



# CWMBRAN HIGH SCHOOL'S NEWSLETTER YEAR 8 AUTUMN TERM 2025!

This is our Year 8 Autumn term newsletter! We can't believe we are already Year 8 - the time has flown by! This term has been very rainy, windy and damp, but regardless we still have had lots of fun and we have had a lot of exciting and thrilling events! Year 8 have been getting up to a lot this term and the pupils in year 8 have enjoyed so much! Everyone is now getting into the Christmas spirit and everyone's ready for Spring!

## Brilliant Branfest!

Branfest is an exciting event that happens at the end of the year at Cwmbran High School: There were many thrilling rides, delicious food and more fun activities! We had a visit from animal interactive, the army, and firefighters! A pupil who attended Branfest said "Branfest was an amazing experience, lots of fun stuff to do!" All pupils agreed that it is much better than an expensive trip out!



## Celebrating 10 Years of Cwmbran High

On the 10th of October, we celebrated Cwmbran High School's 10-year anniversary. To mark the occasion, Mr Sims invited the school's governors and Torfaen MP Nick Thomas-Symonds to a small celebration. It was a great chance to look back on everything the school has achieved over the past decade and to celebrate the strong community that's been built. As you can see in the photos, the event was beautifully presented and was a lovely way to mark such an important milestone.



# Cwmbran High School's Values



## Positivity!

Christmas jumper day took place on 11<sup>th</sup> December, where all pupils were invited to wear their own Christmas jumper. This was a fun and festive event, also raising money for charity!



## Kindness

Pupils from all year groups very generously contributed to the Torfaen Santa Appeal, supporting those in our community who just need a little more extra help at this time of year.



## Resilience!

Leilani has gone above and beyond in her netball this year: she has been selected to join Torfaen netball senior team, South East Wales county team and regionals! She has won most improved netball player and multiple 'player of the match'! Da iawn!

Erin has excelled in her football this year. She has had many opportunities to play for different years and with a variety of different pupils. During school, she has been a football ambassador and has won 'girl of the match' numerous times. Out of school she has won loads of awards including player of the year, most improved and more!

## Respect!

On 11th November, pupils across the school attended an Online Remembrance assembly, during which they respectfully observed a two-minute silence to honour all soldiers who have served in combat for our country.



## Creativity!

### Courage Collective: Young Carers '25

On 3rd November 2025, a group of 34 young carers enjoyed an exciting trip to London. They started the day with an inspiring tour of the Houses of Parliament, giving them a firsthand look at how the UK government works. Next, they took a relaxing ride along the River Thames and finished the day with a trip on the London Eye. Soon after their visit, the young carers were featured in a local newspaper. In December, they were invited to read a Christmas poem at Torfaen Borough Council's meeting, but instead chose to share their experiences and the impact of their caring responsibilities.

### International Reading Project

Mrs Adams recently attended the British Council UK's Reading for Pleasure course. Our school was one of only 24 successful applicants across the UK. The 2 day conference involved planning activities to create a love for reading. We are currently partnered with Ibno El Haitam Middle School in Morocco.



These 3 pupils are celebrating excellent success with their AR engagement and literacy. Da iawn, Kadi, Kian and Joe. Keep reading!

### French PenPals

This term some pupils in Year 8 have used an app called PenPals to send messages to a French school they are partnered with. In response, the French school sent us letters! It was a wonderful way to communicate with other schools and improve our French skills!.

### Laser Show

On November 25<sup>th</sup> the school hosted a laser show (in collaboration with Nant Celyn Primary) for families to enjoy.





STRIVE BELIEVE ACHIEVE

# Talk The Talk



In November, Year 8 were involved in a workshop provided by the external organisation 'Talk the Talk'. This workshop focused on developing oracy skills in which all pupils had to take part in delivering a presentation in front of the class using the skills they learnt.

*"I felt excited to watch others build up courage to speak. I did mine and felt very nervous but I pulled through it and did it, I'm very proud." - Seren S*



*"Year 8 sports has been good this year. I have had many opportunities to play for lots of different years and pupils." -Erin*



*"Being kind is the best gift to give" - Mrs Watkins*



*"Year 8 has been better than Year 7 because we are in lessons with our friends." -Layla & Jess*

## Pupils of the week

These pupils have gone above and beyond in showing the school values! Da iawn!

Lacey A  
Amelia A  
Olivia B  
Harry C  
Lexi D  
Maggie D  
Lilly F  
Madison J  
Jessica J  
Kaleb L  
Mervyn M  
Solomon M  
Spencer M  
Tiana M  
Skyla N  
Elliott R  
Bryce S  
Teddy T  
Amber W  
Thomas W

## Key Dates

Inset days:

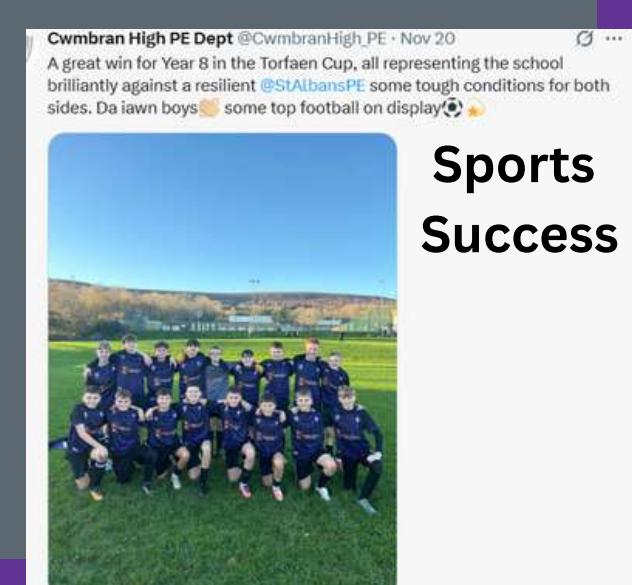
Monday 2nd March 2026  
Monday 13th April 2026

School starts on January 5th

Happy Christmas

In the new year, we look forward to more opportunities and our musical production of Annie. Get your tickets early!

Annie



Sports Success