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PENYRHEOL

Comprehensive School

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Headteacher's Fortnightly Letter – Number 13

Dear Parent/Carer,

Since the last Headteacher's letter, we have enjoyed two very successful Progress Evenings with Year 7 and Year 10 parents/carers. Thank you to all that attended. We value working in partnership in the best interests of your children.

We had a few trips last week with pupils attending an Art Trip to the History Museum and St Fagans. We also took a number of Year 7 pupils to the Palace Theatre for a Trashed Tech event. We also took a number of pupils for a fantastic week's work experience with Kier Construction and AtkinsRéalis. More details on the Trashed event, the Kier work experience and a number of other Careers and Work-Related Education events can be found here: [News - My Choice Swansea](#)



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Future skills in action: Swansea learners shine in digital coding challenge at Trashed Tech

April 27, 2026

A dynamic digital skills coding competition, delivered in partnership with Trashed Tech, brought together learners to tackle real-world sustainability challenges while building essential workplace skills.



Penyrheol Comprehensive School pupils build skills for the future with Kier Construction and AtkinsRéalis

April 23, 2026

A group of enthusiastic Year 10 and 11 learners from Penyrheol Comprehensive School recently took part in an inspiring week of work experience with Kier Construction at the Gorseinon campus development of Gower College Swansea.



Penyrheol Comprehensive School visit Down to Earth to learn about sustainable building techniques

April 15, 2026

Young Dragons recently gave Year 10 & 11 pupils from Penyrheol Comprehensive School the chance to visit the inspiring Down to Earth Project in Swansea – and it didn't disappoint. Pupils explored the site, learning how sustainable buildings are created using natural materials like timber, clay and straw, and how eco-friendly construction can reduce environmental impact while creating

Year 11 have had a busy week this week with two days of Art and Photography exams and two days of Spanish Orals. Year 11 leave us in 14 school days and we are going to miss this special year group.

Sporting News

We start with the brilliant news (and hot off the press) that our Year 9 boys football team won their semi-final 3-1 over their local rivals Pontarddulais. We wish them all the best for their final on Wednesday 13th May.



Last week, our Year 7 Netball team represented the school in the County Netball Tournament. Despite being in a tough pool, they competed brilliantly and progressed to the semi-finals of the Plate competition, narrowly missing out on a place in the final after a one-goal loss to Cwm Brombil.

Overall, they have had a fantastic season and have been a pleasure to work with—well done to all involved!

A special thank you also goes to our Year 10 girls - Ava P, Molly P and Aimee B - who have generously given up their time since September to attend weekly training sessions and support the team.

Well done to some of our Year 8 pupils who represented Loughor U13s in last week's football cup final against Mumbles. They played some excellent football and showed great courage and determination, putting in a tenacious performance against a strong Mumbles side. Finishing as runners-up is a fantastic achievement—congratulations to everyone involved!



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Congratulations to Ruby P in Year 7 on being selected for the Glamorgan Cricket Player Development Pathway — a fantastic achievement! Wishing you the very best of luck for the upcoming season, Ruby!

Core Value Hot Chocolate Friday

On Friday 24th April, I was joined by Emie (Year 7), Tilly-Rose (Year 8), Amelia (Year 9) and Max, Eluned and Andrew (Year 11). Congratulations to Owen Year 10 for his nomination but he wasn't able to join us.



Emie and Amelia were nominated for the Core Value of **Respect**.

Tilly-Rose was nominated for the Core Value of **Aspire**.

Owen was nominated for the core value of **Thrive**.

Max, Eluned and Andrew 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?

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Standards

Attendance for the last two weeks remained at 86%. 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	18.5	3
8	14	4
9	15	2.5
10	11	1
11	5	1

Over the last two school weeks, the average Penyrheol pupil has achieved nearly 6 achievement points for every behaviour point awarded.

Estyn Meeting for Parents/Carers

This is a reminder that Estyn are inspecting our school next week. There is a parent/carer meeting in the canteen at 5pm on Tuesday 5th May.

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

Yours faithfully,



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Appendix

What's happening in the next two weeks

Monday 4 th May	May Day Bank Holiday
Tuesday 5 th May	Estyn Parent/Carer Meeting (5:00pm)
Wednesday 6 th May	Afan Nedd Tawe Athletics Championships (all day)
Thursday 7 th May	
Friday 8 th May	
Monday 11 th May	Penyrheol Parliament Meeting (This Week)
Tuesday 12 th May	
Wednesday 13 th May	
Thursday 14 th May	PTA Meeting in LRC (3:10pm -4:30pm)
Friday 15 th May	

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