

MAJOR NEWS / NEWYDDION MAWR

SUMMER TERM / TYMOR Y HAF

Start / <i>Dechrau:</i>	Monday 8 April 2024 / <i>Dydd Llun Ebrill 8 2024</i>
Half Term / <i>Hanner Tymor:</i>	Monday 27 May 2024 – Friday 31 May 2024/ <i>Dydd Llun Mai 27 – Dydd Gwener Mai 31 2024</i>
End / <i>Diwedd:</i>	Friday 19 July 2024 / <i>Dydd Gwener Gorffennaf 19 2024</i>

Week Beginning – Monday 15 April 2024 / *Dydd Llun Ebrill 15 2024*

Week 27/ *Wythnos 27*

Message from the Headteacher

Welcome to this week's edition of Major News.

It has been a busy week here for us at Llantwit Major. A number of oral and practical examinations have taken place for our exam year students and we have been so impressed with their motivation and enthusiasm. It has also been a busy week extra-curricular wise, with many of our learners participating in the annual national Urdd 7s tournament. I'm sure this was a worthwhile experience for all students involved across the week, all of whom should be commended for their efforts.

Can I please draw your attention to the item a little later on in the newsletter pertaining to ethos and values. Having already consulted with pupils and staff, I really would appreciate it if you could take the time to submit some suggestions to inform our approach moving forward. As always, your views, comments and suggestions really do matter as we continue to work on involving parents and carers more in decision-making here at Llantwit Major.

As ever, many thanks for your continued support and I wish you an enjoyable weekend.

Mrs C L Robins

School Calendar

Week Beginning – Monday 22 April 2024 / <i>Dydd Llun Ebrill 22</i> 2024		Week 28/ <i>Wythnos</i> 28
Monday 22 April / <i>Dydd Llun Ebrill 22</i>	Year 11 Photo/Textiles exam Year 11 Welsh oral exam	
Tuesday 23 April / <i>Dydd Mawrth Ebrill 23</i>	Year 11 Welsh oral exam	
Wednesday 24 April / <i>Dydd Mercher Ebrill 24</i>	Year 11 Welsh oral exam	
Thursday 25 April / <i>Dydd Iau Ebrill 25</i>	Year 11 Photo/Textiles exam	
Friday 26 April / <i>Dydd Gwener Ebrill 26</i>	Year 11 Art/3D exam	
	Coming Up/ <i>I ddod</i>	
Monday 29 April / <i>Dydd Llun Ebrill 29</i>		
Tuesday 30 April / <i>Dydd Mawrth Ebrill 30</i>	Year 8 HPV vaccination Year 11 French oral exam	
Wednesday 1 May / <i>Dydd Mercher Mai 1</i>	Year 8 Seren Trip – Bath University	
Thursday 2 May / <i>Dydd Iau Mai 2</i>	Year 13 Art exam	
Friday 3 May / <i>Dydd Gwener Mai 3</i>		

Performing Arts Department

Guys and Dolls

LLANTWIT MAJOR SCHOOL
PRESENTS

GUYS And DOLLS

A MUSICAL FABLE OF BROADWAY
BASED ON A STORY AND CHARACTERS OF DAMON RUNYON
THIS AMATEUR PRODUCTION IS PRESENTED BY ARRANGEMENT WITH MUSIC THEATRE INTERNATIONAL
ALL AUTHORISED PERFORMANCE MATERIALS ARE ALSO SUPPLIED BY MTI WWW.MTISHOWS.CO.UK

MUSIC & LYRICS BY
FRANK LOESSER

BOOK BY
JO SWERLING AND ABE BURROWS

9TH - 12TH JULY 2024 WWW.TICKETSOURCE.CO.UK/LLANTWIT-MAJOR-SCHOOL

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A fantastic 322 tickets have flown out the door this week for the school production of Guys and Dolls. We are delighted to introduce our principle team this year with the above press release. This is just a small proportion of the 115 cast members, and we look forward to introducing and celebrating those students too in the school newsletter and via our social media channels. <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/llantwit-major-school>

Blue Remembered Hills

31 GCSE students enjoyed a local production of Blue Remembered Hills, a play they are studying for their GCSE exam. The students were brilliant and even asked the cast some really thought-provoking questions in the Q&A about character motivation and development. It is always a privilege to take Llantwit Major students out for performing arts events as they are such a credit to our school.

Ethos and Values

We need to think about our aims and values as a school community and would be grateful if you could reflect in this short questionnaire.

A school's values should encapsulate the moral and academic expectations of everyone in the school community and should guide both a school's ethos/principles and the day-to-day operation of the school.

What as parents do you believe should be our top 5 values?

Values means the individual beliefs and principles that motivate people to act one way or the other. They serve as a guide for human behaviour and the way in which you operate/work. Please follow the link to share your views:

<https://forms.gle/9wvFLvoTDQpGm71M7>

Help and support information

If you feel you may need help and support with the cost of living crisis the links below may be of use.

Is my child eligible to receive free school meals?

<https://www.gov.wales/free-school-meals-information-parents-and-carers>

Services and support that help with food costs. Information on food vouchers and food banks.

Penarth food pod:

<https://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/en/our-council/press-and-communications/latest-news/2022/March/New-Food-Pod-opens-in-Penarth.aspx>

Vale Food Bank: <https://vale.foodbank.org.uk/get-help/foodbank-vouchers/#Vale%20foodbank>

Food Vale: <https://foodvale.org/where-can-i-get-support/>

How to get free or cheap food: <https://www.moneysavingexpert.com/shopping/how-to-get-free-or-cheap-food/>

Find information on grants and benefits available to you such as Council Tax Reduction.

<https://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/en/living/Cost-of-Living/Grants-and-benefits.aspx>

Get help with household and energy bills.

<https://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/en/living/Cost-of-Living/Household-and-energy-bills.aspx>

If your child is in receipt of free schools meals and you would like to discuss any aspect of their school life please contact Mrs E Denscombe at denscombe@llantwitschool.org.uk

Classroom Expectations



CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS

Be Ready

Engaged

Safe

Take Responsibility

BEING THE **BEST** WE CAN BE

Key Academic Dates 2023/2024

Summer 2024:

- **Start:** Monday 8 April 2024
- **May Day BH:** Monday 6 May 2024
- **Half term:** Monday 27 May 2024 to Friday 31 May 2024
- **End:** Monday 22 July 2024 (**INSET**) (Students finish on Friday 19 July 2024 @ 1pm)

INSET Days:

- **INSET Day 5:** Monday 8 July 2024
- **INSET Day 6:** Monday 22 July 2024

General Information

Contacting School

Please refrain from telephoning the school, other than for urgent purposes. For all general enquiries please email llantwitmajorhs@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk. **Please be reminded that we operate an appointments only system for meeting with parents/carers and if you present at school requesting an immediate appointment we will not be able to accommodate you.**

Forgotten Items

We can no longer accept the delivery of forgotten items such as PE kit, books, lunch boxes etc. during the school day. Please ensure your child arrives at school with the equipment needed for the day. In the exceptional case that you do need to bring an item into school for your child, you will be asked to leave it on the desk in the main entrance. This is to reduce traffic on to the school site and ensure student safety during lesson transitions.

Medication

Please note we **do not** stock medication of any kind in school, including paracetamol, and we are not allowed to dispense medication without parental consent. If your child receives prescribed medication a medical form, available from main Reception to be collected by your son/daughter, will be required to be completed and returned to Reception. Should your child need medication throughout the school day please ensure they bring just what is needed for the day to school with them.