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News for the week ending 31 January 2025

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KEY DATES	5
6	February - Year 10 Parents' Evening
17	February - INSET Day - School Closed for Students
19	February - Year 8 option forms returned
21	February - School Eisteddfod
21	February - Y11 & Y12 Mock Results Published
21	February - Y13 Reports Published

Dear Parents/Carers,

We would like to wish you all a lovely weekend.

Here you will find this week's Newsletter from Cowbridge Lower School.

Best wishes,

Cowbridge School Senior Leadership Team



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I am reaching out to you from the National Saturday Club to offer the students at your school a free opportunity happening in your local area.

The National Saturday Club is an established UK-wide network, that gives 13—16-year-olds the unique opportunity to study subjects they love for FREE, on a Saturday at their local university, college or cultural institution. The Club provides a welcoming space for young people to build their skills, develop their confidence, and discover pathways to further study and future creative careers.

I would like to ask for your support in offering your students the opportunity to take part in a **Film&Screen** Club at Bridgend College, on Saturdays 10.00-14.00 from 25th January until 21st June.

Bridgend College Pencoed Campus Pencoed CF35 5LG

t: (0)1656 302 302



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Free local Saturday Clubs for 13–16 year olds



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Message to All Parents 3-19

Please could all parents ensure that they report to the school's **Main Reception**. This applies to **all parents of pupils aged 3-19**.

All parents need to be aware that the 'Lower' School building is not a separate school with a separate reception area, and separate staff, it is part of the whole campus and there is only **one reception for all pupils**. Although parents of pupils in the Lower School building (Nursery - Y4) are permitted to enter the site to drop off and pick up at designated times of the day, at all other times, all parents and visitors of the school are required to report to the Main Reception area.

Please note that the Lower School building currently has 2 school teachers - Mrs Davies, Assistant Headteacher and Mrs Thomas, Assistant Leader of Lower School and both these members of staff teach pupils. Therefore, any issues during the school day need to be communicated via the school's Main Reception. Senior staff across the whole age-range will be available to assist, where there are issues needing urgent attention and where a pre -arranged meeting is not appropriate.

The following senior staff have responsibilities across the 3-19 agerange:

Mrs Thomas, Headteacher

Mr Ling, Deputy Headteacher

Mr Griffiths, Assistant Headteacher

Mrs Leftley, Assistant Headteacher (whole school responsibilities and *designated senior Line Manager to Lower School*)

Mrs Williams, Assistant Headteacher

The following staff are responsible specifically for Lower School pupils (Nursery - Y4) :

Mrs Davies, Assistant Headteacher (With responsibility for Nursery - Y4 pupils)

Mrs S Thomas, Assistant Leader of Lower School



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Schools Essentials Grant for children looked after

The School Essentials Grant (SEG) is provided by the Welsh Government to all children looked after, and to children in households with lower incomes. The grant provides financial assistance for essential school items to help ensure that children have access to the necessary resources for their education, such as uniforms, stationery, and other school essentials. For 2024-25, the scheme is providing £125 per learner for all year groups up to Year 11, and £200 for learners in Year 7. Find out how to apply here: <u>School Essentials Grant: help with school costs | GOV.WALES</u>





Your child may be eligible for up to **£200 towards School Essentials** AND **additional funding** for your school.



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PRENTICESHIP FAIR

THE BIGGEST 2025 RECRUITMENT EVENT IN VALE OF GLAMORGAN SO FAR!

> UNMISSABLE **OPPORTUNITIES**

EMPLOYERS +

MULTIPLE EMPLOYERS OFFERING JOBS, CAREERS & APPRENTICESHIPS

12TH FEBRUARY 2025 10AM - 2PM & 3PM - 6PM **MEMO ARTS CENTRE, GLADSTONE ROAD, BARRY, CF62 8NA**

COLLEGE + CAREERS + APPRENTICESHIP





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Nursery Practitioner

Vacancy ID: 5364 Employer: Plantos Location: Cardiff Apprenticeship Level: Foundation Apprenticeship (Level 2) Pay: National minimum wage Closing date: 01/02/2025

Behaviour Support Apprentice

Vacancy ID: 6134 Employer: Gofal Cymru Care Ltd Location: Cardiff Apprenticeship Level: Foundation Apprenticeship (Level 2) Pay: Apprenticeship rates Closing date: 25/02/2025

Apprentice in Patisserie

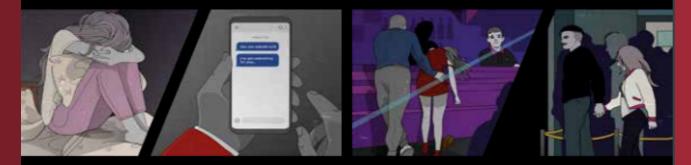
Vacancy ID: 6108 Employer: Pâtisserie Verte Location: Cardiff Apprenticeship Level: Foundation Apprenticeship (Level 2) Pay: Apprenticeship rates Closing date: 25/02/2025

Administrative Executive

Vacancy ID: 6133 Employer: Oak Tree Energy Limited Location: Bridgend Apprenticeship Level: Foundation Apprenticeship (Level 2) Pay: £11.44 per hour Closing date: 28/02/2025



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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







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MYND I'R AFAEL CHAMFANTEISIO Addysgu Amddiffynwyr

- Mewnbynnau ar beth yw camfanteisio;
- Y dulliau a ddefnyddir gan droseddwyr 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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Instant support

Meic ChatLine 🖳

8am-12am 👸

School Nurse

TextLine Mon-Fri



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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.





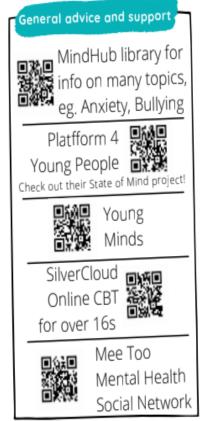
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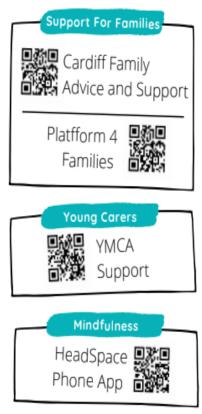


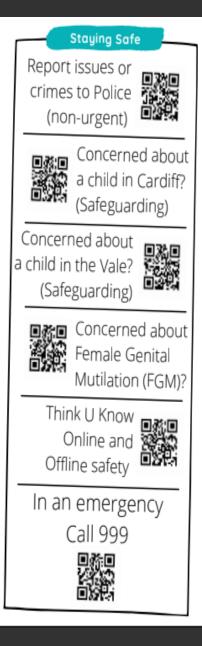
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Cowbridge School

3G Footwear Policy



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.

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.

Here are some ways you can help.

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.

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

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.



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Physical Education - Extra-curricular (After School) Timetable

Facility / Day	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
Before School (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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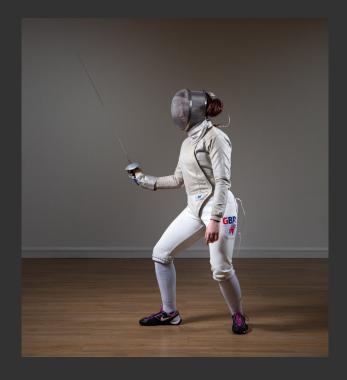
Cowbridge School Fencing Club

SPRING TERM 2025

£85.00

This club is for Pupils of Cowbridge School in Year 7.

When:Tuesdays, 07:30 - 08:30Where:Cowbridge Comprehensive School,Aberthin Rd,Aberthin Rd,Cowbridge,CF71 7EN, UKAdditional details can be found here:





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School timings Spring 2025

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
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6 6 6	A1C	A1I		Afterschool rehearsals
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		Big Band A1C
Thursday	Orchestra 8:20 - 8:50			Rock Club A1C
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
		Begin	End		Days
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
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All schools will be closed on <u>Monday 5 May 2025</u> 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
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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
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All schools will be closed on <u>Monday 4 May 2026</u> 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