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News for the week ending 14 June 2024

Newyddion yr wythnos 14 Mehefin 2024

KEY DATES

- 17 June - Lower School Beach Visit
- 20 June - New Intake Parents Evening (Y6)
- 21 June - INSET DAY—School Closed for Pupils

Dear Parents/Carers,

We would like to wish you all a pleasant weekend.

[Here](#) you will find this week's newsletter from Cowbridge Lower School.

Cowbridge School Senior Leadership Team



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**Cowbridge School
presents**



**EXPRESSIVE
ARTS**

Festival

**Two evenings of
events to
celebrate
Cowbridge
students' work
in the area of
Expressive Arts**

**Monday 1st July:
Art &
Photography
Exhibition
(GCSE & A Level)
4.30pm
Performing Arts
Showcase 6pm**



**Tuesday 2nd July:
Music Summer
Concert 6pm
Tickets £5
available on
ParentMail**



**1st & 2nd
JULY
2024**

++Art++Music++Drama++

*More information available from your Art,
Music and Performing Arts teachers.*



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SUMMER CONCERT

TUESDAY 2ND JULY

6PM

MAIN HALL

TICKETS £5
AVAILABLE ON
PARENTMAIL





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Invitation to Cowbridge higher education students to apply for local funding for 2024-2025 academic year

Cowbridge students leaving school and continuing into higher education during the 2024 - 2025 academic year are invited to apply for a grant from one of the following local charities who may be able to assist with financial support.

Applications are straightforward and not subject to any means testing. To register your application, please email the applicable charity below.

1. Cowbridge with Llanblethian United Charities

Trustees will consider applications for the relief in need, hardship or distress, either generally or individually, of persons resident in the area of benefit (the Town Council area of Cowbridge with Llanblethian). Students are also required to provide evidence of enrolment on their chosen course. Please email cwluc.clerk@gmail.com.

2. Cowbridge Institute Educational Trust– applications under age of 25

Promoting the education (including social and physical training) of persons under the age of 25 years, the qualifying area of residency is the Town Council area of Cowbridge with Llanblethian. Please email cowbridgeiet@gmail.com.

3. Evan Jenkins Charity– applications under age of 25

The principal objective of this charity is the maintenance and repair of the tenor bell at St John the Baptist Church, Llanblethian. However, the trustees are empowered to distribute surplus income by awarding financial grants to young people, who are furthering their education at either a University, a local college or by entering an apprenticeship scheme. Applicants must be under the age of 25 years and resident within the ancient parishes of Llanblethian and Ystradowen, which includes Aberthin and Trehyngyll. Please email evan.jenkins.charity@outlook.com.

Regards

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Protecting Your Family Online: A Parent's Guide to Cybersecurity

19th July 2024 12.00pm
24th July 2024 10.00am
31st July 2024 3.30pm

Here's the link to register your free place for the webinars: [Eventbrite Link](#)

This is a free event, set up and run by the policing Regional Organised Crime Unit.

Sent on behalf of Jason Redrup, Safeguarding Officer for The Vale of Glamorgan



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CALLING ALL FORMER STUDENTS

If you're a former student of Cowbridge Comprehensive School, we want to hear from you!

Your experiences since leaving could help to motivate and inspire our current students to feel more confident in making decisions about their future. We'd love you to join our alumni network and stay connected with the school.

We've partnered with the national education charity **Future First**, who specialise in helping schools like ours to stay connected with their former students.

You can choose how and when you help – perhaps you can act as a career and education role model, provide work experience, become a mentor in person or online, or help with donations, fundraising or even apply to become a governor.

It doesn't matter when you left us, whether you're in further education or employment, whether you still live nearby or have moved further away, there are still ways you can help.

In order to sign up, just follow this link and fill in the online form – we promise it will only take a couple of minutes.

<https://www.futurefirsthub.org.uk/register/cowbridge-school>

Thank You.



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down to earth geophysics

Cowbridge School's A-level Geology students have started work on a geological research project funded by a prestigious STEM Partnership Grant from The Royal Society, the oldest scientific institution in continuous existence since 1660.



The Year 12 geologists have spent two days conducting research on the geology at Dunraven Bay, Southerndown. They have been investigating what the fossils can tell us about changing levels and oxygen content of the Jurassic ocean, the unusual deformation of the rocks exposed in the cliffs and evaluating the evidence for a historical tsunami in the Bristol Channel.





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The GeoVoyager project is an exciting collaboration with Cardiff-based TerraDat Geophysics, aiming to create an online 3D geological database with state-of-the-art drone photogrammetry and laser scanning technologies. By focusing on data capture, 3D modelling, and online sharing, the project is designed to foster a robust understanding of advanced imaging techniques among students. Students were able to employ some of the latest geophysical technology to aid their investigations, directing Nick Russill from TerraDat to collect the data they wanted for their study using equipment that is not usually available to students in school.

The next step is for students to create a digital model of the cliffs and use augmented reality to explain the geological story in the rocks. A small group of geologists will then present the findings at the Royal Society's home in central London at the Summer Science Exhibition in early July. Cowbridge is one of 12 schools selected from around the UK to showcase the scientific work that has been supported by the Royal Society.

<https://royalsociety.org/science-events-and-lectures/summer-science-exhibition/all-exhibits/young-researchers-zone/>





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Apprenticeship Opportunities

[Rail Engineering Degree Apprenticeship - Canton](#)

[Rail Engineering Degree Apprenticeship – Taffs Well](#)

[Digital Projects Apprentice \(IT and Digital Services\)](#)

[Stores Apprentice](#)

[HR People Systems](#)

[HR Apprentice](#)

[Project Support Officer Apprentice](#)

[Finance Apprentice](#)

[Trainee Journalist \(Welsh Language Programmes\)](#)



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Support Contacts and Resources

There are a number of services available in Cardiff and the Vale for young people to help manage their emotional health and wellbeing. Some also offer support and information for the family unit as a whole.

CEWB&MHS




Children's Emotional
Wellbeing and Mental
Health Service

Suicide Prevention




Papyrus Suicide
Prevention website

Self-Harm

Heads Above
the Waves 

 The Amber
Project

Calm Harm 
Phone app


Help your child, family or
friend with their self-harm

 Combined Minds
Phone app


Eating Disorders

Beat Eating
Disorders 


Psychosis


 Information and
support on YM site

LGBTQIA+ Support


 Umbrella
Cymru

Instant support

Meic ChatLine 
8am-12am

 School Nurse
TextLine Mon-Fri
8.30am-4.30pm

Samaritans 
HelpLine 24/7

 Suicide Prevention
Hopeline 9am-12am

Childline online
1-2-1 counsellor chat 
Available 24/7

 Shout TextLine
Available 24/7

Autism Support

Daisy Chain 
Project



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General advice and support

 MindHub library for info on many topics, eg. Anxiety, Bullying

Platform 4 
Young People 
Check out their State of Mind project!

 Young
Minds

SilverCloud 
Online CBT
for over 16s

 Mee Too
Mental Health
Social Network

Support For Families

 Cardiff Family
Advice and Support

Platform 4 
Families

Young Carers


 YMCA
Support


Mindfulness


HeadSpace 
Phone App

Staying Safe

Report issues or
crimes to Police
(non-urgent) 

 Concerned about
a child in Cardiff?
(Safeguarding)

Concerned about
a child in the Vale?
(Safeguarding) 

 Concerned about
Female Genital
Mutilation (FGM)?

Think U Know
Online and
Offline safety 

In an emergency
Call 999





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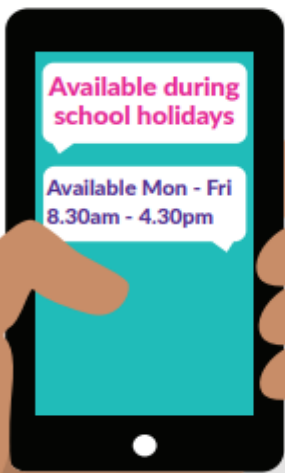


Nursio Ysgol | School Nursing
BIP Caerdydd a'r Fro | Cardiff & Vale UHB

parent line

If you're a parent or carer of a 5-16 Year Old
Text your school nurse on
07312 263178
For confidential advice and support

This will be a text in service for parent to access their school nurse to help with a wide range of health problems. This won't be a diagnostic service but we can give advice on....



Available during school holidays

Available Mon - Fri
8.30am - 4.30pm



emotional wellbeing
sleep day and
healthy night time
eating wetting
soiling substance misuse
relationships
behaviour bullying
online safety puberty



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We might inform someone if we were concerned about your safety, but we would usually speak to you first. Your messages are stored and can be seen by other healthcare staff who follow the same confidentiality rules. We aim to reply to you within one working day and you should get an immediate message back to confirm we received your text. Texts will not be seen outside normal working hours. If you need help before you hear back from us, contact your GP, nearest walk in centre or dial 111. Our text number does not receive voice calls or MMS picture messages. We support messaging from UK mobile numbers only (which does not include messages sent from landlines, international mobile numbers and some 'number masking' mobile apps). To prevent the health professional from sending messages to you, text STOP to our number. Messages are charged at your usual rates.



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Nyrsio Ysgol | School Nursing
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Ilinell rhieni

Os ydych yn rhiant neu'n ofalwr i blentyn 5-16 oed

Tecstiwch eich nyrs ysgol ar

07312 263178

Am gyngor a chymorth cyfrinachol

Bydd hwn yn wasanaeth testun i rieni gael mynediad at eu nyrs ysgol i helpu gydag ystod eang o broblemau iechyd.

Ni fydd hwn yn wasanaeth diagnostig ond gallwn roi cyngor ar...



Ar gael yn ystod gwylliau ysgol

Ar gael
Llun - Gwener
8.30am - 4.30pm



camddefnyddio sylweddau

CWSG gwlychu

diogelwch yn ystod

ar-lein y dydd

baeddu a'r nos

glasoed a'r nos

cydberthnasau

lles emosiynol **bwlio**

ymddygiad **bwyta'n iach**



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Efallai y byddwn yn rhoi gwybod i rywun os ydym yn pryderu am eich diogelwch, ond byddem fel arfer yn siarad â chi yn gyntaf. Caiff eich negeseuon eu storio a gall staff gofal iechyd eraill sy'n dilyn yr un rheolau cyfrinachedd eu gweld. Ein nod yw ymateb i chi o fewn un diwrnod gwaith a dylech gael neges ar unwaith i gadarnhau ein bod wedi derbyn eich neges destun. Ni fydd negeseuon testun yn cael eu gweld y tu allan i oriau gwaith arferol. Os oes angen help arnoch cyn i chi glywed gennym, cysylltwch â'ch meddyg teulu, y ganolfan galw heibio agosaf neu ffoniwch 111. Nid yw ein rhif testun yn derbyn galwadau llais na negeseuon llun MMS. Rydym yn cefnogi negeseuon o rifau ffôn symudol y DU yn unig (nad yw'n cynnwys negeseuon a anfonir o linellau tir, rhifau ffôn symudol rhyngwladol a rhai apiau 'cuddio rhifau' ar ffonau symudol). Er mwyn atal y gweithiwr iechyd proffesiynol rhag anfon negeseuon atoch, tecstiwch STOP i'n rhif. Codir tâl am negeseuon ar eich cyfraddau arferol.



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Cowbridge School - new 3G pitch

Please see the image below showing permitted footwear on our newly laid pitch



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3G Footwear Policy

YES ✓	YES ✓	YES ✓	NO ✗	NO ✗
Studs (moulded)	Plastic Studs / Screw In (screw in less than 15mm)	Astro Turf Trainers	Blades or Boots with metal or metal tipped studs	Flat Soled eg. Trainers etc.
				
		NO ✗ Dimpled eg. Specialist hockey shoes		
				

- Please ensure that you follow the correct footwear policy (above) when using this facility.
- The policy will help to protect you from potential injury and maintain the surface.
- Traditional trainers should not be worn as they increase risk of injury.

Thank you for your co-operation

Cowbridge School PE Department



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School Attendance

We need you to.....

- Send your child to school on time.
- Ring/Text school early and daily if your child can not attend.
- Avoid holidays in term time.
- Keep school informed of your updated contact number.

We will.....

- Keep you regularly informed of your child's attendance.
- Treat any information you give us in a supportive and sensitive way.
- Welcome your child every day.
- Be happy that you have chosen to give your child the opportunity of the best future.

We understand that sometimes getting your children up and out on time every morning can be difficult, particularly if your child doesn't want to go for some reason.

We know that children who miss even small amounts of education can fall behind quickly and can miss out on so much. Being in school and on time increases learning and social opportunities.

Here are some ways you can help.

If you suspect that your child may be missing school or is unhappy at school, contact the school or the Inclusion Team who can help resolve any difficulties and offer friendly advice.

Make sure your child knows that you do not approve of them missing school for any reason, but be on the alert for any particular reasons for not attending school, like bullying, difficulties with school-work.

Make sure you know the school's attendance policy; every school has one.

If your child is away for other reasons like a doctor's appointment or the dentist, let the school know in advance. Please try and book appointments towards the end of the day.

Take an interest in your child's education, ask them what they did in school and celebrate their successes and listen to their worries.

If you can't help them, speak to the school and let them know of any difficulties.

If your child is absent get in touch with school. Staff will work with you to help improve the situation. It's better to contact us first so that we can make sure steps are taken to help you.

Make sure your child arrives on time to start school.



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Physical Education - Extra-curricular (After School) Timetable

Facility / Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<u>Gym</u>	6th Form Fit Club				
<u>3G</u>	Y7 Football	Y7 Rugby	Y8 + 9 Football	Girls Football	
<u>Mugas</u>	Y8 + 9 Netball	Senior Hockey (Y11-13)	Y9 + 10 Hockey	Y7 + 8 Hockey	
<u>Field</u>	Y8 Rugby	Y10 Football		Y9/10/11 Rugby	
<u>Sports Hall</u>	Senior Netball (Y10-13)	Y7 Basketball	Y7-13 Badminton Club	Y7-13 Archery Club	6th Form Basketball

Physical Education - Extra-curricular (Lunch Time) Timetable

Facility / Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<u>Gym</u>	Y7 Fit Club	Y8 Fit Club Week1	Y9 Fit Club	Y10 Fit Club	Y11 Fit Club
<u>3G</u>					
<u>Mugas</u>		Y7 Netball Week 1			
<u>Field</u>					
<u>Sports Hall</u>				6th Form Badminton Week 1	6th Form Badminton Week 2

Physical Education - Extra-curricular (Reg Club 8:30-8:55) Timetable

Facility / Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<u>Gym</u>				6th Form Fit Club	
<u>3G</u>					
<u>Mugas</u>					
<u>Field</u>			Cross Country Club Week 2		
<u>Sports Hall</u>					



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School timings Summer 2024

BREAK & LUNCH YEAR 7, 8, & 13	BREAK & LUNCH YEAR 9, 10, 11 & 12
08:30 - 08:55 Registration and Form Tutor Time/Assembly	08:30 - 08:55 Registration and Form Tutor Time/Assembly
08:55 - 09:55 Lesson 1	08:55 - 09:55 Lesson 1
09:55 - 10:15 Break	09:55 - 10:55 Lesson 2
10:15 - 11:15 Lesson 2	10:55 - 11:15 Break
11:15 - 12:15 Lesson 3	11:15 - 12:15 Lesson 3
12:15 - 13:00 Lunch	12:15 - 13:15 Lesson 4
13:00 - 14:00 Lesson 4	13:15 - 14:00 Lunch
14:00 - 15:00 Lesson 5	14:00 - 15:00 Lesson 5



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Music Extra-Curricular Activities 2023-2024

	A1C	A1I		<i>Afterschool rehearsals</i>
Monday	String Group 8:20 - 8:50	Junior Jazz Group 8:20 - 8:50		
Tuesday	Concert Band 8:20 - 8:50	Boys Voices 8:20 - 8:50	Backstage Skills 8:20 - 8:50 - <u>AIM</u>	
Wednesday	KS3 Vocal Group 8:20 - 8:50	Senior Jazz Group 8:20 - 8:50		<i>Big Band A1C</i>
Thursday	Orchestra 8:20 - 8:50			<i>Rock Club A1C</i>
Friday	KS4/KS5 Vocal Group 8:20 - 8:50	Drum Group 8:20 - 8:50		



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TyHapus Counselling Service

Please find attached information about the free counselling service TyHapus offer.

Careers Wales

Please see the link below which will enable you to access updated information and resources from Careers Wales. The information and resources are designed to help parents and carers support young people in making decisions relating to careers and the world of work.

<https://careerswales.gov.wales/parents>



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SCHOOL HOLIDAY DATES 2023/2024

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Autumn 2023	Mon 4 Sept 2023	Monday 30 Oct 2023	Friday 3 Nov 2023	Friday 22 Dec 2023	75
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Summer 2024	Monday 8 April 2024	Monday 27 May 2024	Friday 31 May 2024	*Monday 22 July 2024	70
				TOTAL	195

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