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## FROM THE HEADTEACHER'S DESK

As Christmas draws near the school is busy with pupils preparing for mock exams. The sound of carols and Christmas tunes fill the air as the instrumental and vocal ensembles rehearse for the forthcoming concerts. December is an exciting, funpacked month for all.

## EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES

Earlier in November the Spanish class had an exciting afternoon practicing their language skills. They went to meet Swansea City midfielder Roque Mesa to celebrate the European Day of Languages. The event allowed students to ask Mesa questions in his native language in a bid to help them to develop their own linguistic skills, but to also inspire them to continue learning languages after completing their GCSEs.



## REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

In November we held our annual Remembrance Service, a beautiful, poignant assembly in which year 11, 6th form and 50 invited guests from our community attended.



During the service three pupils from yr 13, Miriam Higgs, Tegan Winrow and Emily Tucker, performed an excellent vocal trio and an emotional performance of the Last Post was played by Eloise Denny, year 11. Towards the end of the service Mr Bryan Bevan of Duvant Male Choir and a veteran of D-day read a moving poem entitled "The Man We Never Knew". It was a special, memorable event and a fitting tribute to the fallen. This service was the culmination of a week of assemblies which this year focussed on commemorating the centenary of The Battle of Passchendaele. Our senior prefect team spoke in the assemblies about their recent visit to Ypres.

## CHARITY NEWS

As a school we hold many charity events during the year and shortly we will be collecting for the Mr X appeal. For Children in Need day our 6th formers decided to have a day out of their normal uniform and come in fancy dress. Many wore pyjamas and onesies but the overall 'best group' winners were the boys in their Austrian outfits! Thanks to all the 6th formers for their work in collecting £150 for the charity.



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Article of  
the Month

Article 14: The right to be safe



## EXHIBITION SUCCESSES

The Art department has been busy involved in two exhibitions. Firstly pupils in year 10 created 'Sea Inspired Sculptures' for an outdoor exhibition at Rhossili. Jellyfish and orcas were created using various techniques and lined the path to Rhossili beach. The annual Gowerton Community Art Exhibition also included work from pupils ranging from years 7 – 13.



## OUR GOWER PROJECT

Year 8 pupils have been out exploring the salt pans of Llanrhidian marsh and linking the pools to creative and imaginative events or creatures as part of the 'Our Gower' Project. The visit to Cefn Bryn looked at ancient burial sites, and pupils were made aware of how many visitors and how many burials had occurred at the 4,500 year old monument. A minute's thoughtful pause around Maen Ceti (Arthur's Stone) was impressive. The pupils really engaged in the tasks and were complimented on their behaviour by Emily and Karen (Leaders).



## URDD SWIMMING GALA SUCCESS

12 pupils from years 7 to 12 attended the Urdd swimming gala in Neath Leisure Centre. Pupils competed in individual and relay events. All pupils performed extremely well and represented the school very well with impeccable behaviour, effort and attitude all day. Many of our students came first and will now compete for Swansea/Neath Port Talbot in the National Urdd Gala in Cardiff in January 2018.

- Dairhys Leckonby (yr 7) will compete in the 100m backstroke.
- Jessica Dickinson (yr 8) will compete in the 100 m butterfly and breaststroke.
- Antonio Rodriguez (yr 9) will compete in the 100m freestyle and 100 I.M.
- Raffi Richards (yr 9) will compete in the 100m breaststroke.
- Heather Wheel (yr 12) will compete in the 100m backstroke
- Lastly our year 7/8 girls relay team will compete in the 200m freestyle relay – pob lwc Nia Owen, Rebecca Owen-Gambell, Rosie Meredith and Jessica Dickinson!

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