



# COWBRIDGE SCHOOL

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## News for the week ending 14 October 2022

### Newyddion yr wythnos

#### KEY DATES

18 Oct	'Sounds of Stevie' Concert 6pm
18-19 Oct	University Admissions Assessments
19 Oct	Y11 Parents' Evening (not English & Maths)
31 Oct - 4 Nov	HALF TERM

### Exam Success! - Congratulations to Our Pupils in Years 10, 11, 12 and 13

We would like to congratulate all our pupils who sat external examinations in the summer term for their hard work and determination; their efforts culminated in impressive outcomes across all qualifications and certainly exceeded our expectations.

We are pleased to announce that as a school we were awarded ALPS Quality Indicator scores of 1 for GCSE and 2 for A level. These scores measure the progress made across all examination entries across the school and contain every grade awarded to each subject; it gives a clear view of how our overall curriculum performed. These scores mean that Cowbridge School was in the top 5% of schools nationally for progress made by pupils during their educational journey with us. A big thank you and well done to all our pupils and staff!



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## WELSH GOVERNMENT COVID-19 UPDATED GUIDANCE

Please see below links which will access Welsh Government Covid -19 guidance.

<https://gov.wales/schools-coronavirus-0>

<https://gov.wales/guidance-people-symptoms-respiratory-infection-including-covid-19>

Important points to keep in mind from the guidance are outlined below:

### **Can my child attend school if they have a cold?**

If a child has mild cold-like symptoms, they should continue to go to school, if fit to do so. The three main symptoms of COVID-19 to be aware of are:

- a new continuous cough
- fever or high temperature
- loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste

If your child develops one of these symptoms they should follow the guidance for people with symptoms of a respiratory infection, including COVID-19.

### **What to do if you have any of the main symptoms of COVID-19**

The main symptoms of COVID-19 are:

- a high temperature (37.8°C or above)
- a new continuous cough
- loss or change of taste or smell

If you have any of the main symptoms of COVID-19, you should stay at home and follow the guidance for people with symptoms above.

Most people in Wales can no longer access free testing for COVID-19. Testing is still available to specific groups. If you wish to test but are not eligible for free lateral flow tests (LFTs) you can purchase them from various retailers.

### **Children and young people aged 18 and under who have symptoms of a respiratory infection, including COVID-19**

Attending education is important for children and young people's development, health and well-being. The long-term impact of missing education should not be underestimated.

Children and young people with mild symptoms can continue to attend their education setting. Mild symptoms include a runny nose, sore throat, or slight cough, in children who are otherwise well.

They should be encouraged to cover their mouth and nose with a disposable tissue when coughing and/or sneezing. They should wash their hands after using or disposing of tissues.

Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home. They should avoid contact with other people where they can. They can go back to their setting when they no longer have a high temperature and are well enough to attend.

### **What to do if you test positive for COVID-19**

**Stay at home and avoid contact with other people**

- Work from home if you can. If you cannot work from home, talk to your employer about your options.
- If you've been asked to attend a medical or dental appointment in person, let them know about your positive test result.
- You should let everyone in your household know about your positive COVID-19 test result. COVID-19 is infectious for up to 2 days before you begin to feel unwell, or the date of your test. Therefore, you should tell anyone you had close contact with during this time. This means they can be aware of signs or symptoms. You may wish to ask friends, family or neighbours to get food and other essentials for you.

Many people with COVID-19 will no longer be infectious after 5 days. You should therefore avoid contact with other people for at least 5 days after the day you took your test, or from the day your symptoms started (whichever was earlier).

Some people may be infectious for up to 10 days from the start of their infection. You should therefore avoid meeting anyone who is at higher risk for 10 days. This includes older people, those who are pregnant, those who are unvaccinated, people of any age whose immune system means they are at higher risk of serious illness, people of any age with certain long-term conditions.



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## Year 7 and 8 Hockey Training

**Wednesday 19th October:** Cancelled for Year 7 and 8

**Wednesday 26th October:** There is no training on this day for Year 7 as there are Year 8 games scheduled. Year 7 are more than welcome to come and support to see how the games go in readiness for their games in January!

## Skills Development at Cowbridge School

### **How Parents Can Support Skills Development**

Staff across the school work hard to promote and develop the cross-curricular skills of literacy, numeracy and digital competency and we value the support of parents and carers in doing so. On our school website, you will find a link to '[Skills](#)' in the menu. This section of the website offers a range of information about how we ensure that pupils are supported in developing their skills, as well as advice on how you can support your child at home.

### **Skills Activities and Events**

Throughout the year, various activities and events are promoted in lessons and via the Literacy and Numeracy Google Classroom, all of which are designed to enhance your child's skills. Participation in these is strongly encouraged and is celebrated via the school's website. Additionally, skills are promoted across the curriculum by our wonderful Year 8 Skills Ambassadors and we are looking forward to welcoming a number of our new Year 7 pupils to the Ambassador Team. The work of the Skills Ambassadors will be shared via the website and the ParentMail newsletter.

### **The Year 8 Skills Ambassadors**



### **The Year 8 Skills Ambassadors preparing for and delivering Year 7 assembly**





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# SOUNDS OF STEVIE

Songs of Stevie Wonder,  
performed by  
students of  
**COWBRIDGE  
SCHOOL**



**COWBRIDGE SCHOOL  
18:00 TUESDAY 18TH OCTOBER 2022**

**TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM PARENTMAIL**



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## Rotary Cowbridge

### Calendar 2023

## Photographic Competition



- : Photographs from around the Vale of Glamorgan depicting any of the Four Seasons, Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter.
- : Entries from all ages welcome.
- : Submissions will remain the property of Rotary Cowbridge.
- : Photo enhancement not permitted.
- : Photographs chosen will be used in *"The Rotary Cowbridge Charity Calendar 2023"*
- : Overall Winning Photograph will receive £50 (Winner notified by 14th November 2022)
- : **Entries to be sent to: [cowbridge.rotary@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:cowbridge.rotary@yahoo.co.uk)**

**Competition Closing Date:**

**31st October 2022**

**Rotary**  
Cowbridge





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## Open Event for Prospective Parents: Reception Class

Thursday November 17th, 2022

4pm - 6pm

Main Hall Cowbridge School

We think our early years provision will be  
fabulous...



But don't take our word for it

**join us for a closer look!**

- From September 2023, Cowbridge School will open as a 3-19 school. We will begin early years education and we will open for young children to join our Reception class in our new, specialist primary building offering state of the art facilities and specialist staff.
- Our all-age school will offer wrap-around care before and after-school; nursery provision; and, early years provision - right through to preparation for university and life-long learning for the young people of our local community!

Join us to hear our **story**, our **dreams**, our **plans** and our **aspirations** for the next stage of our journey!

**We look forward to meeting you!**

Croeso Cynnes!



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## Music Extra-Curricular Activities 2022-2023

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

## PE Extra Curricular Clubs

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Registration 8.30 -8.55am</b>			Y7-13 Girls & Boys Running Club		
<b>Lunchtime 12.15-12.45</b>			Y7 Netball		
<b>After School 3-4pm</b> <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](mailto: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**

