



COWBRIDGE SCHOOL

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News for the week ending 03 February 2023

KEY DATES

- 15 Feb Tyfu visit to Cardiff Castle
- 20-24 Feb HALF TERM
- 2 Mar Y7 Parents Evening
- 10 Mar Y10 reports published
- 15 Mar Y8 GCSE Information Evening (4-6pm)
- 20 Mar Y12 Geography Fieldwork
- 24 Mar Y12 reports published
- 27 Mar INSET DAY School Closed for pupils
- 29 Mar Tyfu visit to WW1 museum Brecon
- 30 Mar Y11 & Y13 mock examination results published
- 31 Mar End of Term

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Dear Parent/Carer

Here is our most up to date Newsletter.

We wish all families an enjoyable weekend.

Industrial Action

As you are probably aware, the industrial action scheduled for Tuesday 14 February 2023 by members of the National Education Union (NEU) has been postponed until 2 March 2023. Therefore, the School will be fully open for all pupils next Tuesday.

There remains uncertainty regarding the likelihood of industrial action on 2 March. We will write to you as soon as we receive any updated information regarding this date

Cowbridge School Senior Leadership Team



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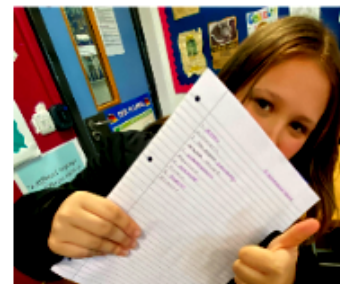
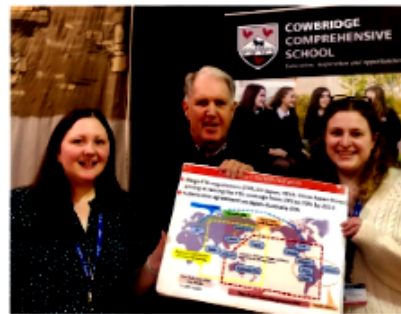
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Tim Penn visits MFL and WBQ



Pupils in Years 8, 9, 12 and 13 had a visit from Businessman Tim Penn last week. Tim has a wealth of experience in business and has built a successful international company.

Tim spoke to Years 8 and 9 about the benefits, adventure and purpose of learning a Modern Foreign Language. In his conversations with the pupils he shared his varied and interesting career background, and how his imperfect but effective language skills have opened doors for him throughout his career. The talks were a refreshing take on how we already live and work internationally. A big thanks to all pupils who involved themselves in the talks, in particular Catrin Fowler in Year 9, who has taken Tim's advice and started a notebook of vocabulary linked to her future career.



In conjunction with Big Ideas Wales, Tim was also able to share his entrepreneurial expertise with Welsh Baccalaureate students, giving tips on how they can apply their Entrepreneurship Challenge to the world of work.

**Big Ideas
Wales**

Thanks to all pupils and staff involved in making the day a success.
Frau Jenkins, MFL department



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Punctuality

We would like to remind all parents/carers and pupils that morning school starts at 8.30am for registration. All pupils are expected to be in morning registration at this time unless there is a specific reason to explain the lateness/absence. Attendance during this session is compulsory.

If you are experiencing any problems in ensuring your child arrives at school on time, please contact the relevant year group achievement team.

Arrangements for pupils leaving school during the day

We fully understand that pupils may occasionally need to leave the site during the school day. This might be for medical/dental appointments or for urgent family reasons.

However, in these circumstances it is essential that members of staff in school have been informed of any need for pupils to leave site. For example, prior notice of any appointments is needed. If possible appointments should be made in time slots outside of school hours.

We would also like to remind parents/carers that pupils are not able to access or answer text messages from home during lessons. Therefore, if any essential or urgent information needs to be conveyed to a pupil, please contact the school directly and speak to or email the relevant year group achievement team.



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Careers Wales

Please see the link below which will enable you to access updated information and resources from Careers Wales. The information and resources are designed to help parents and carers support young people in making decisions relating to careers and the world of work.

<https://careerswales.gov.wales/parents>

Cowbridge Rotary Youth Service

Please find attached information from Cowbridge Rotary.

Nasal Flu Vaccination Walk-In Clinics

Please find attached information from the Immunisation Service regarding the nasal flu vaccination service.



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Cowbridge School presents an



Art Exhibition

of students' examination work




**2nd - 16th
February
2023**

At the Old Hall, Cowbridge

Open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 9am - 4pm

Tuesdays and Thursdays 9am - 9pm

 @cowbridgeart



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SCHOOL HOLIDAY DATES 2022-25

Welsh Government has confirmed that the current academic year will be further reduced by one day to reflect the extra bank holiday for the King's Coronation on Monday 8 May 2023. Please see below and next pages the term dates 2022-2025.

This information can also be viewed on the Councils website [here](#)

SCHOOL HOLIDAY DATES 2022/2023

Term	Begin	Half term		End	No. of School Days
		Begin	End		
Autumn 2022	Mon 5 Sept 2022	Monday 31 Oct 2022	Friday 4 Nov 2022	Friday 23 Dec 2022	74
Spring 2023	Monday 9 Jan 2023	Monday 20 Feb 2023	Friday 24 Feb 2023	Friday 31 Mar 2023	55
Summer 2023	Monday 17 April 2023	Monday 29 May 2023	Friday 2 Jun 2023	*Monday 24 July 2023	64
				TOTAL	193

Mon 5 Sept 2022 and *Monday 24 July 2023 will be designated INSET days for **all** LEA Maintained Schools. The remaining four INSET days to be taken will be at the discretion of each individual school following appropriate consultation with staff. ***It is intended that this INSET Day will either be taken on Mon 24 July 2023 or at an alternative time for example in the form of twilight sessions.**

All schools will be closed on **Monday 1 May 2023** for the May Day Bank Holiday.

Significant dates:	Christmas	Sunday 25 December 2022
	Easter	Good Friday 7 April 2023 Easter Monday 10 April 2023
	May Bank Holidays	Monday 1 May 2023 Monday 29 May 2023

Extra one-off bank holidays

Queen's Funeral	Monday 19 September 2022
King's Coronation	Monday 8 May 2023



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SCHOOL HOLIDAY DATES 2023/2024

Term	Begin	Half term		End	No. of School Days
		Begin	End		
Autumn 2023	Mon 4 Sept 2023	Monday 30 Oct 2023	Friday 3 Nov 2023	Friday 22 Dec 2023	75
Spring 2024	Monday 8 Jan 2024	Monday 12 Feb 2024	Friday 16 Feb 2024	Friday 22 Mar 2024	50
Summer 2024	Monday 8 April 2024	Monday 27 May 2024	Friday 31 May 2024	*Monday 22 July 2024	70
TOTAL					195

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Easter	Good Friday 29 March 2024 Easter Monday 1 April 2024
May Bank Holidays	Monday 6 May 2024 Monday 27 May 2024



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SCHOOL HOLIDAY DATES 2024/2025

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Autumn 2024	Mon 2 Sept 2024	Monday 38 Oct 2024	Friday 1 Nov 2024	Friday 20 Dec 2024	75
Spring 2025	Monday 6 Jan 2025	Monday 24 Feb 2025	Friday 28 Feb 2025	Friday 11 Apr 2025	65
Summer 2025	Monday 28 April 2025	Monday 26 May 2025	Friday 30 May 2025	*Monday 21 July 2025	55
TOTAL					195

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Significant dates: Christmas	Wednesday 25 December 2024
Easter	Good Friday 18 April 2025 Easter Monday 21 April 2025
May Bank Holidays	Monday 5 May 2025 Monday 26 May 2025



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CLWB CLONC/CHAT CLUB (YEAR 11)

The Welsh Department has organised an opportunity for Year 11 pupils practise their spoken Welsh in a relaxing and fun environment in preparation for speaking exams and to improve fluency and confidence.

The club will be running:

Week 1 - Friday Lunch (B1B)

Week 2 - Tuesday Lunch (B1B)

CLWB CLONC

**CHAT & PRACTISE YOUR WELSH LANGUAGE SKILLS
LUNCH WEEK 1 (FRIDAY) & WEEK 2 (TUESDAY)**





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Music Extra-Curricular Activities 2022-2023

	A1C	A1I	A1D	<i>Afterschool rehearsals</i>
Monday	Ukulele Group 8:20 - 8:50	Senior Jazz Group 8:20 - 8:50	Flute Group 8:20 - 8:50	<i>Sixth form Acapella Group</i>
Tuesday	Concert Band 8:20 - 8:50	Junior Jazz Group 8:20 - 8:50		<i>School Musical A1C / Main Hall</i>
Wednesday	KS3 Vocal Group (Year 7, 8, 9) 8:20 - 8:50	String Group 8:20 - 8:50		<i>Big Band A1C</i>
Thursday	Senior Orchestra 8:20 - 8:50	Junior Orchestra 8:20 - 8:50		<i>School Musical A1C / Main Hall</i>
Friday	KS4/KS5 Vocal Group 8:20 - 8:50			

PE Extra Curricular Clubs

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Registration 8.30 -8.55am			Y7-13 Girls & Boys Running Club		
Lunchtime 12.15-12.45			Y7 Netball		
After School 3-4pm <i>**You will need to arrange transport home at 4pm</i>	Y9-13 Senior Hockey Y10 &11 Rugby Y8 Rugby Y7 Boys Football Fixtures	Open Netball Y7 Rugby Y9 &10 Football Y8&9 Netball Fixtures	Y10-13 Senior Netball Y7&8 Hockey Fixtures	Y8 Boys Football Y7&8 Girls Football Y9 Rugby Archery Fixtures	Y11-13 Senior Football

A register of pupils will be taken every session. More clubs to be added soon!

NB. This does not include additional information regarding specific fixture details. These will be advertised on the PE notice boards.



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Clwb Cymraeg (Welsh Club)

The Clwb Cymraeg (Welsh Club) is an exciting opportunity for pupils in Year 7 to learn and practice Welsh skills. The club is run by the Welsh Department in collaboration with the Urdd and held in B1B at lunchtime on Thursdays Week 1

CLWB CYMRAEG

Cyfle i wneud gweithgareddau a chwarae gemau tra'n ceisio dysgu a siarad mwy o Gymraeg!!

An opportunity to do activities and play games while trying to learn and speak more Welsh!!

Pryd | When?

Amser cinio ar Ddydd Iau (Wythnos 1)

Lunch time on Thursdays (Week 1)

Pwy? | Who?

Disgyblion Blwyddyn 7

Year 7 Pupils

Ble? | Where?

Ystafell B1B | Room B1B



Gwybodaeth | Info:
heleddllewelyn@urdd.org



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STARTS TUESDAY 4TH OCTOBER

YEARS 7 AND 8



FOREIGN LANGUAGE FILM CLUB



WATCH FRENCH, GERMAN, SPANISH AND ITALIAN FILMS

IN B2E @ 12:30 ON TUESDAYS

**YOU CAN BRING A PACKED LUNCH WITH
YOU, OR A LIMITED NUMBER OF EARLY
LUNCH PASSES ARE AVAILABLE FROM
B2E AT BREAKTIME ON THE DAY**



FLU VACCINATION WALK-IN CLINICS

Flu continues to circulate in Wales

If your child has missed the nasal spray flu vaccine in school or at the GP practice it is now being offered at:

Woodland House Mass Vaccination Centre

Maes Y Coed Road, Cardiff CF14 4HH

Monday to Sunday 10:00 – 18:30 until 31st March 2023

The injectable flu vaccines that do not contain pork gelatine are also being offered

Who's Eligible?

All children aged 2 years (aged 2 on 31st Aug 2022) to school age Year 11 within Cardiff and the Vale



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Vaccination saves lives

CLINIGAU GALW HEIBIO BRECHU RHAG Y FFLIW

Mae'r ffliw yn parhau i gylchredeg yng Nghymru

Os yw eich plentyn wedi colli'r brechlyn ffliw chwistrell trwyn yn yr ysgol neu yn y feddygfa mae bellach yn cael ei gynnig yn:

Canolfan Brechu Torfol Tŷ Coetir

Ffordd Maes-y-Coed ,Caerdydd CF14 4HH

Llun i Sul 10:00 – 18:30 tan 31ain o Fawrth 2023

Mae'r brechlynnau ffliw chwistrelladwy sydd ddim yn cynnwys gelatin porc hefyd yn cael eu cynnig

Pwy sy'n gymwys?

Pob plentyn 2 oed (2 oed ar 31ain Awst 2022) i oedran ysgol Blwyddyn 11 o fewn Caerdydd a'r Fro



**Mae Brechu yn achub bywydau
Vaccination saves lives**

January 2023

Eighth Edition

Cowbridge Rotary are proud of all our young people and what they are achieving. We would like to thank all teachers and parents for their support.

Cowbridge Comprehensive School

Lower Interact

The Club's first project was to sell Candy Canes at Christmas to raise funds to undertake a microfinance project. They **raised £287.66**. They will now join Upper Interact to help people across the world set up their own businesses. Congratulations on achieving your first project.

Cowbridge Comprehensive School

Upper Interact Club

The school are undertaking a cultural week as during this time, Upper Interactors are zooming across the world with fellow Interactors from Pennsylvania.

Discussions will also take place in School Council with Atlantic College.



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Interactors from Pennsylvania



Youth Exchange

We are pleased to announce that we have a student who has been accepted on to the Youth Exchange Programme. He has a place on the SW101 Swiss Mountain Adventure Camp 2023, which will be held from 19th to 30th June.

We look forward to hearing from Theo on his return.

If this is something you may be interested in please do get in touch.

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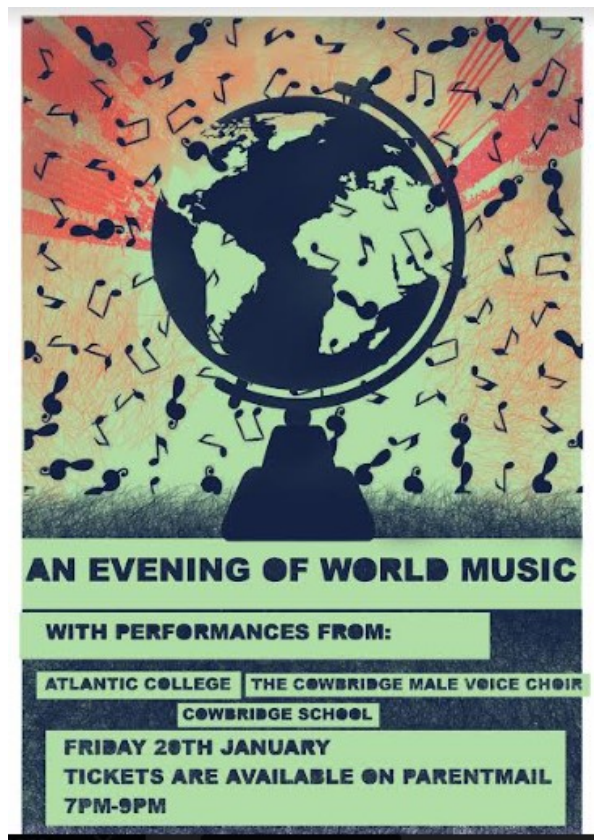


Cowbridge Comprehensive School Cultural week

Upper Interact helped at the concert with Cowbridge Male Voice Choir and Atlantic College.

A truly international musical evening. Songs and instruments from around the world. Raffle funds raised for Refugee Awareness

Congratulations to all concerned.



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Y Bont Faen Rotakids take on a new Project

Mad4Kids

Have your children grown out of their shoes?

Would you like them to be reused in Zambia?

Many children in Zambia do not have shoes due to poverty and this makes them vulnerable to infection by parasites such as hookworm. Injuries to feet and ankles can lead to ulcers and other conditions. Children cannot attend a state school unless they have shoes and many families cannot afford to buy shoes, so children miss out on an education.

If you have pairs of children's shoes you would like to donate please get in touch with us via our 'contact us' page.

Ideally the shoes will be in good condition but no longer needed by your child and be between size 7 (child) and size 3 (adult) – either school type shoes or trainers.

If you could also help with transportation costs by sticking a pound coin to the sole of one of the shoes that would be gratefully received too, but is not essential.

Ref. Mad4kids.org.uk



Congratulations to all the competitors from Cowbridge Comprehensive School who took part in the Young Chef Competition. Your meals were outstanding. You are all winners.



Congratulations to all the competitors from Cowbridge Comprehensive School who took part in the Young Musician Competition. You are all winners.

Tobin (a vocalist) will represent the Club and the School in the District Final in March.

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Microfinance

Rotakids from Y Bont Faen School have been busy reinvesting money in their microfinance project to help people around the world to lead better lives.



Choose a borrower

Browse by category and find an entrepreneur to support.



Make a loan

Help fund a loan with as little as \$25.



Get repaid

Kiva borrowers have a 96% repayment rate historically.



Repeat

Relend your money or withdraw your funds.

Cowbridge E Rotaract Contact Details

Facebook- E-Rotaract Cowbridge

Instagram- e_rotaract.cowbridge

Email- erotaract.cowbridge@gmail.com

Yours in E-Rotaract friendship,

Luke Hinkin-Evans

E Rotaract held a successful Quiz evening. £365 pounds raised for the Jack Griffiths Memorial Fund.



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COWBRIDGE ROTARY SPONSORS ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARD OPPORTUNITIES FOR 2022

The Rotary Youth Leadership Award scheme (RYLA) is one of the wide range of youth activities supported by Rotary clubs and is designed to offer young people the opportunity to take part in a challenging week in the Brecon Beacons.

The one week residential course, which is based at the Storey Arms Outdoor Education Centre, concentrates on the de-

velopment of leadership skills. Outdoor activities are pursued which are designed to help students develop their team-working skills, practice leadership and improve self-confidence.

Three separate 6-day courses, each with 30 young people attending,

are run in the first half of the summer holidays. The students do not pay to attend the course, the costs being met by the sponsoring Rotary club. To participate you must be 16 or 17 years old at the time of your course and you must be able to swim 50 metres.

Students from different backgrounds are put together in groups to experience not only learning new activities, but also teaching these activities. They learn the skills of working and living together in groups. They learn how to help each other, communicate and solve problems.

Activities are very much dependent upon the weather but include kayaking, orienteering, caving, climbing and team building exercises.

If you want to improve your leadership ability, your interpersonal skills and your self-confidence – **and, of course, have fun for a week in the fresh air (and cold water!) by trying out new and challenging activities and making new friends** - then RYLA could be for you.

This year, the RYLA courses will take account of a series of Covid precautions which will be introduced and modified as required to comply with national guidelines.

For more information contact
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