

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for your support this week with the increase in temperature across the country. The weather is expected to return to lower temperatures and potential rain, therefore all pupils are asked to come into school in school uniform. Please note this can include grey tailored shorts or skirt or a yellow gingham summer dress in N-Year 6. Parents are reminded that pupils can fill up water bottles at stations around the school and therefore will benefit from carrying a refillable water bottle. Sun cream and a sun hat are also a recommendation during the summer term. Please put the sun cream on your child before they come to school.

This week saw the conclusion of the GCSE examinations, much to the relief of Year 11 pupils. We look forward to celebrating with them during prom and wish them the very best for their future endeavours and we are always here to support if they need anything in the future. We will welcome return visits in the future to share successes and failures with the younger pupils.

Younger pupils have been completing internal assessments and/or their Welsh National Tests and teachers are starting to prepare reports to come home summarising their academic progress this year. We wish Year 10 pupils the best of luck for their week's work experience. We hope this will cement or amend some future career prospects. See more information later in the newsletter.

The nursery class have been outside this week preparing postcards from nature. They worked hard to collect items and learnt about what they were as well.



Dates for your diary

The summer term is always a busy time of year. Please see dates of future events below.

Date	Event
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.
Tuesday 1st July 2025	Activate Sports Day 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) 1.30 - 3.00pm Parents welcome. Year 5 Open Evening 5pm Nursery Celebration Assembly 9.10am
Friday 4th July 2025	Advance Sports Day (Year 7 and 8) Year 2 Celebration Assembly 2.30pm
Monday 7th July 2025	Year 7 & 8 Trip to Drayton Manor Year 3 Celebration Assembly 2.30pm
Tuesday 8th July 2025	Activate Experience Day Year 9 & 10 Trip to Drayton Manor
Wednesday 9th July 2025	Year 1 Celebration Assembly 9.10am Year 11 Prom 7pm
Friday 11th July 2025	Year 4, 5, 6 Trip

Future days for your diary: GCSE results day Thursday 21st June, Monday 1st September 2025 INSET day and Tuesday 2nd September 2025 INSET day.





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Year 10 Work Experience

Thank you to all parents who have secured a work experience placement for your son/daughter next week. If you have, you will have received a confirmation message on Classcharts on Wednesday which outlined the following: With any placement that has been confirmed, we now kindly ask that you make contact with the employer directly to check for any last-minute instructions or reminders, such as specific clothing/uniform requirements, start times, or any materials they may need to bring.

Please also ensure that the employer is aware of any medical needs your son/daughter has. If Section A of the original work experience form (which includes medical information and emergency contact details) was not passed on to or shared with the employer when organising the placement, it is essential that this information is now shared with them before Monday 23rd June.

A member of staff from Ysgol Afon Wen will contact each employer during the work experience week to check in on how the placement is progressing and to offer support if needed.

If your son/daughter is unwell during their work experience placement next week, please ensure you contact the employer directly to inform them of the absence—just as you would notify the school during a regular school week. Please contact the school as well.

Year 10- pupils not attending an external work experience:

If your son/daughter has not secured an external work experience placement for the week beginning 23rd June, they are expected to attend school as normal during the work experience week.

They will be assigned to a designated area within the school, where they will support staff and work with younger pupils. This in-school placement will provide valuable experience in a structured and supervised environment, and will count as their official work experience.

Drayton Manor trip

Based on current numbers/interest, the end of year Summer Reward Trip for Years 7 - 10 to Drayton Manor is going to have to be scaled down. If your child wants to go on the trip and you have planned to pay the full amount later this month, please can you log onto the RCT Pay-it system and make a partial payment (e.g. £5 or £10) as a deposit to secure their place. This will enable the school to gauge the number of people interested and manage the buses accordingly. Please note the cost of the trip is £41 in total.



Anti-bullying Ambassadors

During the week of 16th - 20th June 2025, our Anti- Bullying Ambassadors have successfully launched their message and promise in assemblies across the entire school from Reception to Year 10. Pupils have spoken at length about their specialised training and how others will be able to reach out in a peer -to-peer supportive approach. Definitions and different types of bullying were shared and distributed across our entire school, launched by the pupils themselves in a confident and mature approach across all years.

All of our Anti- Bullying Ambassadors were awarded with a special recognition badge and wrist band, so that those seeking support can recognise representatives across our diverse and all age school.



Annie Auditions

We are delighted to announce that our school production of Annie will be the week of 20th October 2025.

Annie auditions were held this week with pupils from Year 4—8 and we're excited to see who has been cast.



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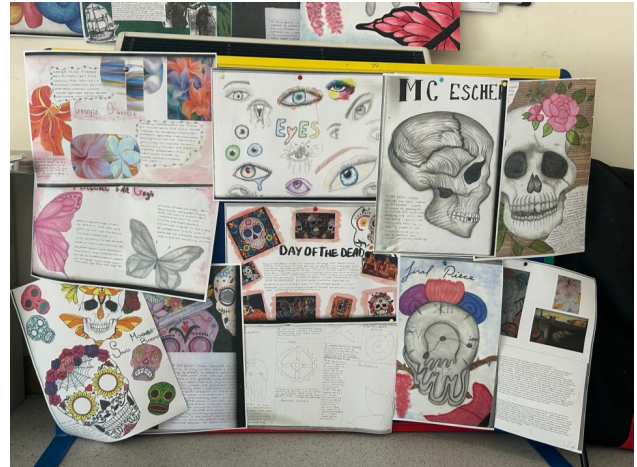
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GCSE Art & Design

Mr Cox and Miss Jenkins proudly displayed some the GCSE Art and Design examination work for the external moderator this week. They were extremely impressed with the work and we hope you will agree, we have a plethora of talent here at Ysgol Afon Wen.



Celebration of Success

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



Nursery	Anwen Hooper	Year 4	Ewaoluwa Omotoso	Year 9	Olivier Mason
	Georgie Holloway		Mason Ashton		Amelia Thomas
Reception	Maisie-Rae Lott	Year 5	Luka Kirvalidze	Year 10	Madison Bale Regan Hext
	Isabela O'Sullivan		Faith Wilson		
Year 1	Brayen Demeter	Year 6	Kacey Harris		
	Gracie Axiaka		Luke Williams Dylan Jones		
Year 2	Deliah Ford-Thomas	Year 7	Alhazem Alyasin Riley Lloyd		
Year 3	Taran Mantle	Year 8	Mohen Sharma		
	Caelan Jones		Ruby Alm		

Attendance

Nursery	86%	Year 4	85%	Year 9	81%
Reception	86%	Year 5	87%	Year 10	77%
Year 1	89%	Year 6	90%	Year 11	N/A
Year 2	83%	Year 7	88%		
Year 3	89%	Year 8	89%		

Congratulations to **Year 6** who have the highest attendance this week. The school expects every pupil to have at least 90% attendance to school. A high level of attendance to school supports high levels of attainment and wellbeing.



Feedback from Welsh National Tests

WNT information has been released for parents/carers to see on Hwb. This will show you the latest scores and progress made. Pupils will need to log in to their Hwb account and you as parents will be able to see the progress. This will also be summarised on the Summer term report for your child. See attached information with the newsletter.

Personalised assessment feedback – Numeracy (Procedural) Information for parents and carers



Understanding feedback

Your child has taken a short, online personalised assessment for Numeracy (Procedural). This information is to help you understand the feedback they have been given.

The purpose of personalised assessments is to help all children progress through understanding what they can do, the things they cannot do, and their next steps.

What is Numeracy (Procedural)?

Numeracy (Procedural) focuses on numerical facts and procedures – the numerical ‘tools’ that are needed to apply numeracy within a range of contexts.

How does the assessment work?

The questions are chosen from a large ‘bank’ designed for Years 2 to 9. Each question is selected based on the answer given to the previous question. If pupils get a question right they are given a slightly harder question. If they cannot answer a question, answer incorrectly or skip a question, they receive a slightly easier one. All pupils will get some questions right and some questions wrong, as this gathers information on the limits of what each pupil can do at that particular time. This means all pupils will receive an assessment that is unique to them.

What does the feedback tell me?

The feedback is a snapshot of your child’s skills at the time the assessment was taken. It provides just one source of information on your child’s overall knowledge and understanding. Your child’s teacher will consider this feedback, alongside other information they have on your child’s skills in numeracy work in the classroom, in order to plan their learning.

The first section ‘**The hardest questions I got right were on these skills:**’ lists the areas in which your child gave correct answers for the most challenging questions.

The second section ‘**Some of the questions I got wrong were on:**’ relates to the easiest questions answered incorrectly.

The final two sections ‘**Most pupils with similar skills are able to ... and are likely to move on to:**’ relate to your child’s overall performance in the assessment and provide an overview of the sort of skills that pupils with a similar pattern of answers are able to achieve or are working towards.

Sample questions relevant to each skills statement listed in the feedback can be viewed by clicking on the ‘sample question PDF’ button when your child is logged into their Hwb account.

Reports showing your child’s progress over time will also be available from your child’s school.

For more information about personalised assessments visit
hwb.gov.wales/personalised-assessments-for-parents-and-carers

Staff v.s Year 6 football match

On Thursday, Class 6A hosted their soccer Aid event, with Pupil’s playing Staff in a charity match. It was a great occasion, supported by lots of children from the Advance phase. After a well contested game the staff run out winners 5 goals to 3. The event raised £75 which will be donated to Unicef. Well done to all staff and children involved.





Duke of Edinburgh

Year 8 pupils have been offered the opportunity to complete the Duke of Edinburgh scheme. Miss Watkins will be talking to groups in Wellbeing lessons and discussing how beneficial this will be to individuals. The scheme shows great skills such as teamwork and perseverance. . If you would like any more information please speak to a member of the team.



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Alternative Curriculum Experience Day

ACE Day – Thursday 26th June

We're looking forward to a vibrant and engaging Skills Day on Thursday 26th June, where pupils will be exploring what it means to be Welsh through a range of creative and language-based activities.

Throughout the day, learners will take part in interactive sessions celebrating Welsh identity, including opportunities for **bilingual writing**, themed language games, creative tasks exploring Welsh culture, and activities using the present tense in context.

From designing Welsh symbols to reimagining myths and legends in the Mabinogion, the day promises to be full of fun, skill-building and discovery.

Thank you for your continued support — we can't wait to celebrate your child's creativity and growing confidence in Cymraeg. *Diolch yn fawr!*

Mrs Holland

