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FROM THE HEADTEACHER'S DESK

As my first term at Gowerton draws to close I am reflecting with pride on the many events and successes we have had; while doing so I can hear Year 8 pupils singing carols and Christmas tunes in their assembly. It is a joy to hear such quality and enthusiasm.

Hopefully many of you were able to share some of the events, which are mentioned in this newsletter, with us. I want to thank pupils, staff and parents for their continued support of the school. You make this a successful community, continuing to work well together to maintain the high standards in academic and extra-curricular achievements.

I look forward to 2017 and the new term and wish you all a well-deserved rest over the holidays.

Nadolig Llawn a Blwyddyn Newydd Dda.

A WEST END PERFORMANCE



Five students from Gowerton are members of a performance troupe that was invited to perform at a red carpet Charity Gala in London's West End. The event was held on Sunday December 4th in the Shaftesbury Theatre, currently home to the musical Motown. The students performed an original piece of musical theatre, based on the Second World War, and how it affected the lives of the people of Swansea. Musical numbers included 'The Trolley Song' made famous by Judy Garland, and 'Cwm Rhondda'. Congratulations to Catrin Jones (year 12), Ashley Morgan (year 9), Brighde-Anna Branagan and Jasmine Dunworth (year 8) and Shay Adamson (year 7).



TOP OF THE LEAGUE

Three of our Year 8 pupils were invited by Arsenal Football Club to attend the premier league fixture against Stoke City at The Emirates Stadium.

Following their victory at the Euro 2016 Competition run by Arsenal Double Club last May, Annie Gegeshidze, Jack Thomas and Lucy Steadman were presented with a published version of their work pitchside at Arsenal just before kick off on Saturday December 10th.

This trip really was the icing on the cake after winning a nationwide competition, beating students from over 300 secondary schools in the UK. The pupils invented a card game called 'Aaron Ramsey's Switch' which has now been published by Arsenal and will be used by schools to develop their language learning - whether in French, Welsh, Spanish, German or Chinese!



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MR X APPEAL



One of our annual charity events is the collection for The Mr X Appeal. Pupils hold various activities to raise money and form tutors then buy appropriate presents for their allocated child. This year, as you can see from the photo, it was difficult to fit all the gifts into one car.

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

The school was full of glitter, colour and Christmas Cheer on December 14th for Christmas jumper day. Most of the pupils and staff joined the festivities and wore something Christmassy. In doing so we raised money for our named charity, Golau Cancer Foundation.



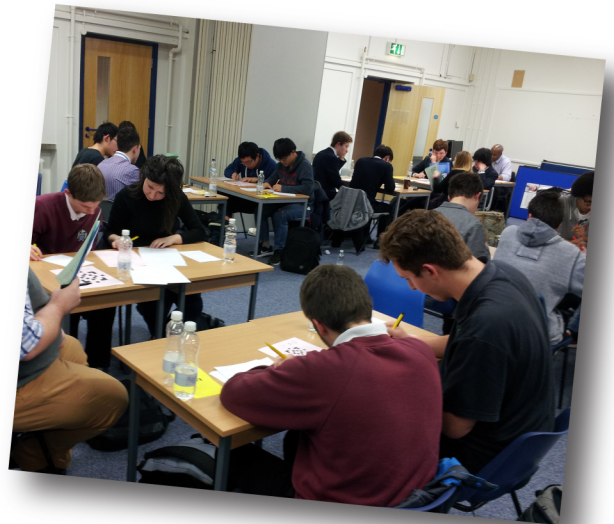
MUSIC DEPARTMENT NEWS

Christmas is always a busy time for the music department. A beautiful carol service was held in St. John's church, Gowerton with performances from instrumental and vocal ensembles to supplement the traditional congregational carols and readings. The brass ensemble has been particularly busy by performing carols at three community events, Gowerton community carol service, Gowerton Primary school's lantern parade and Asda, Gorseinon.



SENIOR MATHS CHALLENGE

Ewan Davies, Pamela Gatti, Year 13 Aidan Stannard and Jakub Mech Year 11 recently represented the school at the Senior Team Maths Challenge. This competition consisted of over 50 pupils from various local schools. Our pupils thoroughly enjoyed participating in this event.



All at Gowerton would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. The new term will start for pupils on Wednesday 4th January 2017.

Nadolig Llawen a Blwyddyn Newydd Dda

