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PENYRHEOL
Comprehensive School

Friday 18th September 2026

Headteacher's Fortnightly Letter – Number 1

Dear Parent/Carer,

It has been a very positive start to 2026/27 and our Year 7 pupils have settled really quickly into our school. I have been delighted with how friendly and polite they are. They have only been here for a few weeks but they already know their way around and getting used to their new school. I hope that they have a strong sense of belonging in our school.

For new Parents/Carers, I write this fortnightly letter to keep everyone informed of what is happening in school and also what is coming up during the next few weeks.

Estyn Inspection Report

Our inspection report was published back in July but I haven't had the opportunity to share the report in a headteacher letter. WE are very pleased with our report and we feel it reflects well on the school and our brilliant pupils. I hope our community are proud of the report. Some of our favourite quotes are:

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The key priority that Estyn have given us is to improve attendance. Please see information later on in the letter about whole school attendance and a link to an important video about this issue.

Sporting News

Year 10 Boys Welsh cup football- Last night our year 10 boys played Bishopston in round one of the Welsh cup. It was a great spectacle of football but unfortunately Penyrheol came out as the losers this time.
Next week year 9s play their first-round game on Monday at home to Olchfa, year 8 Tuesday at home to Pentrahafod and Thursday year 7 at home to Cefn Hengoed. Good luck, all.

Congratulations to our Year 8 boys rugby team on their win away at Bishop Gore yesterday. The game ended 17-15 to Penyrheol after a physical encounter. Player of the match was shared this week between TJ (Tatum Gardner) and Toby Rowlands for powering over for the winning try! Da iawn pawb!

The U15 girls football team won their first game for the Welsh Cup yesterday against Dwr-Y-Felin, winning 6-3. They now go through to the next round of the cup.

We are delighted that Sonny (Year 8) was successful in the trial process for Swansea Schools and has made the U13s squad for the 26/27 season. We are proud of Sonny and we know he will do the school and his community proud.

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Core Value Hot Chocolate Friday

On Friday 11th September June, I was joined by Dylan (Year 7), Lexie (Year 8), Tyler (Year 9), Sophie (Year 10) and Harvey (Year 11)

Tyler and Harvey were nominated for the Core Value of **Aspire.**
Dylan and Lexie were nominated for the Core Value of **Thrive.**
Sophie was 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

The whole school figure for attendance since the start of term is just over 90%. Please click here for more information about the impact that attendance is having in learning and progress. 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	**42**	**0.08**
8	**29**	**2**
9	**38**	**2.3**
10	**25**	**1.6**
11	**17.5**	**1**

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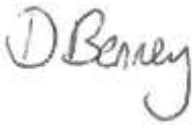
Over the last two school weeks, the average Penyrheol pupil has achieved over 21 achievement points for every behaviour point awarded. This is the highest ratio for a fortnight we have ever had at Penyrheol.

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

Yours faithfully,



Damian Benney

Headteacher

Appendix

What's happening in the next two weeks

Monday 21st September	
Tuesday 22nd September	Year 10 Gower College STEM Assembly (until 9:15am)
Wednesday 23rd September	
Thursday 24th September	Year 11 Open Evening in Canteen (4:30pm – 5:30pm)
Friday 25th September	First WJEC Sustainability in Action Course Work Day- KS4 STF
Monday 28th September	
Tuesday 29th September	Health and Wellbeing Lesson 1
Wednesday 30th September	Afan Nedd Tawe Schools Cross Country Fixture Year 6 Open Evening (6:00pm – 8:00pm)
Thursday 1st October	
Friday 2nd October	

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