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GOODBYE YEAR 11



By Mr Longden

Last Thursday our Year 11 Leavers Assembly premiered live on YouTube. The Year 11's final year was cut short and as a result they did not get to have their traditional final assembly where they receive their Record of Achievement and celebrate their five years at Pontypridd High School.

However, as staff we felt it was important they still had this experience so we put together a virtual assembly. This was a chance for the Year 11 pupils on Thursday evening to sit down with their families and watch the staff of Pontypridd High say goodbye and good luck.

Every pupil was called up to the virtual stage to receive their ROA, there were many good luck messages from staff, awards voted for by the pupils themselves and memories of their time at school. The assembly was a real success with 129 people watching live. The comments from pupils and parents has been extremely positive and we are glad that everyone enjoyed the evening. If you would like to watch the assembly it can be found on our school YouTube Channel. See back page for the link to the video.

I just want to say how amazing you have all been and wish you all the best with your futures. A big thank you to Mr Husband too for putting the assembly together.

ACHIEVERS THIS WEEK

Excellent Home Learning in Science: Ruby Brookman, Sophie Burton, Ffion Davey, Evan Davies, Riley Davies, Estelle Highgate, Tiffany Jones, William Needs, Ella-Rose Price, Holly Rees, Bradley Roughley, Kali Thomas, Solomon Thomas, Tilly Warne, Logan Woodford, Megan Mahoney, Ceri Palmer, Caitlyn Howells, Grace Morgan, Emilie Doxsey, Tom Jones, Cole Saunders, Iwan Lewis, Josh Williams, Maddison Jasper, Jac Jones, Josh Lewis, Megan Barri-Smith, Mason Riley, Jacob Griffiths, Georgia Parker-Brown, Sarah-Beth Phillips, Nia Monk, Jess Davies Levi Evans, Tyler Haynes, Daniel Hill, Cian Thomas, Ayoob Akhtar, Iwan Bedgood, Lewis Jordan, Sophie Bowden, Alisha Hernandez, Millie Davies, Mia Howells, Kayleigh Suminski, Ella Hyde, John Dyer, Ffion Davies, Luke Mills, Demi Samuel, Maddison Baldwin, Logan Batten, Lucia Davies, Ellie Mann, Lauren Williams, Josh Drinkwater, Alisha Galea, Jacob Jones, Millie Jones, Adam Harries, Jae Neck, Jay Morgan and Ben Green

Scientist of the Week

Year 7 Leanne Humphries

Year 8 Megan Barri-Smith

Year 9 Katie Williams

Year 10 Molly Davies

Excellent Home Learning in Maths: Chloe Hayward, Maisie Smith, Cai Phillips, Kiy Ellis, Charlie Nash, Alisha Hernandez, Courtney Burton, Shakira Duggan, Nathan Batten, Charlotte Hooper, Oliver Lloyd Thomas, Carys Lewis, Omaira Khalid, Jacob Jones, Joseph Griffiths, Sasha Bond, Ben Dackins, Jack Davies, Jack Grieg, Ella Hunt, Mason Riley, Adam Harries, Jay Morgan, Jae Neck, Millie Jones, Miles Owen, Mia Howells, Katie Williams, Lewis Jordan, Sophie Burton, Thomas Bateman, Evelyn Cartlidge, Caden Cartwright, Amelia Creedon, Mia Crockett, Nia David, Evan Davies, Ryan Davies, Emilie Doxsey, Gracie Griffiths, Sadie Howe, Shaunagh James, Tomos Jones, Eva Lewis, Iwan Lewis, Kayla Pearce, Seren

Richards, Cole Saunders, Solomon Thomas, Joshua Warren, Danny Webster, Connah Evans, Caitlyn Howells, Nevaeh Howells, Ceri Palmer, Samuel Price, Liam Skupinski, Tyler Hanes, Daniyal Malik, Briar-Rose Allen, Logan Batten, Aimee Hughes, Sophia Hughes, Hudson Jones, Caitlin Powell, Lowri Thomas, Ellie Walker, Kecia Samuel, Tillie Barker, Isabelle Davis, Lillia Fortt, Bethan Hall, Joshua Leach, Jimmy-Leigh Mitchell, William Murray, Nia Stacey and Mia Thorne.

Excellent Home Learning in English: Joshua Lewis, Milena Dudek, Rosie Mae Mahoney, Aron Lewis, Levi Evans, Nia Stacey, Cassie Reardon, Joshua Leach, Alisha Hernandez, Ryan Davies, Maren Swain, Estelle Highgate, Emily Tobin, Megan Stock, Kayla Norton, Luke Pritchard, Lana Davies, Layla Thomas, Ruby Brookman, Sophie Burton, Ben Dackins, Oliver Lloyd-Thomas, Mia Cartlidge, Caitlin Powell, Sophie Evans, Lowri Evans, Sasha Evans, Joseph Griffiths, Carys Lewis, Briar-Rose Allen and Shakira Duggan.

Excellent Home Learning in Product Design: Alisha Hernandez, Alexia Bindczus, Chloe Hazzard, Florence Morgan-Wood, Naiya Partington, Ffion Rowe, Rio Newman, Logan Batten, Carys Lewis, Connor James, Evie Rixon, Joseph Griffiths, Kaur Sampreet, Briar-Rose Allen, Cody Jones, Finlay Mansfield and Lowri Thomas.



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YEAR 11 MEMORIES

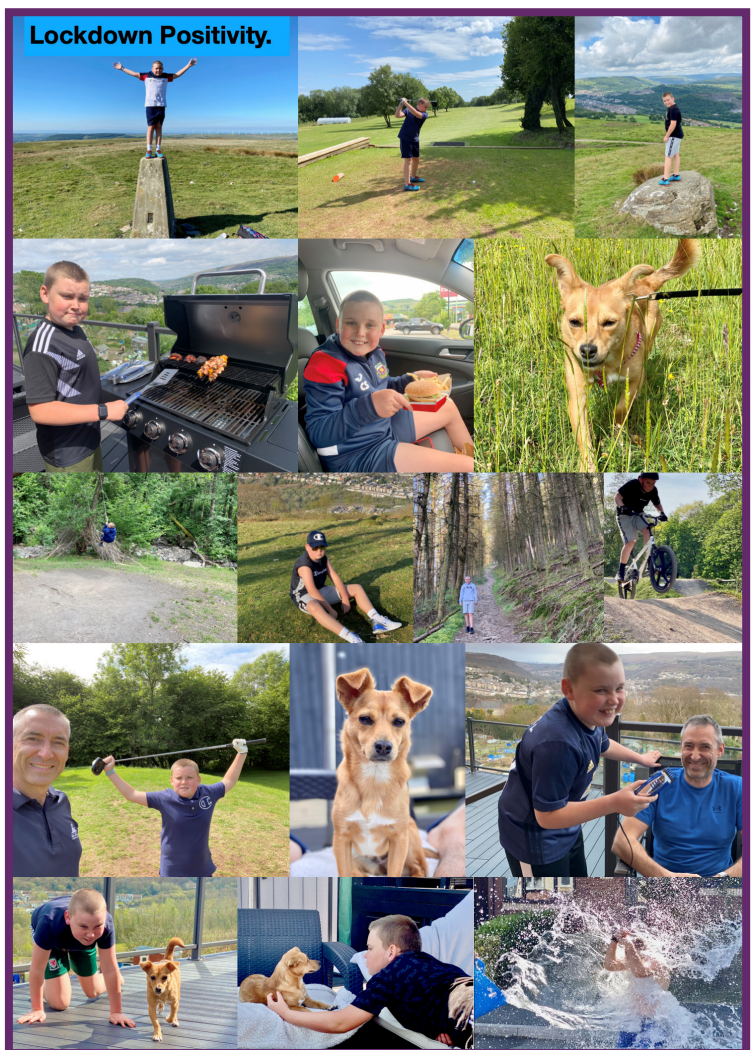


'DISCOVER MORE' TASKS

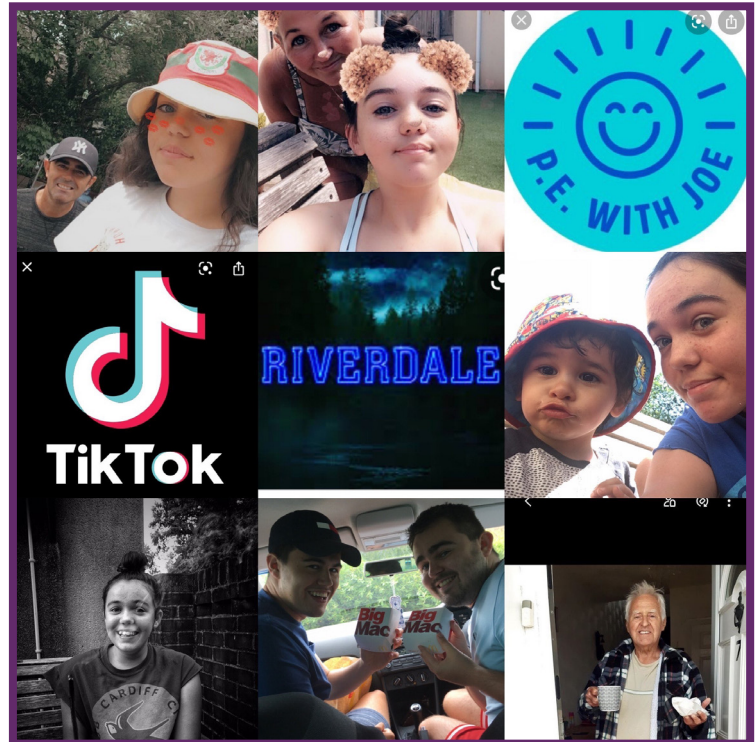
By Miss Griffiths

The challenge for last week was to celebrate all of the things we are grateful for that have brought us positivity during lockdown. To do this our pupils created photograph collages with some written explanation of what has been positive for them during lockdown.

It has been lovely to see so many collages of families going on daily walks, pets, pupils cooking, pupils creating new things, the list is endless! I am also super impressed with the photography skills and photo editing skills of our year 7 and year 8 pupils! Here are some examples of the challenges, there were too many amazing collages to pick just one. I have also included my own photograph collage with all of the things I have been grateful for during lockdown! A special well done to Cole Saunders, Amelia Creedon, Alfie Fear and Kayla Pearce.



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WEEKLY CHALLENGE 13

By Miss Griffiths

During lockdown people have been trying out new recipes and improving their cooking skills. Most of you have taken on the food challenges set by our Technology Faculty each week and produces some yummy looking dishes!

Your challenge this week is to get cooking! Whether it is sweet, savoury, healthy or a three course meals. You could:

- Review your favourite dish and recipe from the Technology challenges.
- Create a collage of all the dishes you have cooked in lockdown.
- Challenge yourself to cook something new this week.
- Take photographs, include recipes or even create a

video to show others how to cook your favourite dish!

Send your yummy creations to....

griffithsr@pontyhigh.co.uk





SPORTS DAY 2020

By Tom Longden

This week was our 'Virtual Sports Day'. We had a fantastic response from pupils who send in their pictures and videos of themselves getting involved in all the different events.

The events were released throughout the day and pupils then watched the videos and had time to complete the events at home. The events included 'bat and ball', 'keep up's', 'egg and spoon' and 'wall sit'.

Well done to all pupils who got involved.



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Year Group	Event	1st	2nd	3rd
7	Bat and Ball	Cole Saunders	Joshua Williams	Daniel Bowler
	Wall Sit	Cole Saunders	Sophie Burton	Tom Dackins
	Egg and Spoon	Tomas Dackins	Cole Saunders	Daniel Bowler
	Keep up's	Cole Saunders	Tomas Dackins	Nevaeh Howells

Year Group	Event	1st	2nd	3rd
8	Bat and Ball	Joshua Lewis	Alfie Fear	Morgan Fear
	Wall Sit	Morgan Fear	Alfie Fear	Caitlin Cartlidge
	Egg and Spoon	Alfie Fear	Morgan Fear	Caitlin Cartlidge
	Keep up's	Alfie Fear	Morgan Fear	Joshua Lewis

Year Group	Event	1st	2nd	3rd
9	Bat and Ball	Riley Price	Courtney Burton	Tom Davies
	Wall Sit	Tom Davies	Riley Price & Courtney Burton	
	Egg and Spoon	Riley Price	Courtney Burton	-
	Keep up's	Riley Price	Tom Davies	-

Year Group	Event	1st	2nd	3rd
10	Bat and Ball	Omaima Khalid	Jae	-
	Wall Sit	Jae	-	-
	Egg and Spoon	Jae	-	-
	Keep up's	Jae	-	-

TRANSITION NEWS

Hi, Year 6. A very warm welcome from us all in the Science Faculty. We are writing just to say a big hello from all of us and to tell you a little bit about what you can expect to learn in Science in Year 7 from September in Pontypridd High School. We are so excited for you all to come into the laboratories and learn some new scientific concepts through practical work.

You will all start with the 'Safety' topic where you will learn to use the science laboratories and equipment. You will be taught how to use the Bunsen burners and chemicals safely as well as how to use some other scientific equipment you may not have used before. We find this topic is excellent for displaying the safety skills you will need to use in a science laboratory for your whole time at Pontypridd High School.

After you have passed the safety topic you will then all study different topics at different times but you will get to learn them all at some point in the year so don't worry if one of your friends is doing something you feel would be fun, your time on that topic will come. In Year 7 and 8 we teach science in projects so you will be learning

lots of different bits of science in one topic which has a theme and big question. Our projects include "What makes an organism?" & "How do animals survive?" as well as "How do my electronics work?"

During Year 7 we want to help you to develop your scientific skills as well as scientific knowledge. Your lessons will help you to develop the skills needed for scientific enquiry, including predicting, observing & concluding. As well as this science lessons are excellent opportunities for you to develop your literacy and numeracy skills.

We are all looking forward to meeting you in September. We hope you have a lovely summer break and stay safe. To help prepare for September you can continue to practice your literacy and numeracy skills and take some time out of your day to think about the science that is around you (e.g. how are the plants growing and why does a cake only bake with heat?).

Stay safe Year 6 and we will see you in September.

Science Faculty.



'HELLO' FROM MATHS

Hi Year 6. All of the Maths teachers at PHS are very much looking forward to meeting you. Normally at this time of year you would be visiting us and we would have chance to meet. Unfortunately we can't this year so I will tell you a little bit about Year 7 Maths instead.

You will have four one hour lessons each week taught by one of the seven maths teachers here. You will study a mixture of topics using number, measure and algebra. Mathematics isn't just about using these skills though; it is about exploring patterns, solving puzzles and applying what you know to a range of problems. Next year you will have a chance to do all of these things and build

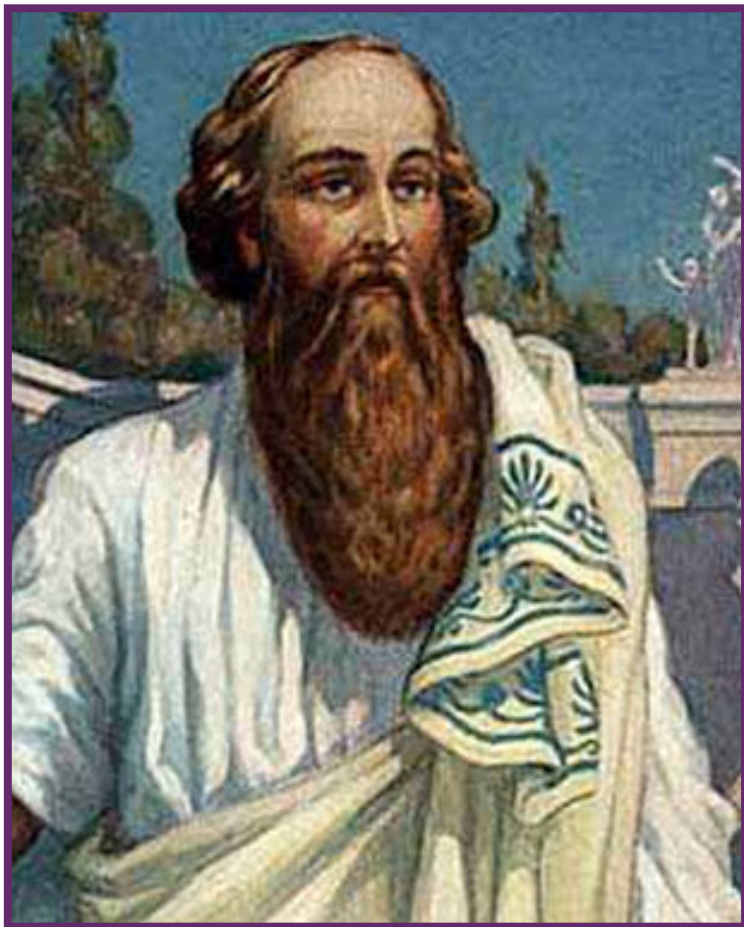
on the skills and knowledge you already have gained in your Primary School. Looking forward to meeting you in September.

Why not try our challenges?

Challenge 1: Do some research on My Astley's favourite Mathematician; Pythagoras of Samos

Challenge 2: Estimate the total length of all of the toilet paper in your home.'

Mr Astley
Head of Mathematics



CAREERS INTERVIEW

By Maren Swain and Ryan Davies (Year 7)

As part of 'Careers Week' both myself and Ryan Davies interviewed Ayse Colak who is a communications engineer.

What is your favourite part of your career and why?

I am working for my dream company. I studied electronic and communication engineering, but I am mostly interested in the communication part. I find the sky very exciting and I establish communication links between the sky and the ground.

How long have you worked for TT&C?

I have been working for them for 5 months.

Do you prefer Turkey or Wales and why?

It is my first experience of working in Wales, but I can compare both countries because one of my friends is working as a TT&C engineer in Turkey. He doesn't have enough chances to do practical work. In Wales, I get lots of opportunities to launch robots into the sky and read the data it transmits. His job is mostly software, I am happy to be doing both sides (software and hardware).

What is the most interesting thing you have discovered in the sky?

Clouds are extremely heavy. They can contain millions of tons of water.

How long did it take you to get where you are today?

I studied for 5 years for my Bachelor degree, 1 year for my Masters and then I had this job opportunity.

How much can you earn in your job?

It is approximately £28-35k per year (as a full-time graduate engineer). This is for when you just start. When you have more experience, you can earn more.

Are there many girls in your job?

Not many. I studied my Bachelor degree in Turkey and in my class more than 50% were girls. I did my Master in Cardiff and there were only 2 girls in the class. In my company, I am the only girl but there is one more girl who works in the Spanish office.

Why do you think your job is important?

I think "communication" explains the importance of my job. Even the idea of creating your own communication link is incredible. Cloud-based communication is the future.

If you are interested in a career in STEM, speak to your Science teacher for more information.



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weekly UPDATE

Please regularly check the school website for any new information. Below are just a few things that we would like to remind you about this week:

Maths Department

The UKMT Junior Math Challenge was due to take place in April but due to school closures, it was put on hold. The exam was then put online with our top mathematicians in year 7 and 8 competing. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all 10 pupils for taking their time on top of home learning to prepare themselves for this external exam.

A massive well done goes to Charlotte Hooper, Amy Hyslop, Kira-Lea Crockett, Austin Critcher, Ellie Booth, Luke Pritchard, Lana Davies, Jay Thomas, Joshua Warren and Tomas Jones for being selected and taking part. Good Luck for your results, We have our fingers crossed for you.

Login Details

If you still need login details such as Class Charts,

MathsWatch, Accelerated Reading or Office 365 usernames, please email Mr Nathan Griffiths and he will reply directly with any information you need.

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Whole School

[The Pontypridd High Virtual Learning YouTube channel](#)

has recently uploaded two new videos: The Year 11 Record of Achievement Assembly and the 'Return to School' video which outlines the new social distancing measures that we all need to follow. Don't miss out - subscribe to the channel.

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Bringing a voice to our education.

We are calling for pupils to take part in our blog as part of their home learning. The blog does not need to be long and can be about anything you like.

Blog Ideas could include positive messages, thoughts and Feelings, book review, film/TV review, physical activity review, cooking recipe you have tried, activities you think your peers may enjoy. You can add images, videos and links to your blog. Send your blog to Miss Griffiths - griffithsr@pontyhigh.co.uk



Solving logic problems boosts brain power and keeps your memory strong. Answer to the following brain teasers in the next newsletter.

Last weeks answer: 1. Romeo and Juliet were fish. A passing train shook the bowl off the table and they died. 2. Yesterday, today and tomorrow.

This weeks riddle: Take away my first letter, and I still sound the same. Take away my last letter, I still sound the same. Even take away my letter in the middle, I will still sound the same. I am a five letter word. What am I?



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