

Dear parents and carers

We have come to the end of the first 'normal' half term for quite some time, and it really has been wonderful to see the wider life of the school springing up again where previously it had been constrained by the pandemic for so long. Of course, the 'new normal' is still not normal, and we continue to receive very frequent updated information and advice from Public Health Wales and the local authority. We will continue to update you with regards any changes as soon as we are able.

Despite this, so much has returned to school life with a new invigoration. Students have been able to move around the whole building, using specialist learning spaces. This has had such a positive impact on student learning and progress. In addition, our rich variety of extra-curricular clubs – from rugby to Warhammer, rowing to debating – has been thoroughly enjoyed by students.

We spoke to prospective parents this week in our live broadcast as part of open evening, and one of the most intriguing questions that was asked was "What is it like to be a Headteacher?" My answer was that it is a privilege to have the opportunity to lead such a vibrant, collaborative and happy school that is such a central part of its local community. I am so grateful to staff for their resolution and endeavour throughout the term, and to students for their determination and positivity. If you would like to view the broadcast, faculty videos or anything else then they are all available on our Youtube channel, which is available through our website.

Finally, it has been lovely to finish the year with a real focus on equality and anti-racism. Everyone at school today is resplendent in red as part of Wear Red Day, supporting and raising funds for the Give Racism The Red Card charity. It is a fantastic social cause for us to support.

I wish you and all the members of our school community a restful break.

Yours sincerely

Hugo Hutchison
Headteacher

CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

Could you be the one who designs the MCS Christmas Card this year?



It's that time of year again when we are looking for student submissions of a drawing/painting/photograph entry for our Christmas Card 2021. The closing date for the competition is Thursday 4 November, so students will have time over half term to produce a design for us. Depending on how many entries we have to be judged, the winner will be announced in the Parent Newsletter on Friday 5 November. The winning entry will be sent to our printer, ready to be printed and posted out in December.

Good luck to everyone entering the competition – we can't wait to see your cards.



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School Bulletin **22 October 2021**

PARENTS' EVENINGS
01 December – Year 12
09 December – Year 10

CAROL SERVICE
08 December

Key dates
coming up
[2021/2022 Calendar](#)

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This term, Y11 students have been busy revising for their upcoming Maths and English examinations. Our 'Power Up' sessions are run after school and it is great to see so many students attending the sessions, in order to support their preparation. Well done and thank you to all of the students and staff involved.

HALF TERM CROSSBAR CHALLENGE

'Hit the crossbar from a minimum of 18 yards (outside the area)'

SHOW
RACISM
THE
RED
CARD

CAPTURE A VIDEO OF YOURSELF (WEARING SOMETHING RED) HITTING THE CROSSBAR - FROM A MINIMUM OF 18 YARDS ... BEST VIDEO WINS A PRIZE!

- For every video received of a student or staff member successfully completing the crossbar challenge, Mr Atkinson will donate £10 to 'Show Racism The Red Card'.
- Upload/Share your video: AtkinsonB11@Hwbcmru.net



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We have been advised by Amey that the public consultation survey for Old Dixon Road and Dixon Walk (the riverside path) is now live for anyone to respond to and they have asked us to pass these details to parents.



The link to the survey is www.amey.co.uk/old-dixon-road. Anyone that does not have online access can phone 0333 321 4921 and the call handler will take the person through the survey. Calls are charged at local rates and the phone number is open from 8am to 8pm every day.

They are keen to get as many responses as possible so please encourage others to take part. The survey will be open for 8 weeks, closing Friday 10th December.

If you have any queries about the survey please contact either Paul.Beecham2@amey.co.uk or Warren.Murphy@amey.co.uk

We are delighted to report that the Scholastic Book Fair was very successful, with a constant flow of students visiting the Atrium to purchase books. We have earned a rewards value of £491.79 to spend on books for the school. Thank you to everyone who supported the Fair.



SRB Science


Year 10 (above). Shane is using the hairdryer to turn the wind turbines that then in turn hoisted up the simple loads.
Year 11 (below) completing some lab work



Experiential learning in RS. Students in Year 11 bringing the Hindu festival of Holi to life with displays of colour and fire, and the sampling of 'holuk' platters.




A reminder re: testing



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Test
Trace
Protect

COVID-19 Testing



With symptoms

'PCR' tests

When to take the test

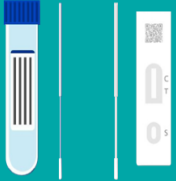
- If you have COVID-19 symptoms
- To confirm your positive lateral flow test result

How long it takes

- These tests are processed in labs
- Most results are returned the next day, but can take up to 3 days

Get a test

- At a test site
- At home



Without symptoms

Rapid 'lateral flow' tests

When to take the test

Twice weekly when you do not have symptoms if you:

- Volunteer
- Are an unpaid carer
- Can't work from home
- Participate in a testing scheme in your workplace or education setting

You may also be asked to take a test for other reasons, such as before attending an event.

How long it takes

- Result processed by test device
- Around 30 minutes

Get a test

- At home
- Collect from a test site
- From work

- From school or college
- At your university
- From your nursery

Get tested to keep Wales safe
gov.wales/ttp



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**After School Clubs and
Activities**

AUTUMN TIMETABLE

Monmouth Leadership Academy

The Monmouth Leadership Academy has now been selected. The selection process was extremely difficult due to the volume and quality of applications we received. It really was a delight to read the applications and to see how much our students really do have to offer - all applicants should be extremely proud of themselves.

We can confirm that the following students are now part of the Monmouth Leadership Academy and we look forward to working with them to support the local community in increasing participation in sport and physical activity. Well done to:

Arianne Allford, Ellie Strachan , Joseph Barratt, Adam Hawkins , Abbie Fuszard, Lois Tait, Carmella-Rose Yeshin, Maisie Edwards, Evan Wyatt, Hannah Rogers, Greg Young Seren Van Der Horst, Theo Harrison, Matthew Phillips, Holly Flynn, Ryan Price , George Gouldingay, Daisy Stuart-Gunter, Lily Kayanja, Charley Handley, Alex-Marie Bond, Eva Harris, Archie Smith, Robin Comben, Amber Morgan, Vince Williams , Cadey Morgan, Ella Davies, Nanci Edwards, Poppy Brooks, Destinee Dorrington, Katie Morgan, Sarah Powell, James Probert , Bea Jones, Oliver Edwards and Mia Owen.

