

Pontypridd High School



Parent Newsletter

March 2015

Dates for Diary

Monday 2nd: Y11 Validate Photos
Monday 9th: Y9 Vaccinations
Tuesday 10th: Y9 Vaccinations
Wednesday 18th—Friday 20th: Y11 Careers Wales mock interviews
Friday 20th: Leavers Photos
Thursday 26th: Y10 Parents Evening
Friday 27th: Eisteddfod (Y7-9)
Friday 27th: End of Term

Exam Timetable

Monday 2nd - Thursday 5th: Y11 Catering Exams
Wednesday 11th: Y11 GCSE Music Moderation
Monday 16th-Friday 20th: Y10 Catering practical exams

Eisteddfod

This year's Eisteddfod will take place on Friday 27th March and will involve all pupils in years 7 to 9. House leaders have been selected:

Albion: Mrs R Williams

Lady Windsor: Miss K Moses

Maritime: Mr J Watson

Ty Mawr: Mr T Longdon and Miss R Thomas.



Pupils will compete in lots of categories on the day as well as in homework competitions in the run-up to the Eisteddfod. Who will be this year's winner? Good luck everyone.

World Book Week

We will be dedicating a whole week in celebration of World Book Day which is on Thursday 5th March. There will be lots of events/activities taking place including:

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DAY**
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- A Year 7/8 Book Swap.
- A visit from our Patron of Reading, Rachel Ward, who will be giving talks, running workshops and holding a book surgery in the library.
- A form class 'Guess the Shelfie' competition.
- Teachers and sixth form will be dressing up as their favourite literary characters.
- There will be English lessons dedicated to celebrating our love of reading.
- World Book Day tokens will be distributed which can be used against book purchases from the Scholastic Book magazine and bookshops.
- Staff have written book reviews which will be displayed around the school.

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Learning Support Class Re-alignment

Further to the consultation which took place 10/11/14—05/01/15 regarding the proposed establishment of a new Key Stage 3/4 Learning Support Class for Social, Emotional and Behavioural Difficulties in Ponty High, statutory notices have now been issued by the Local Authority in line with School Organisation Code. The statutory notice period is 02/03/15 until 29/03/15. These notices can be found at www.rctcbc.gov.uk/lscstatutorynotices. Hard copies are available from Lisa Carter on 01443 744 364.



Eisteddfod Music Competitions

Auditions for the Vocal and Instrumental competitions will take place in the music rooms the week of the 16th March. Pupils must prepare a performance. All pupils can enter, even if they play a piece learnt in their music lessons.



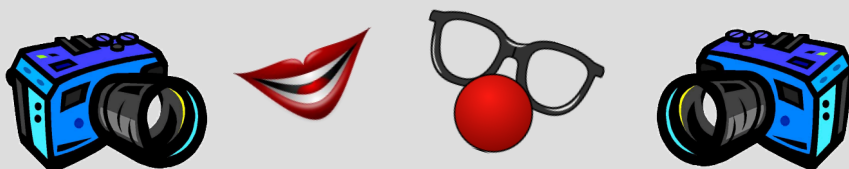
Comic Relief

Comic Relief's Red Nose Day is on Friday 13th March. This year's theme is 'Make your face funny for money' and we will be holding several activities to raise money including a photo booth and 'Guess the Baby Competition'. Red Noses will be available to buy from Pupil Services and Mr Cripps has also volunteered to go in the stocks and allow pupil to throw wet sponges at him...for a price of course! Hopefully we will have lots of fun and raise lots of money.



Leavers Photos

Leavers photos for Years 11, 12 and 13 will take place on Friday 20th March. Pupils will have their formal photo taken individually but there will also be the opportunity for friendships groups to have their photos taken too. This year we will be trialling photo booth props for the Friendship Group photos—smiling mouths, moustaches, bow ties, funny glasses etc. Please note that pupils will need to pay for Friendship Group photos on the day.



Tin Shed Theatre Co.

In association with First Campus (University of South Wales), Tin Shed Theatre Co. are offering young people the chance to take part in a performance programme which will take place in our Drama Studio on Tuesday nights.

We are looking for young people who have a creative mind! Whether you're interested in performing, helping out backstage, set and costume design, prop making or lighting and sound, we want to hear from you. We need reliable, hardworking young people with a strong sense of teamwork. This will not be an all-dancing musical theatre group, we will be using masks, puppetry and devising techniques to create our own stories, our own music and hopefully our own performances!

If you are interested we would love to hear from you, come to the YEP office to sign up today!