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News for the week ending 26 May 2023

KEY DATES

29 May-2 June	Half term
22 June	Year 12 Geology field work
22 June	New Intake Parents evening 6pm
23 June	Year 7 reports published
27-29 June	Year 7 & Year 12 visit to Harry Potter
29 June	Year 6 Transition day

**Newyddion yr
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Dear Parent/Carer

Here is our latest newsletter.

We wish all families an enjoyable half term holiday. We will welcome all pupils back to school on Monday 5 June 2023.

Cowbridge School Senior Leadership Team



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Invitation to Cowbridge higher education students to apply for local funding for 2023-2024 academic year

Cowbridge students leaving school and continuing into higher education during the 2023 - 2024 academic year are invited to apply for a grant from one of four local charities.

The Sir Thomas Mansel Franklen Trust

The objects of the charity are to provide Cowbridge Comprehensive School special benefits of any kind not normally provided by the local education authority and promoting the education, including social and physical training, of persons who are or were pupils at Cowbridge Comprehensive School and who are in need of financial assistance. The charity is open to all pupils in line with its charitable objects.

Any current or former pupil seeking financial support should complete the application form which can be downloaded from the school website:

<https://www.cowbridgecomprehensiveschool.co.uk/parents/tmf>

Please email your completed form and supporting documents to: enquiries@cowbridgecs.co.uk marked FAO The Chair of the TMF Trust. The committee meets regularly and will consider applications made at any time. Please read the criteria for the award of grant aid carefully.

The following 3 charity organisations may also be able to assist with financial support.

Applications are straightforward and not subject to any means testing and are common for all three charities. Applications are also welcomed from local youth groups and organisations providing the majority of members reside within the qualifying areas. To register your application, please email either cowbridgeiet@gmail.com or evan.jenkins.charity@outlook.com

1. Cowbridge with Llanblethian United Charities – applications over age of 25

Trustees will consider applications for the relief in need, hardship or distress, either generally or individually, of persons resident in the area of benefit (the Town Council area of Cowbridge with Llanblethian). Students are also required to provide evidence of acceptance on their chosen course.

2. Cowbridge Institute Educational Trust– applications under age of 25

Promoting the education (including social and physical training) of Persons under the age of 25 years, The **qualifying area of residency** is the **Town Council area of Cowbridge with Llanblethian**.

3. Evan Jenkins Charity– applications under age of 25

The principle objective of the Charity is the maintenance and repair of the tenor bell in Llanblethian Church. However, the trustees have power to make surplus monies available for persons who are under the age of 25 years. This Charity is for residents of the old parishes of **Llanblethian** and **Ystradowen**, which includes the villages of **Trerhyngyll** and **Aberthin** and residents of these ancient parishes can apply for financial assistance for preparing for, entering upon, or engaging in any profession, trade, occupation or service.



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Coronation Competition

Well done to all pupils in Year 7 and 8 who produced excellent Coronation work recently to enter in the local competition at the Town Hall. Pupils were tasked with designing a new crown or mode of transport for King Charles or even writing a poem to commemorate his Coronation. All pupils worked hard to produce these and a selection



The History Department



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Vale Youth Service

MAY HALF TERM

TUESDAY 30TH MAY

12:00-14:00

- BOXING TASTER SESSION - PLASSEY SQUARE PARK, PENARTH
SIGN UP ON EVENTBRITE
- BUSHCRAFT - GLYNWDR AVENUE, ST ATHAN

18:00-20:00

- I AM ME

WEDNESDAY 31ST MAY

12:00-14:00

- BOXING TASTER SESSION - WINDMILL FIELD, LLANTWIT MAJOR
SIGN UP ON EVENTBRITE
- BUSHCRAFT - HEGGIT ROAD PARK, BARRY

10:30 - 12:00

- VALE YOUTH COUNCIL

18:00-20:00

- LOL
- LLANTWIT MAJOR YOUTH CLUB

THURSDAY 1ST JUNE

12:00-14:00

- CAVDAS EVENT - CENTRAL PARK, BARRY
- BUSHCRAFT - ST DAVIDS CRESCENT, PENARTH

18:00-20:00

- YOUTHY 18+





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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	Drum Group 8:20 - 8:50		

PE Extra-Curricular Summer Clubs (3-4pm)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cricket (Y9&10)	Cricket (Y7&8)	Athletics (All)	Girls Football	
Tennis (Boys)	6th Form Gym Club		Tennis (Girls)	



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Mobile Phone protocol

Please see below the School's mobile phone protocol.

All pupils are aware of these requirements.

We would be very grateful if you could reinforce this message at home.

Thank you

 Phone use	 Phone use
Classroom and study spaces (Teacher permission)	Toilet area
Break Out areas	Corridors
Canteen, piazza and other	Mobile phone conversations
Headphones/Earpods (Teacher permission in classroom only)	Taking photos, videos or recording audio
	Headphones/Earpods (when moving or outside the classroom)



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TyHapus Counselling Service

Please find attached information about the free counselling service TyHapus offer.

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>



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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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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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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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Easter	Good Friday 18 April 2025 Easter Monday 21 April 2025
May Bank Holidays	Monday 5 May 2025 Monday 26 May 2025