



April/Ebrill 2025

Dear parent/carer

We would like to thank you all for your support over the Spring term. As always, there has been a lot going on and we continue to be impressed by the many activities our students have been involved in. A particular highlight has been the production of 'The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time', which was a fantastic performance by all involved. Some further highlights are shared at the end of this letter ¹.

Our staff and pupil school improvement groups (SIGs) have continued to meet over this past term. The Personal Development SIG has been working towards achieving a Rights Respecting award, whilst the Rights Respecting Club has continued to meet. A few of the SIGs have contributed to whole-staff training in areas such as literacy development, teaching and learning, and assessment and progression. Meanwhile, the Inclusive Pedagogy SIG recently delivered a Twilight INSET on areas of ALN and Neurodiversity. The views of pupils are always important to us and it has been useful to hear the views of the Curriculum SIG on curriculum changes and the Wellbeing SIG on issues affecting their wellbeing, including how we can best support pupils in this area. Next term some of our SIGs will also be contributing to our annual review cycle of our mobile phone and digital devices policy.

Next term is a very busy term with almost half our school community involved in external examinations. Finalised examination timetables have been sent to all students via school email; if there are any issues, please contact exams@whitchurch.cardiff.sch.uk. We would like to wish them all the very best for this period. A reminder that there is a range of wellbeing support for our students on our website [Health and Wellbeing - Whitchurch High School](#). We also have Year 7 and Year 8 progress evenings.

As we head into the summer months and the weather becomes warmer we would like to remind all parents and carers of the uniform policy which is available on our website [School Uniform - Whitchurch High School](#). To ensure we continue to safeguard everyone in the school community, please could we also politely remind parents/carers that they should not arrive on the school site without an appointment and that they should not drop off children at the lower school site Manor Way gates.

We would like to wish everyone in the Whitchurch High School community an enjoyable holiday and a very Happy Easter. We look forward to seeing all our students on Monday April 28th (week A).

Kind regards/ Cofion cynnes

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Whitchurch High School – Spring Term Highlights ¹

This term has been packed with achievements, enriching experiences, and inspiring moments at Whitchurch High School.

World Book Day – Our Year 7 students shared their love of reading with our feeder primary schools, inspiring the next generation of readers.

British Science Week – Year 8 students explored cutting-edge physics at Cardiff University, engaging in hands-on workshops on topics such as low-temperature physics and hologram stars.

Sporting Success – Congratulations to Isabelle Lawley for representing Welsh Athletics at the SIAB Cross Country International in Scotland.

Performing Arts Achievements – Our students shone at the ‘Follow Your Dreams’ competition in Bath, qualifying for the finals in Blackpool later this year!

Health & Social Care Careers Insight – Year 10 students gained valuable knowledge from our school nurses on careers in healthcare, vital first aid skills, and allergy awareness.

A Kind Act for Charity – Year 7 student Edith is fundraising for The Little Princess Trust and donating her hair to support children affected by cancer.

Adventures in Llangrannog – Our Year 7 students had an unforgettable residential, embracing outdoor activities and making lifelong memories.

Ty Calon – We are proud to announce that Angharad Evans achieved her Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award, while our upper school learners gave an excellent performance at the Urdd Seven’s tournament. Ty Calon learners have also spent the term collaborating with Cardiff Met on an IT project which they will present to the dean of the university, parents, carers and university students on the 1st May.