



YR URDD

Bydd gan yr ysgol nifer o bartion ac unigolion yn cystadlu yn yr Eisteddfod eleni. Byddant yn cystadlu gyda cherdd dant, dawnsio disgo, llefaru a gyda'u hofferynnau. Bydd yr Eisteddfod ym Mhenweddig am 1yp ar Fawrth y 5^{ed}. Rydym yn dymuno pob hwyl i bawb.

Competitors from Penglais will be representing the school in the Eisteddfod again this year. There will be individuals and groups competing with the disco dancing, Cerdd Dant, recitation and instruments. The Eisteddfod will be held at Penweddig at 1.00pm on 5th March. We wish everyone all the best.

Dathliadau Gwyl Ddewi! – bydd yr ysgol yn cynnal dathliadau Gwyl Ddewi yn ystod y dydd ar ddydd Gwener 6^{ed} o Fawrth yn y Neuadd Fawr yng Nghanolfan y Celfyddydau. Byddwn hefyd yn gwerthu cacennau fel bara brith a phice mân er mwyn i'r plant gael cyfle i flasgu bwyd traddodiadol Gymreig. Edrychwn ymlaen at y diwrnod! Byddwn hefyd yn cynnal diwrnod Coch, Gwyn a Gwyrdd ar y dydd Gwener er mwyn i'r plant wisgo dillad eu hunain a chodi arian ar gyfer Eisteddfod yr Urdd 2010.

St. David's Day Celebrations – The school will be hosting a St. David's Day celebration concert for pupils on 6th March. We will also be selling traditional Welsh food, such as Welsh cakes and bara brith at breaktime. We shall look forward to the celebrations! We will also hold a "Red, White and Green Day" on that Friday. Pupils will be wearing their own clothes in these colours to raise money for the Urdd Eisteddfod in 2010.

Ddydd Gwener y 6ed o Fawrth, bydd disgyblion Blynnyddoedd 7, 8 a 9 yn dathlu Dydd Gŵyl Dewi. Yn ogystal â'r siaradwyr gwadd a pherfformwyr, bydd y rhaglen yn cynnwys eitemau gan ein cerddorion, corau, grwpiau llefaru a dawnsio disgo.

Yn wahanol i'r blynnyddoedd diwethaf, cynhelir yr achlysur yn y Neuadd Fawr yng Nghanolfan Celfyddydau Aberystwyth. Bydd y disgyblion yn cerdded i'r Ganolfan yn ystod gwrs 2 ac yn dychwelyd erbyn amser cinio. Rydym yn dra diolchgar i staff y Ganolfan am ganiatau

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 11th March	Year 8 Parents' Consultation Evening at 3.30pm
Thursday 12th March	Careers Convention at Penglais School 6.00-8.00pm
Monday 16th March	INSET DAY. School will be closed to pupils on this day.
Wednesday 18th March	Year 12 Parents' Consultation Evening at 3.30pm
Friday 20th March	PTA Curry and Quiz Night at 7.30pm in the Small Hall (see advertisement)
Wednesday 1st April	Year 10 Parents' Consultation Evening at 3.30pm
Friday 3rd April	END OF TERM
Monday 20th April	START OF SUMMER TERM



i ni ddefnyddio'r cyfleusterau hyn ar gyfer yr achlysur arbennig hwn.

On Friday 6 March Years 7, 8 and 9 will attend our annual St David's Day Celebration. In addition to invited speakers and performers, the programme will include contributions from our musicians, choirs, recitation and disco dancing groups.

In a change to previous years the event will be held in the Great Hall at Aberystwyth Arts Centre. Pupils will walk from the school to the Arts Centre during period 2 returning in time for lunch. We are very grateful to the Arts Centre for allowing us to use their facilities for this special occasion.

Llangrannog trip – Aeth deunaw o ddisgyblion ail iaith Cymraeg i Llangrannog yn ystod mis Ionawr. Cafodd y plant gyfle i sgïo, gwibgertio, ferlota a llawer mwy. Cawsant driph gwerth chweil, a chyfle i ddysgu mwy o Gymraeg.

Eighteen second language Welsh pupils attended a course at Llangrannog during January. It was a chance for pupils to brush up their Welsh in a fun environment. Pupils had a go at skiing, go-karting, horseriding and much more. A lovely time was had by all.



ART

Congratulations to Cara Rainbow, Year 13, who came second in the very prestigious Young Digital Photographer of the Year competition. Well done Cara this is a wonderful achievement.

9E and 9F entered a competition with 'Her Dandy Wolf' in Aberystwyth to design bags for this fashion boutique. Ten designs were chosen by Laura Harding, the artist who runs the shop. These were exhibited in the shop window as part of her innovative window displays. Well done to: Jessica Macklin, Rosie Wilson, Luke Roberts, Niall Davies, Georgina Hughes, Conor Berner, Duncan Carter Davies, Samuel Morris, Kumba Sillah and Ffion Parry.

SCIENCE

A group of Year 7 pupils has attended a lecture on energy presented by Mr. AJS Williams at Aberystwyth University. Penglais students helped Mr. Williams demonstrate several experiments - highlights included changing chemical energy into eerie fluorescent light energy and using liquid nitrogen to produce really cold temperatures. The pupils enjoyed themselves so much that they asked Mr. Williams if they could stay for some extra experiments after the other schools had left for their buses – Mr. Williams kindly obliged as well as answering lots of our questions. This work ties in well with the Year 7 module on energy and we would like to thank Mr. Williams, Aberystwyth University and the Royal Society of Chemistry for an enjoyable and educational afternoon.

We will be taking 45 Year 7 and 8 pupils to the Science Week exhibitions at the university in March – for more details please see Ms. Edwards C5 or Dr. Warren in C2.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Mr. Rudge recently won a £2,000 electronic voting system for the department by winning a general knowledge quiz at the recent BETT show. This is greatly appreciated by the department. Congratulations Mr. Rudge!

MEDIA STUDIES

This month the Year 12 Media Studies classes attended the Ffresh+ Festival at the Arts Centre. Ffresh+ is a one day event that has been added to the Ffresh Festival specifically for students studying media courses in further education. Ffresh is the Student Festival of the Moving Image and has been running for seven years.

The Ffresh+ day had a very varied programme that included international animation and experimental short films; sessions on the new series 'Merlin' and 'The Bourne Supremacy' and interviews with the writer/director of the new film 'Abraham's Point', Wyndham Price, and the creator of 'Spooks', Stephen Garrett. There were also presentations from a range of universities offering film and media courses and two sessions specifically for teachers of Media Studies run by Tom Barrance of Media Education Wales.

The festival was free and our students were able to choose which sessions they wanted to see; it was certainly a very valuable opportunity for them to learn about both the student, and the professional, media world. Hopefully it may inspire them to consider a career in the media industry themselves. We are very grateful to the organisers of Ffresh+ for offering us the chance to attend.

DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY

It is now a busy time for Years 11, 12 and 13 who are all making the products they have designed during the autumn term. There is a wide range of items being made, some being skilful and complex, some addressing environmental issues and some being stylish and individual. Practical work needs to be completed before the Easter holidays and we will showcase some of the finished results in a future newsletter.



FABRIC, BEADS, RIBBON – WANTED - PLEASE

Penglais is taking part in a national competition where pupils will be making bags. Simplicity patterns have provided us with patterns and some ribbons plus other bits and pieces to decorate the bags. We are using the theme of recycling for the project.



Has anyone got old necklaces, odd beads, sequins, bits of ribbon, tape and so on that could be used to decorate these bags. We also need fabric that is suitable to be made into bags. We have already been given some embroidered panels to be used. Further information on this competition will be in the next newsletter as the completed, unique bags will be for sale...



All donations to this mega bag making project can be sent to Mrs Wells, Head of Design Technology in school.

MUSIC

Three Counties Music Ensembles

Penglais students have been very successful in the auditions held recently for the Three Counties Orchestra, Choir, Symphonic Windband and Brass Band. Our warmest congratulations go to: Ruth Dingle, Caspar Donnison, Yasmin Eva, Grady Hassan, Thomas Mathias, Duncan Horne, Katrin Padel, Evan Rowbottom, Hefin Squires, Amane Suganami, Soffi Ward, Eleanor Warren, Joe Warren and Phoebe Williams.

They will now join Penglais students both past and present who already play and sing with these ensembles.

Welsh National Youth Opera

We were delighted to hear the news that Aled Jones, Year 12, had been offered a place in the Welsh National Youth Opera company after auditioning for a place in December. He will take part in their production of Stephen Sondheim's 'Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street'.

Having enjoyed Aled's performance as Fagin in our school show 'Oliver', few of us will be surprised that the Welsh National Youth Opera have invited him to join the company for 'Sweeney Todd'. Aled is the first Penglais student to sing with the WNYO and we wish him every success.

National Youth Training Choir of Wales

On Sunday 22nd February the National Youth Training Choir of Wales gave a very successful concert at St Mary's Church, Swansea. Sophie Rudge, Year 8, represented Penglais in this concert, having gained a place in the choir after successfully auditioning during the Autumn Term.



The performance concluded an intensive five days of rehearsal at the Stackpole Youth Centre in South Penbrokeshire, during which the forty talented choristers prepared a varied programme which included Britten's *Jubilate* in C, Franck's *Panis Angelicus*, Rodgers and Hammerstein's *You'll Never Walk Alone* and Elton John's, *The Circle of Life*. The concert was conducted by Ben Parry, one of the UK's leading choral directors.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR SPRING TERM

Monday 23rd March 2009
– Performance by Penglais pupils at Wales Millennium Centre in Cardiff

Wednesday 25th March
– School's Spring Concert at 7.30pm in the Main Hall

Thursday 26th March
– Regional Audition for Festival of Music for Youth in the Main Hall at 10.00am.

HPV IMMUNISATION

Girls in Year 8 will be receiving the third injection of HPV to protect them against cervical cancer. The session for this will take place on the morning of Wednesday 1st April.

BOOSTER IMMUNISATIONS

Year 10 pupils are due to be offered a booster injection of diphtheria, tetanus and polio. Sessions will take place on Thursday 19th March.

WELSH BACCALAUREATE

NEWSLETTER ENTRY:

We would like to say a big ‘thank you’ to Isabel Bottoms for coming to talk to our Year 12 students as part of the Wales, Europe and the World module of the Welsh Baccalaureate. Isabel has been involved in lobbying for action to combat climate change. She was recently part of a delegation that represented Britain’s youth at various international conventions. They went to raise awareness of environmental issues and to demand that Governments recognise the seriousness of these issues. It provided our students with an interesting insight into how conventions are run and was of particular interest to those students wishing to go on to study Politics.

We would also like to thank Sue Pester and her team at the University. They are going to run seminars for Year 12 students on the Wales, Europe and the World topics as a follow up to the recent lectures that they delivered. Students will then be given the opportunity to take part in a debate on the topics studied. We are fortunate to have the University staff available to support us in our delivery of this part of the Welsh Baccalaureate Qualification.

Congratulations to Joe Newbold, Lewis Marvelly, Casper Drake and Jen Davies for winning the Enterprise Award of £150.00. Joe and his team held a ‘Battle of the Bands’. The event took a great deal of planning, organisation and commitment as well as initiative and drive. It proved to be a great success as the group used their talents and enthusiasm for music to raise money for charity!



Mr Ducan Sykes of St. Padarn Masonic Lodge presenting a cheque for one hundred pounds to Mrs. M. Lindsey of the Penglais Learning Support Centre.

HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

Thank You! - The Health and Social Care department would like to thank Hafan Y Waun Residential care home, St Padarns, Comins Coch and Llwyn yr Eos schools as well as the Learning Support Centre for providing students with invaluable work placement experience this term. A level students from Year 12 returned to school with nothing but enthusiasm to recall their week’s activities and write up their assignments on ‘Communication and Care values’.

‘Beatboxing’

Cafwyd bore i’w chofio
ar Fawrth yr ail, wrth
i flynyddoedd 10 ac
11 fwynhau Gŵyl
Ddewi mewn ffordd dra
wahanol.

Daeth Ed Holden atynt er
mwyn dangos ei ddoniau
fel rapiwr a ‘beatboxer’
anhygoel - ag yntau’n
Gymro glân gloyw !

Syfradanwyd y dorf
gan dalent Ed, ac mae
blwyddyn 11 wedi gofyn
iddo ddychwelyd ar gyfer
y parti gadael ym mis
Mai.

Roedd Ed yn hynod falch
eu bod wedi mwynhau
cymaint, ac mae’n edrych
ymlaen at y parti !



Year 10 and 11 had a
fantastic time celebrating
St. David’s Day on
Monday 2nd of March.

Talented Welsh
beatboxer and rapper Ed
Holden, showcased his
talents as he entertained
both crowds.

Pupils were gobsmacked
by the extent of his
talent, and Year 11
have even requested his
presence at their leavers’
party.

Ed was delighted that
the pupils enjoyed
his performance and
is looking forward to
returning to Penglais.





New NVQ Engineering Workshop

Construction has started on the new steel fabrication workshop alongside the D&T department. This will be used by pupils following the NVQ Vocational Course and also some of the A Level students following The Product Design Course next year.

This facility will add much needed workshop space to enable the school to offer NVQ Vocational Courses in Engineering up to Level 2 Standard.



COLOUR
Penglais Newsletter

View the newsletter in full colour on the school website

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Ysgol Penglais School **PTA Quiz & Curry Night**

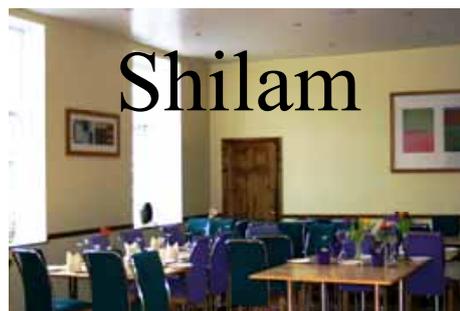
Friday 20th March at
**Penglais School
Small Hall**

Join us for a brilliant night out!
Questions to tax your brain.

*Delicious Curry
provided by the Shilam*

Licensed Bar

All for only **£8.00** per person. 7.00 p.m.



Please complete and return this slip to reception by **Friday 13th March** at the latest.
Please indicate how many vegetarian meals (if any) your party will require

Tickets are limited to 120, so don't delay.



Please Reserve Places for the PTA Quiz and Curry Nigl

(Including Vegetarian Meals).

Friday 20th March 2009. @ £8.00 per person.

I enclose cash or a cheque payable to **Penglais School** for

£..... for people.



Name Date...../...../.....

Very Generously sponsored by the Shilam Restaurant, all proceeds to PTA school funds.

Please return to Penglais Reception by Friday 13th March.