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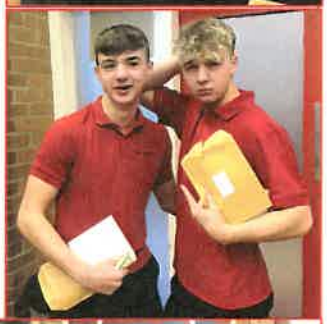
Beth sy'n digwydd yr wythnos hon? Beth fydd yn digwydd nesaf?

Message from Mrs Lewis Congratulations to Year 11 for their GCSE mathematics and numeracy results which were published yesterday. This is the first year that pupils have sat the new Numeracy qualification. The exam has a similar content to mathematics but the emphasis is on pupils being able to apply their maths skills to more complex everyday problems. There were many smiles when the important envelopes were opened on Thursday morning! Year 11 pupils will now be regrouped in maths and many will now go on to study the subject at a higher level in order to improve on their grades in the Summer. A special Well Done goes to the five pupils who sat Higher tier and obtained A* and A grades - well done!



'Pupils of the Week'

- ◊Alaric Jones 11K
- ◊Nick Dorkings 11T
- ◊Justin Ugwudike 11T
- ◊Nia Simpson 11T
- ◊Eleanor Jeffery 11T

for achieving As and A*s in Maths and Numeracy GCSE

GCSE English oral presentations

Years 10 and 11 are about to undertake important oral assessments in English Language for their GCSE. Next week, Year 10 pupils will give a presentation on their chosen topic, with Year 11 undertaking the same task in the week that follows (week beginning 30th January). They are required to talk for around five minutes and the talk is worth 10% of their final grade. Please ask them about their presentation and let them rehearse in front of you!

Reader of the Week

Craig Kelly 7T

'I read The Headmaster's Ghost by S. Godwin. I enjoyed this book because it was creepy yet exciting at the same time. I recommend it to whoever wants an exciting and thrilling experience. I scored 100% on the book quiz'.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 26th January
Y9 Options Evening
6pm Milward Hall

Thursday 2nd February
Y12/13 Parents' Evening
4pm Tasker Hall

Wednesday 15th February
Post 16 Options Evening
6pm Milward Hall

Monday 20th - Friday 24th February
HALF TERM

Wednesday 1st March
Eisteddfod

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WEEKLY FOCUS(Week 2)
Monday 23rd January
GREEN PEN

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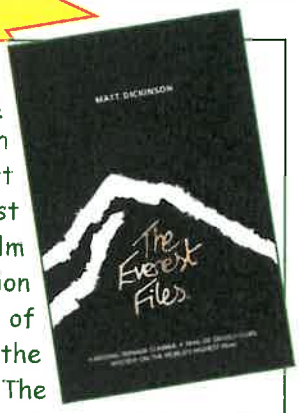
Year 9 Boys - Everest Reading Challenge



A number of intrepid boys in Year 9 are taking up the Everest Reading Challenge. The Everest Files, by award-winning film maker, novelist and expedition leader, is a thrilling journey of murder and mystery set against the backdrop of the Himalayas. The Year 9 boys will be reading the book with Mr Walker and creating a display inspired by the story. In February, the novel's author Matt Dickinson will visit Taskers to judge their work and give a presentation about his writing and his adventures as a mountain climber in some of the world's most challenging conditions!

MAT TRIP

As part of the schools More Able and Talented initiative, Pembrokeshire Coastal Forum held an afternoon of workshops for our Year 9 Science and Geography MAT pupils. This examined Milford Haven and our National Parks potential for renewable energy, the diverse nature of the marine mammals found io in our waters and global trade patterns. It also explored the variety of employment opportunities that Science and Geography make available to this region. The providers were extremely impressed with their group presentations and the level of detail which they included when making their arguments.

MAT WALES
MORE ABLE & TALENTED

Year 9 Hockey Tournament

On Wednesday 18th January, the Year 9 hockey team played in the Pembrokeshire tournament. In our pool were Milford and Fishguard. Despite playing really well, we lost to Milford 2-0 and to Fishguard 1-0. Milford won the pool and went through to play in the final against STP, which they won 1-0. Players of the tournament for us were Daisy Brown, Melissa Pollock and our captain Amber McFadden. Da iawn pawb!

Year 11 GCSE Art & Design pupils have received their papers. Extra sessions are now being held in the Art Rooms on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays with Mr Prosser, Mrs Edwards and Mrs Berrigan

EXCELLENCE IN SCIENCE
THE ROYAL SOCIETY

'A' level Chemistry and Physics students were visited by fellows from the Royal Society of Chemistry this week. The PhD students came from Swansea University with 'Spectroscopy in a suitcase' which comprised of a hands on workshop with £50,000 worth of up to date high tech equipment. The workshop allowed our students to produce their own Fourier transform Infra Red spectra to determine the functional groups in an unknown compound. They also bought with them, much to Mr Sharpe's amazement, a portable Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR) machine, this device allowed our students to run spectra to find out the structure of complex molecules. The NMR makes hydrogen nuclei spin in an intense magnetic field. Mr Sharpe commented that when he was at University an NMR machine would need a large room, liquid helium, liquid nitrogen and hours to set up. This modern device is about the size of a toaster, works in a few minutes and produces higher resolution spectra than those of the 400MHz machines of old. The students rather hoped they would leave the equipment behind but unfortunately they had to take it back to Swansea!