



Cwmbran High School

Year 9 Autumn Newsletter

Your Year, Your Options



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Normandy July 25

The year 9s had a lot of enjoyable experiences at the Normandy trip and had an even better time with friends. Miss Collins commented, "In July 2025, a group of year 8, 9 and 10 pupils visited Normandy for an unforgettable trip.

They explored Falaise Castle, the birthplace of William the conqueror, visited Omaha Beach and the American Cemetery, and learned about the Atlantic Wall. One of the most memorable moments was seeing the powerful Standing with Giants installations, which left everyone amazed. "



These amazing people won the pupil of the week:

Jax.R Evie.R
Jake.S-K
Charlie.S
Ellie.T
Jasmine.U



Bronwen.M
Leo.M
Tabitha.M
Sophie.N
Miley.P



Wyatt.H,
Neve.E
Elliot.G
Lily-Mae.K
Mya.L



Maisie-Mai.D
Dom.G
William.H
Kindy.J
Gethin.L



The laser show was rescheduled for 25th of November. This was an outstanding event with many families attending.

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Year 9 GCHQ Language Competition

In November Year 9s took part in a prestigious language competition run by GCHQ. Our top group were just 15 marks behind the winning team (they scored 8575 points) and were 39th in the UK out of 2734 teams. Congratulations to: Evie R, Jared M, Neve E and Darren L in year 9. All groups were amazing though!



Brilliant Branfest!

Our last Branfest was a huge success and we are looking forward to our next one in the summer. We enjoyed inflatables, fairground rides, a petting zoo, visits from the Army and Fire Service and music.



Young Carers' Trip



The young carers enjoyed an unforgettable once in a life time opportunity to London, where they had a tour through the Houses of Parliament and boarded a 45 minute cruise down the river Thames. Finally, they went on the famous London Eye. They presented to MP Nick Symonds about their experiences. Well done young carers! We are all so proud of you and your duties.



CHS Pupils with a Community Voice.

The Torfaen Youth Forum and the Youth Alliance bring together young people from a range of youth organisations from across Torfaen. The Youth Alliance is a chance for young people to have their voices heard on topics that are important to them. Our representatives are Cerys D and Jasmine U.





Year 9 Cardiff Senedd trip



A number of Year 9 and 10 pupils went to the Cardiff Senedd on a trip with Mrs Siddiqui and Miss McHallam to learn more about democracy, debate and decision. In the Cardiff Senedd, we met a politician known as "Peredur Owen Griffiths" but is preferred to be called "Pred".



We asked many questions to "Pred" such as how do politicians decide the nation's biggest and smallest problems.

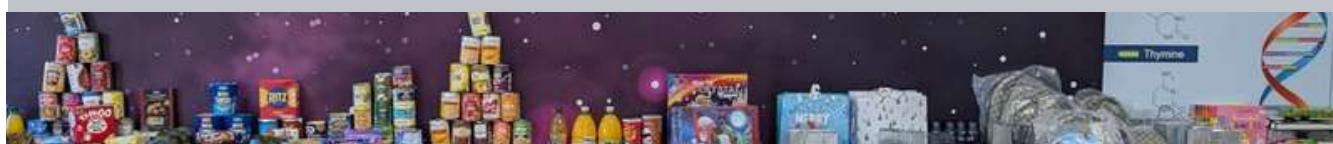
We all enjoyed going to the Cardiff Senedd, the time we spent there and what we learnt together. Well done Year 9 for being respectful to the staff of the Senedd and being praised for exemplary conduct.

U/14 East Wales Origin Squad Success

Year 9 pupils Caden A, Archie W and Joe U represented the U/14's East Wales squad. Well done to all! What an amazing achievement!



Just wanted to say a massive thank you to all pupils, parents/guardians and staff for supporting the Torfaen Santa Appeal, donating hundreds of items.



Merry Christmas!

International Reading Partnership

Ms Adams recently attended the British Council's UK Reading for Pleasure course in Marrakech, Morocco. Our school was successfully selected alongside 24 others to join from across the UK. We are now partnered with Ibno EL Haitam Middle School and we will work together to develop reading for Year 7 MAT pupils and explore French and Arabic. This is the first step in the school's journey to achieve the International School Award.





Old But Gold

We celebrated the 10 year anniversary of our school changing from Fairwater High School to Cwmbran High School. We celebrated this by a performance from Matilda, visitors from our cluster primary schools, and important visitors talking to us about the impact and importance of school.



Annie



We are excited for the Annie cast of Cwmbran High to perform this legendary musical in March 2026! Book your tickets early! It will be a sell-out!



Key dates

The cast will also be performing in the congress in the 'This Is Us' show on January 14th 2026



Term starts 5th of January

Term ends 13th of February

January 15th: Yr 9 parents' evening

January 28th: Yr 9 options

Happy Christmas

On Wednesday the 10th of December Yr 9 had their Christmas dinner! It was fabulous and members of SLT were our servers.

