

With the aim of challenging pupils and raising their confidence, members of the school's Aspire programme spent a fantastic three days in Berlin at the end of January. We wanted to take pupils out of their comfort zone and consequently, before leaving, all pupils had to undertake two hours of German lessons and were expected to use this during the trip. Pupils embraced the challenge, greeting everyone they met with a friendly 'Guten Tag' and not being afraid to use some of their learning when on tours or in the shops. They certainly did Miss Rees proud!



We spent a packed three days learning about everything from history and politics to culture and architecture. Highlights included a four-hour walking tour of the city, a trip to the DDR museum and the views from the Reichstag dome. The most poignant part of the trip was definitely the tour of the Berlin Wall Memorial where we learnt the tragic stories of those refugees who lost their lives in a desperate attempt to escape to West Berlin. The dilemmas of some East German soldiers, many not that much older than our pupils, also struck a chord.



The pupils were excellent in both their behaviour and participation and it was great to hear them making links between their learning and reflect on their new knowledge. Mrs Pearson loved hearing the links made between their experiences in Berlin and a new found understanding of Orwell's inspiration! Our pupils certainly were a credit to the school and Mrs Pearson, Mrs Martin and Mr Bell enjoyed spending the time exploring with them.



# Parent/Pupil Information Gwybodaeth Rhieni/Disgyblion



## Roberts Recycling

Thanks to your generous support the school earned **£225** in January 2020.

Please save your unwanted clothes, bags, shoes and soft toys and bring them to the school reception anytime in the week before collection.

Next Collection:  
**Friday 11  
June 2020**



## Mentoring Sessions

There is the opportunity for pupils to attend mentoring sessions with Sixth Form Pupils. Sessions run on a Monday night after school 3-4 in the LRC. Transport provided upon request. These sessions are open to all pupils of all ability levels. No need to sign up - they can just turn up. Pupils can either bring some work that they are unsure about or they can work on prepared Maths, English and Science workbooks. Sessions also run at lunchtimes. Please see Mrs Miles (Maths) Mrs Dobbins (English) or Mr Searle (Science) for further information about the lunchtime sessions.

**The school raised  
£493.41 for  
National Christmas  
Jumper day in  
December 2019**

## Jessie Wang

To enhance the learning of our students we welcomed an expert instructor from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology who delivered STEM workshops and lessons for 3 weeks in January. We were one of 12 schools and colleges across Wales to be selected to host an instructor. Thank you Mrs Denscombe, Progress Leader for Yrs 11/12/13 for ensuring the application was successful.

Please ensure we have your up-to-date contact details including address, telephone numbers and email addresses as:

- you will be informed of your child's absence from school via a text message
- All correspondence is sent by email in the first instance

NB: If you are not receiving emails they may be going in to your 'junk'. Please contact the school for help in receiving emails or with any other communication issues.

In order that clothing can be returned to your son/daughter as quickly as possible, please ensure all items are labelled. Pupils are told to check at the main office if they have lost any personal effects.

To prevent disturbing lessons and disrupting teaching and learning, please encourage your child to check his/her bag before leaving for school in the morning to ensure they have the correct equipment for the day, including PE kit, packed lunch, dinner money, etc.



# Governors Annual Report

The governors annual report for 2019 is updated and on the school website under 'School Information' - 'Governors Annual Report'. The current governing body membership is as follows:

Headteacher:	Mrs Fiona Greville
Teachers: (Elected as representatives of the teaching staff of the school)	Mr Mike Bell Mrs Maria Martin
Staff: (Elected as a representative of the support staff of the school)	Mrs Sharon Cox
Parent: (Elected as representatives of pupils currently attending the school)	Ms Jeni Jenkins Ms Sarah Hamilton Mr Stuart Pownall Mr Mark Minchinton Mr Robert James Mrs Alison Jones
LEA Appointed: (Nominated by the Local Education Authority to serve on the Governing Body)	Cllr Gwyn John Ms Rebecca Satherley-Thomas Cllr Eddie Williams Mr Derek Mutlow (Chair) Dr Carol Brown
Community: (Invited by other governors to join the Governing Body. Act as a link with the Community)	Ms Alyson Jones Mr Graham Price (Vice Chair) Mr Julie Lynch Wilson Mrs Paula Richards
Head Boy/Head Girl:	Nathan Pownall Meghan McDonald
Clerk: (Takes the minutes of the Governing Body and all its Committees)	Ms Claire Morgan

# End of Autumn Term Roll of Honour



**Congratulations to all of the Autumn term 'Points to Success' prize winners.** Amazon vouchers have been awarded to pupils who were top points scorers in their year group (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>) and top of their form group.

In a consistent effort to reward pupils for their good attendance, we have continued our attendance prize draw for each year group. The name of every pupil in the year group is put into a 'hat' and a pupil name is drawn out every week. If the selected pupil has had 100% attendance over the week they receive £5.

Bars of chocolate were given to pupils with no minus points during the Autumn Term and a tin of chocolates was given to a form class in each year group with the highest number of achievement points. At the beginning of each term we begin again, so all pupils have a chance of receiving one (or more) of these prizes. Pob Lwc!

## Authorising Pupil Absences

If for any reason your child is unable to attend school, please inform the school in writing or by choosing the 'report a pupil's absence' option on the school's telephone system (01446 793301).

If your child is unable to attend school due to an ongoing/long term medical condition, a doctor's medical note which clearly states the length of time your child will not be able to attend School will need to be provided to enable the School to authorise these absences.

An appointment card can be presented to authorise appointments.

In a drive to improve pupil attendance the school does not authorise requests for pupils to be absent from school for holidays in term time.

# Highest point Scorers



## Year 7

1st Lucy Grinter  
2nd Levi David  
3rd Rhian Preece

## Highest Points Earner in each form group

7GC Macy Pinch  
7JAD Casey Kinman  
7MD Cai Barker  
7MS Georgia Bevan  
7RJN Holly Hutton

## Year 8

1st Rees Harris  
2nd Emma Campbell  
3rd Iestyn Miles

## Highest Points Earner in each form group

8KD	Bailee Lewis	8MJD	Morgan McNally
8MJD	Owen Hignall	8RN	Georgia Savage
8TG	Tia Harris	8YK	Kieran Richardson

## Year 9

1st Rizik Salhab  
2nd Dylan Dimmick  
3rd Thomas Lamerton

## Highest Points Earner in each form group

9CJS	Jake Perry	9KG	Luca Troughton
9LW	Maisy Wiggins	9PF	Will Taylor
9PN	Megan Burford	9RJJ	Ben Raymond
9SJT	Maja Czyzyska		

## Year 10

1st Jess Williamson  
2nd Katie Tulloch  
3rd Thomas Edwards

## Highest Points Earner in each form group

10CM	Megan Taylor	10DH	Nicole Twomey
10EC	Anna Rust	10JA	Mia Warren
10JWC	Ella Whinston	10LKS	Erin Harris
10ZEA	Ellie Smith		

## Year 11

1st Starley Davey  
2nd Blake Owens  
3rd Benjamin Gifford

## Highest Points Earner in each form group

11LM	Alfie Francis	11MJB	Shanti Damhus
11MLB	Jessica Groves	11RC	Tyler Wigglesworth
11RJR	Owen Hall	11RS	Jayde Nicholson
11SJN	Tesha Jones	11TAM	Dafydd Pope

# Christmas with the Community



***'All I want for Christmas is.... for everyone to have a lovely time too'***  
***The students of Llantwit Major School celebrate Christmas with the community.***

Pupils at Llantwit Major School welcomed in the period with a Christmas Carol Concert at St Illtyd's Church, on the evening of Thursday 5 December. The school produced a heart-warming number of musical pieces; from the school choir, to soloists, pianists and many more talented performances, the concert truly exhibited the community Christmas spirit, which Llantwit Major prides itself on. Mrs Greville, Headteacher of Llantwit Major School, said, "year after year the school produces such wonderful items for this fantastic community event. It was a privilege to watch our students perform in such a wonderful event that really epitomises what Christmas is truly about."



As a community school we consider Christmas a time for sharing and caring and, on Friday 6 December, pupils again showed their appreciation for everything that the community's senior citizens have done for the town and community. This was the school's tenth 'senior citizens tea party', and local senior citizens came to enjoy musical entertainment from the school choir, feast on food made by the catering students and to receive homemade hampers full of festive treats from each form class.

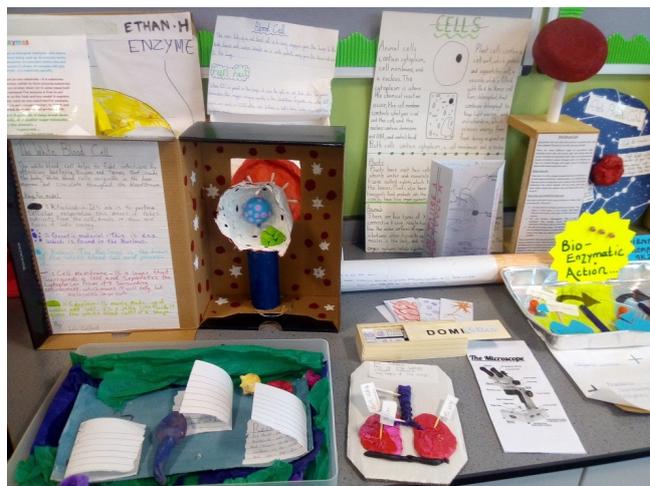
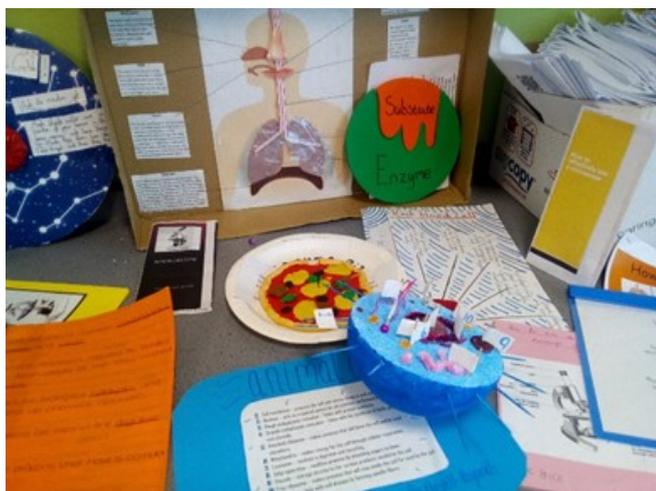
Llantwit Major pupils once again relished in the opportunities to spread the festive Christmas cheer and are looking forward to celebrating with their community in 2020. And remember "Christmas will always be as long as we stand heart to heart and hand in hand."



# Nadolig 2019



# Science Department



## Science department - celebrating effort

The science department are extremely proud of the effort years 7, 8 and 9 have put into completing their first extended homework (this was due in before the Christmas holidays).

The extended homework is designed to encourage pupils to research and present on parts of the curriculum in unusual and imaginative ways in order to help engage their interest and enthusiasm. This has encouraged pupils to work independently and with organisation to meet deadlines.

We would like to thank the PTA who have funded the enamel science badges that have been presented to 20 pupils for their absolutely outstanding effort on their projects. We have also presented a significant number of certificates celebrating the high standard of work by a large number of pupils. We have tweeted numerous photos showing this amazing work and many pieces of work are currently on display in the science laboratories, studios and classrooms.



We would also like to thank parents for providing support and materials for these projects at home and would like to remind you that the second set of extended homework tasks are due in on 9 March 2020.



# Bar Mock Trial Competition



On Saturday 2 November, pupils from Llantwit Major School competed in the prestigious Bar Mock Trial Competition at Cardiff Crown Court. Designed to give pupils a taste of the legal system, the national competition requires pupils to take on the roles of barristers, witnesses and court officials and compete against seven other teams from across South and West Wales in the Cardiff heat.



Both prosecution and defence teams had to argue their cases in a trial focussed on the possession of a potential intent to supply class A drugs. In both rounds, the teams performed admirably, arguing their cases confidently and perceptively.

In the judge's feedback at the end of each trial, particular mentions went to Ieuan Lewis for his composure as a defendant and Millie Hunt for her 'excellent' work as a prosecution barrister. The defence were also called on to compete in an assault trial, where they were successful in convincing the impartial jury that the defendant was indeed not guilty.

While the team narrowly missed out on a place in the final, their hard work and fantastic performances in court meant that they could finish the day with their heads held high and in the knowledge that they represented the school admirably.

# Pupils represent the school for Remembrance



## Field of Remembrance 2019 at Cardiff Castle

On Wednesday 6 November, 4 pupils from Llantwit Major School represented the school and MKCH the Military Kids Club Heroes (part of the Royal British Legion), at the Field of Remembrance service in Cardiff Castle organised by the Royal British Legion. We were invited to write tributes on wooden poppy crosses, some of which were sent for planting in advance of the ceremony, but the four students who attended the event brought the crosses with their own tributes on for planting on the day.

*The tradition of planting a Field of Remembrance started in 1928, when the Poppy Factory took a group of disabled veterans a tray of poppies and a collecting tin to the grounds of St Margaret's Church, Westminster. The men gathered around an original wooden cross that had been planted there, taken from the battlefield grave of an unknown British soldier. Some of the men began to push poppies into the ground, curious passers-by stopped to ask questions and before long they began buying and planting poppies of their own - creating the very first Field of Remembrance.*



The pupils watched the service which was attended by serving personnel, veterans and the public. They were happy to see the military goat and horse mascot leading the procession also. After the service, The Sugar Sisters gave a beautifully nostalgic rendition of *I'll be seeing you* and *We'll meet again*. Then the students saw their crosses being planted followed by a short reception and chance to warm up before catching the train back to school. The students were a credit to the school and very much enjoyed the morning.

The Head Girl, Meghan McDonald and Head Boy, Nathan Pownall accompanied the Headteacher, Mrs Greville, Deputy Headteacher, Mrs Pownall and the Chair of Governors, Mr Mutlow at the Llantwit Major remembrance parade in November.

They placed a wreath on the cenotaph on behalf of pupils and staff at Llantwit Major School.



# Achievements/Awards/ Congratulations

## Teacher Award



Mrs Denscombe received a national award from the University of Bath. The award recognises teachers who have gone 'above and beyond' to enable students to progress to university. As a school we are always delighted to see the hard work and dedication of our staff being recognised by external agencies.

Teachers were nominated for this award by their own pupils.

Congratulations Mrs Denscombe.

## Mollie Bourner's Success

Mollie has been involved in Firefighter Cadets since she was 13. She completed 2 years with them and gained her BTEC qualification.

Due to her enthusiasm and commitment she was invited back the following year as a mentor. Last year she was asked to apply for the Fire Cadet Ambassador roles covering the South Wales Fire and Rescue Service area. She had to fill in an application form and pass the paper sift.



She was then invited for an interview where she had to give a 10 minute presentation. There were 4 Ambassador roles, above that the Deputy Chief Ambassador and then the Chief Ambassador role. Mollie was successful in her interview and has been given the Deputy Chief Fire Ambassador role. This means she will attend events and meetings. She attended Fire HQ in the Summer where she was awarded her epaulettes by the Fire Chief.

Mollie has worked so hard over the last few years and hopes to have a career in the South Wales Fire and Rescue Service.



# ALUMNI—LLANWIT MAJOR SCHOOL

In order to tap into the rich vein of talent from Llantwit Major one project we have recently developed is The Llantwit Major Alumni, in which former students will be able to remain in contact with the school, and keep us posted on their exploits in the world.

We have chosen to do this as pupils have repeatedly told us that seeing examples of how former students have achieved is both inspirational and motivational, and in their words makes them believe they can achieve too. We would therefore request that if you are a former student, or you are aware of any former students who might inspire our present students with their achievement could you please get touch with the school by email:

[llantwitmajorhs@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk](mailto:llantwitmajorhs@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk)

*FAO: Mr Kevin Francis*

Apart from motivating the students, we think there is nothing more satisfying and rewarding as a teacher than to be contacted by former students and told of their achievements.

This edition the 2 Alumni in the spotlight are:

**Nathan Mullet**

**James Harrington**





## **Nathan Mullett (successful owner of local business—Vale Gymnastics)**

**Year of Graduation:** 2008

### **Destination after leaving LMS**

After finishing A-Levels in Llantwit Major I went to Cardiff University to study Biomedical Research. I continued to do gymnastics while studying and was selected to represent Wales in the 2010 Commonwealth Games in Delhi, India. Sadly, a career ending injury put a stop to that and I was unable to compete again.

### **Overview and Experience:**

After 3 years at Cardiff University, in the summer after my exams I started my own gymnastics club to try and earn some money. After four months I was faced with the difficult decision of whether to go back to University to study medicine or whether to continue with my own gymnastics club and aim to grow it. I committed to continue with my gymnastics club and 8 years later Vale Gymnastics has 700 members and 3 full time employees. In September 2019 I also set up another gymnastics club in Cardiff with a friend and our aim is to grow this over the next two years with the hope of achieving 500 members.

### **Current Position**

Director and Head Coach at Vale Gymnastics. Director at Cardiff North Gymnastics Club.

### **Tips or Advice**

- School is one of the only times in life that you can get education for free so make the most of it.
- Opportunities look a lot like hard work, the harder you work, the more opportunities you will have.
- Experience is priceless, you can't buy experience.

## **James Harrington (Particle Physicist at CERN in Geneva, home of the Large Hadron Collider)**

**Year of Graduation:** 2008

### **Destination after leaving LMS**

University of Glamorgan 2008-2011 BSc (hons) Computer Science  
Swansea University 2011-2-15 MPhys (hons) Physics  
University of Heidelberg (2016 - Present)  
Max Planck Institute for Nuclear Physics (2016 - present)  
CERN (2016 - present)

### **Overview and Experience:**

I work in Particle Physics looking at how matter, for example electrons, and antimatter, for example positrons, work in symmetry.

### **Current Position**

Experimental physicist studying antimatter and the fundamental symmetries of nature.

### **Tips or Advice**

As cliché as it sounds, don't stop and be determined. If you really have an ambition you want to achieve don't let go, if one avenue closes find another one. Pester people in charge, show you are committed and keen. Motivation, determination, and the drive to keep going when it gets difficult will always pay off in the long run.

# Pupils rewarded at presentation

On Monday 20 January we celebrated Year 7s successful transition into Year 7. The main hall was filled with parents, guardians and other family members, as well as some of their old Primary Head teachers (Mrs Haynes from St Athan Primary, Mrs Thomas from Wick & Marcross Primary and Mr Hardy from St Illtyd Primary) who all came to support and celebrate with the students. The event was supported by the Llantwit Major & Cowbridge Lions, who are great supporters of the school, particularly our transition events. President, Sue Thomas and Carol Sloan also attended and Sue handed out trophies to those students who won awards. During the ceremony we were fortunate to have 2 piano solos played beautifully by 2 talented Year 7 students. Emily McDonagh 7GC, played Dance by Bella Bartock and Emily Hibbert 7MS, played Allegretto Grazioso by Cornelius Gurlitt.

Trophies were awarded to students from each form group in 3 categories; Ambition, nominated by teachers for excellent academic progress; Readiness, nominated by Form Tutors, for being well prepared and showing a positive attitude each day and Transition, nominated by various staff members, including Mrs Marshallsay for settling into Year 7 so well. Every student received a certificate to celebrate their successful transition. The certificates ranged from Gold to Silver, Bronze and Working towards Bronze.

## Llongyfarchiadau Blwyddyn 7!



Ambition Award	Readiness Award	Transition Award
<b>7GC</b> Niamh Moore	Emily McDonagh	Alfie Price-Worrell
<b>7MD</b> Gwendolyn Sanders O'Brien	Mathew Bramhall	Jacob Lord
<b>7JAD</b> Bethan Rendall	Olivia Morrison	Casey Kinman
<b>7MS</b> Josh Collins	Abigail Fisher	Bethan Ainsworth-Bibey
<b>7HAT</b> Lucy Grinter	Gracie Escott	Rhys Case
<b>7RJN</b> Joseff Bourner	Holly Hutton	Emily Parrott

# Les Misérables (school Edition)



## Les Misérables (School Edition) School Production

Rehearsals are well underway for the school production of Les Misérables (School Edition) This musical by ALAIN BOUBLIL and CLAUDE-MICHEL SCHÖNBERG is set against the backdrop of 19th-century France. Les Misérables tells an enthralling story of broken dreams and unrequited love, passion, sacrifice and redemption a timeless testament to the survival of the human spirit. Based on Victor Hugo's classic novel, Boubilil and Schönberg's magnificent score of LES MISÉRABLES includes the songs, I Dreamed a Dream, On My Own, Stars, Bring Him Home, Do You Hear the People Sing?, One Day More, Empty Chairs at Empty Tables, Master Of The House and many more.

Tickets are on sale now. <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/llantwit-major-school/e-gogqdg>

## DO YOU HEAR THE PEOPLE SING?





## Year 8 girls careers trip - by Ellie McNally and Mali Morgan Year 8



A group of 14 girls from Year 8 got an amazing opportunity to visit British Airways Maintenance Centre in Cardiff to explore future careers in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Maths.

We started the day by listening to speeches by important females who are involved in getting more girls into science. We were then allowed to split up and walk around the different workshops and meet many inspiring and successful people. One of our favourite workshops was when we got to dress up like a pilot and inflate life jackets which made us all jump as it made a very loud noise! We had a lot of fun getting involved in the different challenges set by companies such as British Airways and Careers Wales.

After about an hour of exploring the different workshops we then got a sneak peak of the British Airways' new business class seats! We were then taken to see the pilot's cabin where there were hundreds of different buttons. Some of us even had the chance to sit in the pilot seat! Our tour guides explained how many parts of the plane worked including the engine. It was fascinating to see how many people it took to make an aeroplane.

Overall, we think that this trip was an incredible experience that really helped us understand the importance of engineering and getting more girls into STEM careers.



## Year 13 Visit to Krakow—by Leah Elliott

**Day 1:** After dropping off our bags at the hotel we proceeded on foot to the town square where we met with our tour guide for a four hour walking tour of Krakow. We started at the town square and saw amazing architecture including the moving clock and Wawel Castle where we were shown the 'dragon' bones hanging outside. We were later also shown a fire breathing dragon statue. We finished off the day with a meal at the Hard Rock Cafe and everyone was extremely thankful to rest their feet!

**Day 2** began very early when we left the hotel at 6.15 on a misty day to go to Auschwitz. When we arrived we met our tour guide and began the journey around Auschwitz where the tour guide showed us through what would have been living spaces that are now filled with possessions that were stolen from the Jewish people such as glasses, cooking equipment, brushes, prosthetics, crutches, suitcases and hair. We all found the tour very emotional but simultaneously educational and reflective. We then moved to Auschwitz Birkenau which I personally found to be less emotional and personal but a lot more overwhelming due to the massive scale of the camp. It makes it hard to comprehend that one person could cause evil of such big proportion. We were informed that 400 or more people would sleep in a stable designed for 54 horses and at the end of the tour we saw the memorial and took time to reflect and react in our own way to what we had just seen. After returning to the hotel for some down time to get ready we went to Morskie Oko for a traditional Polish night that cannot be praised highly enough. The atmosphere, entertainment and food was incredible and the evening allowed everyone on the trip to bond and feel included. We all had so much fun dancing and taking part and the entertainment was amazing. We would have done it all again if we had the time!



**Day 3:** We had breakfast in the hotel and then departed on foot to the Galicia museum where we learned of the Jewish past and present in Krakow. We then had the honour of hearing the story of a holocaust survivor through a translator and her story moved us all. She told us how her Jewish mother had saved her by sending her to live with a Polish family who tragically passed when she returned to live with her Jewish family. Her father had been saved throughout the war by Schindler whose factory we saw after lunch and down time in the Jewish Quarters of Krakow. Schindler's museum allowed us to understand that not every German or Pole believed what Hitler was enforcing and that whilst not all spoke out against him a few brave people did all they could to help the Jewish people of Poland escape persecution.

Day 4 of our visit to Krakow was a little more relaxed. Most of us walked to a nearby shopping centre and had lunch before the coach came to collect us to take us to the salt mine. We saw the stunning chapel and statues underground and a few brave students licked the walls of the salt mine! The mine was stunning and truly a work of art.

In conclusion, the trip was a once in a lifetime experience that educated us thoroughly on very important issues and allowed us to gain our own insight into the tragedies that occurred at Auschwitz. We also discovered lots of Polish culture and history that will stay with us for the rest of our lives.

# News from the Art Department

## Year 10



Year 10 Art, Craft and Design students have been working hard to create a series of portrait studies using a range of dry and wet medias. Just before Christmas they also attended an after school Clay workshop, during which they all worked fantastically to produce a selection of clay self-portraits. The clay faces will be fired in the kiln and students will then have the opportunity to decorate them, using paint. The sculptures will form part of their coursework portfolios and will be displayed in their year 11 exhibition.



## Year 11

Before Christmas Year 11 Art, Craft and Design students worked tirelessly to complete their coursework unit. Students used the skills and knowledge they had gained during their GCSE studies to produce some creative and exciting work. They have now moved on to prepare for their exam, which they will sit at the end of March.



## World Mental Health Day; St Illtyd's

At the end of last year, Year 8 students were lucky enough to attend a World Mental Health Day workshop at St Illtyd's Church. During the workshops students discussed social issues such as Climate Change and Mental Health. They then went on to create artwork that was displayed in the church and the local community.



# News from Geography Department



As part of ESDGC, the Eco Committee set up, and ran, a Fairtrade Christmas Stall that sold products supporting producers from developing countries. Needless to say, the organic chocolate and cola were a hit!



A huge thank you, and well done, to the school Eco Committee and parents who helped plant around 200 trees on Saturday 23 November 2019 with @plantllantwit.



Year 7 have been studying coasts and one of their favourite activities was the annotated play dough coastal model task. Pupils had to pick a coastal location in the UK, model it and explain how it was created. Three Cliffs Bay, Gower was amazing!

# News from Geography Department



In October, David Field from @DroneTechAero came in to give Year 8 a demonstration and talk about the use of drones for mapping and surveying. Harry Cook was given the task to try and outrun the auto tracking system. Amazingly, he succeeded!



Year 9 GCSE Geographers have been on a field trip to Cardiff Bay to study the regeneration that has taken place since 1987 and why Cardiff is considered a 'global city'.



Year 8 have been taking part in the Young Reporters for the Environment competition run by Keep Wales Tidy. They have to create a 3 minute video or a 1000 word report on an issue to do with plastic, litter or recycling. The pressure is on as last year our school won first and second place!



57 pupils from Years 7&8 came on the London Trip to the Natural History Museum, London Eye and Planet Hollywood. What a day it was! The pupils loved it and it was fantastic to see the Christmas lights in London.

# Sixth Form News



On the last day of term, the Sixth Form enjoyed a trip to Cardiff to buy some last minute presents in the Christmas Market and ice skate in Winter Wonderland.

In the week running up to the General Election, the six main political parties were represented by pupils from our Sixth Form. William Steggal, Liam Taylor, Tia Jade-Allen, Emily Dargen, Nathan Roberts, Dylan Cooke and Bethan Roberts gave rousing speeches to all year groups who then cast their votes anonymously.



For 7 weeks prior to Christmas we ran a circuit session for the Sixth Form at 7.30 am on a Monday morning! It was a fantastic success with pupils feeling energised and ready to attack the week in school. The circuit sessions have continued into the Winter Term every Wednesday at 3 pm.

# Learning from the best!



Year 8 enjoy designing their very own propeller cars

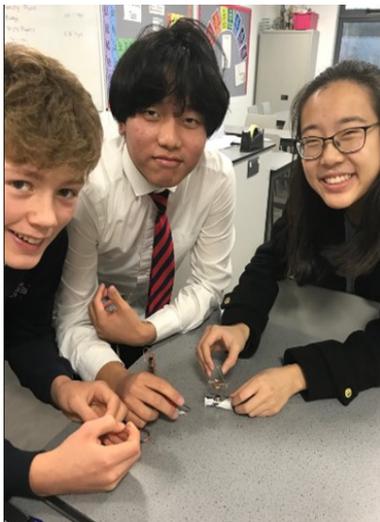
We have been incredibly lucky to welcome Jessica Wang (Jessie) to our school as part of the Global Teaching Labs programme 2020.

Students from Years 7 -13 have been given opportunities to work with Jessie as she shares her fantastic knowledge of a whole host of mechanical engineering related subjects with them.

Our students have thoroughly enjoyed taking part in various projects including building an MIT App for their phones, a toy design challenge, building propeller cars as they learnt about energy transfers and she even managed to make electromagnetism a bit more interesting!

Not only is Jessie an incredibly talented engineer, but she is also part of the MIT dance troupe, a highly talented violinist and she even found time to learn some Welsh and teach some Mandarin in return. She even tried to get her brother who just so happens to work for NASA to send us a video message - but he was a little busy designing the next Rover!

Year 10 making their very own electromagnets



Year 13 Physicists enjoy blowing up resistors



Jessie Wang



## Diwrnod Shwmae 15 Hydref 2019

Llantwit Major pupils celebrated Diwrnod Shwmae with activities being held in the school canteen. The photo booth was a great success which gave pupils a chance to practice their Welsh and then have pictures with their friendship groups! We look forward to making this event an annual day in the school calendar. We are looking forward to this years celebrations already!



## Clwb Cymraeg Blwyddyn 7 a 8

We are very excited to announce that the Welsh Club has been a huge success since starting in September. Years 7 and 8 have developed their Welsh Language skills and their passion for Wales by attending weekly and taking part in a variety of activities such as Kahoot, Welsh relay races, biscuit decorating, board games and parliament week to name a few! Welsh Club is open for anyone in year 7 and 8 and runs Week 1: Thursday and Week 2: Tuesday in M20 at lunchtimes with Miss Smith and the Urdd Youth Officer. Croeso i bawb!

Dewich i gael hwyl a sbri gyda ffrindiau! / Come to have fun with friends!

#diwrnodshwmae #siaradcymraeg  
#dysgucymraeg

## Cymraeg Bob Dydd

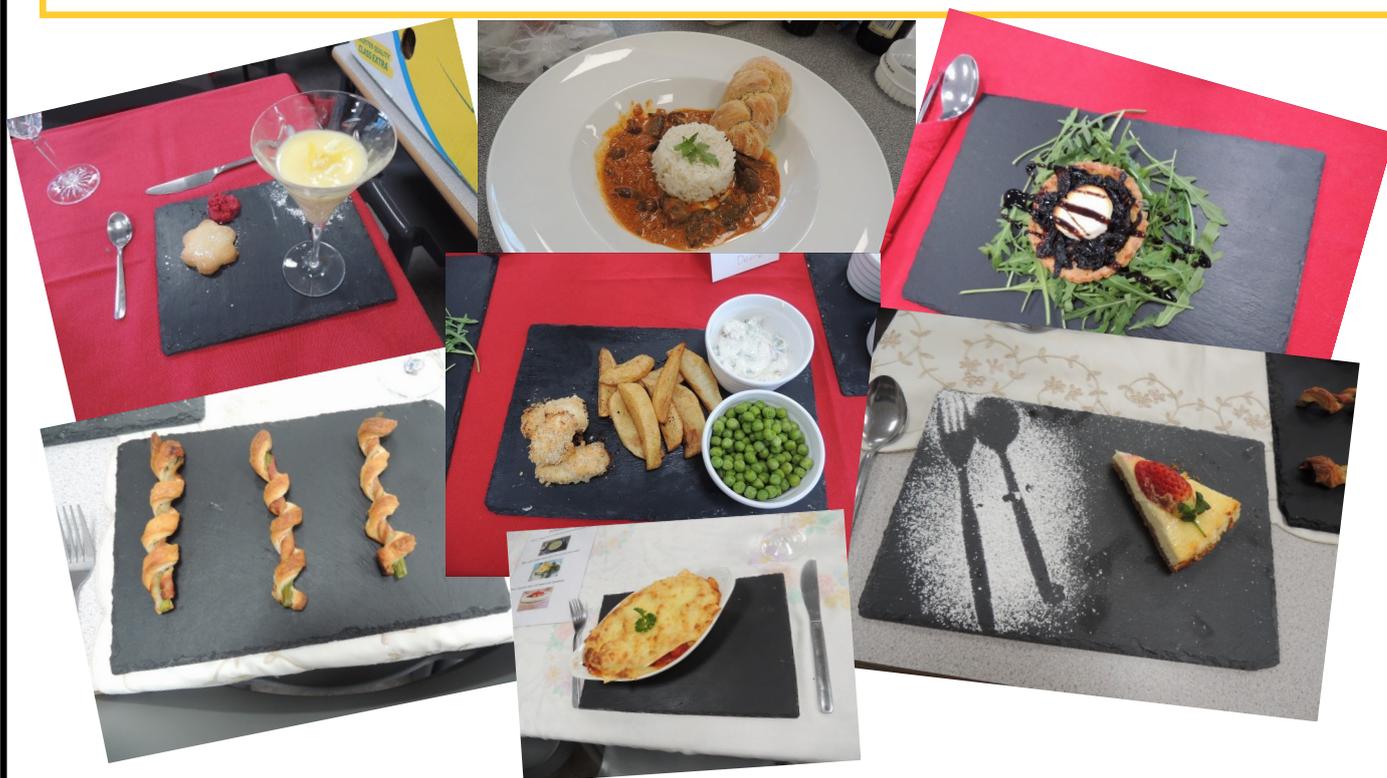
Llantwit Major School has been successfully accepted onto the Welsh Assembly Government Scheme 'Cymraeg Bob Dydd'. Its main focus is to ensure continued development of Bilingualism within the school and provide opportunities to learn about Welsh and the place of Wales in the world.



## ***Year 10 pupils excel in the Rotary Young Chef competition 2020!!***



5 pupils from year 10, Amelie Deere, Rosie King, Sophia Meakin, Liam Nichols and Dylan Howe all produced a 3 course meal costing no more than £20 for 2 people in 2 hours. They all produced food of a superb standard and really excelled themselves. Rosie King was the overall winner and represented the school in the next round at Cowbridge comprehensive. Amelie Deere was in second place, she also represented the school in the next round.





# PAMPER, WELLBEING & FITNESS EVENING

hosted by  
**LLANTWIT MAJOR SCHOOL PTA**  
**FRIDAY 20 MARCH 2020**  
**6.30-9.30PM**

**Treatments include:**  
**Manicures, Waxing, Massage**

**Variety of gift and craft stalls to include:**  
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*(Ticket includes taster sessions (subject to availability) in Tai Chi, Boxercise and Sleep Therapy plus free prize draw for the 'pamper hamper')*

**Venue: Llantwit Major Comprehensive School hall**  
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# Key Dates Spring/Summer 2020

17-21 Feb		All	Half Term
5 Mar		Year 7	World Book Day
6 Mar		Years 7-8	Eisteddfod
12 Mar	4-6.30 pm	Year 10	Year 10 Parents Evening
1 Apr	6.00 pm		Parent Forum Meeting
6Apr-17Apr		All	Easter Holiday/Easter Revision Sessions
23 April	4-6.30 pm	Year 9	Year 9 Parents Evening
27 Apr		Yrs 7-9	Literacy & Numeracy national testing starts
5 May			GCE/GCSE examinations begin
8 May		All	May Day Bank Holiday (75 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day)
13 May	6.00 pm	PTA	PTA Meeting
20 May	6.00 pm		Parent Forum Meeting
25-29 May		All	Half Term/Half Term Revision Sessions
8 June		Staff	Year 9 tests fortnight
18 June		Year 10	Year 10 English Language & Maths mock examinations in hall - dates TBC
26 June		All	Sports Day
29 June		Year 6	Year 6 Transition Day
29 June	5.30-7.00 pm	All	Art/D&T/Textiles Exhibition
29 June	6.00 pm	Year 6	Year 6 Transition Day Concert
30 June		Year 4	Year 4 Transition Day
1 July		Year 5	Year 5 Transition Day
2 July		All	Inset Day 4
7-10 July		All	School Production
13 July		All	Sports Presentation Evening
14 July	8.30-5 pm	Years 7 & 8	End of year reward trip
15 July	8.30-5 pm	Years 9 & 10	End of year reward trip
16 July		Pupils	Last day of term for pupils & staff
13 Aug			GCE Results
20 Aug			GCSE Results

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