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News for the week ending 27 September 2024

Newyddion yr wythnos 27 Medi 2024

KEY DATES

- 1 October - Year 8 Skills information evening for parents 4-5pm
- 1 October - Senior Maths Challenge
- 1 October - Year 6 New intake evening 4-6pm
- 2-4 October - Year 11 Food & Nutrition Science Experiment
- 4 October - Year 10 Physics Workshop

Dear Parents/Carers,

We would like to wish you a lovely weekend.

Cowbridge School Senior Leadership Team



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Harvest Food Bank 2024

Dear Parent,

Cowbridge School has a Harvest Food Bank collection during September and October 2024.

The **deadline** for handing in donations is **11th October 2024**.

Students can leave donations on the Harvest Foodbank table in the canteen or give them to their form teachers.

Please see the most needed items that you can donate below:

Tinned Meat -hot (e.g. chicken curry, hot dogs etc.)

Tinned Meat - cold (e.g. corned beef, ham etc.)

Tinned Veg - especially sweetcorn and carrots

Jam

Jars of pasta sauce

Rice pudding

Tuna

Tinned fruit

Biscuits

Dried packets of super noodles/Pasta 'n' Sauce

Rice



Thank you in advance for your support.



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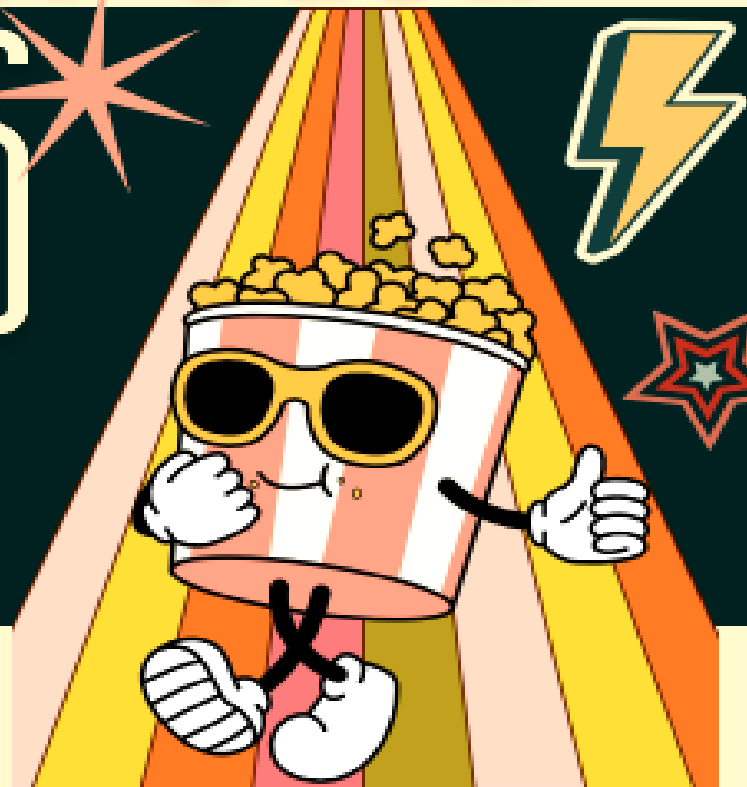
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LANGUAGES FILM CLUB

FRIDAYS



B2B



**STARTS
AT
12:30**

YEARS 7 & 8

See Frau Jenkins in B2B on the day for an early lunch pass.



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GERMAN FILM CLUB



YEARS 10-12

WEDNESDAYS | 1:15

B2B

See Frau Jenkins on the day for an early lunch pass.



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Languages

Film Club

YEAR 9



**MONDAYS
13:15**



B2B



**SEE FRAU JENKINS IN B2B FOR
AN EARLY LUNCH PASS**



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STAMMTISCH

Deutsch sprechen!

Speak only in German to improve your confidence and prepare for your speaking exam.



In a relaxed and safe space you can play games in German (and eat some German snacks)

Come to B2B every Thursday at 13:30, and feel smug that you've done something to improve your speaking skills!



Thursday Week 1 in B1A
Thursday Week 2 in B2B



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Vaccination saves lives



Flu

**Protect children and young
people with a simple nasal spray**

Information about the flu vaccination for
children and young people in 2024/25



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Y Ffliw

**Amddiffyn plant a phobl ifanc
gyda chwistrell syml yn y trwyn**

Gwybodaeth am y fflw i blant a phobl
ifanc yn 2024/25



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TACKLING EXPLOITATION

Educating Protectors

- Inputs on what exploitation is;
- Current methods used by perpetrators;
- Signs to watch out for;
- How to safeguard children and what to do;
- Who to contact if you have concerns.

#SAFEGUARDINGWALES

**The
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MYND I'R AFAEL Â CHAMFANTEISIO Addysgu Amddiffynwyr

- Mewnbynnau ar beth yw camfanteisio;
- Y dulliau a ddefnyddir gan droseddwr ar hyn o bryd;
- Arwyddion i gadw llygad amdanynt;
- Sut i ddiogelu plant a beth i'w wneud;
- Gyda phwy y dylech gysylltu os bydd gennych bryderon.

#DIOGELUCYMRU

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Cowbridge Air Cadets Recruitment Open Evening 19 October

AIR CADET

JOIN US

#REACHINGFORTHESTARS

COME & MEET US AT OUR OPEN
EVENING ON THURSDAY
19TH OCTOBER
19:30 – 21:00

RAF Air Cadets
www.raf.mod.uk/aircadets
293 (Cowbridge) Sqn, Off Aberthin Road, Cowbridge, CF71 7EN
Contact: oc.293@rafac.mod.gov.uk

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Join us as a cadet -
we have some fantastic opportunities for you.

Join the ultimate air and space youth organisation as an air cadet where you can make new friends, have fun, learn new skills and challenge yourself.

You will get the chance to do many activities, including flying and gliding, and visits to RAF stations.

You can take part in a wide range of activities, including hill-walking, kayaking, Duke of Edinburgh's Award, target shooting, expeditions, sport, music, parades and much, much more.

We are a progressive and inclusive youth organisation with a growing number of support groups for everyone; including those who do or do not follow a faith, sexual orientation, gender identity, mental health, well-being and an awesome network of cadets and adult volunteers to help you – some may become lifelong friends!

What are you waiting for? You are a click away from joining one of the world's leading youth organisations.

Join Us at

293 (Cowbridge) Sqn
Off Aberthin Road, Cowbridge, CF71 7EN
(Next to Cowbridge school)
Parade nights are every Tuesday & Thursday,
19:00 to 21:30

Contact: oc.293@rafac.mod.gov.uk
or visit www.raf.mod.uk/aircadets

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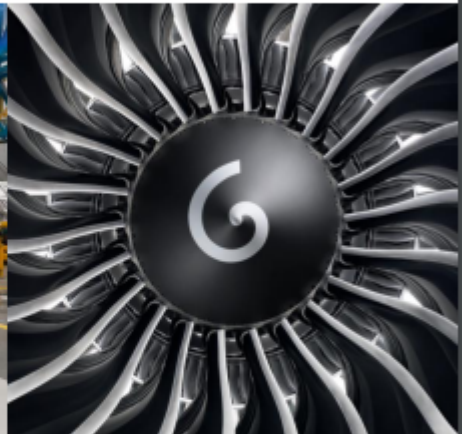


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GE Aerospace



See your career take flight!

Apprenticeship Open Evenings

22 and 24 October and 7 and 14 November 2024

1900 - 2030

GE Aerospace (Wales), Caerphilly Rd Nantgarw, CF15 7YJ

Want to Learn More?

Come talk with our Apprenticeship and Early Careers Leaders, college partners and both recent and past apprentices to learn more about what our Engineering and Business Management programmes have to offer.

You'll also have the opportunity to take part in a site tour, to learn more about the work we do here at GE Wales and the projects you could be involved in!



Learn more and register today!

https://jobs.gecareers.com/aviation/global/en/events?date=ALL_DATES&keyword=wales

About GE Aerospace

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take flight!



Now hiring at GE Aerospace (Wales)

We have a relentless dedication to the future of safe and sustainable flight and believe in our talented people to make it happen. Here, you will have the opportunity to work on really cool things with really smart and collaborative people. Work that you will be proud of. Currently, we have the following opportunities available:

[Business and Management Apprenticeship](#)

[Advanced Manufacturing Apprenticeship](#)

[Supply Chain Business Apprenticeship](#)



Learn more & apply today!

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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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Cowbridge School - new 3G pitch

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



Cowbridge School

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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PE EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES 2024-25

Physical Education - Extra-curricular (After School) Timetable

<u>Facility / Day</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
<u>Before School</u> (7:30-8:30)		Y7 Fencing			
<u>Gym</u>					
<u>3G</u>	Y8 Rugby	Y8&9 Football	Y7 Football Girls Football	Y9-11 Rugby	
<u>Mugas</u>		Y7&8 Hockey			
<u>Field</u>		Y7 Rugby			
<u>Sports Hall</u>	Y7-9 Netball		Y7-13 Badminton	Y7-13 Archery & Fencing	



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School timings Autumn 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 2024-2025

	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	<i>School Musical A1C</i>
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	Ukulele Group 8:20 - 8:50	<i>School Musical 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 2024/2025

Term	Begin	Half term		End	No. of School Days
		Begin	End		
Autumn 2024	Mon 2 Sept 2024	Monday 28 Oct 2024	Friday 1 Nov 2024	Friday 20 Dec 2024	75
Spring 2025	Monday 6 Jan 2025	Monday 24 Feb 2025	Friday 28 Feb 2025	Friday 11 Apr 2025	65
Summer 2025	Monday 28 April 2025	Monday 26 May 2025	Friday 30 May 2025	*Monday 21 July 2025	55
				TOTAL	195

- i) **Mon 2 Sept 2024 and *Monday 21 July 2025** will be designated INSET days for **all** LEA Maintained Schools. The remaining four INSET days to be taken will be at the discretion of each individual school following appropriate consultation with staff. ***It is intended that this INSET Day will either be taken on Mon 21 July 2025 or at an alternative time for example in the form of twilight sessions.**

All schools will be closed on **Monday 5 May 2025** for the May Day Bank Holiday.

Significant dates: Christmas Wednesday 25 December 2024

Easter Good Friday 18 April 2025
Easter Monday 21 April 2025

May Bank Holidays Monday 5 May 2025
Monday 26 May 2025



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SCHOOL HOLIDAY DATES 2025/2026

Term	Begin	Half term		End	No. of School Days
		Begin	End		
Autumn 2025	Mon 1 Sept 2025	Monday 27 Oct 2025	Friday 31 Oct 2025	Friday 19 Dec 2025	75
Spring 2026	Monday 5 Jan 2026	Monday 16 Feb 2026	Friday 20 Feb 2026	Friday 27 Mar 2026	55
Summer 2026	Monday 13 April 2026	Monday 25 May 2026	Friday 29 May 2026	*Monday 20 July 2026	65
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All schools will be closed on **Monday 4 May 2026** for the May Day Bank Holiday.

Significant dates: Christmas Thursday 25 December 2025
Easter Good Friday 3 April 2026
Easter Monday 6 April 2026
May Bank Holidays Monday 4 May 2026
Monday 25 May 2026