19th of February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope everyone had a restful and enjoyable time during the recent holidays. I’d like to welcome you back to another eventful half term! This half term is once again a short one of five weeks and once again it promises to be a busy one.

Thank you very much to everyone who responded to our questionnaire on the school uniform. It was so pleasing to receive hundreds of responses and the next step will be to discuss those findings at this week's Full Board of Governors meeting. I will update you in the coming weeks on the outcomes. In the meantime, I trust that you as parents will support us as staff as we try to maintain standards for the current school uniform. The pupils are fully aware of our expectations and we will contact you if your child does not comply. Before Easter, I would also like to gather your opinion on the use of *Classcharts* and the format of the progress meetings for parents for next year.

During the last week before the holidays, eisteddfodau were held in the primary and secondary departments. Both events were excellent, highlighting the talents and dedication of Llanhari pupils. I hope you got a taste of the competition on our coverage on X and Instagram. It was wonderful to see all the pupils working together and I’m grateful to the staff for their efforts. During the next half term, the pupils will be busy preparing for the Urdd Eisteddfod which will be held this year in Montgomeryshire.

As a school, we are very grateful to the RR81 charity for all their support over the past few years. Following the loss of Rhys Rubery who was a beacon of light as a pupil at Ysgol Llanhari, the family has committed to raising money in the name of RR81. There are more details on the attached flyer. A ball is held every two years at the Vale Hotel and the next ball will be on the 26th of April 2024. If you are interested in supporting, contact us at the school. Tickets are priced at £40.

Some of our older pupils benefited from amazing experiences before the holidays. GCSE and A Level Religious Education classes spent three days visiting Krakow and Auschwitz while pupils studying French travelled to Guadeloupe to take part in an exchange with College Germain Saint-Ruf. This was an unforgettable trip and we will be very proud to extend a warm welcome to pupils from Guadeloupe back to Llanhari early in 2025. Thank you to all the staff for giving of their time and for organising these memorable experiences.

We therefore look forward to another successful half term in Llanhari. Primary, and yr12 and 13 progress meetings will be held along with a yr9 options night within the next two weeks. We look forward to discussing progress and future plans with you!

Yours sincerely

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