



# Ysgol Gymunedol Llangatwg Llangatwg Community School

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Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you and your family are well and you've had a good week.

We've had another wonderful and busy week here at Llangatwg. Here are just some of the things our amazing pupils have been up to ...

## **STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) Experiences**

This week, some of our Year 9 pupils began an exciting eight-week STEM project in partnership with **Reaching Wider**. As part of the programme, they will be supported by mentors from a range of universities specialising in STEM subjects. This initiative will give pupils valuable opportunities to ask questions, explore their interests, and make more informed decisions about future study and career paths. We're excited to see how they grow and progress over the coming weeks.

Meanwhile, a group of our Year 11 pupils took part in a careers session led by **Morgan Sindall**, the company currently leading the development of our new school building. Pupils explored a range of career opportunities within the construction sector and took on a hands-on challenge: to design a new school while managing a set budget. Their creativity and teamwork were brilliant – and I suspect they may even have a few ideas to share with me as we move forward with our own building plans!

We're delighted to be working closely with Morgan Sindall throughout this academic year as part of our commitment to strengthening our careers education programme and inspiring pupils to explore a wide range of future pathways.



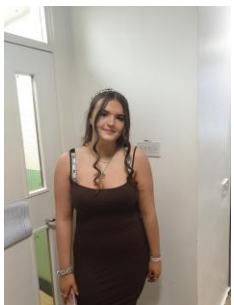
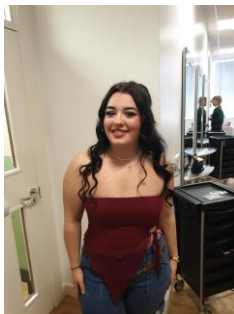
## Action for Children Youth Voice Champions

This week, a group of our pupils proudly represented our school at the Action for Children Youth Voice Champions Event, joining students from across Wales. Luke Totterdale, Mia Johnson, Amber Hoskins, Benjamin Totterdale, and Trystan Roberts delivered a fantastic and engaging speech on stage, showcasing their confidence, passion, and teamwork. They represented our school with pride and excellence – we are incredibly proud of them all!



## Hairdressing Students

This week, our hairdressing students successfully completed their creative assessments, showcasing a range of impressive styles – from prom and bridal looks to vibrant festival themes. Their talent, creativity, and hard work truly shone through. Well done to all the girls – we are incredibly proud of what you've achieved!



## Languages news

### Duolingo Challenge week 2 results



Year Group	Pupil/Form class winners	Parent/carer winners
11	Mikolaj Jurek Thomas Griffiths	Sophie Charlotte Alexa
10	Shaldon Morgan Jasmine Evans David Baker	Jasmine's mum Shaldon Morgan Kerry
9	9D 9R 9C	Emeltee Lorna Atila Abulahaiti
8	8R 8A 8D	Kate Morris Lisa Hopkins Ian Thomas
7	7R 7C 7D	Laura Wright Helen Leonard Mama P

Well done and good luck to all pupils in years 7-9 who are doing their presentations in French lessons this and next week. We have loved hearing about Francophone countries in Year 7, Festivals in Year 8 and multilingual celebrities in Year 9. Some very interesting research done and excellent presentation skills!

The Year 10 French GCSE have started a partnership with a school in Thionville near Metz in France. They have sent introductory letters and recorded a video



Amelia Gorvett, Judah Wapshott and Jessica Aldridge

**Year 8** ★

Macie-Leigh Hughes, Romano James and Nyle Potter

**Year 9** ★

Amy Evans, Georgina Holden and Joshua Carsley

**Year 10** ★

Maddison Barrett, Jack Phillips and Prince Idem

**Year 11** ★

Oliver Pitts, Lewis McGinley and Imogen Wapshott

**200+ ClassCharts points**

Huge congratulations to Zac Coope, Noah Davies and Mason Rowntree who have each received over 200 ClassCharts points so far this year! Well done boys – we are so proud of you! Here's a photograph of them receiving their certificates in assembly this week:



**Notices:**

1. As stated above, our school production of 'High School Musical' will take place this Tuesday and Wednesday evening. Please support us and come along for a fun filled evening. Information on how to purchase tickets is available in the show section above.
2. Thank you to the year 11 parents and carers who attended the parent/carer evening on Monday – it was wonderful to see so many of

you there. For those of you who were unable to make it, here is some of the information that was shared:

### Year Ahead Presentation

<https://heyzine.com/flip-book/10bfcacea3.html>

### Key Dates Information

<https://heyzine.com/flip-book/f67d9e6aae.html>

### Revision Guide

<https://heyzine.com/flip-book/5d3fd9c40f.html>

3. Year 7 parents and carers are invited in to school to meet your child's form tutor on **Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> November**. This meeting will give you an opportunity to discuss how your child has settled in to Llangatwg and ask any questions you may have. Please click on the link below to make an appointment: <https://lcs.schoolcloud.co.uk/>
4. **Facebook page:** If you haven't already done so, please follow us on Facebook by searching for Llangatwg Community School:



We'll be using this page to celebrate our pupils' achievements both in and outside of school. If your son or daughter has accomplished something special outside of school—whether in sports, the arts, volunteering, or any other area—we'd love to hear about it! Please feel free to get in touch and share their story. We always enjoy celebrating the successes of our pupils and showcasing their talents.

Thank you for your continued support. I wish you and your family a restful and enjoyable weekend.

Best wishes,

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