

04/09/15

Dates for your
Diary
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SEPTEMBER

9 - Year 11
Computerised Report
Issued

9 - Sports
Presentation Evening

10 - Year 10 English
Language & Numeracy
Information Evening

17 - Year 7 Literacy &
Numeracy Parents'
Evening

17 - Year 13 UCAS
References

22 - Year 9
Engineering workshop,
Swansea University
visit

Cowbridge Comprehensive School

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Parentmail Bulletin

If you would like to contact us regarding this bulletin please email:
parentmail@cowbridgecomprehensiveschool.co.uk



Improved Communication with Parents

In order to improve and streamline your ability to communicate with us, we have appointed Achievement Assistants to all year groups of pupils (Y9 to be appointed soon). The aim of the new roles is to support Heads of Year and Subject Heads of Department in ensuring all pupils reach their potential. This will involve being the first line of communication (via e-mail, telephone and face to face at the School). The Achievement Assistants will monitor attendance, pupils' achievements etc. and will ensure that you are engaged and informed as soon as possible when we are concerned about any aspect of your child's education and welfare.

The Achievement Assistants and their contact e-mails are as follows:

Y7 - Mrs Bedford	year7@cowbridgecs.co.uk
Y8 - Mr D'Arcy	year8@cowbridgecs.co.uk
Y9 - to be appointed	year9@cowbridgecs.co.uk
Y10 - Mrs Mawhinney	year10@cowbridgecs.co.uk
Y11 - Mrs White	year11@cowbridgecs.co.uk
Y12/13 - Mrs Howe	year12@cowbridgecs.co.uk year13@cowbridgecs.co.uk

Each Achievement Assistant and therefore Year group will have a telephone number which you will be able to ring directly to avoid you having to use the main switchboard. This applies with the e-mail where you will be able to communicate directly with staff via the Achievement Assistant. Telephone numbers will be made available via the School website early next week and via separate bulletin.

Dear Parents

We hope that you have had an enjoyable summer despite the rather dismal weather on occasion. We are looking forward to building upon our successes even further as we embark upon the new academic year. There are exciting times ahead which will include the construction of an extension to the Sixth Form, to provide study space.

We look forward to welcoming all our students after the long summer holiday, particularly our new students and parents, as we embark upon the inspiring challenges and opportunities that lie ahead. We welcome also a number of new staff who are looking forward to doing their best for your children.

We are thrilled with the performance of our Sixth Form students. Their fabulous success is a tribute to the hard work and dedication of a fantastic team of staff and young people, working together to achieve the best outcomes. The A-level results mark yet another year of excellent academic and personal success, with an overall A Level pass rate of 99%. Over 50% of students have received A Level results 1 or 2 grades above their predictions, illustrating that the value added to the education of students studying in the Sixth Form is very commendable.

The results include many wonderful individual achievements with significantly high numbers of students (29%) achieving the top A*/A grades, which bucks the national trend and is higher than the national average this year of 25.9%.

The GCSE results of the Year 11 students at Cowbridge Comprehensive School were also a real cause for pride and celebration. We are delighted that 95% of our students achieved 5 or more A* - C grades and that we have bucked the national trend again, with significant proportions of students achieving the highest grades of A*/A, across a high number of subjects. Overall 40% of the students achieved the highest grades of A*/A compared with the national figure of 19.2%. We are particularly delighted with performance of students achieving the higher grades of A*/A in the core and statutory subjects of English (31%), Maths (33%), Science (34%), Ethics and Philosophy (66%) and Welsh second language (43%). Equally we have seen significant proportions of high achievements, in the highest grades, in our foundation subjects. Our students' successes illustrate that we are providing great challenge and support to ensure that all students achieve their best. This enables significant numbers of students to be best placed for coping with the demands of post 16 studies and ultimately in the strongest positions to compete for the top places at universities and places of work.

We believe that a number of factors contribute to our students' continued success year on year including the engagement and commitment of the students themselves, the dedication and skill of our staff and the resolute support of parents and key partners. Our students and staff have shown great resilience and determination over the past two years particularly, where the education system and programmes of study have seen unprecedented changes, coupled with significant strains and cuts to budgets.

We wish to congratulate all of our wonderful students who have set themselves high expectations and aspirations; they have worked incredibly hard to achieve their best! We are enormously proud of their achievements and endeavours.

We wish to thank parents for their engagement and continued support in ensuring that Cowbridge Comprehensive School goes from strength to strength.

Mrs D Thomas
Headteacher

**SPORTS
PRESENTATION
EVENING**



**WEDNESDAY
9TH SEPTEMBER
6PM**



Registration for 2015 / 2016 360 Hockey Centres is now live!

360 Hockey Centres provide high intensity training alongside a bespoke off pitch athlete development programme.

Designed to allow talent to thrive and excel over a period of time, 360 Hockey Centres are the first step on the performance pathway.

For further information please check the website:

<http://hockeywales.org.uk/>



MATHEMATICS

DEPARTMENT REMINDER



Please remind pupils they are required to bring the following equipment for Maths lessons:

Pen

Pencil

Ruler

Compass

Protractor

Calculator

THANK YOU

Maths Department

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

EXTRA-CURRICULAR

ACTIVITIES

	ACE	JWS	RHS
Monday	Jazz Group 8.20-8.50am	<i>Assembly</i> Ukulele Club 8.20-8.50am	<i>Assembly</i> Ukulele Club 8.20-8.50am
Tuesday	Concert band 8.20-8.50am MUSICAL REHEARSAL 3.30-5.00 A1M	Training band 8.20-8.50am PCLO 4:00-5:00 A1I	<i>Assembly</i> MUSICAL REHEARSAL 3.30-5.00 A1M
Wednesday	Boys Vocal Group 8.20-8.50am	<i>Assembly</i>	Boys Vocal Group 8.20-8.50am
Thursday	<i>Assembly</i> MUSICAL REHEARSAL 3.30-5.00 A1M	String group 8.20-8.50am MUSICAL REHEARSAL 3.30-5.00 A1M	Girls Vocal Group 8.20-8.50am MUSICAL REHEARSAL 3.30-5.00 A1M
Friday	<i>Assembly</i>	Music Theory basics + 8.20-8.50am	Joint (Boys and Girls combined) Vocal Group 8.20-8.50am

Together we can help!

It doesn't matter how you help or with whom. All of the help we receive will make a difference. You could help stop a negative comment being posted online. You could help keep a child in school, or stop a teenager resorting to self harm, or running away from home.

Bullying has become accepted as the general pattern of behaviour in schools and online, this attitude must be changed before another young person loses hope.

Many people describe bullying as the worst thing that has ever happened to them. Whilst bullying is widespread throughout our schools, it can happen **anywhere**, to **anyone** at **any time**.

50% of young people have bullied another young person

69% of young people have witnessed bullying

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49% of young people admit to being bullied in their school life

THE RESULT

29% self harmed

27% skipped class

14% developed an eating disorder

12% ran away from home

28% of these will never tell anyone

HELP PREPARE YOUR CHILD FOR THE WORLD OF WORK

Working out what you want to do for the rest of your life can be a daunting task.

UCAS have built a [searchable database](#) of over 100 job profiles, highlighting what the job involves and the qualifications your son or daughter will need to get there.

Their career profiles are spread over 26 job families – if your son or daughter knows they'd like to work in engineering and manufacturing, they can filter the profiles by just those in that job family. Alternatively, they can browse through the sections until they find something that interests them.

It's important to remind them the choices they make now are not set in stone. Many people start off down one path and change career later in life. This is just one new tool to help make the hard task of deciding what to do after their exams that bit less tricky.

The logo for UCAS, consisting of the letters 'UCAS' in a bold, sans-serif font. The 'U', 'C', and 'S' are black, while the 'A' is a solid red color.

Careers Department - Adran Gyrfaoedd

Apprenticeships

Advanced Apprenticeship – Substations, Cardiff
<https://ams.careerswales.com/Public/Vacancies/View.aspx?vid=30653>

Advanced Apprenticeship – Overhead Lines, Swansea
<https://ams.careerswales.com/Public/Vacancies/View.aspx?vid=30654>