

# Cwmbran High School

## Year 11 Newsletter

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### Top News

Year 11 and 10 take off on a trip to Germany! Learn all about how they visited the Goethe institute.

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The school celebrated its 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as Cwmbran High School.

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Branfest: a festival to remember.  
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Struggling on how to revise? Here's a revision guide, follow these links! Also, alongside this newsletter is a PPT of all the revision tips shared on the noticeboard this term.

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<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zw8qpbk>

<https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/revision-tips-preparing-exams>

<https://laurelacademy.org.uk/revision-tips/>

### **Jack is one of our four head pupils: here is a message from him about being the head boy!**

"To be a head pupil undoubtedly comes with a lot of pressure but I believe it's all worth it. Not only the pride of the role but also the experience gained which should be very useful in my future. I recommend that anyone if has the opportunity they should go for a role of a head pupil."



Jack

Holly

Poppy

Seren



"Be in the Right place, at the Right time, doing the Right thing and embrace our school values." -  
Mr Chapman, Year 11 Head of Year.



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## Geography Field Trip

The recent Geography field trip to Penarth was organised for the purpose of the year 11 students to develop and deepen their understanding of sea defences and erosional processes. It was a great success.



During the Geography trip, we saw various sea defences to protect the coast from erosion. The structures such as rock armour and sea walls help reduce the impact of the harsh wave action.

“The day was purposeful and pupils engaged extremely well with the fieldwork tasks and were incredibly respectful of the local people and their environment.” - Mr Richards

## Laser show

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> of November Cwmbrân our school had an engaging experience for everyone to enjoy...including the parents! They opened the school after hours and hosted an exhilarating light show!



Beams of light danced across the open night sky, perfectly synchronized with the music. It was definitely an unforgettable display of digital art that left everyone in awe! The light show brought everyone together for a perfect night and was an inclusive alternative to fireworks. It was great for all families and friends to enjoy and the school to be at the heart of the community!

Our Branfest was the perfect way to end the year, filled with exciting fairground rides and delicious food trucks. Our own peers performing live keeping the energy as high as it possibly can! Speedy inflatable obstacle courses keeping the challenge alive. Branfest was definitely the best day of the year, celebrating all of our successes in one day going out with a bomb!

## Branfest 2025



## Normandy trip



In July 2025, Year 8, 9, and 10 pupils took a memorable trip to Normandy, visiting Falaise Castle, Omaha Beach, the American Cemetery, and learning about the Atlantic Wall, with the Standing with Giants installations leaving a particularly powerful impression. Normandy was a unique experience where we say things we'd only heard about before. The fact that we got a real life perspective of what soldiers faced many years ago is something that will stick with us forever. Seeing the vast amount of memorial grounds really emphasised how many fought for our country before us. The trip was unforgettable, allowing us to show our respect for the soldiers in both WW1 and WW2. Overall, Normandy was truly amazing and it was so special and exciting to see all of the historical locations.





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CHS recently celebrated its first 10 years! The school hosted a celebration with performances from students. Here's what a fellow student said:

*"It was a pleasure to be a part of the 10 year celebration to meet important figures. It's great to see how far this school has come and the figures that are responsible for our school" -CHS student*



"As you navigate the challenges and triumphs of year 11, remember that this year is about more than the grades you achieve - it is about the person you're becoming. This is a season of transformation when your hard work, resilience, and late-night study sessions are laying the foundation for your future. Whilst the pressure of exams may feel significant, do not lose sight of the friendships you've built and the personal growth you've experienced along the way. Take pride in how far you have come, stay focused on your unique path, and trust that every effort you make now is an investment in the incredible opportunities awaiting you beyond these walls. Next term, we are going to focus on getting better each day. It's nice to be important, however it's probably more important to be nice. Show respect to friends, family, staff and fellow peers"

-Mr Morgan and Mr Chapman  
(Our Heads of Year)

## Germany Cultural Exchange

Our Year 11's continue to astound us with their ambition and achievement. Several pupils applied for the Goethe Institute's cultural exchange with an idea for a cross-cultural project and Jack B, Oliwia Z and Grace W were successful. This is the second year in a row that three Cwmbran pupils have secured this which is incredible. They had five days in Germany and five in the UK- what an experience! Well done, all!

