



## THE NEW YEAR 7

210 pupils joined the school in the new Year 7 this September and they should be well settled into their new school by now. On Wednesday 1st November parents of the new Year 7 will be invited to a consultation evening with form tutors to review the first half term.

From time to time, photographs are taken of pupils for local and regional newspapers, brochures, competitions etc. We always ask parents for permission to do this so if any parents of new Year 7 pupils **do not wish their child to be photographed** they should notify the school office within a week of receiving this newsletter. We shall assume that permission has been granted unless we hear from you.

**Please would parents of new pupils ensure that the school has an emergency contact number in case of illness or accident. Very rarely the school has to close in the winter due to inclement weather. In these circumstances it is vital that pupils know where they should go in case the school has to close early. It is important during bad weather conditions for parents to listen to Radio Ceredigion for messages about school closures. We usually try to get a message on the radio before 8.00 a.m.**

## BUILDING WORK AT THE SCHOOL

The construction of a new sixth form centre is under way and completion is scheduled for November. Once we have moved the sixth form into its new accommodation we will rapidly renovate the old sixth form centre so that it can be the new Learning Support Centre. This work is scheduled for completion in January. Over the summer we also recommissioned an old mobile (E4), providing it with a new roof and bringing it up to an acceptable standard for classroom use.

Inevitably all this work will cause disruption particularly to traffic on the school site and will have an effect on the lower Cefn Llan entrances to the school. The front entrance and the upper Cefn Llan vehicle entrance will operate as before. However we have to make temporary changes to the lower Cefn Llan entrance during the construction work.

**At the end of the school day pedestrians will have priority to use this entrance. This is because the pedestrian exit opposite Brynamlwg is temporarily blocked by the construction work. Staff will be on duty every day at this time and will hold all vehicles until the pedestrians have left.**

**At the start of the school day we have repeatedly asked parents NOT to use the rear car park as a place to drop children. This was because of the danger of an accident with traffic coming into the site in the lower entrance. During the construction period this request must now be observed as the lower entrance will be for pedestrians.**

These arrangements are essential to ensure the safety of pupils and, whilst it will cause inconvenience to car users, we hope they will be patient and understand the reasons for this.

At the time of writing it is likely that these arrangements will be in place until mid-November. I will keep everyone informed by newsletter of developments.



Construction of a new sixth form centre.

## EXAMINATION RESULTS

I attach summary sheets for the GCSE and A2 examinations achieved this summer. One of the largest sixth form entries attained superb results – amongst the very best recorded at the school. 21 students out of 110 achieved 3 or more grade As and 57% of the whole year group achieved grades A and B. 60% of Year 11 achieved 5 or more GCSE grades A\*-C and 98% 5 or more A\*-G. There has, not surprisingly, been a huge return to school for sixth form courses. At the time of writing 300 students are registered for sixth form courses.

### A Level / AS Results

Subject	Total entry	A	B	C	D	E	N	U
Art	28	9	7	5	3	2	0	2
Biology	19	9	4	1	2	2	0	1
Business Studies	18	3	4	2	5	1	0	3
Chemistry	18	7	4	2	2	2	0	1
Design and Technology	13	2	4	4	3	0	0	0
Drama	3	0	1	0	2	0	0	0
English Literature	21	8	2	7	2	2	0	0
French	12	7	2	1	2	0	0	0
Geography	18	9	4	4	1	0	0	0
Geology	3	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
German	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
History	53	19	18	10	5	0	0	1
Information Technology	10	1	0	4	1	2	0	2
Mathematics	21	11	3	3	2	1	0	1
Music	11	4	2	3	1	1	0	0
PE Certificate course	8	1	0	3	2	2	0	0
Physics	27	12	5	3	3	2	0	2
Psychology	15	6	4	2	0	3	0	0
Spanish	3	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
Welsh	13	0	2	3	4	2	0	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>316</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>% of Total</b>		<b>34.8</b>	<b>21.8</b>	<b>18.7</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4.7</b>
Biology AS	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Business Studies AS	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
English Literature AS	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
French AS	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Health and Social Care AS	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Music AS	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Physics AS	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	2
Religious Ed AS	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>% of Total</b>		<b>7.1</b>	<b>14.3</b>	<b>7.1</b>	<b>28.6</b>	<b>14.3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>28.6</b>

# GCSE Results

Subject	Total/Entry	A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	U
Art	80	4	10	7	21	17	9	3	2	7
Business Studies	40	0	2	4	15	6	3	3	1	6
Catering	13	1	1	1	3	5	1	1	0	0
Child Dev	35	0	2	3	9	10	6	3	2	0
DT Food	14	3	0	3	3	1	2	1	0	1
Drama	22	1	4	8	2	2	2	3	0	0
English	203	9	15	35	66	37	24	10	3	4
English Lit	157	8	15	34	56	31	6	4	0	3
French	41	1	5	6	11	14	3	1	0	0
Geography	88	15	16	15	28	7	6	1	0	0
German	33	2	3	1	11	7	9	0	0	0
History	126	21	23	21	24	13	13	7	1	3
IT	45	3	0	2	3	4	10	12	9	2
Mathematics	203	9	19	34	47	29	28	22	14	1
Music	24	2	5	9	7	0	0	1	0	0
PE Cert	33	1	7	11	8	6	0	0	0	0
RE	51	12	15	12	8	2	1	1	0	0
Science	367	24	52	38	110	68	51	16	2	6
Spanish	10	3	1	2	2	2	0	0	0	0
DT Graphics	21	2	1	3	2	4	2	3	1	3
DT Resistant	53	0	6	4	9	21	7	2	1	3
DT Textiles	33	0	1	10	11	5	4	1	0	1
Welsh	187	7	12	27	58	36	20	20	5	2
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1879</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>514</b>	<b>327</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>42</b>
% of Total		6.81	11.44	15.43	27.35	17.40	11.02	6.12	2.18	2.24
PE Short Course	13	0	0	1	3	6	0	2	1	0
RE Short Course	117	1	8	30	38	15	12	11	2	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1944</b>	<b>128.5</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>305.5</b>	<b>534.5</b>	<b>338</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>121.5</b>	<b>42.5</b>	<b>42</b>
		6.61	11.27	15.72	27.49	17.36	10.96	6.25	2.19	2.16
<b>Total A-C</b>	<b>1187.5</b>	<b>Percentage 61.09</b>			<b>Total A-G</b>		<b>1902</b>	<b>Percentage 97.84</b>		

## NEW STAFF

The following new members of staff have joined us this September:

Mr. A. Vaughan has been appointed as Head of ICT. He joins us from the Westgate School, Slough. Mr. C. Evans has been appointed as teacher of Music. His previous post was at Sir John Talbot's Technology College, Whitchurch. Mr. S. Jones has been appointed as teacher of Mathematics. He has just completed his PGCE training. Mr. G. Jones has been appointed as a part-time teacher of Art.

Miss K. Davies, who was covering Mrs. C. Phillips's timetable, returns full time to teach Physical Education and Business Studies. Mrs. H. Isherwood, returns to teach Science full time. Mrs. J. Elgood returns as a full time teacher of Geography. Mrs. C. Phillips, returns full time as teacher of Physical Education. Mrs. S. Payne, returns as part time teacher of History and Welsh Baccalaureate. Mrs. K. Carden-Brown returns as part time teacher of Modern Languages. Mrs. J. Newbold, returns with a full time contract for modern foreign languages in September and Mr. P. Stovell returns with a part-time contract teaching religious education.

Mr. R. Owen has been appointed Assistant Site Manager and Mrs. S. Bennett has been appointed as a part time Cover Assistant. Mr. D. Ball has been appointed as a science technician.

We welcome them all to Penglais and wish them well in their new posts.

## BUS AND TRAFFIC ISSUES

Pupils using buses should have brought home a booklet from the local education authority about travel on contract buses. Please make sure that you have seen this and contact us if you have not received one. The booklet makes the acceptable standards of behaviour clear and emphasises the fact that seat belts should be worn. The school has asked bus drivers not to leave school premises unless all pupils have seat belts on. My staff cannot check all the buses at the end of the day but I will endeavour to check two or three buses every night. The police will be carrying out spot checks. Please do everything you can to encourage your son/daughter to wear a seat belt.

## MAIN HALL

Thanks to the fund raising efforts of the PTA and a generous grant from the Lillian Ball Trust Fund the school will, this year, transform the appearance of the Main Hall which badly needs a facelift. The first stage is to paint the walls, put up new curtains, paint the stage and install a new screen. We hope to finish all this in time for the production of **GREASE** in November. The second stage is to provide retractable seating which will be installed in the spring.

## PSHE SEX EDUCATION

It is the policy of the school governors that all children follow a programme of Sex Education. The school aims to ensure that all pupils have access to sex education as an integral part of the school curriculum. The provision will take into account the age, development and beliefs of the pupils. It will form part of the structured and integrated syllabus of the Personal, Social, Health Education programme and aspects of it will be taught in the schemes of work of other subjects. Moral issues and the value of family life will be considered. The school intends to teach about HIV/AIDs, sexually transmitted diseases and aspects of human sexual behaviour as part of the sex education programme, at levels appropriate to the age and maturity of the pupils. It will also be prepared to answer questions from younger pupils on these topics. Parents may request that their children be wholly or partly excused from receiving sex education (except where such education forms part of the national Curriculum) by writing to the Headteacher at the school. Sex Education forms part of the curriculum for all pupils in the school and is based upon the Local Education Authority's 'Sex Education in the Curriculum: A Statement of Policy' and the National Curriculum. Details of the context and organisation of sex education are available on request at the school.

# **PENGLAIS SCHOOL PTA**

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

TO BE HELD ON

WEDNESDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER 2006

AT 7.30 pm

IN THE MAIN SCHOOL HALL

### AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Minutes of the last AGM held on Wednesday 14th September 2005.
3. Matters Arising from the Minutes.
4. Chairman's Report.
5. Headteacher's Report.
6. Treasurer's Report.
7. Election of New Committee Members (please make any nominations to Melanie Goodwin at the school in advance of the meeting).
8. Any Other Business.

PLEASE COME ALONG AND SEE WHAT THE PTA  
MEANS TO YOUR SCHOOL

## YEAR 9 VISIT TO AMSTERDAM

In the last week of the summer term 38 Year 9 (now Year 10!) pupils and 4 members of staff escaped to Amsterdam. A varied programme was followed with visits to Ann Frank's house, a modern art gallery, a technology centre and a theme park. Of course, no visit to the Netherlands would be complete without visiting a clog and cheese centre and having a cruise on the canals. A thoroughly enjoyable time was had by all. The staff would like to take this opportunity to thank the pupils for their high standard of behaviour which was commented upon throughout the week by the many visitors we met.

## LEARNING SUPPORT CENTRE

We were very pleased to receive a letter from the external verifier for Entry Level Life Skills, commending Gaynor Edwards, our senior teaching assistant, on her excellent work with the pupils. The letter went on to say, "The quality of evidence produced was interesting, informative and clearly showed how learners have performed Life Skills which enhance their lives. I have recommended that Gaynor's good practice is used as an example for other centres."

Later in the year, we are looking forward to moving into the new rooms when the present Sixth Form Centre has been completely converted for our use. We will have much more space which will enable us to develop new teaching areas, especially for Life Skills, and provide a more stimulating environment for all the pupils.

## SCHOOL COUNCIL

The committee of 2005-6 is now preparing to hand over to a new group following the elections later this month. The current committee has had a very successful year indeed. Amongst their many activities have been the establishment of the School Council website, the purchase of games equipment for use in the lunch time rooms, helping to buy a new bench in the main foyer and a sound system for the canteen. They have also helped to train teachers from across Wales as part of the Welsh Assembly development programme for School Councils. This was a great honour. Two representatives have now been invited by the Minister of Education, Jane Davidson, to meet her and take part in the launch of the Welsh Assembly School Councils' web site in October. Our system of elections using proper ballot booths and boxes is being described in the guidance to schools as good practice. Many thanks to our excellent retiring chair, Craig Marshall and to all the other reps.

## SIXTH FORM PARIS AND EURODISNEY TRIP – 9TH-14TH FEBRUARY 2007

Of particular interest to those studying History or Art, but a really great experience for anyone, this trip is open to all in the Sixth Form. It will take place in the half term of February 2007 and costs £250 for six days, half board. Further information can be obtained from Donna Owen in the Sixth Form Centre or Dr. Minchin. Deposits must be in by the end of September and the balance paid by the end of November.

## SCIENCE

**Science Club** - Years 8-10 Science Club is starting again on Tuesday 3rd October (3.20 – 4.30pm in C6). As before it is run by Dr. Helen Williams from Aberystwyth university and will involve lots of hands-on activities, experiments and challenges. There is no charge and pupils of all abilities are welcome. Free taxis home are provided for any pupil living within a five mile radius of the school. Anyone interested in joining can collect forms from Ms. Edwards in C10.

Year 7 lunch time Science Club will start in November – more details nearer the time.



The new sixth form centre car park.

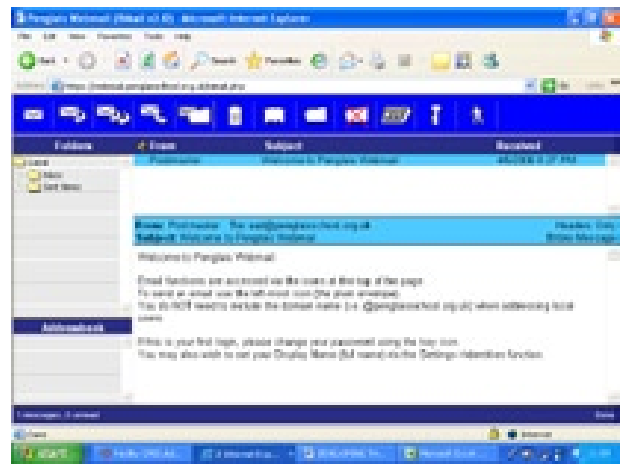
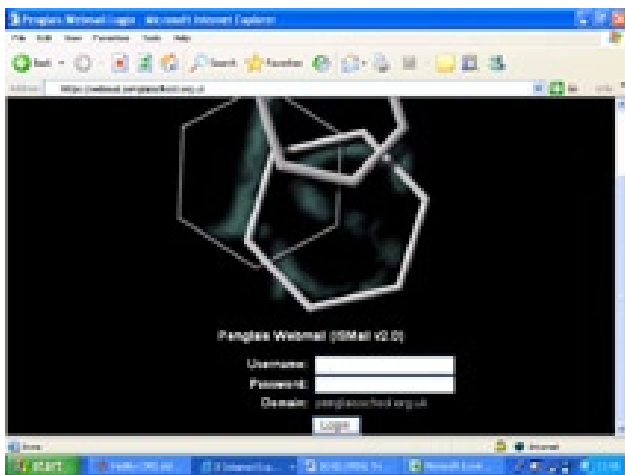
## E-MAIL FOR STUDENTS

We have set up an email system for all staff and students at Penglais School. To use the service type this into the internet address line: <https://webmail.penglaischool.org.uk> and press return.

The system is case sensitive so use the lower case, i.e. a65440 not A65440. When you get a security alert message just click on YES.

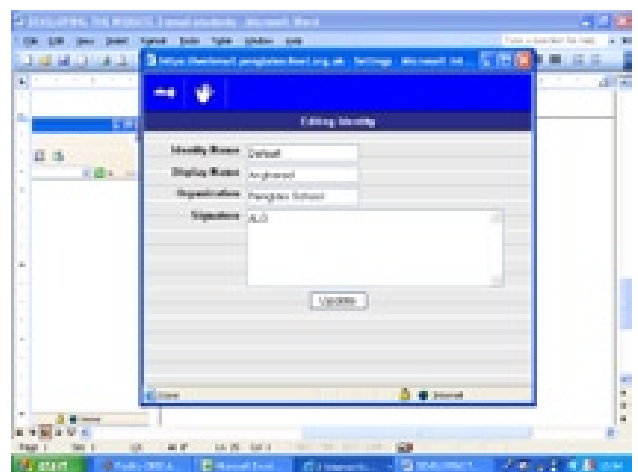
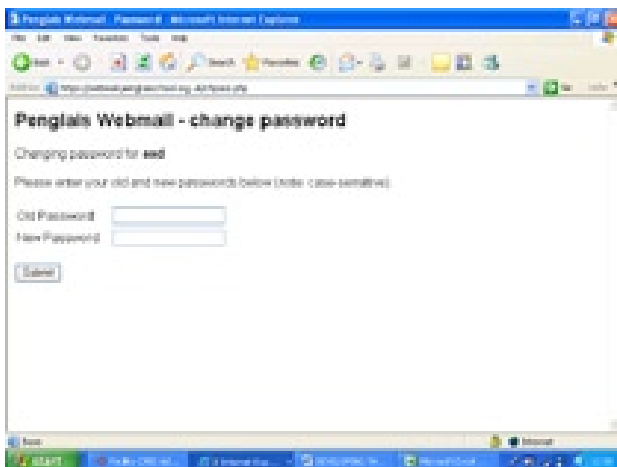
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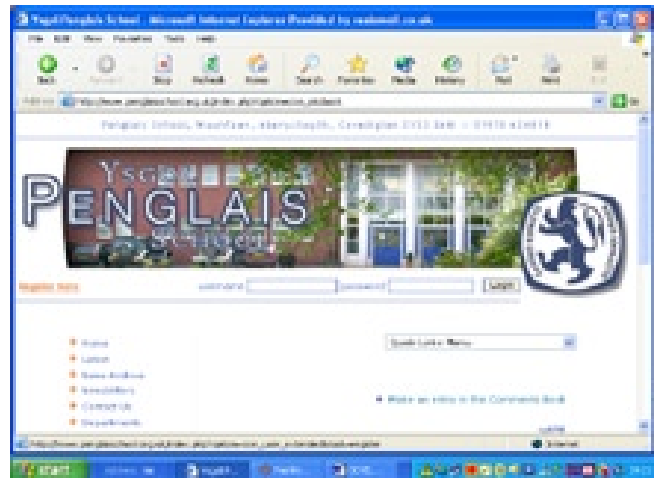
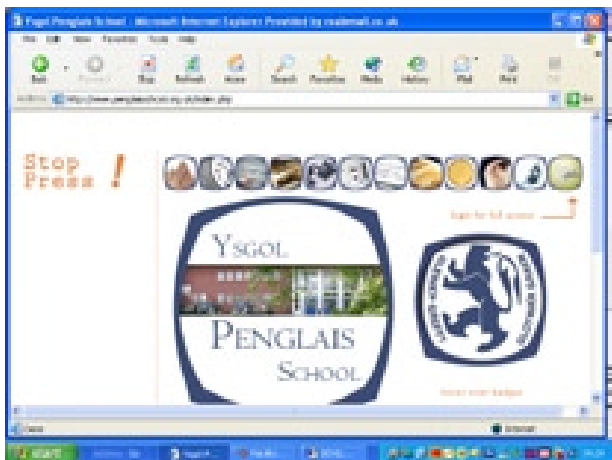


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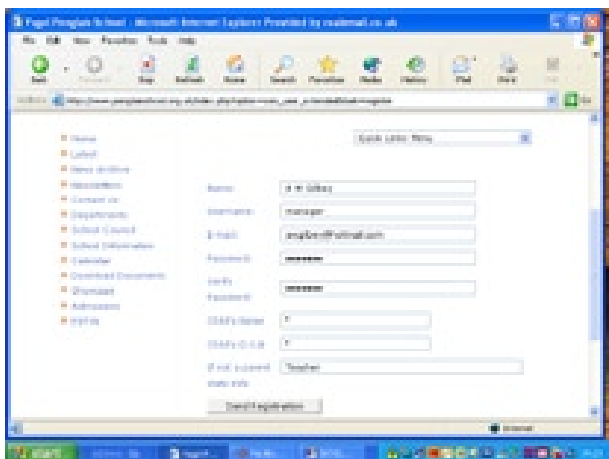
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[www.penglaisschool.org.uk](http://www.penglaisschool.org.uk)

and click on any icon and when the screen changes Click on  
 “Register here” under the P of PENGLAIS.



Enter all the details applicable and press “Send Registration”.

Keep a record of your username and password as I have no access to the password.



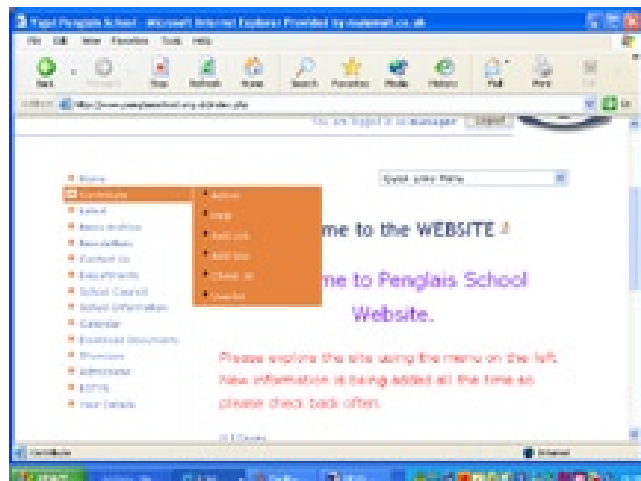
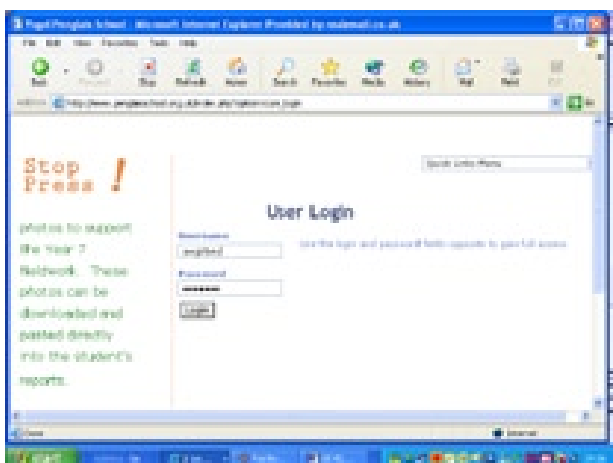
Your application will then be accepted and at some LATER stage I will allocate you rights.

**You will be returned to the site which you can browse as a member of the public.** After you send your registration to me I then send you a confirmation email

When you have my email to enter the site click on the icon on the opening screen showing KEYS and marked “Log in for full access”. This new screen appears.

Type in your username and password as shown and you will be able to contribute to the site.

There are instructions provided under “Contribute” and then “HELP” to help you.



## JAPANESE EXCHANGE TRIP 2006

The second Penglais visit to Osaka, Japan took place in July. Six pupils from Years 11 and 12 spent ten days living with host families in Osaka. It was an excellent opportunity to experience a very different way of life in a hot, humid and fast paced city of 8 million people. Our hosts were incredibly generous and welcoming from the moment we arrived – our action packed itinerary included visiting Osaka city centre and castle and Buddhist temples and Zen gardens in Kyoto. The host families took Penglais students to a variety of places such as local festivals, temples, Nara deer park, theme parks, an aquarium and sushi and karaoke bars.

At our partner school, Otemae, we had a go at pottery, origami, making Japanese sweets, playing traditional instruments, flower arranging and calligraphy. The Japanese students explained about their culture and tradition and we joined in a tea ceremony and Tanabata festival.

Penglais students gave several presentations on Wales, taught some Welsh and English and (bravely!) gave an assembly to over 1000 pupils involving speaking Japanese, singing, karate and an inflatable daffodil!

Many thanks to our hosts for such a well organised and memorable trip. Anyone interested in hosting a Japanese student in July 2007 should contact Ms. K. Edwards in C10. Students acting as hosts will have first chance to travel to Japan in July 2008 – this would be particularly suitable for students currently in Years 11 and 12.



Here are some pupil comments from the 2006 trip:

“I have always wanted to visit Japan since I was little and it fulfilled all my expectations. What made the experience even more memorable was the people I met and the friends I made. I have many happy memories that will be with me forever.

Alice Griffiths

“Going to Japan was an amazing opportunity and a brilliant experience. I loved the culture, food, people – everything! Everyone was so friendly and I learnt so much about the Japanese way of life and traditions. I would recommend this trip 100% to anyone – the highlight of my year”

Becca Edwards



One of the busiest ten days of my life and also one of the most exciting and rewarding. With no time to be jetlagged, we visited Osaka Castle, tried origami, sushi, experienced a whole different way of life. I came home red-eyed and exhausted with a serious craving for sushi and a longing to go back!

Philippa Owen



## CUSTOMER CARE

The first year of this new course has been very successful, with most of the pupils already gaining between two and four of the six units needed to obtain their qualification next year.

Along with the hard work of pupils and staff, much of this success is due to the support of the local employers offering work experience. The school would like to thank the following and their staff:

- Jean Barrett - JB's Hairdressing
- Glenda Brown- Thatch Hairdressers
- Kim Rees - Kim Rees Hair Salon
- Amy and Salie - Beauty Spot
- Gwyneira Edwards Welsh Pony and Cob Society
- Alan Evans - Country Store
- Angie Smith - Morrisons Store
- Jeff Saycell - Plasrugg Leisure Centre
- Leigh and Nigel - Harry's Hotel / Restaurant
- Mr. Evans - Plasrugg School
- Richard Lloyd- Richard Lloyd Hair Salon
- Tracy Davies - Ceredigion Training
- Michelle Rhodes - Belle Vue Royal Hotel
- Eleri Morris - Glenview Nursery

Staff involved in the course have also been successful. Mrs. Beth Walker, Mrs. Mel Goodwin and Miss Cara Jones are now qualified assessors, working with verifiers Mrs. M. Fitches and Mrs. K. Shaw.

## GEOGRAPHY

**Coursework Deadlines** – The coursework deadlines are as follows:

- Year 11 GCSE **Monday 9th October 2006**
- Year 13 A Level Rough Draft – **Monday 16th Oct 2006**
- Year 13 A Level Final submission-**Friday 15th Dec 2006**

- These coursework deadlines are non-negotiable.
- Coursework will not be accepted if handed in late.
- If a pupil is absent on the deadline they need to inform their class teacher of this prior to the deadline.
- If a pupil is ill on the deadline they need to authenticate this with a medical note.
- Absence from school to complete coursework will be regarded as an unauthorised absence.

We do appreciate parent / guardian co-operation with coursework deadlines. Please contact the Head of Department, Miss Rachael Davies if you have any concerns regarding your child's geography coursework.

### Year 7 Geography Fieldwork

Year 7 pupils will be taken on one day of fieldwork to study coastal processes and landforms during October. The weather can deteriorate in October. Please ensure that pupils have suitable outdoor clothes and footwear. Please contact the Head of Geography with any concerns you have regarding this.

## DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY

A reminder to any Year 12 pupil who has not taken their GCSE practical work home to pick it up as soon as possible. Due to a shortage of space we will be clearing out unwanted work at the beginning of October.

If any parent has any scrap material, i.e. wood, metal or textiles, that could be used in school, please contact Mrs. Wells or Mr. Davies.



## WELSH BACCALAUREATE AT PENGLAIS SCHOOL.

### Dynamo Day

All of Year Twelve enjoyed the company of seven entrepreneurs from the locality last Monday. Penglais was lucky enough to have business people giving them insight into how to run businesses in readiness for the Enterprise Element of the Welsh Bac. All students have to complete thirty hours of an Enterprise activity. Students attended a presentation in the Main Hall followed

by individual presentations on cleaning companies, dress making, life skills and outdoor events organisers.

All students appreciated the chance to have a different perspective on work and careers options.

The Bulb Man!!



As part of the Welsh Bac one group is selling Spring bulbs as part of a fund raising activity with the help of Mrs. Shaw.

All proceeds will go to helping pay for the amenities in the new Learning Support Centre.

Please support this venture; all pupils have received a leaflet in registration.

Help the school and make your garden colourful next Spring!

## MUSIC

### ‘GREASE’

Rehearsals are underway for the musical show ‘Grease’ which is to be staged in the School Hall in November. There are two Chorus groups taking part – the Penglais Junior Show Singers and the Penglais Senior Company Chorus. Pupils in Years 7 and 8 are invited to join the Junior Singers and students from Years 9 - 13 are invited to join the Senior Company Chorus. There are no auditions for the chorus members, enthusiasm and regular attendance at rehearsals are all that is required. Please contact Miss Potter, Mr Evans or Mrs Leggett for further details.

### Instrumental Lessons

All pupils wishing to receive instrumental lessons from our team of peripatetic instrumental tutors should have received details of lesson days and times by now. If this is not the case please contact Mrs. Leggett in D2. Pupils are reminded that all instruments brought to school must be insured and labelled with name and form. No instruments should be left in school overnight.



Penglais Pupils Sarah Lewis, Jessica Davey, Francis Moore-Collyer, Ben Williams & Phillip Edwards touring with the Three Counties Choir & Orchestra in Salzburg July 2006

## HISTORY

The History Department ran its annual trip to the Battlefields of the First World War during the Summer term. This two day tour took in the key battlefield sites on the Ypres Salient and on the Somme. The pupils visited several museums which helped to put the battlefields into their historical context. Most importantly the pupils visited Tyne Cot Cemetery and the Thiepval memorial where the pupils really started to understand the extent of the sacrifice and its impact on those left behind. One highlight of the tour involved going into the underground tunnel systems at Vimy Ridge and exploring life underground during the War. On our return to the UK we spent the morning in Portsmouth and toured the Mary Rose and HMS Victory. The pupils learnt about Tudor life and the sinking of the Mary Rose. They also learnt about Nelson and the famous Battle of Trafalgar.

Despite the high temperatures most of the pupils showed a keen interest and were very well behaved, and were a credit to themselves and their families. I would like to take this opportunity to pay a special tribute to Dr. Minchin who has organised this trip for us during the past few years. There is a tremendous amount of work that goes into organising a trip like this and the Department appreciates her hard work and commitment very much.

### **Their Past Your Future Conference, National Library of Wales, September 13th 2006**

Eighteen students from Year Thirteen spent an excellent day visiting the National Library of Wales. The students attended to enrich their studies of the Second World War and find out about the Their Past Your Future project.

The day started with a presentation from Heini Gryffydd who is of Jewish/German descent. Heini spoke very movingly about the way his family was devastated by the Holocaust.

The students then had a rare treat: a lecture from Dr. John Davies describing his experiences of the home front during the Second World War and also the history of Wales during the period.

In the afternoon the highlight for many of the students was a speech from a veteran Iori Lewis who fought in the battles at El Alamein and the liberation of Europe. Iori described the conditions in which the soldiers fought in the desert and fighting the Nazis in Europe.

Students in Penglais have been offered the chance to play a key role in the Their Past Your Future Project. The Their Past Your Future Project is funded by the Imperial War Museum and is currently recording the experiences of veterans and those who lived during the war. The experiences are then recorded in the form of digital stories, with soundtracks and images. Hopefully we will have volunteers from Penglais helping out with this project later in the year.

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION



**Gareth Farrow's Summer** – Gareth Farrow was the youngest athlete of the four selected from the Welsh Slalom Team to represent Wales at the International event in Bratislava, Slovakia over the August Bank Holiday weekend. The team flew out on Monday and trained alongside other international competitors from as far afield as New Zealand.

It was difficult training in such hot weather and with the unexpected race format it was an exceptionally gruelling weekend. In the Junior 14s race Gareth had 1st place on the podium. This second International win as a Junior 14 adds to his trophy collection of being the current Welsh Junior 14 Slalom Champion, Junior C2 champion (with partner) and the Welsh Under 18s Wild Water Racing Champion in Sprint and Classic – two separate disciplines.

Gareth has also entered the Wild Water Racing Under 14s Wave Hopper Challenge and won two first places. He will now go forward to the Grand Final. The first race was run on the Nene White Water Course in Northampton and was in conjunction with a Div B event. Gareth not only won the under 14 challenge but came 3rd overall out of all the competitors in all the races of the day (approximately 75 youngsters). The second race was on the River Goyt near Marple, Stockport. The final is back on the Nene.

Gareth has been selected to go to Austria at the end of September with the Welsh Junior Squad for another competition at Klagenfurt. As Gareth has been out of action for a few weeks due to a mountain biking accident we sincerely hope this does not affect his performance.

Many congratulations to Gareth for his relentless and exhaustive work this summer.

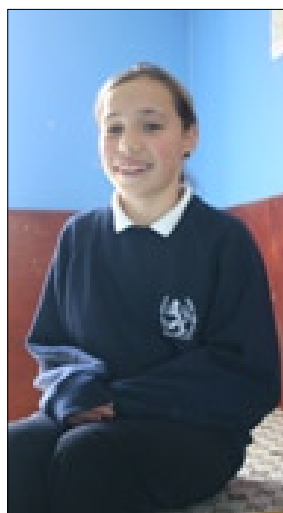


**Tania Wylde's Success** – Congratulations once again to Tania Wylde who was selected to play for South Wales in this year's Ian Rush tournament. She played last season for Penrhyncoch U14s, Aberystwyth Ladies and Ceredigion Ladies and collected five trophies: Penrhyncoch Under 14s League Winners and runners up in the Under 14s Cup, Player of the Tournament at Blaendolau, Penrhyncoch U14s players' player and Penrhyncoch U14s Manager's player. Well done Tania, keep up the good work!

**Elinor Thorogood**, 10SE, won the silver medal in both the Welsh Triathlon and the Welsh Duathlon championships in the Summer. She was selected to represent Wales at the prestigious British Inter-Regional Triathlon Championships held in Glasgow on the 3rd September, where she came up against the top young triathletes from across the UK. She finished in a superb 9th place, helping the Welsh team to fifth place overall - their best ever performance.



**Tennis** – Congratulations to Kristian Jenkins who won the U13 Dyfed Tennis Competition over the summer.



## Staff and pupils at Penglais Fashion Show.



The Art department would like thank all members of staff and pupils for all the hard work undertaken during the fashion show.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 27th September	PTA AGM and Committee 7.30 pm in the Main Hall
Monday 23rd-Friday 27th	OctHALF TERM
Wednesday 1st November	Year 7 Consultation Evening with parents at 3.30 pm in the Small Hall
Thursday 2nd November	Annual General Meeting of Parents with Governors in the Main Hall at 7.30 pm
Thursday 23rd November	INSET day – no school for pupils
Friday 24th November	INSET day – no school for pupils

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