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# Year 7 CHS School Newsletter Autumn Term

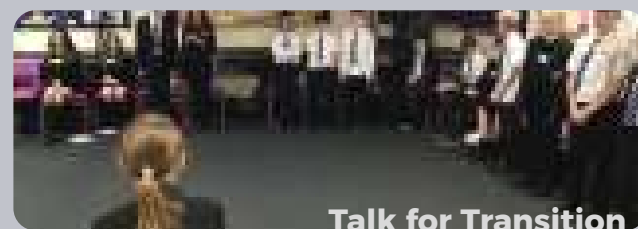
This is our very first newsletter on the editorial team. We are delighted to get this opportunity to write this and for you to be reading our newsletter. In the newsletter, we will be giving you an insight to our point of view and our year so far. We will also tell you about the key dates ahead and events, our clubs, pupil winners and much more.

## Statement from our Head of Phase (Mr Newsome)

"What an amazing first term it has been for Year 7! We are all so proud of how successfully you have all navigated this period of transition to secondary school at Cwmbran High. There have been some tears, but plenty of laughs, as you have found your way around the school site, experienced many different lessons and teachers, and made new friends. It has been an absolute pleasure getting to spend time with so many of you during this term. Now it's time for some rest and recuperation, and I look forward to 2026 and what the new year will bring for each and every one of you."



Xmas jumper day



Talk for Transition

The laser show!



## Homework and assignments

Please continue to check the online Classcharts bulletin board for daily homework and any upcoming assignments. Consistent reviewing and completion of assignments greatly contributes to academic success. Also continue to check Mathswatch just in case your teacher leaves a surprise bit of home work!

### Mrs Coombs` (Assistant Head)

"You have brought joy and enthusiasm to Cwmbran High School. Get involved and love your learning. You will get back what you put in."

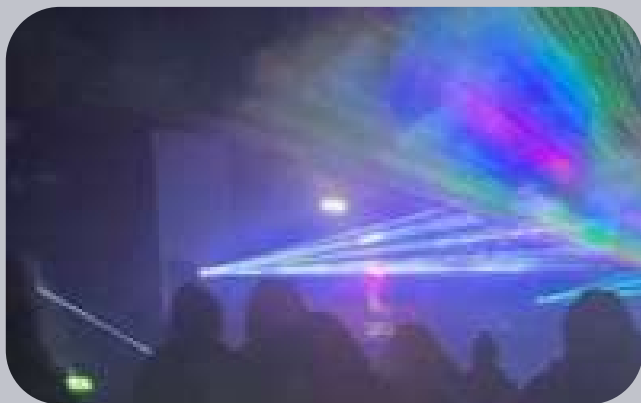
## Positive notes from teachers:

### Mrs Jones` (Maths)

"Year 7 students bring a sense of excitement and curiosity that strengthens the schools values."

### Mr Williams` (English)

"You have been a pleasure to teach and all have settled so well. It has been great seeing you all progress and become part of the school community."



## Laser Light Show!

On November 25<sup>th</sup>, the school hosted a laser show (in collaboration with Nant Celyn Primary) for everyone to enjoy. This event was filled with fun for all ages with hot chocolate, hot dogs and other treats for sale.

## Talk for Transition

All of our Year 7 pupils took part in the 'Talk for Transition' workshop delivered by external professionals. The workshop was designed to build pupil confidence, encourage lively discussion and enhance group discussions. The programme embraced the transition change from Primary school to Secondary school and allows students to talk about their concerns and how to overcome this as well as developing communication skills.



On the 24<sup>th</sup> of March, we have a family assembly. Family members will be welcome to attend.

Annie: W/C 20th March.  
Llangrannog: 1st - 3rd of May  
Inset days: March 3rd, 13th April and 20th July

## Korean club



Korean club is hosted by Mrs Adams every Thursday 2:50-4:00. It is enjoyable and you get to try new foods, traditions, games and a new language.



Our teacher, Mrs Adams, went to Marrakech! Our school is one of only 24 in Britain taking part in an International reading for pleasure a project. We are grouped with a school in Marrekech (Morocco).



## JJ's experience:

I've found year 7 quite good as the lessons are engaging, fun and a lot of them have occasional practicals which make the experience even better and more engaging! The clubs are also fun and amazing such as Korean club where you can learn Korean and try Korean food. We also play some Korean games which is fun.

## Esme's experience:

In the last 4 months, in year 7, I have had an awesome time doing many great things at my new school. On the 25<sup>th</sup> of November the school hosted the light show that looked gorgeous in the night sky. We also celebrated the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our school by having a massive assembly and a burger van at the school for a whole week. Back in October, Year 7, also enjoyed the Halloween disco that had many lights and snacks from the PTA. Finally, the drama club is rehearsing to perform the musical Annie!

## Our Clubs

Our clubs consist of:

- Korean club
- Gym club
- Minecraft club
- Art Club
- Craft Club
- Reading/book club
- Football (boys and girls)
- Rugby (boys and girls)
- Badminton
- Basketball
- Netball

## Grace's Experience:

Year 7 is a new chapter for me! All the lessons I've had are a great experience and fun! All the teachers are really kind and caring, so no need to worry! All the clubs are also amazing! I would recommend to join clubs and boost your confidence! If you behave well you may end up getting many rewards and other prizes! If you also like reading, then you will be happy to know there's a fabulous library with lots of different types of books!

## CWMBRAN HIGH SCHOOL 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

We celebrated 10 years of Cwmbran High!



The 10 year anniversary was a massive day for Cwmbran High history. There was a massive celebration with the head teacher and other assistant head teachers year 10 and 11 head boy and girls and deputy head boys and girls. We hope that this school keeps going and who knows we could go to 20 or even 30 years. Join us and you might be a person in that photo above!

## Joey's experience:

Year 7 in high school has been a great experience for me so far. I have gone to the Halloween disco. I also started playing duolingo and found out some new phrases such as "sut dych chi" which means how are and got nominated for pupil of the week for saying I don't like Monday morning but I like Friday afternoon in Welsh. Then I found out I am in the more able and talented group. Already, we have spoken to a class in Morocco. From primary to secondary it has been a experience and a half. Going back and forth for classes and not staying in one is difficult, but overall it has been amazing from sharing in the 10 year anniversary to the Talk for Transition day.

# Our Lessons:

We have Geography, Maths, Science, English, Religious Studies, History, Games (PE), Computer Science, Graphic Media, Textiles, Product Design, We also have MFL (modern foreign languages) where we learn French and of course, we study Welsh as a subject to enhance our speaking ability in both languages.. Our Expressive Arts classes are Art, Drama, Health and Wellbeing and Music. It is very different to primary, however we have adjusted pretty well and quickly to this next big step and been able to learn in more depth.

## Pupil Of The Week Winners

Teegan A, Shanaya G, Trevante B, Cory B, Summer C, Kezzia C, Amy C, Ellis E, Jacob E, Myla G, Ella H, Jayden H, Noah H, James J, Zac J, Jensen K, Darcey-A L, Zak L, Brandon L, Lylla-G N, Tianna P, Grace P, Taylor S, Mia-T D, Lacie W, Caian W and Oscar W.

## AR Reading Raffle Winners

Lylla N  
Leo W  
Ethan A  
Cruz P  
Harry B  
Jett H  
Ella H  
Ethan P  
Amy T  
Noah H  
Connor A



Part of our Christmas activities have included collecting donations for the Torfaen Santa appeal, to support our community. In addition, we had Christmas Jumper Day where money was raised for charity.

Cwmbran High School still hosts Halloween discos for the Year 7 pupils! This means we had a chance to show off our spooky costumes. There were special competitions for the 'best dressed' and 'best dancer' with prizes for winners. The PTA also offered drinks and snacks to buy after getting worn out by all the dancing.

HAPPY HALLOWEEN

MERRY CHRISTMAS