



# Spring Year 9 Newsletter



## Aberdyfi and Year 9's Amazing Expedition!

Year 9 went to Aberdyfi in February which is located in West Wales. It was a life-changing experience - we benefitted from a range of activities such as gorge walking, rock climbing, abseiling, jetty jumping and going to the beach! We also conquered an all-day hike up the challenging mountain. At the end of the strenuous hike, we camped and made our food on a small hob. All staff were amazing and took care of all our needs. A big thank you to the whole team at Aberdyfi. "Aberdyfi was a fantastic opportunity that everyone should have the chance to experience." "I would 100% go back!" "The friends we made on the way made it amazing!"



## WORLD BOOK DAY!

World Book Day was full of fun as everyone celebrated their favourite authors, stories and the joy of reading! Students dressed as the characters they love, and each class created a decorated door. A special prize was awarded to the winning design.

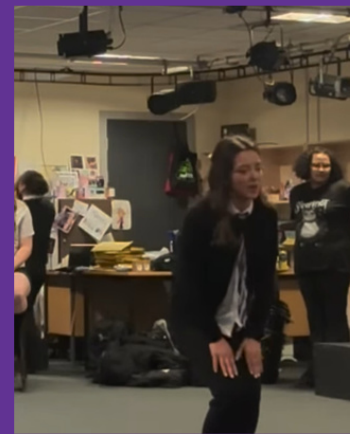


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## 🎵 Annie The Musical 🎵

Annie was performed on the 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and the 26<sup>th</sup> of March. The cast has been working after school for hours to set up and rehearse the play to entertain us. A big thanks to the cast, the set designers and the Expressive Arts department for helping the play become a success! The cast is so excited to perform in the play and a huge thanks to Mrs Porter and Mr Trace for making all of this happen!



## The Rewards Of Reading!

The book fair raised £170! This went on from 9<sup>th</sup> February to the 18<sup>th</sup> February in the library (L16) where there were a lot of books sold. We are planning on spending this on new books for the school. Everyone had so much fun reading their new books and we are glad to have new and better books for the school library.

### Reading Engagement:

A huge well done to Lilly Mae and Leo for engaging in their AR reading. They're the proud winners of this month's Cookie Award for excellent engagement. Keep reading!

## MAT Experience at the Museum

The MAT group have been awarded a trip to the Cardiff Museum for their excellent attitude to learning and work ethic. The MAT group includes the top 20 students from Year groups 7 to 9. We are so proud of their achievements and hope they had a great time!





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## Takeover Day 2026

Sophie N from Year 9 applied and participated in the 2026 Torfaen Takeover Day. It was an opportunity for young people to take on leadership roles at the council. Several Cwmbran High pupils represented the school in a range of roles.



## The Kindness Group

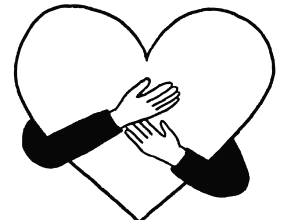
Last summer term, under the guidance of Mrs Ruck, we wanted to make a difference in our school so we volunteered for the Kindness Pupil Leadership Group. Our mission is simple but powerful: to spread kindness wherever we go.

One of the first things we did was design our very own logo and motto – “Kindness is Contagious.” You’ll spot this on the badges we wear with pride! We gift these badges to students who demonstrate kindness.

Our staff also deserve kindness so we make treat bags that include tea, coffee, and biscuits so they can enjoy a well-deserved break! So far, we’ve given out over 40 gifts to teachers, TAs, support staff, site staff and canteen staff. Seeing their smiles reminds us that even the smallest acts of kindness can make a big difference.

Another really important part of our mission is spreading kindness in our wider community. We are collecting for our chosen charity, St David’s Hospice Care, which supports people with life-limiting illnesses and their families. So far we have over £300! We’re not stopping there – during our school production of Annie, we’ll be selling raffle tickets.

We’re proud to represent one of our school’s important values: kindness. Remember: “Kindness is Contagious” – pay it forward!





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“Congratulations to the Year 9 rugby team on an excellent away win in the Newport School Cup semi-final at John Frost .”

Despite having to play with only 14 players, they were fantastic! They played some excellent rugby and they were a credit to the school on and off the pitch.



Congratulations to our Year 9 100 percent attendance pupils. Out of 200 pupils in Year 9, only these six won the award. These were: Lilly K, Finley T , Albert H , Jace M , Nathaniel D and Ella T.



“Destiny is no matter of chance. It is a matter of choice. It is not a thing to be waited for, it is a thing to be achieved.” - William Jennings Bryans

Just have to share this moment of kindness. These two amazing boys went above and beyond to help us. Our little boy, whom we care for and who has autism, lost his special teddy by the river and was so upset. These two kind hearts gave up their spot when was fishing and retrieved it for him using their rods, running around for us and did all best efforts.

Whoever’s children these are you have raised two amazing young men and we are so grateful 🥰🥰 please thank them again if this reaches to them



Two Year 9 boys - Henry and Lucas. B - helped out at the boating lake by helping retrieve a young boy’s teddy from the river using their fishing rods. A big thank you! The boys showed all the school values with this act of kindness and respect to our community.



Positivity

Resilience

Creativity

Kindness

Respect

Designed and composed by Jasmine, Cerys, Jayden and Finley