



Newsletter

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From the Headteacher's Desk

It is already that time of year when the written exams begin for years 10 – 13. We wish all our exam classes the very best of luck in their exam preparation, revision and in doing the exams. There have been many events this term to celebrate here are some we are pleased to share with you.

Year 10 Pupils engage with Kier Construction

Our Year 10 Business Studies pupils recently took part in an engaging careers session with KIER Construction, organised in collaboration with Careers Wales. This session provided students with valuable insights into the construction industry, highlighting various career paths, apprenticeship opportunities, and the essential skills required to succeed in the sector. Pupils had the chance to interact with industry professionals, ask questions, and gain a deeper understanding of real-world business operations.

This session is the first of three designed to expose pupils to a range of career opportunities. Next, they will participate in a session with the Army, where they will explore careers within the armed forces, leadership skills, and transferable business skills. These experiences aim to support students in making informed decisions about their future career pathways, equipping them with essential knowledge and guidance to plan their next steps beyond school.

CyberFirst Award

Gowerton School has officially been awarded the **CyberFirst Schools Award!**

To mark this fantastic achievement, we welcomed Headship, Governors, Staff, Pupils, and our local PCSOs to a special ceremony celebrating our commitment to digital excellence and cyber education.

This award recognises the hard work and dedication of our entire school community in promoting cyber skills and online safety, preparing our students for the digital world of today — and tomorrow.

A huge **thank you** to everyone who contributed to making this possible! #CyberFirst #TeamGowerton #Proud #CyberEducation #DigitalExcellence



Visit from Father Ben

We were delighted to welcome Father Ben to recently. He joined our A Level Religious Studies students for an engaging Q&A session, offering insights connected to their current studies.

Our GCSE RS students also recently had the opportunity to visit St John's Church, where they enjoyed a guided tour with Father Ben. Year 11 students asked thoughtful questions linked to their course, deepening their understanding through real-world context.

A huge thank you to Father Ben for generously giving his time and sharing his knowledge with our students — we truly appreciate it!



Spanish Pen Pal Exchange

Year 10 pupils have been engaged in a pen pal email exchange with a school in El Puerto de Santa María, Cádiz since September. Fortunately, they were lucky enough to meet their pen pal in person this week along with Señora John, whilst the Spanish school were over visiting Wales. All pupils thoroughly enjoyed! Thank you El Centro Inglés @colegio_elcentroingles for allowing this to happen!

Lego League Success – First Place

Our incredible pupils took 1st place in the First Lego League! They designed, built, and programmed their own robot to take on a series of challenges — and came out on top and WON against schools across South West Wales. Huge congratulations to our team, we are so proud of them!



Cultural Enrichment Trip to London

Our recent school trip to London was a fantastic success! The students had the opportunity to visit the iconic Houses of Parliament and meet with our local MP. They enjoyed world-renowned West End shows, Hamilton and The Lion King, took in stunning views from the London Eye, and cruised along the Thames River. The group also explored Borough Market, Covent Garden, and even took a guided tour of a synagogue by a rabbi. We spent the morning at the vibrant Oxford Street.



Individual Success

Ioan H in Year 11 has been selected for the final 24 man squad for the Wales U16 rugby league team. He will represent Wales in this Spring/Summer four nations championship. Playing test matches against Ireland, Scotland and England. Our 1st game is home at the Gnoll in Neath on Saturday 31st may. We are very proud of him ! Good luck Ioan.



Team Success

Congratulations to the Year 11 Rugby team on winning the Swansea Cup. It is a series of games culminating in a final held at St Helen's. We are so proud of the team effort, turning up to practice every week in all weather. Well done boys and thanks to staff involved.

