



# Newsletter

January 2025

## From the Headteacher's Desk

Happy New Year / Blwyddyn Newydd Dda . We hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas. We look forward to sharing the news from Gowerton School in the year ahead. Firstly we would like to look back on some of the events we held at the end of the Christmas term.

## Llangrannog

Over 100 Year 7 pupils recently visited the Urdd activities centre at Llangrannog for an exciting, fun packed weekend. Although the weather was cold it was beautiful and dry so pupils participated with the utmost enthusiasm. The high rope course, archery, skiing and go-carts were particular popular. Pupils conquered their fears to complete the zip wire and the climbing wall with their classmates. On an academic level the visit gave the pupils the opportunity to hear Welsh being spoken outside the classroom and to use their language skills in practical situations. Da iawn pawb - bendigedig. A wonderful weekend was had by all.



## Holocaust Memorial Day

The Senior Prefect team led by Isla, Head Girl and Ellis, Head Boy, delivered excellent, thought provoking assemblies to years 8 - 11 to commemorate Holocaust Memorial Day. This Holocaust Memorial Day (HMD) marked the 80th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, the largest Nazi concentration camp complex, and the 30th anniversary of the genocide in Bosnia. Every year there is a specific theme and this year the theme was 'For a Better Future.' All pupils listened attentively to the information and watched the powerpoint to have an understanding of the impact of the holocaust on our history. It also had a powerful message for us to have hope for a more peaceful future.

## Urdd Day

Year 7 were excited to be invited to join in celebrating the Urdd's Birthday. As the Urdd Eisteddfod is visiting the West Morganwg Region in Whitsun 2025 Year 7 pupils wore Red, White and Green Day on Friday, 24 January 2025. All enjoyed the special assembly to mark the Urdd's birthday and enjoyed the Welsh sing-a-long. As always the year 7 singing in the assembly was very enthusiastic!

## Santes Dwynwen Day

To commemorate Santes Dwynwen day on January 25<sup>th</sup>, Year 7 heard the story, made Santes Dwynwen cards and some classes made gifts to give to their loved ones.

## Individual Successes



Congratulations to Athena C in Year 8 for her outstanding achievement. She has been selected for the British Squad for Rhythmic Gymnastics this year. This is due to her talent and her dedication to the event. We look forward to hearing about her achievements in the year ahead. Llongyfarchiadau Athena.

## Cross Country Success

Although the weather was cold, wet and windy pupils enthusiastically took part in the January Cross Country competition. Congratulations to all the pupils for doing well but special mention to Sam yr 7 for his 9<sup>th</sup> place and he will now be invited to represent Afan, Nedd and Swansea schools in Brecon. Another outstanding achievement for Osian year 10 for his 3<sup>rd</sup> place as he was competing against pupils from years 10 -13. Osian will also represent Afan, Nedd and Swansea at Brecon. Huge congratulations.

