scarlett Parkhouse
	Noah Boffy		Mia Tomaszewski		Dylan Gane
Year 1	Noah Bennet	Year 6	Maddison Williams	Year 11	Connor Gregory
	Tommy O'Leary		Carys Hanies		Abigail Jones
Year 2	Elijan Manfield	Year 7	Sophie Serpell		
	Finley Bevan		Jaxon Hazell		
Year 3	Nansi Simms	Year 8	Baylee-Renae Thomas		
	Ocean Mann		Nathan Price		



Mia T Dosbarth Branz has had First Aid training where she has learnt how to do CPR, how to call an ambulance and treat minor injuries. She has completed this training while in Brownies and is now a level 3 First Aider. Da iawn Mia!

Numeracy Pupil of the Month (May)



Uniform Shop

The school are collecting any used uniform from all phases in preparation to open the uniform shop for the community. If you have any items of school uniform that you are not handing down to siblings please could you bring it in to reception and we will store it. The uniform shop will then be available for parents/carers in September.

Reward Summer Trip

The spaces available on the Summer Rewards Trips are quickly filling up. Due to this, a first come first served approach will be implemented as spaces are limited. To avoid disappointment please book on as soon as possible via RCT pay it.

Internet Safety

The Police came in Ysgol Afon Wen today to teach pupils in Year 6 about staying safe on the internet. It was a really important message and pupils were extremely responsive.



Cardiff City Football sessions

Year 2—6 have been involved in Cardiff City team building football sessions this term. It has been wonderful to see all of the pupils involved.

For the Summer term Year 2—5 will have football sessions take place on Wednesday. Pupils are invited to wear their PE kit.



Reception—Year 6 Sports Day

Sports Day – Spectator Information

The staff and students at Ysgol Afon Wen are delighted to welcome you to the site to support the students taking part in our inaugural Sports and Physical Activity Day.

Students will be participating in a variety of competitive and non-competitive events and activities throughout the day to earn points for their respective houses.

The following information is provided to visitors so that the day can prove to be a memorable and enjoyable experience for all in the school community.

House Colours

Students are requested to wear a top that matches their designated house colour. Please do not worry if this is not possible as house-coloured bibs can be provided to students that need them.

House	House Colour
Elai	Red
Cynon	Yellow
Taf	Blue
Rhondda	Green

Footwear – Students and Spectators

The school have benefitted from a complete refurbishment of the AstroTurf facility. As a result, we have a strict footwear and usage policy to ensure that we are covered under our maintenance contract and insurance. Please be aware of the following:

- **Office shoes, boots and heeled-shoes of any kind CANNOT be worn on the AstroTurf.**
- Trainers, preferably “lugged” trainers **must** be worn.

Drinks and Food

The following rules apply:

- **No food** may be taken inside the AstroTurf fencing.
- **Only water** may be consumed inside AstroTurf fencing.
- **Student drinks** must be left in class gazebo.

Seating

Unfortunately, **no chairs** may be used on the AstroTurf surface.

Should you require any specific access arrangements, please do not hesitate to contact us in advance in order to make the necessary arrangements.



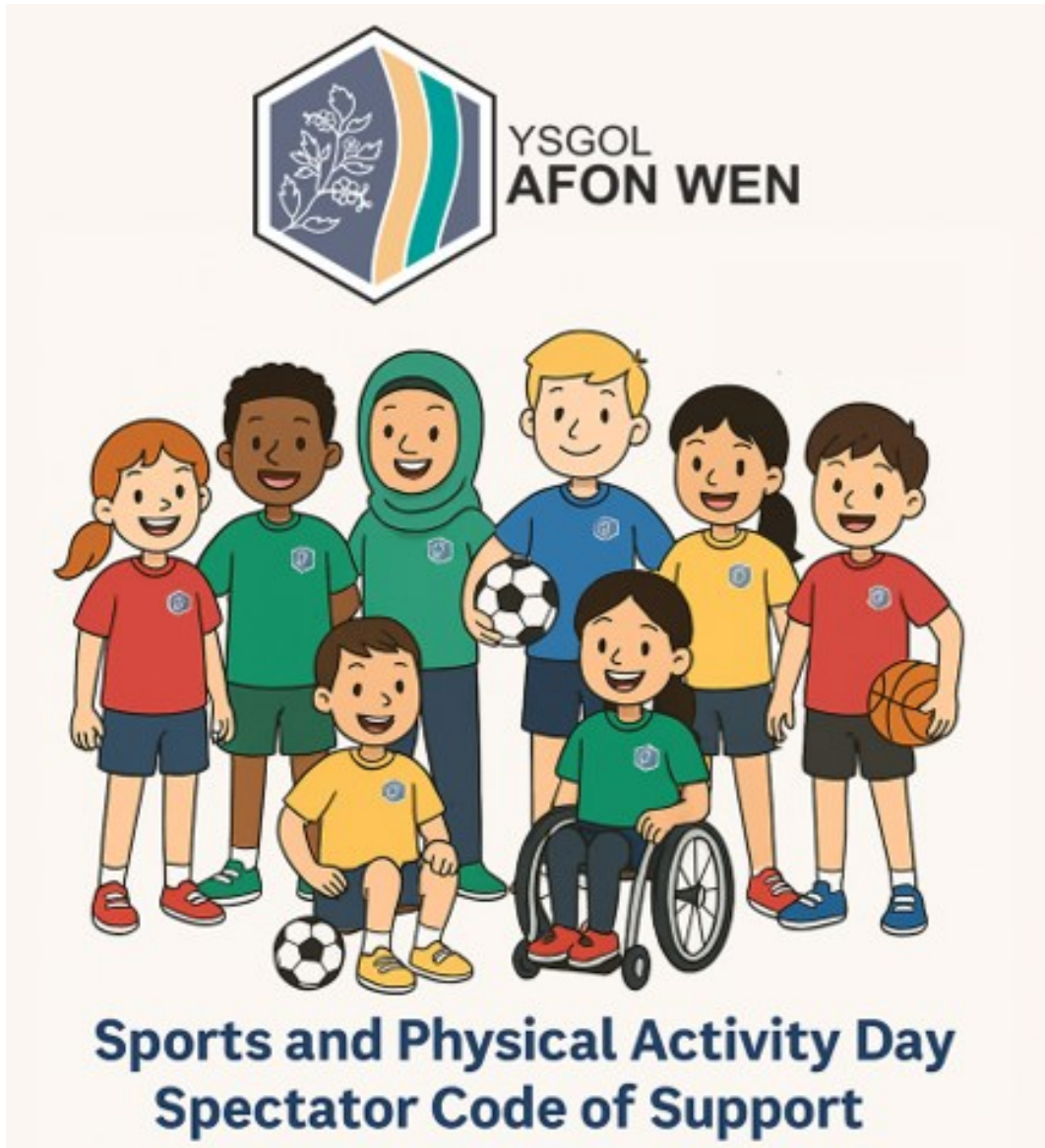


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Sports Days



1. Children are involved in sport and activities for their enjoyment
2. Respect all decisions made by school staff
3. Be a role model – support everyone
4. Applaud effort, hard work and success
5. Appreciate that success looks and feels different to everyone



Year 11 Leavers Assembly

This week, our Year 11 pupils gathered for a special end-of-year assembly to mark the end of a significant chapter in their school journey. The event was filled with celebration, recognition, and a touch of nostalgia as students came together to reflect on their time at school.

The highlight of the assembly was the presentation of Subject and Individual Awards, honouring students for their outstanding academic achievements and personal contributions throughout their time in Year 11.

Staff were proud to commend the pupils' hard work, dedication, and growth – both inside and outside the classroom.



To make the day even more memorable, Year 11 were also treated to a well-deserved Subzero ice cream, bringing smiles and a sweet ending to a heartfelt occasion.

Pupils also received their yearbooks and leavers' hoodies, which sparked plenty of laughter and photo opportunities as they looked through memories and signed each other's books.

The assembly concluded with an emotional and uplifting video montage, capturing cherished memories, milestones, and moments shared by the year group over the past five years. Laughter, a few tears, and warm applause filled the room as students looked back on their journey with pride and appreciation.



As a final tribute, Year 11 were given a clap-out by Year 6 and Year 7 pupils, who lined the corridors to cheer them on as they left the assembly. The younger students applauded and waved, giving the Year 11s a heartfelt and memorable send-off that recognised their achievements and symbolised the legacy they leave behind.



We wish our Year 11s every success as they move forward, whether into Sixth Form, college, or other exciting paths ahead. They leave with our best wishes and the knowledge that they have made a lasting impression on our school community.





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Summer Showcase

On Tuesday 2nd July pupils from Year 5—10 will be performing a Summer extravaganza starting at 4pm. The showcase will feature a range of talents including singing, dancing and instrumental performances.

Please come along to support.
No tickets needed.

On the day, you can purchase a programme and buy a raffle tickets if you would like to bring some small change.

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Summer Showcase

July 2nd 2025
4pm

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Community Event



Hawthorn & Lower Rhydyfelin Kids Club
presents in partnership with Happy Boots

Hello Summer

an evening of summer planting fun
crafts and games for all the family.

Friday 20th June
6pm - 8pm
Hawthorn Community Centre

FREE event for all ages*

Tuck shop available for snacks and
refreshments

Raffle

For more information please search for
Hawthorn & Lower Rhydyfelin Kids Club on
Facebook!

*adult supervision required





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Community Event

Are you between 16-18 years old?

VOLUNTEER

with Pontypridd Town Council this summer!



Scan for application form

What will I be doing?

Support us in Offering Summer Activities for Families in Pontypridd.

Why take part?

- ✓ Boost your potential for employment.
- ✓ Team uniform.
- ✓ Vouchers for hours completed.
- ✓ Meet new people.

What next?

Complete the online application by **TUESDAY 24th JUNE**
Participate in training on July 1st.

Link to application form:
<https://rb.gy/qs0f4y>

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