



Newsletter

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From the Headteacher's Desk

It is wonderful to see so many pupils enjoying the dry weather and at break, lunchtime and after school the pupils can play football, athletics, tennis or sit in the sunshine. All exam pupils are busy working hard as all years 10 – 13 are in the middle of their written exams. For some, June heralds the end of their academic journey and time at Gowerton. We wish all of your Year 11 and Year 13 pupils a wonderful long summer holiday. We look forward to seeing them for results days in August.

Our extracurricular activities have attracted many pupils in these warmer weeks of the summer term. We hope you enjoy reading about some of the individual and group successes from last month.

Individual Successes

Congratulations to Dylan! He is a very keen and talented hockey player. Dylan has got into the South Wales Dragons U 13 squad although he is still only 12. He has recently been in a national tournament and only 3 boys in year 7 across Wales had been selected. An excellent achievement. Arbenning Dylan!



Huge congratulations to Ellie C, a Gowertonian, now studying at the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama in Cardiff. She recently won the 'Besson Solo Brass Prize.' Ardderchog Ellie.

Congratulations to Katie R who was entered for the innovation awards at the end of last year. She was awarded the CREST award for making a sustainable coat for her Textiles GCSE project. Katie is proudly holding her coat in the photo. Well done Katie. Good luck with your future designs.



Congratulations to Alastair W year 12 who recently received a Community Achievement Award from the Mayor of Loughor. Alastair is also St John National Cadet of the Year for Wales. Alastair explained that "this is mostly about advocacy and representation of cadets from the whole of Wales, and I get to attend a lot of events and start initiatives to fulfil this. I was chosen to be West Glamorgan County's Cadet of the Year and then travelled to Llandrindod Wells to compete in the national competitions with cadets from each county in Wales. There I was chosen to be the National Cadet of the Year for Wales. "

An outstanding achievement. Congratulations Alastair. We are so proud of you and the work that you do.



Congratulations to Willow S in Year 7. Her local football team won the ESF festival and in June they will be going to the national finals. Good luck to you and your team Willow.



Busy time of year for the Music Department

Congratulations to our string players Ellie T Year 13, Alastair W Year 12 and Ling H year 10 for being chosen, after a rigorous selection process, to attend the Six Counties Orchestra course at Aberystwyth University. Clarinettists Nia O Year 13 and Merri D year 10 have been chosen as reserves for the woodwind section. Well done to all our instrumentalists! It is a reflection of their dedication to music and the hard work of their music teachers and peripatetic music teachers.

The school is honoured to be holding a masterclass by Castilian String Quartet. This is part of the Gower Festival programme. This will take place next month. Gower Festival are in the process of contacting some schools from within Swansea and Neath to attend. Some Gowerton pupils are also fortunate to be provided with tickets to attend some concerts in the Gower Festival series.

This year will commemorate the 80th anniversary of one of our World War II heroes, Penry Guy. Originally from Penclawdd he attended Gowerton School before joining the RAF. During a bombing raid to Germany in June 1944 his Lancaster Bomber was hit but as pilot he managed to control the plane to give his six crew time to parachute to safety. He also managed to avoid the Belgian village of Asch before crashing on the outskirts of the village. Penry sadly lost his life but he had saved the villagers and his crew. He is commemorated every year in the Belgian village. As a school we have been fortunate to visit and commemorate on the 70th, 75th and this year the 80th anniversary. This year our senior string group and senior singers will perform in a service at his graveside.

The Strings group and a selection of singers will also be performing at Gowerton Market as part of the 'Summer of Fun' activities. These events are always well attended and enjoyable to be a part of. We are all hoping for good weather for the summer months!

Maths department news

Well done to all students who participated in the Intermediate Maths Challenge and congratulations to the certificate winners. Particular congratulations to Erin B who following her Gold result, qualified for the next Pink Kangaroo round and achieved a merit! The Silver award winners were Molly C, Tyler E, Ling H and Daniel V. The winners of the Bronze awards were, Lacey F, Erin J, James P, Katie P, Aaron R, Zara Agha N, Vanessa B, Jacob C, Charlotte F, Sophie H, Samantha N, Sophie P and Joshua R.

An excellent set of results, well done to all those involved!