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JANUARY

27th Year 11 into 12
Options Evening

FEBRUARY

16 - 20 Half Term
Holiday

Cowbridge Comprehensive School

Ysgol Gyfun Y Bont Faen

Parentmail Bulletin

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

Dear Parent/Visitor,

We wish to inform you that we have spent a significant amount of time, effort and school funds to improve the flow and management of on-site traffic in order to avoid a critical incident/accident. Despite this we are still experiencing unacceptable levels of incidents or near misses, associated with the mix of pedestrians and traffic on site. This is particularly prevalent first thing in the morning.

Please be aware that our staff are not contracted to direct or supervise traffic and therefore should not be doing so. Until recently staff have volunteered to partially fulfil this function, to assist with the safety of pupils and the traffic flow. However, this situation is no longer sustainable and our primary priority must be to safeguard, as far as possible, pupils/ pedestrians on school site.

We have therefore taken the decision to close the school site to all vehicles, with the exception of coaches, from 8:10am to 2:15pm. This closure will take place with effect from February 23rd, 2015 meaning that you have a notice period of 4 weeks to plan and explore an alternative route for dropping your child(ren) at school. The main car park will therefore be inaccessible during the times stipulated. The current end of day procedures will be unaffected and will continue as per current arrangements.

Visitors and deliveries will be able to park in signposted bays at the smaller car park (near the 3G pitch). However, this area is not to be used for dropping off purposes at any time. Any visitors/ deliveries parking in the designated area, will be required to use the footpath from this area to the main reception. Signs will be erected over the coming weeks to this effect to ensure clear and purposeful communication.

Whilst we understand that this may cause you inconvenience, please note that no other school in the local authority permits traffic on-site, unless the safe separation of pedestrians and traffic is possible. Unfortunately the design of the site and car park at Cowbridge, even though recent, is not fit for purpose and will require funds beyond the scope of the School delegated budget to remedy. After considerable experience of near misses on site and given that staff are not permitted within their contracts of employment to supervise or direct traffic, we are sure that you will understand the need to safeguard pedestrians and use the notice period of the ensuing 4 weeks to plan alternative and suitable arrangements.

Thank you in advance for your full co-operation in assisting the School to keep your child(ren) as safe as possible from traffic on site.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Thomas

Headteacher

Print.

Magazine Cover Competition

We are looking for the new Print. Magazine cover; it could be yours!

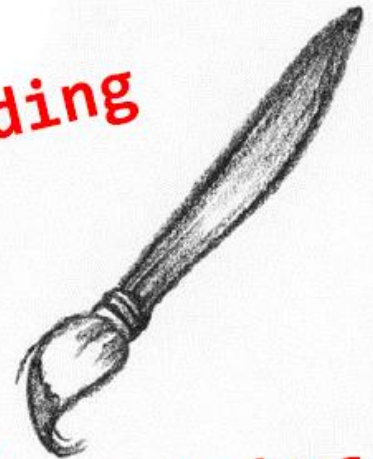


Things to consider:

Reading

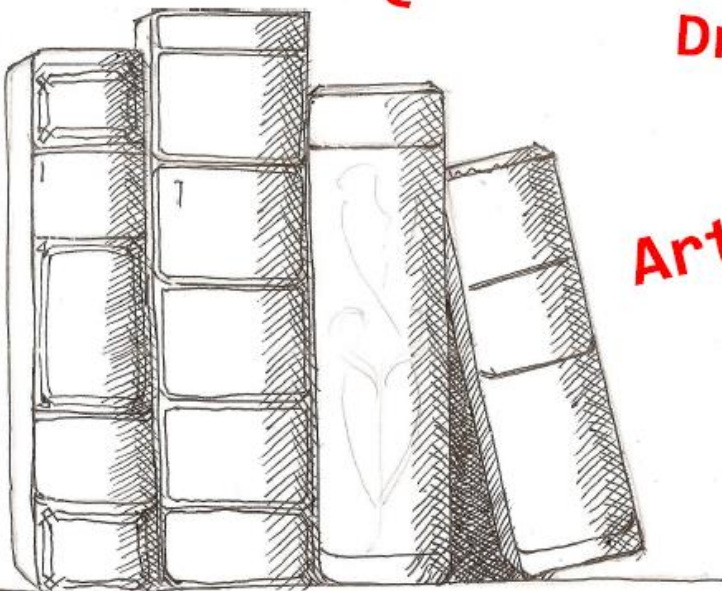
Calligraphy

Literature



Drawing

Sketches



Art



You can use this template to design your cover.

Print.

You can draw a picture, make a collage; just let your imagination run wild!

Entries must be in by February 23rd and handed to your art teacher.

Please remember to write your name and form on the bottom of the template sheet.

We look forward to seeing your wonderful contributions soon.

Cover designed by:

Form:

The Print. Team

Eco Warriors Survey

The Eco-Warriors are currently taking part in a project with a group called **Fresher for Longer** that is helping them to learn about waste minimisation and ways of tackling litter issues. We are desperate for as many responses as possible from pupils and their parents or guardians, as well as the staff in the school regarding the current situation in school and at home when it comes to food waste. I would be extremely grateful for any responses (the more we get, the easier it will be to target problem areas). There are only a few questions and will not take long to complete.

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/fresherforlonger>

Thank you



COWBRIDGE COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL



The Performing Arts Department are pleased to present.....

CHICAGO

Tuesday 3rd February to Friday 6th February 2015

Main School Theatre - Evening Performance at 7.00pm

Tickets £10 Adult - Students £5 - No concessions

Tickets available from Cowbridge Comprehensive School Reception

Telephone (01446) 772311

An amateur production by arrangement with SAMUEL FRENCH LTD.

Chicago - Book by Fred Ebb and Bob Fosse. Music by John Kander - Lyrics by Fred Ebb. Based on the play Chicago by Maurine Dallas Watkins

Tickets selling fast! Don't miss your opportunity to see another great production by Cowbridge Comprehensive School students. Tickets available from the main school office.

PE Department

5 x 60 Activities

5 x 60	Lunch Time Activity	After School Activity
Monday	Street dance (Main Hall)	Badminton (sports hall)
Tuesday	Year 7 Football (3G)	Squash (Cowbridge Squash Club) Basketball
Wednesday	Year 8 Football (3G)	Table Tennis (Leisure Centre)
Thursday	Year 10 and 11 Dodgeball (sports hall)	Girls Rugby (3G)
Friday	Short tennis (sports hall) WEEK 1 ONLY	Girls Football (3G) Basketball

Cowbridge Cricket Club

Winter Nets

in the Sports Hall

For all students in Years 7-11.

The sessions will commence the week beginning Monday 19th January and will run for 10 weeks every Wednesday .

Year 7 and 8

6.30 - 7.30pm starting 21st January

Years 9,10 and 11

8.30 - 9.30pm starting 21st January.



£4 per session

Careers Department

Adran Gyrfaoedd

Live Events Apprentice, Cardiff

<https://ams.careerswales.com/Public/Vacancies/View.aspx?vid=28213>

Clerical Officer, Cardiff

<https://ams.careerswales.com/Public/Vacancies/View.aspx?vid=28202>

Apprentice Caterpillar Equipment Service Engineer, Llantrisant

<https://ams.careerswales.com/Public/Vacancies/View.aspx?vid=28248>

Junior Accounts Assistant, Cardiff

<https://ams.careerswales.com/Public/Vacancies/View.aspx?vid=28247>

Health Care Assistant, Barry

<https://ams.careerswales.com/Public/Vacancies/View.aspx?vid=28234>

Playwork Level 2, Newport

<https://ams.careerswales.com/Public/Vacancies/View.aspx?vid=28318>

Administration Assistant, Cardiff

<https://ams.careerswales.com/Public/Vacancies/View.aspx?vid=28309>

Apprentice Hairstylist, Cardiff

<https://ams.careerswales.com/Public/Vacancies/View.aspx?vid=28273>

Year 13 opportunities

Hello from Access Professions - an online charity which matches students, parents and teachers from less privileged backgrounds with university and career related opportunities.

If you are considering a career in accountancy - or even if you're not - we have an exciting opportunity based in Cardiff brought to us by our partner PwC!

PwC School and College Leaver, Cardiff, Corporate Tax, 2015

"A position on our School and College Leaver programme is one of the best ways of jumping into a career with PwC early. You'll learn and develop the specialist skills our clients look for and value most and study towards a professional qualification, with support from us all the way. From day one you'll start to build a promising career, specialising in the ever-changing field of tax. Our students join a team of experts and your role will be to support these busy teams who provide clients with advice and guidance about issues surrounding their tax obligations. Your responsibilities will include a range of tasks which will vary depending upon the area of Tax you join.

However generally this will involve:

Technical research

Attending meetings with senior staff

Establishing and developing third party relationships such as with the Inland Revenue

Drafting client correspondence

General office duties

Start date: Autumn 2015

Academic Requirements: Minimum of 240 UCAS tariff points from up to three A Levels (excluding General Studies) or equivalent qualifications.

Application Timetable: There's no application deadline but we'd advise you to apply as early as you can.

We know that the skills and experiences you develop with us will stay with you throughout your career. So join PwC. We'll help you reach your full potential.

Take the opportunity of a lifetime."

APPLY & find out more

Online Payments

Dear Parent/Guardian,

As previously communicated we are no longer accepting cash or cheque payments at school for trips. All payments made for trips that are run and organised by the school will need to be made electronically via the school's ParentMail and +pay system. The aim of this is to minimise the current onerous administrative procedures and security issues. It will also eliminate bounced cheques.

In order to be able to make online electronic payments you will need to have a ParentMail account. If you do not currently have a ParentMail account or have trouble accessing your current account please contact Mrs G Thomas-Jenkins at gthomas-jenkins@cowbridgecomprehensiveschool.co.uk / 01446772311. Having access to ParentMail will also allow you to receive the School's weekly ParentMail bulletin and to receive emergency e-mails/texts which may relate to school emergencies, closures etc.

Therefore as outlined, all trips will require online payments only and cash/cheques will not be accepted (unless in exceptional circumstances). In exceptional circumstances your child will be expected to collect a paying-in slip from the main reception. You will then be required to use the paying-in slip at your local bank. Please note that from April 2015 all payments including Catering, Music lessons, Concerts, resources etc will require an electronic, online payment via the ParentMail system.

Thank you very much for your co-operation and understanding in helping to make the school a more efficient environment.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any other queries, require assistance or wish to register with the ParentMail system.

Yours sincerely
Mrs D Thomas
Headteacher

[Please note an online payment guide has been attached to this email to help you with the process.](#)

