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**PENYRHEOL**

Comprehensive School

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2026

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## Headteacher's Fortnightly Letter – Number 11

Dear Parent/Carer,

Since the last Headteacher's letter, Year 11's time has been dominated by their Welsh Orals which took place on four days over the last two weeks. I would like to say a big 'da iawn' to all the pupils that worked together in their group discussions.

As parents/carers in Year 9 are aware, due to staff absence, we have not yet been able to produce the Year 9 reports. We apologise for this delay but we are working as hard as we can to get it out as soon as possible. I would also like to inform Year 10 parents/carers that we are not likely to be able to get the Year 10 reports out on time and there is every chance they won't be out before the Year 10 Progress Evening on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April. Again, my apologies for this.

The recent school trip to Disney was a massive success. Staff said that behaviour from all was impeccable and that it was a joy to take the pupils abroad. Pictures will be shared in future headteacher letters.

The Local Authority has written to all comprehensive schools in Swansea asking them to share some Public Health information in relation to the meningitis outbreak in Kent. There is no cause for any panic.

"Whilst there are no cases in Wales linked to this incident, it is important that individuals are aware of the signs and symptoms of Meningitis and Invasive Meningococcal Disease can rapidly progress from mild symptoms to severe illness.

Public Health Wales have developed some resources on Meningitis infection which students and staff may find useful to understand IMD and prevent onward transmission which are attached. This includes links to current vaccination recommendations in the UK which help protect against some strains of the disease." – The resources are in the appendix of this letter.

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## Sporting News

The year 9 boys football team traveled to Bishopston last Wednesday for their last league game.

Before the start of the match, Bishopston were in a good league position having won 4 and only losing 1 of their previous matches. After a very tight start, some excellent finishing in the second half meant the game ended 7-2 to Penyrheol. Well done, lads! Let's get through the semi-final which will be held after Easter.

**U16**  
**LINE UP**  
 WED 18TH MAR, 7:15PM KO, THE GNOLL

OSPREYS U16 V DRAGONS U16

**FORWARDS**

- 1 CHARLIE NOAKES
- 2 LOGAN JAMES
- 3 CHARLIE THOMAS
- 4 MASON BENNETTA
- 5 JOEL WALLACE
- 6 IESTYN JONES
- 7 HARRISON WATKIN (C)
- 8 MAX HEARING

**BACKS**

- 9 JAKE IRELAND
- 10 HARRISON HOOK
- 11 CHARLIE HOWELLS
- 12 IOAN PRICE
- 13 COBY JERVIS
- 14 LUKE HARRIS
- 15 THOMAS CLAPHAM

**REPLACEMENTS**

16 MATTI HARPER 17 LUCAS JONES 18 COBY ROBBINS 19 JACOB JONES  
 20 WILL GOODRIDGE 21 MARTY LEWIS 22 RUDI QUINN 23 ASHTON PILES

Well done to Tom Clapham who represented the Ospreys U16's combined team for their first fixture against the Newport Gwent Dragons U16's. 🏈 🏴󠁧󠁢󠁥󠁮󠁧󠁿

There are a lot of very excited pupils that are looking forward to the upcoming sports tour to Toronto. They have picked up their kit and will be departing in less than a week. Have a great trip, all.

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## Core Value Hot Chocolate Friday



On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March, I was joined by Emily (Year 7), Sameer (Year 8), Osian (Year 9), and Tom (Year 11).

Emily was nominated for the Core Value of Respect.

Sameer, Osian and Tom were nominated for the Core Value of **Belong**.

These pupils have embodied our core values over the last two weeks. Congratulations to all our winners.

Who will it be next time?

## Standards

Attendance for the last two weeks remained at 87%. Wherever possible, please ensure your child attends school. Missing school means missing out on learning.

Parents/carers can track their child's achievement and behaviour points on the ClassCharts app. The information below shows the average achievement and behaviour points that a pupil in each year group has accrued **over the last two school weeks**. This may be a useful comparison when you look at your child's points.

| Year | Achievement Points | Behaviour Points |
|------|--------------------|------------------|
| 7    | 31                 | 3.5              |
| 8    | 20                 | 4                |
| 9    | 23                 | 2.5              |
| 10   | 9.5                | 1.5              |
| 11   | 7                  | 1                |

Over the last two school weeks, the average Penyrheol pupil has achieved 7 achievement points for every behaviour point awarded.

As always, thank you to all parents/carers for their continued support.

Yours faithfully,



Damian Benney

Headteacher

### Appendix

What's happening in the next two weeks

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| Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March    | Rosslyn Park Sevens Tournament – Year 8 (Returns on 25 <sup>th</sup> March)<br>Year 8 Progress Evening  |
| Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March   | Eisteddfod Winners' Musical Showcase in Theatre (11:30 – 12:30)   |
| Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March |   |
| Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March  |   |
| Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March    | Toronto Sports Tour Departs (Until Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> April)<br>Health and Wellbeing Lesson 1<br>Careers Bites Lunchtime Sessions (LRC) |
| <b>Easter Holidays</b>           |   |
| Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April    | National Tests for Years 7-9 (this fortnight)   |
| Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> April   |   |
| Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> April |   |
| Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> April  |   |
| Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> April    | ALN Coffee Morning L1 Canteen   |

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## Meningitis resources

### Public Resources

- Protection against meningitis and septicaemia in young people Leaflet (DL):
  - <https://phw.nhs.wales/topics/immunisation-and-vaccines/leaflets/school-age-children-and-young-people/protection-against-meningitis-and-septicaemia-for-teens-and-young-people-under-25/>
  - **Order the leaflet here:** [Protections against meningitis and septicaemia in young people leaflet - Public Health Wales](#)
- Protection against meningitis and septicaemia poster:
  - Order the poster here: [MenACWY A3 Poster - Public Health Wales](#)
- MenACWY and Teenage 3-in-1 Booster Vaccination Programme: Briefing document for head teachers and school staff: [Click here for briefing document](#)
- Protection against meningitis and septicemia large print: [Click here for large print document](#)
- Protection against meningitis and septicemia audio: [Click here for audio](#)
- British Sign Language (BSL) video - Protection against meningitis and septicemia: [Click here for BSL video](#)
- MenACWY vaccine for teenagers and young people Easy Read: [Click here for Easy Read document](#)

### Resources tailored toward school age children at routine MenACWY vaccination (age (13/14 years of age)

- [Children and young person animation: What is the MenACWY vaccine?](#)
- [Children and young person comic: What is the MenACWY vaccine?](#)
- [Poster cymysg 3 mewn 1 a MenACWY | 3 in 1 and MenACWY combined bilingual poster - Public Health Wales](#)

### Webpages

- [MenACWY vaccine - Public Health Wales](#)
- [Vaccination against MenB disease](#)
- [School age children and young people - Public Health Wales](#)

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- [Vaccination for students - make sure you're protected - Public Health Wales](#) -This page includes links to the [Vaccines communication toolkit for universities](#), the [Health protection in CYP educational settings](#) and [UKHSA Immunisation resources for educational settings](#) [Immunisation - GOV.UK](#).

### Public Engagement Insight Reports

PHW commissioned [BMG Research](#) to offer insights and recommendations in the following report. These provide practical insights to help universities and health boards tailor communication and engagement with students to support vaccination uptake.

- [Evaluation of information resources: Students summary report 2023](#)

### Brandkit

- [Public Health Wales Asset Library](#) Student vaccination campaign tile - include social media assets/reels highlighting the importance of checking immunisation status as [meningitis and sepsis can be life threatening, Signs and Symptoms of meningococcal disease and preparation for university](#).



### Charity pages

Charities also offer useful resources for young people and educational settings:

- [Meningitis research foundation \(MRF\)](#) - offer resources targeted at students.
  - [Symptoms in young adults - Meningitis Research Foundation](#)
  - [Request printed material - Meningitis Research Foundation](#) - Student facing information that be downloaded or ordered by Universities or Educational settings. [Some of these resources are awaiting Welsh translation](#)
  - [Meningitis Now | Meningitis charity | Research and awareness](#)

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