



St Cenydd Community School Newsletter

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Record Breaking Results at KS3

KS3 Results

It has been a record breaking summer for Year 9 who achieved outstanding KS3 results. 79% of pupils achieved at least a Level 5 in combination across English, Maths and Science. This is an improvement of 16% when compared with 2014! In English, Maths and Science at Level 5 and at Level 6 there has been dramatic improvement for all pupils, and this success has been mirrored across the KS3 curriculum with 80% of pupils achieving at least Level 5 in every subject.

We are very proud of the pupils and their achievements. I, along with Governors, would also wish to extend my thanks to all staff who have supported the pupils in their success.

School Uniform

You will be aware that our school uniform is changing in September, and the new blazer and tie will be compulsory for all pupils in Years 7, 10 and 12. Year 11 and Year 13 students will also wear the new school tie. You will find details of the new dress code on our school website, as well as the letters we have sent home to all parents. The new dress code will be strictly adhered to in September for all pupils in all year groups, with particular reference to skirts, trousers and shoe



Please do not hesitate to contact the school before the summer holidays if you have any questions about the new dress code so that all pupils fully comply with these expectations from 1st September 2015.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all at St Cenydd, students, staff, governors, parents and members of our wider school community, who have made 2014-2015 such a successful year.

Thank you for your continued support of our school and enjoy our newsletter.

Miss Rebecca V. Collins

(Headteacher)



ASPIRE AND ACHIEVE

YEAR 8 ATTENDANCE AWARDS

The Year 8 prize draw for good attendance was held in assembly on April 14th. Mrs Cook joined Mr Corke and Miss L Davies for the presentation. The successful pupil was Chelsea Taylor who has managed to reach a 96% attendance during the academic year. Well done, Chelsea. Badges were also awarded to pupils who had managed to gain 100% attendance since September.

Well done, exceptional attendance!

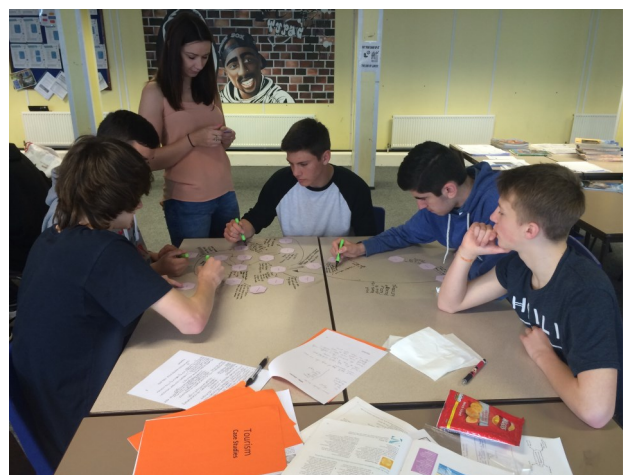


Revision Days

A successful trilogy of revision days took place over the Easter break for GCSE and A Level students. Pupils created 3D coastal landform models using playdough, played Jenga River Key Terms, produced Revision Bunting and created long section river models.

The creative and kinaesthetic revision activities proved most enjoyable and aimed to help pupils realise that revision can be fun!

Over 60 pupils attended the events and this was real testament to the high level of importance these students placed on their Geography studies in light of their forthcoming exams in May and June.



A Curious Incident ...

“There’s a dead dog on the stage, with a pitchfork stuck in it!” observed several pupils. This curious scene greeted Year 7, 8, and 9 pupils as they entered the spectacularly impressive Millennium Theatre to see a stage version of Mark Haddon’s popular novel “The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time” on April 16th.

Christopher wakes up one day to find Wellington, his neighbour Mrs Sheers’ dog, dead. When blamed by his father, and accused by the police, Christopher decides to turn detective and discover who exactly killed Wellington. The trouble is, Christopher cannot tolerate noise, cannot stand to be touched, has never travelled on public transport and he absolutely hates the colours brown and yellow! Even though he is about to sit A Level Maths, he sometimes finds the simplest tasks difficult; so how will he solve this problem?

This wonderful story unfolded on stage with the aid of spectacular graphics, outstanding choreography

and astonishing sound effects. Christopher took us on a journey that was sometimes thrilling, sometimes scary, often hilarious and always absorbing. Judging from pupils’ reactions, the highlight of the show was the appearance of Sandy, the cutest (and real) Labrador puppy on stage.

With Christopher, we not only learned who killed Wellington but we discovered the world through the prism of autism. In addition, Year 7 decided that live theatre was wonderful.



A Winter's Tale



On Tuesday 21st April the Taking Flight Theatre Company visited St Cenydd School to work with our Hearing Impaired pupils. The aim of the workshop was to create an inclusive and accessible production of “A Winter’s Tale” featuring hearing impaired and visually impaired adults. Our pupils fully participated in the workshop and built up their life skills and confidence whilst having fun.

On June 18th the pupils will be attending a live, outdoor production of Shakespeare’s “A Winter’s Tale” in Thompson Park, Cardiff.

Learning Resource Centre



“They’re Football Crazy, Football Mad...”

The Library has been a hive of activity over the past months with January kicking off our Premier League Reading Groups first fixture. Year seven students have been learning the importance of reading and also reading for enjoyment.

The boys turned reporters when they welcomed Newport Gwent Dragons and Wales under 20's player, James Thomas to our school. They spent an hour chatting with James about his life and career so far, making notes to write their own news articles about the event.

Year six students from Hendre Junior School were also invited along to join in a fixture, teaming up with the boys to solve a mystery in the Library. They then tested out our year seven's footballing skills with a kick-about and penalty shoot outs.



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To round off the final fixture, Headteacher Miss Collins, presented the year 7 group with their certificates. Both Joshua Godden and Oliver Parfitt were recognised for their all round achievement throughout the scheme.

All staff involved were extremely pleased with the boys' achievement over the last few weeks. Well done and keep up the good work!



To celebrate World Book Day on Thursday 7th March, avid readers Laura Hartland, Sophie Perry, Charlotte Robinson, Jessica Martin and Lowri Hughes from our year seven Book Club, spoke in assembly about their favourite books and why they enjoyed them. The popular teen reads were *The Hunger Games*, *The Fault in our Stars*, *The Harry Potter Series* and *Divergent*.



February brought the Chinese New Year and students had the opportunity to learn Mandarin, Chinese cultures and traditions with Ms Qi our Mandarin teacher, assisted by year 8 student Dafydd Edwards. Year 7 and 8 learnt the art of paper cutting and made colourful lanterns to celebrate the occasion.



Learning Resource Centre

Inspiring Author

On the 24th April students from year 7 and year 8 visited Cardiff Metropolitan University to hear Malorie Blackman talk about her books and her work as The Children's Laureate.

Malorie told the audience: "I always had my nose in a book as a child. I had lots of non fiction books; my father told me fiction was a waste of time as it was not true and that I needed to live in the real world."

Malorie, whose books have now been turned into a television series, told us she had 82 rejection letters before her first book, *"Not So Stupid,"* was published; this teaches us a valuable lesson that we should never give up. Some of her other novels include the *Noughts & Crosses series*, *Cloud Atlas*, *Pig Heart Boy* and *Noble Conflict*.

Malorie advised aspiring writers to write biographies of their main characters before starting on a book, to write down all of their ideas for future reference and to write from the heart.

Malorie was inspirational; her energy and enthusiasm, endless. She said; "We have imaginations for a reason, so write about what you care about., If you care about it, it will shine through when you are reading it. Write the stuff that makes you scared or angry or makes you laugh. Keep a diary for a while, too. My parents split up when I was a teenager and I put all of my anger and angst into a diary. That got me in the habit of writing about thoughts and feelings."

The evening was brought to a close with a book signing, when students took the opportunity to purchase copies of Malorie Blackman's books and to have them signed personally by the author.



"Libraries store the energy that fuels the imagination. They open up windows to the world and inspires us to explore and achieve, and contributes to improving our quality of life. Libraries change lives for the better" - Sidney Sheldon

Learning Resource Centre



STAR PERFORMERS

Weronika Trzcinska, Isabelle Davies, Jessica Williams, Laura Hartland, Sophie Perry, Lowri Hughes, Charlotte Robinson and Alex Easterbrook

On Tuesday and Wednesday 9th and 10th June, eight St. Cenydd pupils attended the Carnegie Shadowing Days. During our time there we met authors Phil Carradice, Geraldine McCaughrean and Sarah Govett, who is a new author.

On Tuesday, at The Bishop of Llandaff High School, we were introduced to our eight group members and spent the day together creating a dramatic presentation of our books.

On Wednesday, we spent 12 hours at The Gate Theatre Cardiff, practising our presentations and at 1 o'clock we performed in front of Cathays and The Bishop of Llandaff High Schools. In the afternoon the group that won were "Cuckoo Song" by Frances Hardinge. Following this we met with the authors and had books signed, attended a drama workshop and brushed up in readiness for our final performances.

At 7 o'clock we performed in front of a large panel of judges and for family and friends of the participants. We were all a little scared but overcame our nerves and pulled off some amazing performances that totally captivated the audience and judges. The group that won the overall performance received a free signed copy of "The Territory" by Sarah Govett. Overall, everyone enjoyed the chance to perform and the fun times they shared with their group members. We got to keep our special t-shirts which featured the title of the books we were presenting. Everyone involved had a very enjoyable two days of drama and literature.

Maths Department go Mad for Modern Technology

The Maths department have recently created their own twitter account for all pupils to follow. Through the use of twitter the Maths Department will be providing information to pupils on a regular basis. We will also be able to answer any questions that pupils have regarding homework/classwork/revision/past papers etc., outside of the normal school day. In order to support pupils, we are providing almost 24/7 support through twitter!

Follow us now @StCenyddMaths

We have also created a Youtube account containing video solutions to both Higher and Foundation Tier past papers. These videos are designed to support Year 10 and 11 pupils in the revision process as they prepare for the forthcoming GCSE exams. All videos are

promoted through the twitter account and by use of QR codes.



Scan here for an example of the video solutions

Intermediate Mathematical Challenge

On 5th February, 2015, 18 Year 11 pupils attempted the UK Maths Trust Intermediate Mathematical Challenge. The UKMT Individual Maths' Challenges are lively, intriguing multiple choice question papers, which are designed to stimulate interest in Maths. The team tackled extremely complex mathematical problems individually, requiring them to use their knowledge in next contexts. Their mental Maths was particularly challenged as they weren't allowed to use the calculator!

A massive congratulations goes to Kate Moss and Jeanne Welford who received silver awards, and Zachary Turner and Joseph Candy who received bronze awards from the UKMT for their achievement. - Well done to all!



Numeracy Week was a great success. The daily challenge resulted in a full box of entries each day and departments across the curriculum enthusiastically used numeracy in their lessons to help enable more effective learning. A teacher hunt was also held during the week where pupils had to answer numeracy questions and then find the members of staff with the answer. During lunchtimes over 40 pupils took part in a murder mystery in the library, along with many other games and activities available for pupils throughout lunchtime.



Daily Numeracy Challenge Winners – Katie Bray 8S, Reagan Leigh Davies 8T, Owain Thomas 7T, Katie Beckett 7E, Courtney Hilton 9N. Staff Winner – Mr Evans

Teacher Treasure Hunt - Christina Hutchinson 8E

Murder Mystery



Pupils used their code breaking skills to solve a murder. You will all be glad to know that Ms Irvine is very much alive and well.



In Year 7 pupils took part in a Numeracy event which included playing maths dares, a Numeracy work out, a relay race, puzzles, Wii number blasting and lots of other games.



Numeracy Week

Numeracy Across The Curriculum

Home Economics

Year 9 have been busy calculating the cost of a Victoria Sponge cake and working out the cost per portion. Year 7 have been weighing, measuring and estimating the quantities of ingredients they need for their pizza designs and making comments on the costs of their ingredients.

Geography

In Geography, students plotted their progress since September on bar charts. By plotting their target level on the graph they were also able to see how close they were to achieving their end of year target. Many of the students have already achieved their target level.

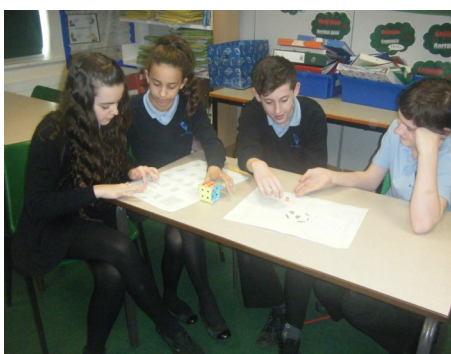
I.C.T

Pupils in year 8 used Scratch programming software which has lots of Numeracy involved, ranging from using coordinates to mental arithmetic.

In year 9 pupils designed their own international business which will be trading all around the world. They worked out profit margins and percentages alongside budgeting and foreign exchange rates.



Mathematics



In Year 9 pupils worked in small teams to plan the most effective way to spend the £100,000 allocated to reduce the number of deaths and serious injuries from road accidents. Pupils used a specially constructed computer program to analyse police records on road accidents, develop their proposals based on the results and build a convincing case for their proposal and then present it.

In Year 8 pupils designed their own Numeracy board game based on the topics they have been learning in class.

"Tell me and I forget,
teach me and I may
remember, involve me
and I learn."
- Benjamin Franklin

P.E.

Pupils had to use 6 figure grid references to find red and white discs that were located around the school grounds.



Welsh

In Welsh pupils looked at answering questions from the information on a pie chart.

The Great St. Cenydd Bake Off

Inspired by the Great British Bake Off, the Home Economics department ran the Great St Cenydd Bake Off for year 9 pupils. Following a cake project, where they investigated different cake-making methods and made a variety of different cakes, they were then set a “Technical Challenge.” Each pupil had to make a batch of scones independently and they were judged for appearance, taste and texture. One pupil was selected from each class, to go through to the final. This was a very tough job, as we have many talented bakers and it was difficult to choose just one per class.



The challenge was to produce a “showstopper” Easter cake and pupils had 3 hours to cook and decorate their cakes. They all did a fantastic job and produced some very imaginative cakes, using a variety of decorating techniques. A panel of judges had the difficult task of selecting first, second and third. The cakes were judged on their appearance, but just as importantly, the taste and texture too.

Home Economics



The 2015 Great St. Cenydd Bake Off Winners

**1st place - Nyssa Sollis, 2nd place – Ellis Roberts
and 3rd place – Callum James.**



G.C.S.E Catering

The Home Economics department have also been busy with practical exams. The GCSE Catering pupils in Year 11 had to research food from different countries and then produce a 2 course meal, from a country of their choice. The results were very impressive and they produced meals that would be suitable to serve in any restaurant. We wish the pupils well in the future and are very proud that some pupils are going on to study Catering in college. Good Luck all!



Jamie Oliver Cooking Skills Course

Pupils following the BTEC Jamie Oliver Home Cooking Skills course recently undertook their final assessment. They had to plan, prepare and produce a 2 course meal of their choice. The results were amazing! They cooked a wide variety of dishes from Bruschetta as a starter, to Lasagne, Fish Pie, Chorizo Stew, Corned Beef Pie, Cottage Pie and Pasta Bake, as the main course. Desserts included Jam Roly Poly, Fruit Crumble and Chocolate Brownies. The pupils worked independently to make their dishes and the food cooked was of a very high standard. There were a number of very willing tasters! Well done to all pupils. Mrs Bull was very proud of the finished results. We hope you keep on cooking and use the recipes that you have learned.



Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

Many thanks to everyone who donated the vouchers. We collected 774 and have been able to purchase new equipment for pupils to use in practical lessons, such as wooden spoons, measuring jugs and sieves.



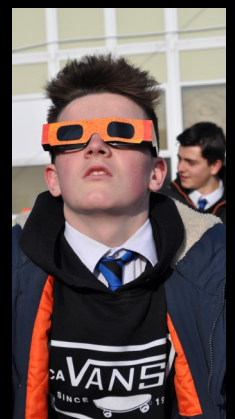
Using our home made
pin-hole cameras to
safely view the eclipse.

SCIENCE WEEK

16-20th March



Using the solar glasses to view the eclipse...



Religious Education

WHEN IN ROME...

On Saturday 30th March, the RE department took 36 pupils to Rome. Although functioning as a vibrant, modern day capital akin to any in Europe, the unique appeal of Rome is that the entire city is a vast 3,000-year-old museum. In every quarter we found ancient monuments, art treasures and timeless architecture in churches, galleries and protected ruins.

The tour of Rome included a visit to the Colosseum, the largest ever amphitheatre built in the Roman Empire. Even today you can observe how one of the greatest works of Roman architecture was used for gladiatorial contests and public spectacles. Pupils visited the Roman Forum and Palatine Hill, the once-bustling heart of ancient political, judicial and commercial power. Pupils visited the Time Elevator, where Disney meets Ancient Rome! Pupils travelled the time line of history and relived the past, from 800BC to present time and Pope John Paul II blessing the human race in 2000AD.

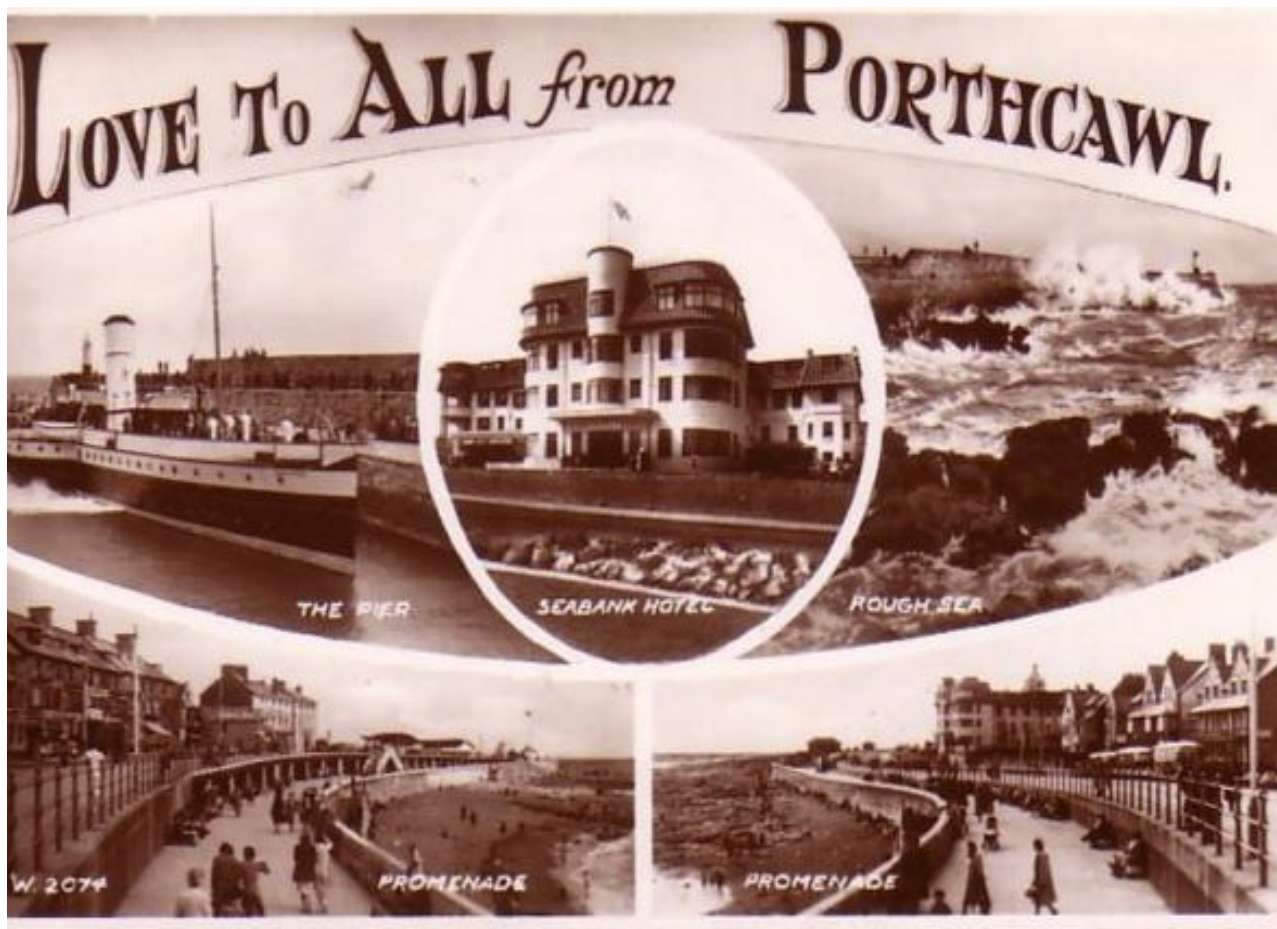
Throughout the afternoon and early evening, students and teachers wandered the winding cobbled streets, stopping to eat gelato outside the Pantheon, shop at the Spanish Steps and observe the sights of the Trevi Fountain.

Day three of our tour included a visit to the Vatican City, the world's smallest nation, covering just 120 acres. Within its wall are the ornate St Peter's Basilica, the astonishing Sistine Chapel and the Vatican Museum. We were all totally overwhelmed by the astounding art work; Michelangelo's ceiling must be one of the most spectacular works of art in the world! Well done to all of the students who made it to the top of the dome of St Peter's Basilica. Even if you were to ride an elevator much of the way, you would still need to navigate the final 330 steps between the dome's inner and outer shell!

Day four of our tour included a visit to the Catacombs of San Sebastian. Forming an underground maze in the outskirts of the city, over 40 catacombs provide a glimpse into the world of early Christianity. Along with the countless burial chambers that line the tunnels, the catacombs contain some of the earliest examples of Christian artwork.

All students who attended the visit to Rome must be commended on their excellent behaviour and attitude. All students were a credit to the school, and as a department we are extremely proud of the way in which they represented St Cenydd - da iawn!





The Geography Department; Miss Webber, Miss Garbett David, Miss Healy and Mr Gary Jones, accompanied Year 9 during two day visits to Porthcawl. The students were collecting fieldwork data ready for their Decision Making Exercise on the impacts of tourism on Porthcawl. We had a leisurely stroll along the coastal path from Rest Bay to Coney Beach and then stopped off for lunch in Trecco bay. After this we continued looking for evidence of tourists and studying the facilities the town provides for its thriving tourist industry.

Students and staff alike thoroughly enjoyed the visits even though they braved the elements; it was a proper reflection of the true British weather, which tourists visiting Porthcawl have grown to love over the last 100 years.

Miss Webber was particularly proud of St Cenydd students conduct and behaviour on both days and one employee at the Coney Beach amusements arcade commented that "they were the best behaved children that have visited Coney Beach for a long time!"

Young Entrepreneurs

In 7C Design and Technology class we have made a steady hand game to test how steady our hands are. We have made them for 10-13 years old to sell in Toys R Us but we think Ms Davies might just let us take them home. The class has really enjoyed learning about anthropometrics, and how to use dangerous equipment safely so we do not cut our fingers off. Everyone agreed that the best part was making the handles, using the coping saws and the files.

We are all looking forward to making a torch for our next project using the laser cutter.

By Ethan Protheroe and Jak Knowles 7C



Morfa Bay



In May, a group of Year 8 pupils accompanied by staff from the Specialist Resource Base spent 3 days away at the Morfa Bay Activity Centre in Pendine.

The pupils took part in a variety of activities including body boarding, surfing, mountain biking, archery, the zip wire and a very muddy assault Course.

The pupils excelled at the activities and thoroughly enjoyed their 3 days of outdoor activities.

RUGBY STARS

On Wednesday 25th March our Year 8 pupil's took part in the annual Sport Caerphilly rugby tournament which was held for the first time at the Newport Gwent Dragons training facility in Ystrad Mynach. All seven boys took part in a skills session in the morning where they learned the art of tackling, kicking conversions and passing amongst other things. We were then treated to a wonderful outdoor lunch before the tournament began.

St. Cenydd students used the skills they had learned that morning to play some superb team rugby and did themselves and the school proud. A special mention must be made to the team captain Joseph Furgusson who supported and encouraged his team mates throughout the day. A good time was had by all.



Jack's The Man!



Congratulations go out to our very own Jack Pope in year 7, who recently travelled to Sheffield and competed in the European Kickboxing Championships. He took part in two competitions within his age group and achieved 2nd place in both competitions. Such a great result, well done Jack!

St. Cenydd Rugby Success

The 2014/15 season has undoubtedly been the most successful season in the history of St Cenydd. Our year 7, 9 and 11 sides were all crowned Caerphilly County Champions before Christmas. There have also been representative honours for Tom Divine and Will Fishlock being selected for this season's Dragons U16 squad with Ryan Edmunds playing for the Dragons Development team. Recently, Bradley Jenkins, Brandon Weigold, Luke Yendle and Morgan Pace have been selected for the next season's Dragons Under 16's squad. The highlight of the year in terms of representative honours must go to George Gasson who won a Wales Under 18's cap, in an excellent victory against England. He also represented Wales in the European FIRA tournament.

Year 7 - While there was no overall Caerphilly County final for the year 7 team, they had 100% record against all the schools in Caerphilly County, which meant they won through to the Dragons Region Semi Final, where they were emphatic winners, 48-0 over a very large and physical team from King Henry VIII School in Abergavenny. This meant they were through to the final against another very big year 7 side from Caerleon Comprehensive. Another outstanding performance in the final saw them run out winners 36-16 with Kyle Collins Smith scoring all six tries with the best of these being a 100m effort from behind his own posts. This capped a truly outstanding season for the squad who were also crowned Caerphilly County 7 a Side Champions all the way back in September and finished the season with a record of played 17 matches winning 16.



Knockout Rugby Team



Year 9 - Our Year 9 side were victorious against a very strong Newbridge Comprehensive team at the new Dragons 4G Stadium, eventually running out winners 43-28 after being behind 21-11 at half time. An outstanding 2nd half performance from the entire team meant we outscored our opponents 6 tries to 1, with Shane Reynolds, Travis Richards and Ieuan Williams coming to the fore in very wet conditions. This meant they progressed to the national knockout tournament and to the Gwent Dragons Regional semi finals. In the National competition, they lost in the last 32 of the competition to a very quick and elusive Pencoed Comprehensive side. The squad did have better luck in the Dragons Regional semi final, proving too strong for a Bassaleg team who were victorious against us earlier in the year. The final score defeating Bassaleg was a resounding 54-12 victory. The final was played against an excellent Ysgol Gwynllyw side that produced two top class handling and running performances to run out comfortable winners 64-7. Nevertheless, huge credit must go to the squad after really struggling for victories in both years 7 and 8.



Outstanding Rugby Performances For Year 11



Year 11 - In the Caerphilly County final, the year 11 team played immediately after our victorious year 9, so the pressure was on them to repeat the year 9 heroics. They duly delivered running out 13-8 winners against a very committed St Martins team. It was an extremely physical encounter with Tom Divine and Will Fishlock outstanding in both attack and defence in very difficult conditions. This meant they progressed to the national knockout tournament and to the Gwent Dragons Regional semi finals. In the National competition, they lost in the last 32 of the competition to an excellent Caerleon Comprehensive side, who incidentally beat us in the same stage of the competition when the team were in year 9. The final of the Dragons Regional Cup was against Abersychan who were victorious over Caerleon to reach the final. Abersychan proved their credentials as one of the top Under 16 teams in Wales by narrowly losing the Welsh Cup final in the Millennium Stadium the week before the Dragons final. Our year 11 team produced one of the most committed performances of the season, controversially losing 17-14, with a legitimate try by Rob Askew being disallowed with 1 minute of the game remaining. Tries were scored by Tom Devine and Rob Askew, with conversions from Lewis Blakely. Will Fishlock also produced another outstanding performance, where his physicality and commitment were in evidence throughout.



Caerphilly Schools 7 A-Side Rugby Champions 2015

The year 10 boys won the Caerphilly School's 7 a-side tournament on Wednesday 29th May at the Dragons facility in Ystrad Mynach. They played Lewis Pengam in the semi-final winning 33-12. They played Cwm Rhymni in the final winning 26-24.



Gymnastics at St Cenydd



St Cenydd competed in the Caerphilly region Urdd Gymnastics in November, with outstanding success in the Key Stage 3 (Years 7-9) competition. In the girls competition, Lauren Davey and Nicole Dighton represented the school as individuals, and also in the pairs. Lauren achieved first place, as she did in the pairs with Nicole. Aaron Wilkes and Connor Hall also competed as individuals and together in the pairs. Aaron achieved first place, and Connor 3rd. In the pairs, which was a mixed event, the boys achieved second, being unfortunate enough to come up against Lauren and Nicole. As winners, Lauren, Nicole and Aaron progressed to the Urdd National Finals which were held in Aberystwyth in February. Against a higher standard of competition, they performed brilliantly. Nicole and Lauren won Bronze in the pairs, Aaron achieved a Silver in the individual boys' and Lauren won Gold to become Urdd National Champion. Very well done to all the pupils. We look forward to entering more competitors next year.

Sport



The Year 9 football team are Caerphilly Schools Champions for 2014-15. The boys qualified for the final after winning all their games in the two qualifying games without conceding a goal! The final took place at the Centre of Excellence, Ystrad Mynach, on Thursday 30th April. St Cenydd were up against a strong Newbridge team, but quickly asserted control. Passing, communication and movement allowed St Cenydd to dominate territory and possession, with Captain Luke Durbin, Callum James & Tom Price controlling the midfield. At the back Lewis Davies, Zak Bowen and Aaron Billingham were able to confidently play themselves out of trouble, allowing St Cenydd to mount further attacks. Eventually the pressure told with lively winger Kieran Williams scoring from distance. Rolling substitutions didn't affect St Cenydd's control of the game, with all replacements making important contributions. Shortly after half time, Captain Durbin tapped in following a pull-back from Lloyd Silcox to make it 2-0. Silcox then went on a mazy run, beating 3 defenders before rounding the 'keeper and slotting home. Brooklyn Meek was rarely threatened in goal until, with 10 minutes left, Newbridge scored on the break. St. Cenydd failed to make their superiority count and Newbridge scored again to make it a nervy final 2 minutes. However, the boys reapplied themselves to run down the clock until the final whistle and deservedly be crowned Caerphilly Champions. The squad was as follows:- Aaron Billingham; Zak Bowen; Lewis Davies; Morgan Davies; Luke Durbin ©; Ieuan Greenhaf; Max Harford; Callum James; Iwan John; Joseph Jones; Brooklyn Meek; Rhys Newton; Conor Odey; Tom Price; Lloyd Silcox; Ben Whitney; Keiran Williams.

Year 9 Caerphilly Football Champions



WALES CAP FOR

The school would like to congratulate Year 13 student, George Gasson, who has gathered a dazzling array of achievements in rugby over the past year. These achievements include being the Top Try Scorer for the Dragons Under 18's in the regional age grade competition 2014–2015. George also won his first Welsh cap against England under 18's, in a match which saw Wales beat old rivals England for the first time in eight years. His international appearances have since seen him take on Italy, Ireland and Portugal in the European Championships; scoring two tries and coming 5th overall in the tournament. On turning eighteen George made his debut for Bedwas, scoring two tries in his first match and beating Neath RFC. Mr Gardner, Head of Boys' PE said "George has worked exceptionally hard over the last 3 years, demonstrating real determination to succeed in rugby. The U18's cap in the victory over England was truly deserved and a real reward for his efforts. I'm sure he will be a success in both the Semi Professional form of the game with Bedwas RFC next season, and in the future with the Dragons, and then achieve a full Welsh Cap."



YEAR 12 UNIVERSITY VISIT

On Thursday 11th June Year 12 students were fortunate enough to take part in a Higher Education visit at the University of South Wales. The day comprised a UCAS workshop, information on student finance, a campus tour, and the opportunity to discuss student life with current USW students. Assistant Head of Sixth Form, Mrs Vikki Howells, said "It was a pleasure to take our Year 12 students on this very beneficial visit. We are proud of our long standing links with the University of South Wales. This was a very successful day which provided an invaluable insight into university life".

Welsh Hockey Stars

Congratulations to two of our Year 12 pupils, Robyn Moore and Andrew Gray, who have both being selected to play for the Under 18 Wales Hockey teams. We look forward to following their achievements, and the whole school wishes them luck for the future.

Students Visit Auschwitz

Year 12 historians Rebekah Jones and Ellie Hnat were rewarded with the fantastic opportunity to visit Auschwitz this February. During the visit, both became involved in the LFA project, which saw them engaging in seminars, which included a lecture with Ella Clarke, someone who experienced these events first hand. In fact, both Becky and Ellie have now become ambassadors as part of the 'What To Do Next' Project and we are very proud of this achievement. The visit also included guided tours of two Auschwitz camps which 'opened their eyes' to the true horrors of the Second World War, heightening their appreciation of this tragic episode in modern history. Overall, they described the trip as being 'utterly breathtaking,' 'an honour' and one they 'will never forget.'



2015-2016 Prefect Team

Recently, the school underwent the process of choosing its new Head Boy, Head Girl, Deputies, and Prefects. This year's interviews saw candidates for these positions writing formal letters of application to Miss Collins, and also appearing for an interview in front of a panel of senior staff. The calibre of candidates was described by Mrs Sandy Evans, Head of Sixth Form, as 'extremely impressive!' After lengthy debate, the interview panel finally made their appointments. Head Girl this year is Bethan Jenkins, who feels "privileged, excited and eager to start the next year." She added that her goal is to carry out all duties to the best of her ability, and make sure that all pupils are aware that we have a prefect team that are always happy to help. Head Boy, Aaron Price, said he feels "really glad" about this "great achievement, which I'm very proud of". Aaron would also like to thank Miss Collins for entrusting him with this position. This year both Deputies are girls; Chloe Malyn and Ellie May Jenkins. They will be supported in their roles by a team of six prefects; Dylan Pinney, Emily New, Rebekah Jones, Sam Buckthought, Elizabeth Jones, and Kirsty Douglas. Congratulations to everyone who was appointed, we look forward to seeing our new prefect team in action.

Prefect Team



**Sam
Buckthought**



**Kirsty
Douglas**



**Elizabeth
Jones**



**Rebekah
Jones**



**Emily
New**



**Dylan
Pinney**

St Cenydd Community School Sixth Form

Senior Prefect Team



Head Girl – Bethan Jenkins



Head Boy – Aaron Price



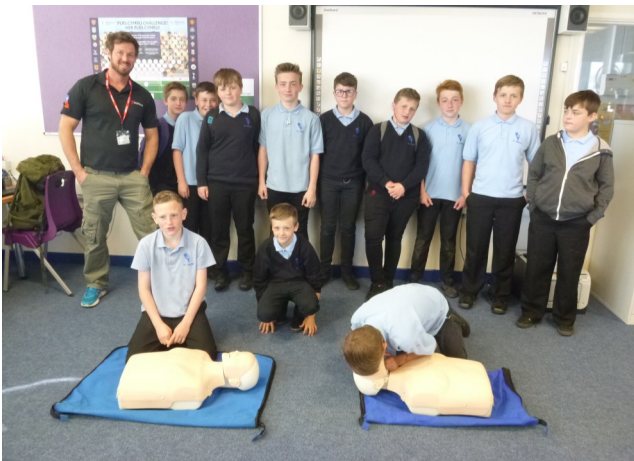
**Deputy Head Girl –
Ellie May Jenkins**



**Deputy Head Girl –
Chloe Malyn**

St Cenydd Community School Sixth Form

PHOTO GALLERY



GWENER GWYCH FAB FRIDAYS



Pob Nos Wener
(yn ddibynol ar y tywydd)
Every Friday
(weather permitting)
o / from 18:00 – 20:00
Ysgol Y Twyn, Caerffili
Twyn School, Caerphilly

Gweithgareddau i gynnwys:
Activites to include:
pêl-droed / football,
rygbi / rugby,
pêl-rhwyd / netball,
pêl-fasged / basketball,
hocï / hockey
a mwy / and more



CARDIFF CITY PREMIER LEAGUE KICKS



Every Thursday
7-8pm @ Virginia Parkway Golf Club
1 hour of FREE golf coaching on the driving range
8-9pm @ Caerphilly Leisure Centre
1 hour of FREE football coaching in the sports hall
Opportunity to take part in tournaments at Cardiff City House of Sport facility.
Volunteer opportunities
FREE Sports Qualifications*
(depending on attendance)




Age Range
14 to 19



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