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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another very busy and productive term for Stanwell pupils and staff and I hope that you will enjoy reading about the many activities contained in this Christmas newsletter. I am always impressed by the scale and range of pupils’ extra-curricular commitments and we regularly feature updates on their achievements on the School’s website home page (www.stanwell.org) and twitter feed in order to celebrate the successes of our students. Trips, clubs and societies, visits, speakers and competitions are also arranged within school time in order for pupils to enjoy and be inspired by their subjects and interests. I would like to take this opportunity of thanking the dedicated staff, parents, carers and members of the community who make such enriching experiences possible.

As many of you will already know, I will be retiring at Easter 2018. It has been a privilege to be part of Stanwell’s journey for over 26 years and I feel confident that the governors and staff will continue to provide opportunities for all students to ‘Learn to Excel’ in the future.

On behalf of all at Stanwell School, I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2018,

Yours faithfully,

Derek Jones, Headteacher.

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School Announcements

- Parents and pupils are reminded that Tuesday 9th January will be the first day of the Spring term for pupils as Monday 8th January is an INSET day.

- The date of the 2018 PTA quiz will be Friday 26th January. Please come along and join in this popular and fun event that is always a highlight of the school year. The maximum number of members per team is 6 and entry costs £8 per head to include a buffet supper. Wine, beer and cider can be purchased on the night to accompany your meal. Please telephone main reception to book your team’s space, we look forward to seeing you there.

- We ask all parents/carers to support us in not giving nuts and nut products to pupils to bring to school, school trips and clubs. This is due to the hazard presented to pupils who have allergies.
## Calendar for 2018

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The school website has the most up to date information for events and trips taking place.
### Proposed Overnight Visits 2018

This is a proposed list of overnight trips for the next academic year. There may be some changes to it but you will be notified accordingly.

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There will be many other day trips and Duke of Edinburgh expeditions taking place during the next academic year and you will be notified accordingly via your child. If you wish for your child to attend a trip but feel that there are financial difficulties preventing your child from attending please do not hesitate to contact your child’s Year Tutor to discuss a payment option.
The school year has started with another busy term! The Year 9 Duke of Edinburgh students are working towards their Bronze Award and Year 10 and Year 11 students are all completing the Silver level of the Award.

The Year 9 Bronze participants have completed their first aid training for the expedition section of the award. The Silver participants will complete their refresher course in the new year.

The dates for Year 10 for First Aid sessions are:

15th February—Group 1
8th March—Group 2
15th March—Group 3

Congratulations to all pupils who have recently received certificates for the completion of the Award.

There are a number of pupils who still need to upload all their evidence to their eDofe accounts so they can receive their accredited certificate and badge.

The expedition dates for this year are as follows:

Sunday 4th February Year 9 Bronze, Cowbridge day walk (all participants).
15-17th March Year 11 Silver Practice
22-24th March Year 11 Silver Assessed
10-11 May Year 9 Bronze Practice (half the group)
23-24th May Year 9 Bronze Practice (the other half of the group)
7-8 June Year 9 Bronze Assessed (all participants).
21-23rd June Year 10 Silver Practice
28-30th June Year 10 Silver Assessed.

We are looking forward to a successful expedition season in the New Year. Thank you as always to the staff, pupils and parents whose support makes the scheme such a success at Stanwell School.

“First Aid Training”
Eco Stanwell committee is run and led by a number of mature and responsible students across the different year groups at the school. The dedication and commitment of this group of pupils must be commended, so many environmental issues are promoted and addressed both within the school grounds, the local community but also on a global scale with topical issues such as Fair-trade and plastic waste being covered to date.

In particular, the following pupils must be praised for the success of many environmental initiatives organised within the school.

- Robert Brown (Year 13)
- Marie Kells (Year 10)
- Michael Conway (Year 13)

Some of the activities the committee have organised this term include:

- An interactive workshop during Open day where visitors to the school were encouraged to participate in a number of activities including the design and creation of musical instruments using only recyclable materials. Thank you for those staff and pupils who collected the materials for the day and the committee members who organised and planned the activities — Eve Jeffries (Year 9), Sadie Evans (Year 10), Iman Haq (Year 13), Isobel Brown (Year 11), Caitlin O’Toole (Year 9), Daisy Lawrence (Year 9), Tomos Hughes (Year 11), Gruffydd Hughes (Year 9), Alistair Dillon (Year 13).

- Eco week 2017 - an annual event held during the month of November. This year the theme was ‘Renewable energy’. The following committee members created resources for promoting this topic through assemblies or the pastoral sessions. Cameron Edwards (Year 12), Luke Newman and Oliver Hill (Year 10).

- The creation of updated ‘Busted cards’ to distribute to staff and pupils as a reminder to turn off electrical appliances when not in use.
- Penarth Christmas Tree Festival organised by Trinity Church. Members of the committee have worked tirelessly on the design and creation of a Xmas tree for the competition based on a recycling theme. George Lush (Year 13) must be congratulated for the hard work and commitment he displayed in producing the finished piece. The design was awarded ‘Bronze’ in a very popular and competitive competition. Other pupils involved in this project include Jade Eastwood and Annie Higgins both in Year 13.

- Air pollution outside school gates

Eco Stanwell members wish to encourage all staff, parents and students who wait/park outside the school grounds with car engines running to switch them off. This will help reduce the high levels of toxic car exhaust emissions experienced in the immediate area around the school at this time of the year. The health and well being of the school and the local communities will benefit from this one simple act.

“Thank you supporting the school and local community on green initiatives!”
Stanwell School actively promotes healthy living and well-being. Pupils take key roles in decision making and participation in order to improve the health and environment of our school.

We adopt a whole-school approach across the seven different health topics: food and fitness, mental and emotional health and well being, personal development and relationships, substance use and misuse, environment, safety and hygiene.

As a group, we have also been considering school policies, our menus and dining areas and the school website, to ensure we are promoting health and well-being as effectively as we can.

This term, the Healthy Schools Groups have been focusing on the topics substance use and misuse and the environment. Robert Brown (Year 13) and Michael Conway (Year 13) are our link members from the Eco-Schools Group and they took part in an eco-event in Tredegar, along with Marie Kells (Year 10). Feedback from this event will form part of the evidence for our Environment file, along with a plastic bottle initiative the group have come up with. All students across the school have been helping, by placing their used plastic bottles into named bins ready for collection.

Open Day was also an opportunity for the Healthy Schools’ Group to raise awareness and communicate with parents about substance use and misuse. Displays were created in the dining hall about legal and illegal highs and promoting help from relevant local organisations. Students from Year 10 also took part in a research project into E-cigs, which will be published by Cardiff University next year.

The school has also participated in the annual Schools Health Research Network survey, in co-operation with Cardiff University and Public Health Wales. The survey generates specific student results based around the areas of food, fitness and well-being. These results will be used to plan Healthy School and Personal and Social Education strategies and events for the coming year.

“Stanwell School actively promotes healthy living and well-being”
Art & Design pupils have thoroughly enjoyed participating in a series of **Criw Celf workshops** hosted by professional artists with amazing results. The KS3 workshop with Tom Pitt took place at Ffotogallery on the 2nd and 3rd November and the KS4 workshop with Heloise Godfrey Talbot was on 25th and 26th November. Sixth form life drawing also took place with Criw Celf with the artist, Carl Chapple who praised all our students for approaching the challenge with enthusiasm, exploring a number of principles and techniques.

**Art Clubs**

The KS3 Art Club has proved to be very popular with Year 7 pupils this term. They have been learning how to draw a variety of different animals and developing their observational skills. Furthermore, the pupils have improved their water colour skills whilst producing some fantastic outcomes.

On 20th October, our sixth form were treated to a life drawing class with Lou Thornton at The Arts Academy.

**Creative Pathways event at Cardiff City Hall.**

This was a fantastic opportunity for Years 9-13 students to experience the vast array of creative careers, further and higher educational courses available to them. With around one third of Wales’ creative jobs being based in Cardiff and the rapid growth of this employment sector, the visit provided the pupils with a wealth of information. BBC, ITV, Ffotogallery, Literature Wales, Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama, Bad Wolf Productions, Rubicon Dance and many other organisations were represented in the impressive surroundings of City Hall. It was no surprise that all the students who took part in this visit were positively engaged with all the speakers and demonstrations taking place and were inspired by everything they saw.

**Open Day.**

The Art & Design Department was delighted to welcome so many visitors to the workshops taking place in the art rooms. An impressive display of GCSE and A Level work was on show in AR1, while print-making workshops took place in AR3. Many Year 5 & 6 visitors tried their hand at ink marbling in AR2. All the experimentation workshops gave visiting pupils an opportunity to have a ‘hands-on’ experience of what is on offer.

“*inspirational art works on show*”
Year 9
As an introduction to Business Studies pupils have worked in teams to design and market their own brand of ice cream. The students presented some amazing sounding flavours that Willy Wonka would have been proud of!

More recently, pupils have been learning about different business types and forms of ownership with particular focus on limited and unlimited liability.

Year 10
Pupils have been considering the features and the merits of business planning. They have considered the role of aims and objectives as well as the factors that businesses consider when deciding upon location. They have used a variety of case study material to gain a practical insight into the application of their studies.

Year 11
Controlled assessment has been the main focus for this term. Pupils have been gathering a range of primary and secondary data to help them evaluate the impact of the new Asda development built on the Barry waterfront.

Now that the controlled assessment is complete, pupils have returned to exam content with a focus on finance, for example, cash flow and profit and loss accounts. The students have gained skills on how to appraise financial documents and propose suggestions to businesses on how they could improve.

Year 12
There are many students in this group who are studying Business for the first time. The group has been studying a range of topics across the subject including break-even, supply and demand, market research and enterprise.

Year 13
Students have been building upon their analytical and evaluative skills by learning about strategic decision making and the application of ratio analysis. This will enable the students to make effective and meaningful comparisons between different businesses’ performance and propose solutions to the issues discovered.

Trips
In the spring term, pupils from Years 10 and 11 have the opportunity to attend the Business Live conference hosted by Disneyland Paris. This will provide students with unique access to speakers from global brands such as British Airways, Pret a Manger and of course Disney.

Later in the Year students will have the opportunity to take part in a visit to the Land Rover factory to gain an understanding of business practices such as Just-in-time and Kaisen.
Congratulations to all the cast, crew, orchestra players and staff who helped make this year’s senior production of *Half A Sixpence* such a huge success amongst audiences. *Half A Sixpence* was a joy to work on and it is a privilege to work with our talented pupils.

During rehearsals, pupils participated in a workshop with professional performer Gerrard Carey who was in the recent West End production of *Half A Sixpence*. Gerrard helped with the character development in our production and pupils felt truly inspired by his professional input.

**GCSE Drama.**

Well done to all Year 10 and Year 11 pupils who have successfully completed their devised examinations. The work produced has been very creative indeed and pupils should be proud of their achievements.

"Half A Sixpence has been the best experience of my life!" (Year 13 pupil)

**London West End trip to see Les Miserable - January 2018.**

We are very excited about our upcoming trip to see the spectacular production *Les Miserables* on the West End. Pupils will be staying overnight in a London hotel and will watch *The Woman in Black* the following afternoon.

**Welsh Creative Arts Event.**

A cast of Year 7 and 8 pupils performed an outstanding version of Shakespeare’s *A Midsummer Night’s Dream* at the YMCA in Cardiff.

We are very proud of all the pupils involved in this production who wowed audiences with their highly physical and comedic version of the play. Pupils had been rehearsing and getting to grips with the Shakespearean dialogue throughout the year and their dedication and hard work paid off as many audience members commented that they were blown away by the incredible talent on stage.

We are also proud to announce that we are the first school to ever participate in this local Welsh Creative Arts event.

Mrs K McCusker
It has been a very exciting start to the new academic year in DT.

**KS3**

Year 7 pupils have been working on a wide range of projects from acoustic amplifiers to cushions.

Pupils are enjoying the projects, working in a practical environment and producing some excellent work.

The ‘bag for a brand’ project in Year 8 continues to be a success. Pupils have produced a range of bags including tote bags and drawstring bags and are enjoying using the exceptional facilities. The new graphics project, which is based on the design of a Pop Art inspired pencil case, is very popular with students continuing to produce some excellent work.

The food projects and Memphis-inspired electronic amplifier project also continue to generate a great deal of interest and enthusiasm.

**Year 8 Boulogne food trip**

Pupils from Year 8 had a fantastic trip to Boulogne this December. On arrival they visited a boulangerie where they were able to try kneading and shaping bread dough. They were also able to practise their croissant rolling skills before the best bit, getting to sample some of croissants and pain au chocolate!

The following day they first visited the local market town of Le Touquet before heading to “The Pain Show”. They watched how the professionals made crepes and pancakes taking turns making their own and adding scrummy fillings before eating them. After filling themselves up on crepes they visited ‘Nausicaa’, Boulogne’s very own aquarium, getting up close to the sharks and turtles and seeing the weird and wonderful plants and creatures of the ocean.

For the final stop of the day, they visited a chocolate factory to learn about the techniques involved in making the Artisanal ‘Chocolats de Beussent’. They learned about how the cocoa beans were grown, harvested and processed to become chocolate before yet another opportunity to sample the produce!

On the final day, they visited a confectioners shop to watch a demonstration of sweets being hand crafted. Again they managed to sample the sweets while still warm from the pan. Yum!

A great trip!

“A great trip to Boulogne”
Springboard Future Chef
Year 9 and 10 pupils produced some outstanding main meals as part of the school round of the Springboard Future Chef competition. Congratulations to the winners, Megan Hitchen of Year 10, Rowan Jenkins Roberts of Year 9 and also Ethan Milner as runner up. We are looking forward to competing in the next round of the competition in the new year. Good luck future chefs!

Innovations Awards
This term, students from the Year 12 and 13 Product Design classes visited the WJEC Innovations Award. This national award is an annual event run by the WJEC and displays 40 exemplar projects. Students were impressed by the range and quality of projects on display. This year two Stanwell students were selected to have their work exhibited; Alex Whitfield (Year 12) with a garden light and Jacob Mills (Year 12) with a conference plate were nominated in this event. Both projects displayed a high level of innovation and a creative use of CAD and CAM in both the design and manufacture of the final outcomes.

GCSE Textiles
Year 10 Textiles students have finished off their ‘dress a girl’ project. The ‘dress a girl around the world’ is a charity run project in which pupils design, make and send their dresses to an African child.

Year 9 students have made an excellent start to GCSE Textiles. Pupils are currently enjoying a decorative hanger project and have just begun the making process. The standard of their design work is very high and we look forward to the outcomes.

Year 9 Graphics
Year 9 students have designed and made novelty clocks using the CAD packages in the MAC suite, and CAM to print out the individual pieces. Pupils have thoroughly enjoyed this project and are looking forward to next term. Well done!

Year 9 Product Design
Year 9 students have spent 2 weeks this term creating wooden animals to be used for the school production ‘Half a sixpence’. This was a fantastic opportunity and pupils have had a lot of fun making them! A big thank you to Mr Rowles for assisting the pupils.

After School Textiles club
Pupils from Years 8 have started to make sock snowmen in the Christmas workshop, below are a selection of the snowmen.

Open Evening
Once again, Open Evening was a great success for the department with both staff and pupils enjoying the afternoon.
Newspaper headlines continue to be dominated by economic news. Students have been considering the economic climate and the budget statement made by the Chancellor of the Exchequer last month. Embarking on their economics studies, Year 9 students have been considering economic problems, scarcity and decision making. They have also been investigating the differences in pay and rewards between professions.

Year 10 students have started the new specification and are studying issues such as demand and supply and elasticity. They have also considered how an understanding of elasticity can influence business decision making.

Year 11 students have carried out independent research and made presentations, on the impact of China’s economic growth, the pollution created and China’s impact on the UK’s objectives of full employment, stable prices and growth.

Year 12 students have been considering market failure in the form of growing obesity, binge drinking and pollution. They have also been evaluating government policy and coming up with their own policies on how to solve some of these urgent concerns.

Year 13 students have been considering the impacts of Chancellor Philip Hammond’s Autumn Statement. In particular they have analysed his supply side policies as he continues to try and solve the UK’s productivity problem and improve our global competitiveness.

Politics in the news........ follow us on Twitter @Econ_2XL

“to try and solve the productivity problem”
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Mr K Pepper

It has been an extremely busy first term in the engineering department with all classes developing their designing and manufacturing skills. Year 11 students are working on coursework and Year 10 are getting ready to start theirs in the new year. Pupils have been developing their designing and technical drawing skills since the start of the academic year and have recently started preparation for their Unit 1 controlled assessment task in which they are required to design a solar powered garden light.

Year 13 students have made an excellent start on the second year of their Level 3 Cambridge Technical in Engineering course. This new Year 13 course includes a Computer Aided Design unit in which the students design a set of forks for a high performance road bike. Once their 3D models are complete and rendered they will also produce a set of technical drawings to accompany the design and carry out stress analysis and impact simulations on their design.

‘Stanbots’ the weekly engineering club is going from strength to strength. Year 7 pupils have thrown themselves into the activities each week, making a whole array of vehicles and structures!

Year 11 students are currently progressing well with the manufacture of their desk lamps. Pupils are at varying stages of production and are on target for completion over the next few weeks.

“*stress analysis and impact simulations on their design.*”
Creative Writing Cub:

The Creative Writing group has seen an expansion this year, with more people joining than ever before. We are currently working towards the BBC Radio 2 ‘500 words’ competition, which opens properly in January. So far this year we have been working on the skill of creating character and mood in a very short space of time.

Evenlode Project:

Once again this year, we had the pleasure of hosting Steve Chapman and some selected pupils from Evenlode Primary as they work together to create a collaborative book. This year was especially creative as Esther Buckton, one of our former pupils, created the materials and supplied the layout. It was a much smaller group this year, which allowed us to really focus on completing, typing up and editing the product. We had sixteen amazing Year 7s join us from Miss Light’s and Mrs Jones’ classes. Many thanks to Rocco Assiratti, Seren Hutcheson, Joe Pienczke, Peter Martin, Alice Marsh, Oliver Moir, Theo El-Jawhari, Daisy Clark, Beatrice Paci, Isabella Morris, Tom Sheldon, Annabel Grosfils, Angelina Dasari-Vericherla, Manon Thomas, Nicole Yardwood, Morgan Elstron, Daniel Hill and Ieuan Underdown. Everyone really appreciated your help and hopefully, the final product will be ready for sale soon.

King Lear Lecture Day: On November 24th some of our Year 13 English Literature students enjoyed a lecture today on the various themes from Shakespeare’s ‘King Lear’, one of the most famous and poignant tragic plays. This was helpful to the students as it covered significant themes such as madness, suffering and survival, the nature of tragedy and offered advice on how to deal with the extracts. The pupils really benefited from the lectures and the knowledgeable, engaging speakers provided them with a fascinating insight into context, characters and themes.

Year 7 ‘A Christmas Carol’ Quantum Theatre Visit:

Many Year 7 pupils were thrilled to be given the opportunity to watch Quantum Theatre performing Charles Dickens’ ‘A Christmas Carol’ in our very own auditorium. We couldn’t think of a better way to increase the festive mood here at Stanwell, while teaching them important moral lessons about compassion, making sacrifices and enjoying time with family. ‘A Christmas Carol’ tells the story of Ebenezer Scrooge, an old miser who is visited by the ghost of his former business partner Jacob Marley and the Ghosts of Christmas Past, Present, and Future. After their visits Scrooge is transformed from a selfish, fearful and heartless person into a kinder, gentler man. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed the play and their behaviour throughout was impeccable, da iawn! Many thanks to Quantum Theatre for their wonderful performance of this uplifting festive story which they vividly brought to the stage in a big-hearted production. We hope it inspired some to read the novel and enjoy Dickens’ unique writing style.

“wonderful performance of this uplifting festive story”
Since September, the Year 7 geographers have been studying the Unit of Rivers and Water aid. During their studies they have identified the main river processes that change our physical landscape, as well as exploring water issues in both the UK, a developed country and Zimbabwe, a developing country. On the 8th December, the pupils were given the opportunity to visit the Discovery FSC at Margam Park. While at the centre pupils conducted a river investigation looking at changing river variables from source to mouth and finished off by completing the mud challenge. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to get muddy, wet and dirty in the outdoor classroom while hopefully picking up some important geographical skills along the way.

Year 8 pupils, are currently studying ‘The Geography of Chocolate’. The unit allows pupils to understand the different types of economic geography whilst applying factory locational factors, trade and consumer choices to the wider world, e.g. Ghana. In November, 100 pupils visited Cadbury World in Bournville. Whilst at the factory, the pupils were given a talk on the location and manufacturing of products around the world. Also, the pupils had a tour around the factory, sampling some of the chocolate and concluding the visit with a ride on the 4D simulator.

Since September Years 9, 10 and 11 have been continuing with their WJEC geographical studies. Year 9 have been studying Coasts and Dynamic landscapes; Year 10 Rivers and Rural-Urban links, while Year 11 have been completing the Unit 3 Non examined assessment part of their course (which is related to the field visits that they conducted summer 2017).

Year 13 students started this academic year by doing their own independent investigations (field enquires on topics from the specification of their own choosing). As a department we look forward to reading the individual projects, they include subject areas of regeneration in Cardiff, changing coastal or river landscapes and deprivation is two contrasting wards of Cardiff.

“Rivers and Water Aid”. 
Between the 5th and 9th October, 60 pupils from Years 10-12 and 6 members of staff travelled to Iceland. The party visited various sites of geographical interest, including Skogafoss waterfall, Strokkur Geysir, Thingvellir National Park, Seltún geothermal area and Solheimajokull glacier.

On the 28th -29th November, 43 Year 12 Geography students and 3 members of staff visited areas of geographical interest in the Gower. Students undertook both a physical geography sand dune study and a human geography rural village study, visiting Oxwich Bay, Port Eynon and Reynoldston. Special thanks must be given to the Carreg Activity Centre for their fantastic ‘I’m a celebrity’ and team building activities; some students were definitely braver than others!

Highlights of the visit included a swim in the Blue Lagoon and a walk on the magnificent Solheimajokull glacier. A fantastic time was had by all, especially at the Viking Hotel, where there was lots of singing!

“ No such thing as being cold in Iceland, you’re just unprepared”. Tour Guide.
It has been another exceptionally busy and eventful term in the History Department. The October Open Evening provided pupils and parents alike with the opportunity to investigate several different aspects of the First World War with the corridor along the History department being transformed into an authentic trench. Topics explored in various classrooms included recruitment, the daily life of a soldier and censorship.

In addition to learning in the classroom, Year 8 pupils have also visited the National Waterfront Museum in Swansea. They had a thoroughly enjoyable experience exploring aspects of the Industrial Revolution and Victorian life in general; in particular learning about machines and inventions, investigating Victorian artefacts and finding out about Victorian medicines.

Year 9 students have begun the GCSE course with a highly impressive attitude and have been investigating the key problems and challenges facing the USA in the 1920s. Events studied have included Prohibition and Gangsters, Immigration and the treatment of black Americans. They have all made an encouraging start to the GCSE course and should be commended.

Continuing on from their superb progress last year, Year 10 and Year 11 have been studying the problems faced by Britain, 1945-1951. Topics have included the creation of the Welfare State, the problems of housing and the Festival of Britain. Year 11 in particular should be proud of the impressive modular exam results they achieved in the summer.

History pupils have studied a lot of exciting issues this term. In Year 7, pupils have been learning about the Battle of Hastings and who became King of England in 1066. They are looking forward to studying how William the Conqueror overcame his problems and life in the Medieval period.

Year 8 pupils have enjoyed studying all about the Tudors during this Autumn term. Topics have included Henry VIII and his six wives, religious issues faced by the Tudors and the invasion of the Spanish Armada in 1588.

History Club: analysing WW2 movies

History Club has continued to attract many interested and enthusiastic historians. All of the members have been eager to learn about History outside the classroom and have thoroughly enjoyed activities such as role-play and historical movie reviews.

“The further back you look, the further forward you can see”
Open Day

The Department hosted a very successful Open Day activity this year in which pupils were encouraged to learn how to code.

We used Microbits to introduce code and showed pupils how to program a ‘Rock Paper Scissors’ game in a Python language.

Transition Day with Year 6 pupils

Pupils came up to Stanwell School from 4 local primary schools. The focus of the session was numeracy skills for pupils. The Year 6 pupils started a programming project which will be continued at their primary schools during 2018.

Key Stage 3

Pupils in Year 7 have developed their presentation skills and have developed a Personal Learning Profile in their ICT lessons. The Personal Learning profile identifies some information for teachers around the school on the pupils’ aims and the challenges they face. Pupils in Year 8 have developed their database skills during the first term and are improving their Graphics skills through an introduction to Vector and Bitmap software. Independent homework club runs each night in F6 and pupils are encouraged to attend and make use of the school computers to help them complete homework for any subject and/or extend their ICT skills.

Key Stage 4

Year 9 pupils have made a great start to Computer Science this term by completing a Python programming unit and are currently working on a mock project for their GCSE. Year 10 pupils are completing their first GCSE programming project in Python. Year 10 ICT classes have further developed their spreadsheet and database modelling skills for their first GCSE project. Year 11 pupils have spent this term working on their HTML, Pseudocode and developing their understanding of Greenfoot.

Year 11 ICT pupils have completed their Unit 2 coursework and are preparing for their graphic and web design coursework. They will start this coursework in January. Homework clubs are available after school for pupils to improve their coursework in the new year.

Sixth Form

There was some excellent A2 pupils’ work produced for their Multimedia and Graphics Unit, notably Aaron Wong. The programming work produced at A2 by computing students was also first class, of particular note was Year 13 pupil Benjamin Roden. Congratulations to all the students for their sustained hard work throughout the Autumn term.

“Pupils were encouraged to learn how to code.”
It has been another busy term in the Mathematics department with, once again, the main focus being the November GCSE exams for Year 11. All pupils sat four examinations over an 8 day period! Homework Club on Monday evenings was well attended and hopefully these extra sessions, alongside the past paper revision during lesson time, the half term holiday and the night before exams will prove beneficial as we eagerly await the results in January. A special thank you goes out to the English and Welsh departments who enabled the Maths department to have two full mock exams at the end of September. It is much appreciated and hopefully will have the desired effect!

Since September, Ffion Blunsdon, Naomi Hills, Iman Haq and Megan Jenkins from Year 13 have taken part in the Girls’ Mathematical Olympiad which is a paper designed to challenge able female mathematicians. They are pictured below proudly showing off their certificates.

Also, 38 pupils from the 6th form Further Mathematics classes sat the senior individual UKMT challenge. Many received certificates for this—Congratulations to: Dan Anderton, Ben Roderick, Dylan Hughes, Rhys Holmes, Ben Evans, Andrew te Water Naude, Felicity Allen, George Jones, Arron Speake and Jack Ruelle (all silver), Kabir Knupp, Owain Thomas, Oliver Bartlett, Zain Yousef, Dan Holman, Sam Stapleton, Gwyn Donlan, Nimrod Abramovich, Aiden Embers, Phoebe Skelton, Hannah Ross, Katie Jackson and Mila Monaghan (all bronze) some of whom are pictured below.

Rhys Holmes deserves a particular mention as he has qualified for the next “Senior Kangaroo” stage and we await his result for this in due course. Well done to all who took part in this experience and to those who received certificates in particular!

The ‘Maths Mindbenders’ activity on Open Day was a great success. Over 90 current and potential pupils enjoyed the four-puzzle treasure hunt around the Mathematics Department. Many parents joined in too, taking them right back to their school days! Those who completed the puzzles received a certificate and a prize.

Thanks to all who visited us during Open Day.
**Year 9**

As usual our new Year 9 pupils are brimming with enthusiasm and creativity. Pupils who have started particularly well are: **Erin & Niamh Evans, Boe Beighton** and **Lloyd Rodd**.

**Extra-curricular**

As a department we have always supported Stanwell’s senior production, and this year is no exception. We have produced a poster and programme for Half A Sixpence.

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**Years 10 and 11**

Years 10 & 11 have been working hard on their controlled assessments and have just sat their end of year exams. Pupils of note so far are: **Lola Davies (10), Isaac Phillips (10), Luke Williams, Seren Jones (11), and Hannah Murphy (11)**

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**Years 12 and 13**

AS Film Studies students are once again readying themselves to make some amazing films and storyboards in the new year. They are responding well to the all new A Level course. A2 students are also hard at work on their creative coursework as well as studying Italian Neo-realism!

Our AS Media students are also hard at work tackling another new A Level course and are about to begin developing their coursework artefacts.

This term, the Year 13 BTEC Creative Media students have been working on planning and creating their own factual radio programme, short TV extract or website. They have researched existing shows and sites and proposed original new ideas that they are currently recording.

Year 12 students have been offered a new and exciting BTEC pathway - they now have a choice between the radio industry, TV and film industry and interactive media industry. Several of our students have opted for the new pathway and are currently filming and editing shorts for new and original programmes. We look forward to seeing the finished products!
Open Day

One of the highlights of the term was the ever–popular ‘Europa Café’ on Open Day. There was a fabulous selection of cakes, kindly baked by our wonderful students. The ‘cake’ competition was judged in three categories– novelty cakes, large cakes and small cakes!

Here are the winners of the Europa Café Cake competition:

Best small cakes: **Izzy Davies (Y8L)**

The A level German students surpassed themselves this year. **Annie Higgins (Y13)** created the BMW museum in Munich and **Felix Ber-endse (Y13)** the Berlin flag, complete with bear.

The highlight, however, was the Brandenburg Gate, complete with “99 Red Balloons” produced by **Alex Whitfield**. Alex is hoping to study architecture next year and admitted it was more about construction than baking! However it drew a lot of attention and many people chose to photograph it.

Best Novelty cake: **Abi Roberts (Y7W)**

Best big cake: **Kate Deacon (Y7K)**
Paris Trip

On the international front, plans for the Paris trip are well underway. In March, Miss Cross will be taking 44 pupils from Year 8 to France. Pupils will enjoy the St David’s Day celebrations at Disneyland Paris as well as have the opportunity to sample the delights of Paris with a boat trip on one of the famous Bateaux Mouches and a sightseeing tour culminating in a trip up the iconic Eiffel Tower. There will also be the opportunity to practice their French whilst purchasing snacks and souvenirs near the beautiful Notre Dame cathedral.

German Exchange

The German Exchange will be taking place again this year. We will be flying to Germany at Easter and the German pupils will be returning here in the summer. Penfriend letters have been sent to Staufen and our pupils are now excitedly waiting for a reply to find out who their partners are. A variety of activities are being planned for the visits, so watch this space to find out how we get on!

MFL Ambassadors

The Language Ambassadors have continued their fantastic work on promoting MFL throughout the school.

This term Andrew te Water Naude, Famke Ashmore and Phoebe Scott-Quinlan have overseen the recruitment of new ambassadors from Year 9, with Sasha Parker, Davis Hedgecoe, Eve Jeffreys, Caitlin Herdman, Cai Sullivan and Emily Harris appointed to the team. They have already made their mark by delivering Thought For the Day in German, French, Dutch, Russian and Chinese!
Music in the Vale

Congratulations to Jack Garrett for achieving the runner-up position in the recent ‘Music in the Vale’ competition, held in Stanwell. The standard of the competition was very high this year in the ‘Young Instrumentalist’ section and we are all very proud of Jack’s 2nd place.

Concert trip

The Year 13 Music students spent an enjoyable afternoon in the Wales Millennium centre to attend a classical concert as part of their A Level course.

Wenvoe Golf club concert

The Junior Choir performed at Wenvoe golf club this half term as part of the ‘Action Medical Research’ dinner. The choir gave an excellent performance and the invited guests were very complimentary regarding the choice of repertoire and the professionalism of the young people. They were a real credit to the school and excellent ambassadors for Stanwell.

Open Day

As part of Stanwell’s Open Day, students from the Senior orchestra and the Junior choir gave an ‘open rehearsal’ session for visitors to experience part of Stanwell’s music-making.

Rockfield Studios

Sixth-form students had the fantastic opportunity to go on a residential course to a professional recording studio in the Wye valley in October. Rockfield studios staff said that the group of Stanwell students visiting them for 3 days were the best school group they’ve ever had!

Senior Production

This year’s Senior Production of ‘Half a Sixpence’ ran from the 18th-21st December. It was another outstanding production and the Music Department was once again proud to be involved.

“An excellent performance!”
RAF visit

Stanwell School has been lucky enough to secure a visit from the band of the Royal Air Force in January. Stanwell pupils will have the opportunity to listen to a concert by the band and also students will be sitting in with the band members to perform music together.

Christmas concert

Stanwell’s Senior Choir sang alongside the Welsh music legend Steve Balsamo at All Saints Church, Penarth on Saturday 16th December at 7:30pm. It was a lovely evening, with an eclectic mix of Christmas songs being performed.

Penarth Yacht club

Talented musician Harmony Hewlett helped bring festive cheer to members of the Penarth Yacht club by accompanying them in an evening of Christmas music this year. Harmony’s contribution was much appreciated, well done to her for volunteering.

Autumn Concert

The Department gave an Autumn concert for many musical groups in November, showcasing the Senior Orchestra, the Senior Choir, the Junior Orchestra, the Junior choir and ‘Jazzwise’, along with a massed Year 7 choir. It was a fabulous evening and the students performed superbly.

CCVG Christmas Showcase

Many students from Stanwell make a fantastic contribution to the Music Support Service in Cardiff on a weekly basis and a large number of them took part in a very successful ‘Christmas Showcase’ evening in St. David’s Hall on the 6th December.

Pastures new!

We congratulated many students who completed the A level course in the summer on achieving some outstanding grades. Many have moved on from Stanwell to further education in University and we wish them every success!

“A fabulous evening—the standard was as good as the West End ”
Cross Country - Girls
Cross country club has been well attended on a Fridays after school with a good number of new members joining us from Year 7. We have entered teams in the Cardiff & Vale Schools competitions this season with the girls pushing themselves hard to be at the front of the pack. Our competitors have included: Year 7 - Laila Alim, Lucy Taylor, Rachel George, Beatrice Spence and Ella Priday. Our Year 8 competitors have included Jemima Robinson, Bethan Thomas, Xantia Hobrough, Faith Mulenga, Candice Luceau and Kelis Richards. Special mention to Candice Luceau, Lucy Taylor and Jemima Robinson who have shown great dedication to the club this season. There have been some fantastic individual results. Well done to all those runners who have shown commitment to the club this year. Congratulations to Jemima Robinson who came 2nd in the South Wales Schools’ and came 1st in the Welsh Schools’ competition.

Athletics
Congratulations to Taiya Jones (Year 12) who was selected to represent Wales in the combined events in Ireland. Taiya finished 4th overall achieving a PB in the Long jump.

Cross Country – Boys
As usual, the Cross Country team has turned out for training in large numbers, often braving cold, wet and windy weather. Many new recruits from Year 7 have shown good progress and commitment to the winter season which takes in 3 Cardiff & Vale league races, 1 Cardiff & Vale cup race, a South Wales Cup race and a national Inter-Schools Welsh Championships.

Here the younger members of the squad gain the experience to progress through into the middle and senior age groups in the years to come. Outstanding performance goes to Dan Ingram, Owain Mottram, Martin Peacock, Tom Sheldon and Edward Watt.

“Excellent cross-country performances!”
Cross Country – Boys (continued)

The Year 8 and 9 boys have once again run hard all season with Henry Spencer competing in each event and finishing a very respectable 9th place in the Welsh Championships. The senior team have once again shown their talent across all of the competitions listed above. Finishing 3rd in the Cardiff & Vale league and Cup they then went on and progressed to a 2nd place against a very strong Cardiff High squad to bring home silver at the Inter-Schools Welsh Championships in Brecon during November.

Outstanding performances from Morgan James and Louis Spencer throughout the season have put them both in contention for county and international selection. While Reuben Jones, Antonio Peacock, Callum Russell and Rory Skinner have all shown huge improvements in their running to become very valuable members of one the strongest teams in the county. Honourable mention goes to Daniel Cozma for stepping in at last minute to compete over 5.4km when needed, a new found respect for cross country was developed that day!

Gymnastics

Congratulations to our gymnasts pictured below; Lucie Gardner, Valentina Dimitrova, Isabel Owen, Ethan Spear, Madeleine Poole & Jasmine Sullivan who represented the school in the Cardiff and Vale Novice competition in November. For some it was their first competition experience. They seemed to enjoy the day, achieving some very pleasing individual scores. Well done to all of those pupils involved. We look forward to more competitions in the New Year.

Welsh Indoor Rowing Championships

Once again, there was strong representation from Stanwell at the Welsh Indoor Rowing Championships at Channel View Leisure Centre, this year. 16 pupils competed this year in a combination of individual and team events and there were lots of excellent performances! All pupils involved showed a brilliant effort throughout the day and represented the school superbly! Well done!
Rugby

Year 7
The Year 7 rugby team has made a brilliant start to their Stanwell rugby careers and have won 4 out of 6 games played. Captain Daniel Ingram has been leading the side excellently from his position of full back! There have been as many as 40 players at training sessions, with many novice players experiencing rugby for the first time. On this note, a group of 12 beginners went to a WRU novice taster day at Bro Morgannwg and had a great time. Many of these boys have now joined the school team! Well done to all that have been involved so far, keep it up.

Year 8
The Year 8 rugby team has worked hard this year and are beginning to show an improvement in the way they play. Mr Ashton has been impressed with the commitment by those who train regularly and with continued effort and enthusiasm, they will certainly develop into a side to be reckoned with! This year will also be the first opportunity for the year group to play at Rosslyn Park 7s!

Year 9
The Year 9 rugby team has really matured into an excellent team this year. They won the Vale league finishing undefeated in 6 games, scoring 273 points and only conceding 29! There is consistently a high number at training and everyone who has trained has represented Stanwell in at least 1 game. A good run in the Welsh cup remains the focus for this year; however a second appearance for the year group at Rosslyn Park 7s is also around the corner!

Year 10
The Year 10 rugby team has had a great start to the season and are currently undefeated. They have had wins over teams such as Cowbridge and St Richard Gwyn and have also had a highly competitive game against Bristol Grammar School. With a number of boys playing at district level, this team should do very well this season.

Year 11
The Year 11 rugby team has only played a couple of fixtures so far, with a number of teams cancelling games due to various reasons. However, in the matches they have played they have proven to be a very talented group. With over 10 boys now representing the 1st XV they are clearly a strong side that has strength, power and speed in abundance.

“Rugby excellence on display”
Physical Education

Mrs M Hunter

Rugby (continued)

1XV
The 1st XV rugby team started the season very well with wins over St Cenydd and Radyr and more recently against Ysgol Plas-mawr at Cardiff Arms Park. They are currently 3rd in the Cardiff and Vale league table but have 3 games in hand so the second half of the season will be crucial if they want to be in the play offs.

Sports Awards Ceremony
The Annual Stanwell School Sports Awards took place in October with former pupil and Welsh hockey star Elouise Laity giving an excellent speech as the guest of honour. Over 400 pupils received an award on the evening for showing commitment and dedication to a variety of school based sports throughout the year. This is an exceptional achievement and one that the school is very proud of.

Netball
All netball teams have played matches across the county this term and attendance at after school clubs has been good. The Year 11 netball team won their round of the county netball tournament and now progress to the county finals in March. Congratulations to the following pupils that were selected for the county netball squad this season. U14s level: Emma Ruelle (Year 9) and Rebekah Williams. U16s level: Alissa Colderley, Maisy Gibbs, Ophelia Scott, Niamh Sultana, Olivia Tyso and Hannah Williams.

Young Ambassadors
Congratulations to Davis Hedgecoe and Belle Jones of Year 9 who have been selected to represent Stanwell as Silver Young Ambassadors. Davis and Belle were selected because of their dedication to sport and excellent leadership skills. As part of the programme Davis and Belle have attended training in leadership & inclusion, and will now use their skills to promote physical activity at Stanwell.

“Sports awards is once again the highlight of the year!”
Boys’ Football
All of the year groups and the senior boys have entered into the Cardiff & Vale Cup this season. The Year 8s were beaten by the reigning champions Llanishen, while the Year 9s went out to Plasmawr who were also an extremely strong and organised team. Both year groups fought hard and played to the final whistle in tough circumstances but can be very proud of their performances. In the second round the Year 7s beat Bro Ederyn, Year 10s beat Bro Morgannwg, Year 11s beat Cathays 8-0 and the Senior team are due to play Cowbridge. All quarter finals will be played next term. Best of luck to all teams.

Girls’ Football
This year the girls’ football teams have been entered into the league and cup and are progressing nicely. The Year 7 and 8 team unfortunately were knocked out of the cup in a close game against Plasmawr but the Year 9 and 10 team are playing Whitchurch in the last 16 after beating Bro Morgannwg and Plasmawr. In the league wins against Cardiff High, Bro Morgannwg and Plasmawr have also seen the girls notch up a good goal difference. Special mention to Macy Brown, Beth Munro-Morris, Zoe Smith, Taite Trivett and Elena Warlow and for playing amazing football and organising squads and teams.

Tennis
Senior Tennis
The Senior Boys’ and Girls’ teams have progressed to the next round of the AEGON Senior Tennis tournament after beating St Johns, St Cyres and Caerleon. The Mixed team play Caerleon in the first round after Christmas. The teams consisted of: Lucy Jones, Rhys Meddins, Dan Munro-Morris, Billy McCullagh, Rhys Lewis, Liberty Smith, Niamh Sweeney and Zoya Yousef.

U14 boys tennis
The U14 boys tennis team; Alex Bradley-Glinister, Zac Essenhigh, Rowan Jenkins-Roberts, Iwan Meddins and Ethan Milner has had a great season and managed to make it through the Vale round, the South Wales round and a South West of England eliminator round vs. Sir Thomas Rich’s Grammar School, Gloucester. This gave them the opportunity to play in the South West regional finals at Exeter University. They lost to a very good team from Exeter School in the Semi-finals, however beat Dauntsey’s School in the 3rd/4th place play off to be named 3rd best team in the South West region! Well done to all of you!

“Above by next year’s Football World Cup!”
Theatre Trips
In October, the department took pupils from Years 10-13 to New York on a school trip. The itinerary included watching ‘Anastasia’ the Broadway Musical, a visit to the Statue of Liberty, a musical theatre and stage combat workshop with professionals and a visit to Madison Square Gardens to watch the New York Knicks.

PAUT
The Performing Arts Department set up PAUT club (Performing Arts University Training) a few years ago to help support pupils prepare for their university auditions and professional performance auditions. We are pleased to announce that Joe Munn has already received a place in the Urdance Academy. We look forward to updating you in the summer with news of other successful pupils’ achievements.

Half a Sixpence
Pupils worked very hard in rehearsals for ‘Half a Sixpence’; the show was fantastic and we are really pleased with the determination and commitment shown by the pupils.

Performance with Steve Balsamo
Stanwell's Senior Choir sang alongside the Welsh music legend Steve Balsamo at All Saints Church, Penarth on Saturday 16th December. It was a fantastic experience for all the pupils involved and their performance was very well-received by the audience.

Performing Arts A Level Pupils
Pupils have taken part in acting workshops with professional actress and ex-student Rachel Redford. Pupils have also taken part in a Musical Theatre workshop with professional West End performer Gerrard Carey. It is an inspiration to the students to work alongside such consummate professionals.

“I feel inspired and have achieved things I never thought I could.”
Young Person’s Mental Health Debate

Year 12 students were invited to the Royal College of Psychiatrists Young People’s Mental Health Debate in Wales entitled ‘This house believes that school is bad for your Mental Health’. A panel of professionals debated the topic and presented a number of interesting points of view that really made the students think about the impact of education on mental health. Students were given the opportunity to question the panel, put forward their own opinions and vote on the motion. It was a privilege to attend the event and our students were a credit to the school, raising interesting arguments and relishing the opportunity to discuss such a contemporary and controversial issue.

Year 13

Year 13 students have been getting to grips with the new course content. Their second year involves much more of a focus on independent learning. They have already designed and carried out 2 personal investigations. Their first project investigated the effect of context on perception and their second looked at gender differences in sharing behaviour.

The above picture is one example of an experiment on context and perception. The students showed one of the pictures to a participant and asked them to describe how the person in the picture was feeling. Some were shown the picture with a blue background and others were shown the same picture with a yellow background. The hypothesis was that the colours would impact the participants’ perception of mood. In this case the students found that the colours did have an impact.

This exercise gives students a chance to see how psychology studies are conducted. The students had to plan, carry out, evaluate and write up their investigation. This enables the students to see how all areas of psychology are drawn together to complete research.

Well done to all our students who have worked so enthusiastically this term.

“raising interesting arguments”
Reflecting on Peace
This year the RE department decided to link our Open Day activity and the design for our entry to St Augustine's Christmas tree festival to the story of Sadako Sasaki. RE club made origami peace cranes alongside a display about the life of Sadako and visitors to open day literally flocked to the master class led by our Year 7 and 8 pupils with assistance from our Year 13 RE prefects.

Year 7 pupil, Caian Allinson-Beere, pictured here giving a lesson in origami to one of the many young visitors.

Sadako’s message of peace
In 1945, the US Air Force dropped two atomic bombs on the Japanese city of Hiroshima in order to put an end to World War 2. This caused hundreds of thousands of civilian casualties and was followed by the surrender of Japan and the end of World War. Many more have since died through radiation sickness. Sadako Sasaki was two years old when the atomic bomb devastated Hiroshima on August 6th, 1945. She and her mother were caught in the nuclear fallout. Years went by and Sadako led a normal childhood up until November 1954, when, aged 11, she was diagnosed with leukemia and told that she only had a year to live. Leukaemia was highly prevalent at that time along with several other cancers, and it became evident that this was largely down to the effects of the bombing nine years before. In hospital, Sadako’s roommate told her of an old Japanese legend, which says that if you fold 1000 paper cranes, you will be granted one wish from the gods.

An exhibit at the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum said she had achieved her goal by August 1955 and continued to fold more cranes right up until her death on October 25, 1955 at the age of 12. She was buried with all 1000 paper cranes. Following Sadako’s death, her friends and schoolmates raised funds to build a memorial to her and all the other children who had died as a result of the atomic bomb. Statues of Sadako holding cranes can be found in both Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park and Seattle Peace Park, the former of which bears the following words: “This is our cry. This is our prayer. Peace in the world.”

The story of Sadako Sasaki and the Thousand Paper Cranes has become known internationally as a reminder of the effects of war on the innocent. Every day children bring origami cranes to Sadako’s statue in memory of her and all the other innocent children who have died as a result of war. The crane has long been a symbol of hope and longevity, but in Sadako’s memory it has also become known as symbol of peace. The displays in the RE corridor contain entries from this year’s Eisteddfod competition which asked pupils for their response to the question, What is peace?”

Year 7 RE club pupils at St Augustine's church with the “peace Tree”
From left to right
Eve Webster, Caian Allinson-Beere, Cai Eastwood, Megan Stagg, Matthew Ashworth, Olivia Lyons.

“This is our cry, this is our prayer: to create peace in the world” Sadako Sasaki
SCIENCE

Last summer saw the best results the department has ever had. Every pupil achieved at least one pass grade in a Science qualification. Well done to all the pupils for their mature attitude and hard work, and thanks to all the efforts of the teaching and support staff. A new year brings the challenge of new GCSE specifications, but all within the department will be aiming to achieve the best possible results at the end of the year.

MEDICAL SCIENCE

This course, introduced last September, has once again had a good take up in Year 12. The Year 13 students continue to enjoy the course and our subject prefect, Nicole Lintern arranged for other students to show people how to take some physiological measurements for Open Day. Nicole, Samanta Caramella-Vickery, Eiman Khan, George Lush and Alex Slack were great ambassadors for the subject, being both engaging and entertaining as they spoke to the children and parents. One parent commented that the Medical Scientists were like professionals when taking and explaining the measurements. High praise indeed! Well done.

BIOLOGY

This has been a very long and busy term, from welcoming new classes in September to mock exam preparation in December. Along the way we have been involved in a number of activities: Biology helped to organise the ‘Jeans for Genes’ day in September and the school raised over £1200 for this very good cause. Thanks to Mr Watkins and the charity committee for their assistance. In November Mrs Thomas took a number of Year 12 students to the Genetics Roadshow lectures organised by Gene Parc Wales. In December three members of Year 13, Michael Conway, Carmela Hermogeno and Nicole Lintern competed in the Wales round of the international Brain Bee competition at Cardiff University. Open day was busy as usual and we were very grateful to Juliette Cavaye and Olivia Davies from Year 13 for their help.

CHEMISTRY

Once again the Chemistry department has made a very busy and productive start to the academic year. A change in the GCSE specification means Year 11 pupils have been preparing for their practical examinations in January, rather than completing controlled assessments in class. They have been developing and improving their practical and analytical skills, and building upon their subject knowledge. We wish all pupils in Year 11 good luck in the practical exam which counts towards 10% of the final grade. An impressive 99% of pupils achieved an A*-C for GCSE Chemistry.
This is testament to all the hard work and effort of the pupils, teachers and support staff.

The AS Level results in the summer were excellent with some outstanding individual performances. Of particular note was Seren Mirza-Davies who dropped just 2 UMS marks in all her examination papers. A number of other pupils performed well and we are expecting excellent results in the summer.

Open Day saw bumper crowds coming to watch the “Flashes and Bangs” demonstrations. The Year 13 Chemistry Prefects Seren Mirza-Davies and Antonio Peacock along with Kate Deacon impressed the visitors with their knowledge and enthusiasm for the subject, as well as their competence when doing the demonstrations.

AS level results in the summer produced some excellent individual achievements notably Samuel Stapleton achieving 194/200 UMS marks and Daniel Anderton, Jason Grice, Dylan Hughes and Kabir Knupp all achieving over 90% of the available marks.

Year 11 GCSE results produced an overall pass rate of 100% of students achieving A*-C, including outstanding performances by Jack Ruelle, George Jones, Felicity Allen, Harmony Hewlett, Andrew Te Water Naude and Gabriella Merrick. Year 10 Physics module results were also excellent with an impressive 26 pupils achieving full UMS marks. Well done to all our students.

Open day drew large crowds with many having a hair raising time with the Van de Graaff generator or making batteries out fruit, watching Mr West once again attempt to break his balloon on the bed of nails record and the dancing flames was a big hit with all visitors.

Our Physics prefects, Dylan Hughes and Kathryn Morgan were amazing in their discussion with students and parents showing off their skills with ease.

“Mr West attempted to break his balloon on a bed of nails record”
The Welsh department has had a very active term! We enjoyed the fifth annual Year 7 transition trip to Llangrannog in October.

The pupils had fun participating in many activities such as skiing, archery, horse riding and much more, whilst having the opportunity to enjoy the amazing scenery of West Wales and practising their Welsh. A great time was had by all.

The Urdd swimming gala was held on December 8th in Cogan Leisure Centre. Stanwell was very ably represented at the gala by many talented swimmers. From Year 7 Cai Eastwood, Sam Garvey, Angus Lloyd, Ella Priday, Lucy Taylor, William Taylor and Joshua Spray. Representing Year 8 were Lois Blake, Sorcha Emberson, Marcus Geary, Lily Kilshaw, Kieran Lewis and Sam Price. Amy Denton and Kiki Sandhu from Year 9 and Jacob Bannister Year 10. Sam Price came 2nd in the butterfly and individual medley and the Year 7 and 8 boys came 2nd in the freestyle medley. Llongyfarchiadau i bawb.

In November the Welsh Department took Year 9 and 10 pupils to enjoyed a fantastic outdoor activity weekend in the Urdd centre in Glanlyn, North Wales.

“Hwyl a sbri!”
The Welsh Department were delighted to welcome Sam Warburton to Stanwell. He came to an assembly to thank Stanwell pupils and staff for raising the most money in Wales for the Wear Red for Velindre and Wales campaign. Sam is a patron for Velindre and was happy to discuss his impressive career and his reasons for supporting Velindre. We are very proud to have won this competition and will be wearing red for Velindre again on February the 2nd. Diolch Sam.

The cold and wet weather certainly didn’t dampen their spirits and all pupils took part in the varied activities on or around the Lake Tegid. It was a positive experience and a chance for the pupils to create fond memories and develop their Welsh. Diolch yn fawr to all the pupils involved for their excellent conduct at all times. They all played a huge part in the success of the weekend and the Urdd once again congratulated us on the pupils’ behaviour and spirit of adventure.

"Gorau chwarae cyd chwarae"
It has been a busy term for the four Workskills classes. The two Year 9 groups have quickly settled into the ‘Finance & Money Skills’ course learning about different types of income and expenditure and a month-long homework task recording their own income and expenditure.

The Year 10 group has started the new Workskills course with two brand new units ‘Finance in the Workplace’ and ‘Literacy in the Workplace’. This has involved investigating how Maths is involved in everyday life from measuring chemicals in a hairdressing salon to estimating the quantity of raw materials on a building site.

The Literacy element has involved looking at the use of signage in workplaces for employees and customers. Students have also studied different types of language used in the application process. Joshua Barry, Tom Hurlstone, Emily Lam, Arron Millar, Jack Peterson, Ethan Richards, Alex Swaine & Megan Thompson all participated in the telephone job interview role play.

The Year 10 pupils are now in the process of organising their work experience placements which will take place on the penultimate week of the school year between the 9th and the 13th July 2018.

The Year 11 group started the new academic year evaluating their summer work experience placement before moving on to the challenge. For the team challenge their have decided to raise undertake two ventures. The first was to hold a cookie sale to raise money for the RSPCA. Kayleigh Fisher was appointed Group Leader, Gethin Glynn Secretary, Chloe Williams, Finance and Jordan Jones Marketing. Eve Cabral, Dan Cheeseman, Sofia Gema & Megan Procter produced the home-made cookies and baked samples for a tasting session to decide which were the most popular types of cookies.

They organised a rota for the baking and selling. On the 22nd November they made £50 and on the 24th November £70 selling over 200 homemade cookies over the two days.

The group also made Christmas decorations which were sold in the last week of term to raise money for Cancer Research.

“Raising money for RSPCA & Cancer Research”
Christmas provides a wonderful opportunity to look back on a most successful first term. On behalf of the year group I would like to thank all those who have supported the pupils in such a range of events and activities. Llangrannog was a notable highlight, with an exhilarating time had by all. The attendance at school clubs and societies has been superb and special mention must be made of all those volunteers who worked so hard in aid of Children in Need and the Huggard Centre for the homeless.

7T

7T pupils have had an excellent first term at Stanwell and have participated in many different clubs. Our young musicians include Laila Alim (clarinet), Antonia Brown (piano), Isabel Duffy (orchestra), Jemma Jones, Sydney Knight and Cerys Walker. Niamh Bennett, Antonia Brown, Melissa Brown, Isabel Duffy, Sophie Edwards and Jemma Jones have attended Art club. Numerous members of 7T have attended homework club including; Niamh Bennett, Antonia Brown, Melissa Brown, Lucas McAuley, Ellie McConkey-Lewis, Oliver Morgans and William Taylor. Luba Zaleev is proud of the fact she is now reading more than she used to!

7T have proven to be a very sporty form, which Mr Jones is particularly proud of! The netballers in the class include Niamh Bennett, Antonia Brown, Melissa Brown, Isabella Franklin, Ellie McConkey-Lewis and Freya Van Praag. There have been numerous pupils who have played football for various clubs this year, including Robert-Mihai Antonesei, Luke Barry, Lucas McAuley, Ellie McConkey-Lewis, Teddy Picton, Jaydon Reynolds, Charlie Stockley-Jones and Harri Williams. Teddy Picton has been selected for Cardiff Academy. Luke Barry, Faris Kiswane, Owain Mottram and Teddy Picton have played for the school rugby team.

Other sports that 7T have been doing include; Laila Alim (cross-country), Matthew Ashworth (karate), Isabel Duffy (gymnastics, hockey, swimming and dance), Cai Eastwood (Karate), Catrin Edwards (Lacrosse), Sophie Edwards (hockey and gymnastics), Rachel George (cross-country), Ted Jones (rowing and boxing), Owen Leitch (swimming), Arthur Luceau (ice hockey and fitness), Owain Mottram (hockey), Charlie Stockley-Jones (badminton), Owen Sullivan (Tae-Kwan-do and cross country), William Taylor (cross country) and Lola Wheeler (dance).

Well done to 7T on all their achievements so far this year, as you can see they have been very busy and should be very proud of themselves! Keep it up!

7E

It has been a great pleasure to see how this form has contributed to school life. They have made a great effort to achieve. In the
area of sport, Alice Marsh was awarded first place in the National Welsh Gym-spire competition. Henry Hanson continues to excel on the football field, recently signing for Swansea City Under-12s, with recent matches against Liverpool and Arsenal. Henry is also the captain of the Cardiff and the Vale football team. Isabella Morris’ school netball team have won every single match this term! Bethan Baird has been awarded a merit in her recent dance examination. Nicole Yarwood has moved up two levels in swimming since September. Meanwhile, Charlie Griffith was “man of the match” three times playing for Penarth Football Club. Theo Broughton also achieved the Players’ Award for Dinas R.F.C.

Cameron O’Hanlon too has been named “Best Player” for Ely Rangers AFC. Dominic Browne trains hard with both the school football and rugby teams. Oliver McConkey-Allen and Rocco Assiratti are both keen sportsmen with football and rugby being their particular favourites.

In the cultural field, we have also some wonderful achievements. Daisy Clarke has completed her grade two piano examination and now anxiously awaits the result. She has recently started Sunday School along with Nicole Yarwood. Morgan Fairclough is currently a member of the Young Person’s Training Orchestra based at Ysgol Bro Morganw. Elina Asprou attend “PAAW” dance class, practising a range of styles. Katie Kingston is also a keen dancer but also keeps up a commitment to basketball and netball. Paige Pesticcio-Croll is also a keen player of these two sports in school.

Ice-skating is the chosen sport of Jazmine Wenger-Johns who is currently performing at Swansea Winter Wonderland. She now has a major part in “Annie” the ice-skating show. Trampolining is the favourite of Grace Easton, having got to level ten in just three weeks. Thea Stephenson has just returned from Barcelona and the International tae kwon-do Championship. She is a former national champion for her “patterns” in this exciting martial art, as well as being committed to acting and swimming. We are especially proud of Morgan Cooper for her achievement in winning the recent horseriding tournament in Cosmeston. This achievement is in addition to learning two other languages, namely Welsh and Spanish.

Eve Hodgson has a whole list of interests and achievements to her credit. She attends a host of clubs and societies in and outside of school. Eve has already been awarded medals for Marathon running and kayaking. Finally special mention must be made of Harrison Cleary who has attended homework club every week since September.

It’s been a very busy term for 7A and they have settled in well at Stanwell school. Caian Allinson Beere, our form representative, has recently taken part in a sponsored run for the Stroke Association in Roath Park. Holly Bird has passed her grade 3 piano exam. Chalise Colderley is delighted to have a place in Vale of Glamorgan’s netball team. She has also been to the county trials two years early! Cari Coles has taken part in many plays with her drama group and has been

“wonderful achievements”
selected to appear in an advert. Riley Coombes is pleased to have been named the most improved player in his football team. Harry Coombs is the captain of Glamorgan County’s golf team and he qualified for the American Golf British finals and it was a fantastic experience. Jacob Hopkinson has been awarded with a gold and silver medal in swimming and he’s passed grade 3 in the Viola. Seren Hutcheson, our other form representative, scored a goal in an under 15s hockey match and she will also be taking part in the Welsh National Opera’s Christmas concert. Ffion Jones-Allan has recently won 1st place in a big dance competition. Neave Morris has also taken up dance recently and is moving up groups very quickly. Isabel Owen has completed a gymnastics competition and has managed to run a mile in seven minutes! Martin Peacock has proudly represented the school in cross country. Rhys Rodd has been busy acting in the Wizard of Oz and a few other productions. Lucas Perez has had a brown white belt in karate and is also a member of Penarth’s hockey team. He also gained 1st prize in a table tennis competition. Tom Sheldon had 2nd place in a surf life saving sprint relay and 3rd place in the long run with surf life saving Wales. Charlotte Skellon completed the summer reading challenge by reading 6 books in 6 weeks and she also got 2nd place in a baking competition. Jake Thomas has started playing for a new football team and is doing well. Manon Thomas is excited to be taking part in the Welsh National Opera’s Christmas concert. Luke Tricklebank’s hockey team came 2nd in the Welsh final and he can now run 5k in twenty five minutes. Miles Williams’ football team got to play in a cup final and Miles won manager’s player of the year. Well done 7A on your many achievements.

Miles Williams 7A

7M

7M have enjoyed their first term in Stanwell. Isobel Alaszewski attends Art club, choir and Junior orchestra. Outside school, she enjoys swimming lessons and attending book club. “Llongyfarchiadau” to Isobel on passing her grade 3 on the flute. Carys Bennett is a member of the school’s netball team and is a representative of Cardiff National Ice Skating club. She has completed 10 levels in ice skating and is working towards grade 4 in dance and grade 1 on the piano. Ryan Cotterrall attends fitness club, 5-a-side football and basketball club in school. Daisy Edwards enjoys attending choir. She is very busy outside school attending Zumba, yoga, drama, ballet and tap dancing.

“Christmas with the Welsh National Opera”
Daisy recently took part in a “Tapathon” world record attempt for Children In Need. Annaleisha Gibson attends netball club and is a member of the school’s team. Evan Griffiths attends several clubs during the school week: basketball, football, American football and table tennis. He also represents Sully at football and parkrun running. Alexander Guidi attends table tennis and badminton clubs. He also represents InterPenarth football team. Daniel Hill enjoys playing the piano and is currently play grade 6 piano music. Abbie Hopkins is looking forward to trying new clubs next term. Ellis Houghton-Jones is one of our form representatives. He enjoys attending Scouts, tennis and trampolining outside school. Mason Huish attends 5-a-side football in school and represents Penarth Wolves football team. Theo Hunnam is a member of the American football and basketball clubs. He also plays basketball for Cardiff Met and Wales U12 teams. Congratulations to Theo on passing grade 2 on the piano. He also represents InterPenarth at football, Old Pens Rugby and attends Scouts (6th Penarth). Max Lewis also attends the American Flag football club and rugby. Pob lwc to Hugo Lin who is currently working towards his Grade 3 piano exam. Oliver Moir attends rugby, hockey and football in school. Outside of school he represents OPRFC rugby, Scouts (6th Penarth) and Penarth hockey. Sara Noormohamed also attends hockey and is a member of Penarth hockey club. She also represents CAAC at athletics. Joe Pienczke attends History film club and cross country club in school. He also swims and plays badminton outside school. Ella Plumpton attends dance club and represents Cardiff at athletics. Elliott Rabaiotti attends brass and engineering clubs. He also plays rugby for Dinas Powys. Llongyfarchiadau to Elliot on passing Grade 4 on the cornet. Tallulah Regan attends both choir and engineering club. Callem Richardson is a member of Penarth town football club. Cormac Rind attends hockey, football, rugby and table tennis club. He also represents Penarth hockey and rugby clubs and is a member of the Dinas Powys Football Club. Llongyfarchiadau to Cormac on passing grade 2 on the trumpet. Molly Rodd represents the IAW ice skating team. Outside of school Sophia Sinclair keeps active by attending football, gymnastics, dance and athletics. Beatrice Spence is a talented violinist and has recently passed her grade 8 violin exam. She took part in the Welsh National Opera Christmas Concert. Beatrice also is a member of the school’s cross country club.

Molly Southard attends Art club and dance. She is also a member of the school’s netball team. Molly also attends Guides (9th Penarth) and will soon be completing her grade 1 on the piano. Amelia Thompson attends homework club. Outside school she attends Zumba and PAAW. Dylan Webber is a member of the rugby and football clubs. Outside school he attends Kumon and guitar lessons. Dylan also represents Penarth RFC at rugby and InterPenarth football club. Eve Webster is a member of the RE club and Junior Choir. She also attends Zumba, yoga and youth group. Grace Wright attends Art club in school and is a member of the Cardiff Riding School. Llongyfarchiadau pawb!
**Year 7**

*Mrs A Jay and Mr M Baldwin*

**7X**

7X is a busy and talented group of individuals and have settled in well to Stanwell since September. **Oliver Adams** enjoys playing chess and plays in an adults’ league. **Jack Ball** plays the piano and is currently grade 4. **Scott Bown** is also musical and is working towards grade 2 on his guitar. **Sophie Cross** plays for the Welsh girls cricket squad and also Barry Town United girls, who have just won the first half of the league. **Harry Davies** is also very talented and plays rugby, cricket, tennis and hockey. He recently came 2nd in his tennis club’s championship, well done! **Theo El-Jawhari** is a keen photographer with a particular interest in nature. **Robi Herljevic** plays for Cardiff City Academy after recently moving to Penarth. **Nicole Hockridge** has recently been accepted into the Cardiff Development Squad or netball. Rebecca Jones is on ‘Wave 8’ of swimming lessons. **Peter Martin** sails for South Wales and also performs with The W.N.O. He is currently rehearsing for ‘Tosca’ and is studying for grade 6 in singing. **Finley Purchase-Smith** is another sporting hero who plays football, rugby and water-polo. **Kseniya Sullivan** is a performer and is a member of Stagecoach. **Billy Taylor** cycles with Maindy Flyers and trains twice a week. **Olivia Thomas** is a keen gymnast who trains three times a week. **Olivia Welsh** plays football with Sully Pinks who have recently got into Division B, well done! **Phoebe Williams** is another gymnast who has recently qualified for the Novice Finals and was placed in 3 of 4 pieces. **Rhys Williams** plays for Dinas Powys Ravens who are currently 2nd in the league. **Maddie Wing** is a member of a very successful gymnastics team who recently came 1st in the South Central area.

**Maddie Wing 7X**

**7W**

7W have made an excellent effort this term. **Rory McMillan** plays regularly with South West Ice Hockey. We are very proud of **Alexander Niscoveanu** who achieved the Olympic Emerging Talent Award for gymnastics. **Charlie Pratt** had a memorable football season with Penarth Wolves, whilst **Ryan Shallis** went on tour with Penarth Town F.C.. Meanwhile, **Anthony Westmoreland** came to prominence for the most goals scored for Barry Athletic F.C. **Olivia Goodman**’s dancing continues to impress. She has just returned from dancing in Blackpool’s Winter Gardens. **Amelie Hamzelou**

*Emerging Talent Award*
beat all the opposition in the Brecon Gymnastics Competition where she represented Cardiff Central Youth Club. Congratulations also go to Nia Jones for being selected for our County Netball Team.

Skye Walker 7O

7O

70 have been very busy competing in various sporting events, as well as achieving musical awards and playing a huge part in fund-raising events. Asli Awed and Yasmeen Jama both ran in the Race for Life. Frankie Carver took part in raising money for Ebola. Abigail Stevens came fourth place in a swimming gala at Cardiff International Pool. Ella Friday came 7th in a 4K run out of 50 people. Ieuan Underdown achieved a silver medal in Team Kumite in karate. Nicholas Whalley has now received his green belt in Aikido. Fabien Le Guilcher has kayaked the River Tawe, a grade 4 river. Maddie Dixon represented Wales in the Dance World Cup in Germany. Olivia Cosgrove reached grade 5 in Dance. Daisy Thomas came 1st in a Gymnastics competition where she competed in 4 separate events. Emily Anna Galatsidas achieved grade 5 in the Royal Academy of Dance. She has also passed her Level 4 in speaking Greek. Skye Walker passed her grade 1 in singing. Congratulations to all of the pupils who have put in so much hard work into these achievements.

7R

This has been an extremely busy and active term for 7R. A number of pupils were involved in raising money for several charities including children in need during November. Amelia Hopkin dressed up to raise money for Ty Hafan, Mia Pearn participated in the ‘Race for Life’ whilst Elyssa Johnson and Seren Chalk have volunteered for Marie Curie. Grace Brown, Misha Patel, and Sienna Smith have participated in a charity run and Charlie Beard, Thomas Herbert, and Annabel Grosfils have been raising money for various charities through the Scouts and Guides. Several pupils have also been experimenting with their musical sides. Mia Pearn achieved her grade 4 on the Ukulele. Sepp Forton has achieved his grade 4 on cello and piano. Gregor Pearce grade 1 on guitar, Seren Chalk grade 1 on piano, and Annabel Grosfils is currently working towards her grade 3 on piano. In the world of sport some of the group may have their sights on Team GB! Seren Chalk was voted ‘Player of the Season’ by her netball team.

“so much hard work!”
and Thomas Herbert awarded ‘most improved player’ by Inter Penarth Football club. Elliot Van Steen was placed 2nd in the Gloucester Ski race over the Summer and Sepp Forton is one half of the U12 Doubles winning team at the Windsor Lawn Tennis Club championship.

Charlie Beard has won a number of trophies for fencing, including 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, and along with Annabel Grosfils, Gregor Pearce and Sienna Smith, he is working his way up through the grades in the martial arts world.

Finally, Sofia Micallef is currently ranked number 1 in the UK for her age range in the world of gymnastics, an outstanding achievement.

7K
A great first term from 7K who have very many musical pupils who enjoy piano lessons and have been entered for exams this term; Tia Thomas achieved grade 3, Kate Deacon, Amelia Mitchell and Kimi Wong, grade 2, Will Bailey and Amara Neale, grade 1.

Will has also achieved grade 1 in guitar and Fred Maisey grade 5. Euan Chadwick reached his grade 1 in clarinet.

Annie Farmer and Amelia Mitchell have been busy treading the boards; Annie performing on tour with ‘Joseph And His Amazing Technicolour Dream Coat’ and Amelia performing in a London theatre production. Eleanora Smalley has reached grade 6 in ballet and even managed 12th place in the World Cup Dance championship.

There are also sporting achievements; Grace Coward came 2nd in a horse riding competition and Amara Neale reached grade 2 for her horse riding skills. Natasha Collinson came 3rd in a Lacrosse tournament. Rory Hagon won a bronze and Kimi Wong a gold in Karate competitions. Olivia Lyons came 3rd, Kalan Walker came 1st in swimming competitions. Kalan also managed 1st in water polo.

In football Nicole Horrobin came 2nd in a tournament playing the South Wales football team.

7K is also a very charitable form as Will Bailey, Amelia Mitchell and Eleeza Khan have all taken part in litter picking events and Nicole Horrobin has been putting Christmas lights up for charity.

“Number One in the UK”
It's been a busy term for 7L outside of lessons in both sporting and music world. **Bethan Lannon** has achieved levels 1-6 in swimming.

**Carys Williams’** under 13 hockey team won two matches in November. **Angus Lloyd** has been very busy travelling to Barcelona to compete in a football tournament and also competing in the school swimming gala. **Lloyd Phillips** had achieved the most improved player in rugby.

**Jacob Julien** has won a bronze medal in tae kwon-do (TAGB) at the Welsh closed competition. **Laiba Asif** has won an Art competition for bonfire night. **Jodie Williams** participates in zumba and netball, she has competed in a dance competition and has finished her surfing course, very busy girl!

**Billy Walsh** has achieved the ‘most improved player’ for his football team. **Gethin Linsell** has participated in rugby, football and hockey his team came 2nd in a tournament!

**Sophie Newman** has achieved her next level in drama and passed her singing with a grade 3, she has also run 2 miles in support of Ty Hafan. **Ruby Hamed-Jones** has been successful in getting into the Welsh Under 13s football team. **Isabella Reynolds** has attended engineering club and Cardiff City swimming club.

**Samuel Garvey** has achieved his grade 3 in cello and has got a main role in the production ‘Fame’. **Molly Evans** has been very busy with sport this term she has completed every level in swimming and has won netball matches with her team.

**Martha Tomalin-Reeves** has achieved a grade 1 in piano and has reached her level 7 in swimming. **Daniel Ingram** has attended rugby, football and cross country in school and has been playing cricket and playing for Cardiff and the Vale football club outside of school. **Toby Collins** plays for a hockey team that came 1st in South Wales, Toby also attends football, tennis and Spanish club.

**Lillie Coop** attends shooting, swimming and pony club outside of school. **Eva Iles** has attended art and dance club and had taken part in charity bake sales. **Isabella Smith** has received her first dance award for dance for disco. **Oliver & Charlie Wescott** have both been very busy this term, attending junior orchestra, digital music and engineering club.

They have both been very busy outside of school attending fencing, karate and badminton.

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**“Two miles for Ty-Hafan”**
It has been a busy term for Year 8 with trips to Boulogne and Cadbury's World and the Restart a Heart workshops where pupils were taught how to perform CPR.

**8T**

There have been several sporting achievements and successes for 8T this term: **Inayah Khan** took silver in the European Brazilian Jujitsu competition, competing in U15 age category; **Katie Savill** won the final of the under 12 Windsor club tennis tournament; **Lola Evans** achieved a place on the under 13 Vale of Glamorgan netball team; **Madeline Morgan** is on the under 13 Welsh basketball team; and **Grace Clissett** has continued to develop her gymnastics skills, placing in several categories at a recent competition.

In the arts, there are also names to watch out for: **Billie Minchin** reached the final of a UK dance competition with her dance group, and may also be competing for Wales in the Dance World Cup taking place in Barcelona next June. **Joseph Carolan** is appearing in the PODS pantomime, Beauty and the Beast this Christmas. Our accomplished musician, **Huw Knapper**, achieved a distinction in his grade 7 tuba. He also took part in the recent Stanwell concert, playing in the Junior Orchestra, as did **Edie Summerhayes**, who sang as part of the Junior Choir! Well done all!

**8A**

The form has been busy since September with lots of achievements in and outside of school. Congratulations to **Amelia Millar** on passing her grade 1 in piano. **Isobel Dowling** took part in a dance competition with Bliss dance company and **Ellie Reid** came 12/100 in a dance competition. A number of pupils represented the school in sporting activities- **Tom Ayres** is the captain of the Year 8 football team. **Macy Brown, Rhys Mottram, Faith Mulenga, and Gina Robinson** all represented the school in football with **Faith** being selected for the U14 South Wales team. Continuing with the sporting representation- **Bethan Thomas** ran for the school at cross country in a number of fixtures across the county and **Iestyn Willis** played rugby for the school and Dinas Powys. **Jacob Allen** scored his first ever try for his team Llandaff North. In Swimming, **Lois Blake** and **Liam Richmond** both competed in a swimming competition with **Lois** finishing 1st and **Liam** placing 3rd. A huge congratulations to **Rohan Rayani** who was given the award for sportsmanship in Cricket for his county team. **Dan Webber** walked 5 miles for charity.

A big well done to our form reps **Macy Brown and Iestyn Willis** who have been informative with information from year reps meetings and putting 8A’s views and thoughts across.

“many sporting and musical achievements”
8M

It’s been another busy term for 8M. Calum Walker and Kierra Clake have been selected as our form representatives. Calum Walker also achieved a Gold medal in 200m backstroke which was the highlight of an impressive day with 1 x Gold, 1 x Silver & 2 Bronze in the sub regional competition of South Wales. Alana Kramer recently passed her grade 1 violin exam with a distinction. Jacob Angell might be the next Usain Bolt because he is currently fastest in the Vales and came 2nd for Wales in the 100m. Ranaa Ghandour has performed in the Little Mermaid for the New College of Performing Arts and the Ballet show in Stanwell School. Miriam Khan was awarded player of the match on the way to helping Penarth Hockey come 2nd in a recent local tournament. Carys Crandon achieved her grade 3 singing. Seren Bailey is a keen footballer, she plays for Barry, Cardiff County, South Wales and Wales!

Maya Archampong excels in music and dance, she has currently sat her grade 5 GCSE theory music exam and has played as part of the Junior Orchestra, and she is a member of FARS federation of artistic skating where she took part in a local competition. Maisie Anstee recently achieved her latest rock-climbing level, well done. Xantia Hobrough won the Toudie Cup, which was a 600m sea swim race against Year 7, 8, 9 lifeguard members, on top of this she has also achieved level 3 & 4 in lifeguarding, CPR and First Aid.

Bridie Dawes came 1st in the bar apparatus and 3rd overall in the individual to help her team come 2nd in the recent local gymnastics competition. Bethan Price-Turcaz came 2nd in the recent Vale Guides swimming gala. Lucy Taylor plays basketball for Wales under 13’s squad. A big da iawn to all of 8M.

8X

Alex Bradley-Glinister represented the school in a tennis competition in Exeter and also came second in a grade 3 tennis tournament in Newport. Zac Essenhigh was awarded wales under 12s player of the year in cricket and is ranked number 4 in the UK for under 12s tennis. Kieran Lewis has gained his purple white stripe belt in karate. Osian Baker has started coaching touch rugby to six year olds. Milly Hutchings gained a distinction in grade 1 guitar. Lola Owens has done her grade 4 flute exam and has taken part in a Christmas concert with the new orchestra she has joined.

8W

Isabelle Edmunds took part in the 2017 Dance World Cup and is hoping to take part in the 2018 competition along with Caitlin Barker. Jack Dobson played football for Cogan Coronation FC who won the league. Emilie John passed her grade 3 exam in guitar. Lola Saunders-Jones passed her both her Grade 4 singing exam and grade 2 drama exam with a distinction. Megan Skone has played Cricket for Wales since 2015 and hopes to play in 2018. Henry Spencer came 2nd in the Welsh 800m time trials. Jessica Stokes got on to point shoes in ballet. Evelyn Smith came 1st in Wales for both volt and floor in the National Gymnastics Championships. Tom Way has received his black belt in Judo.

8O

This term Sian Ashworth has joined the army cadets and participated in the Remembrance Day parade by laying a wreath. Abdirahman Actie has represented the school in both the football and rugby teams. He has also been scouted for a football academy. Kitty Picton has competed in the Wales trials for football. Mia Gibbs has been successful in gaining a place in the Vale Netball Hub and has also regularly attended athletics training. Anna

“lifeguarding, CPR and First Aid.”
Miles has taken part in netball and athletics training and has succeeded in gaining a place in the Vale Netball Hub. Ella Sutcliffe-Hill has taken part in netball training which has enabled her to gain a place in the Vale Netball Hub and has undertaken singing and guitar lessons this term. Jemima Robinson has competed in and won the Welsh Schools Cross Country event and has been selected to run for the South Wales squad. Ella-Mae Goodwin has continued to play football and scored a hat-trick in a recent match. Morgan Gwynne has moved to the Cardiff Gymnastics Club and completed a five kilometre. Bethan Pickup has completed a two day fifty six mile cycle ride around the Isle of Wight. She also plays for the LHC team and sometimes scores goals. Jenna Hanif has just started a new gymnastic team in Cardiff. Oscar Whiting has played football with the Cogan team and has played badminton. He has also attained a grade 8 on the piano and regularly makes music on Reason8. Matt Baguley is a member of a Parkour academy and has been able to complete a backflip and wall flip. Candice Luceau received the 'Vick Williams' trophy for the most improved archer in Wales. She is going to take part in a charity event in Cardiff where she will be playing the accordion. Phoebe White is a member of the Pukka Drama School where she has performed in a Broadway show and as a main character in Elf. Emily Paterson attends art and gymnastics in her spare time. Isabelle Creeden has achieved the rank of green belt in her TKD training during this term.

8R

Bella Edward is practising for her Grade 5 piano exam. Katy Baynham is involved in a dressage competition with her horse, Bella. Grace Atkinson earned three house points for effort in R.E. and for practising really hard for her Christmas concert. Grace Hatherall is part of the Mark Jermin Theatre school, plays hockey for school and has undertaken a lot of charity work lately. Eleni Young also attends Mark Jermin’s school and has also completed her grade 5 Musical Theatre singing exam. Eleni took part in Joseph and his Technicolour Dreamcoat in the Swansea Grand Theatre and, like Grace, has done extensive charity work. Jasmine Sullivan takes part in gymnastics and street dance outside of school. Alex Murphy is a black belt in Karate and plays football for Cogan. Sam Price was chosen to go to Lanzarote to represent his swimming club and competed at Welsh nationals. He also went to Germany with his swimming club. Ikram Ali goes to boxing, plays football and does cross-country outside of school. Reshteen Khostval is in the school football team and plays for Butetown outside of school. Samuel Davies plays ice hockey for England and will be visiting Quebec in the near future. Chester Abanes took part in a swimming gala outside of school. Leo Roberts plays football for Cogan. Talesha Mosely attends Guides and a swimming club. Amy Lewis goes to Guides and attends the Jeff Guppy School of Musical Theatre. Nora Lindfield achieved grade 5 in her flute exam and finished her swimming course. Libby Howell-Jones dances and plays tennis and also achieved 100% in her ICT exam. Lexy Davies has started Grade 5 acrobatics and performed as Scarecrow in The Wizard of Oz with the Talent Shack. Soanna Khan plays football for Cardiff and also plays basketball. Charlie Rainbird is involved in MMA and also does Judo. Poppy Clare plays football for Sully Pinks and dances for Bliss. Jacob Stephens plays football for Sully and came first in a badminton doubles competition, along with Dominik Pason. Dominik also plays football for Inter Penarth. Ieuan Harris plays football for Cogan and rugby for Old Penarthians.
Kamoi Brown, Chloe James and Louie Williams all helped in the delivery of an Armistice Day assembly in November to pay their respects to those who fell during the Great War. Kamoi Brown and Louie Williams both play football for Inter Penarth and they finished fourth in the league. Toby Frankling is enjoying his boxing. He is a member of Penarth ABC and he recently won a match late. Lucie Gardner recently did very well at the Welsh Schools’ Gymnastics competition.

Owen Jones is a keen sailor and he is a Welsh Optimist regional squad member. He recently travelled to Weymouth to compete in an end of season competition. Chloe James has just completed her Grade 2 piano. Lily-Rose Kitchiner has participated in a research project to help find a cure for people suffering with genetic disorders. In addition, both Chloe and Lily-Rose contributed to a Christmas concert which was held by their dance class (PAAW).

Evan Lacey’s football team (Cogan Coronation FC) have reached the quarter finals of the U13s Cup. Charlie Russell recently came second in a javelin competition in Swansea.

Liam Burgoyne-George, Oliver Clarke, Chloe Dyer, Holly Edwards, Joel Hennessy, Ben Hutchings and Jack Kilborn attended the Geography trip to Cadbury’s world. Izzy Davies and Thomas Whittaker attended dance competitions where they did extremely well achieving 1st place in certain events. Yee Tian Chan has been working hard on her Violin starting to work on her grade 6 pieces. Jack Kilborn and Ethan Newman have represented the school playing football. Oliver Clarke, Ali Fagir, Joel Hennessy, Oscar Innes, Ethan Newman and Joshua Scott have represented the school playing rugby. Jolie Gosling and Madison Woodhouse are now affiliated with a trampolining club outside of school. Millicent Slade has taken up horse riding. Leonita Pacolli has attended a gymnastics competition where she received a special award for her outstanding skills. Holly Edwards has played her first few matches for Barry hockey club this season.

We would also like to congratulate Grace Hatherall, Xantia Hobrough, Molly Ware, Izabel Wing and Eleni Young who have worked hard over the last 2 months in support of their chosen charities Ysgol a Deri and Many Tears Dogs’ Home. The girls have organised a number of events including a bake sale in school which raised an impressive £220.
It has been an excellent start to the year for Year 9 for pupils who have begun to study their chosen GCSE courses. Many have settled in well to their choices of subject, but there have been a number of changes to chosen options to make sure pupils are happy with their aims at GCSE. The pupils have been approaching their studies with enthusiasm and maturity and we are sure that when this positive attitude is sustained throughout the 3 years, it will bring them success for the future.

Pupils have also begun to collate evidence of their successes inside and outside school for their progress files, as well as writing CVs and personal statements to outline their achievements, interests and aspirations.

Our pupils attending Military Preparation College and the Cardiff and Vale College courses have completed an outstanding first term. They have all received excellent feedback from the course leaders on their behaviour, appearance and enthusiasm.

A number of Year 9 pupils chose to attend a fantastic outdoor activity weekend in the Urdd centre in Glan-Llyn, North Wales. The cold weather did little to dampen the mood and pupils took part in the varied activities on or around the Lake Tegid. It was an exciting experience and a chance for the pupils to create fond memories, enjoy the spectacular scenery and develop their Welsh. Diolch yn fawr to all and pupils involved for their excellent conduct at all times.

Pupils have also enjoyed a varied pastoral framework. In assemblies, recognition has been given to world events, historical memorials linked to pupil activities. Pastoral topics have included an introduction to mindfulness.

Each form has elected form representatives for the Year 9 Council. Their role is to act as the link between pupils and the School Council and they have a great opportunity to raise issues that pupils feel are important to them to help improve the whole school environment.
The following pupils are representatives of their form:

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This year our School Council representatives are Ayman Abdi and Sankriti Viswanath. Both have taken on the responsibilities of the role with maturity and professionalism, adding much to the School Council meetings and feeding back important information to the year group.

9T Caitlin O’Toole passed her piano exam grade 4 with distinction. Davina Kerai passed a first aid course with St John’s Ambulance service. Ryan Fifield has been achieved man of the match on 3 occasions for his performances in 7 games for Old Pens rugby team and Cooper Hughes was awarded the most improved player at the Old Pens rugby presentation nights. Reuben Hicks and Chris Lannon have recently represented the Penarth swimming club. Kavan Kalsi-Lucas has been selected for the South Wales U15 Hockey team.

9E Helen Weir completed her grade 4 piano exam. Jedrek Holownia passed his grade 6 Guitar exam with distinction. Amira Arish performed the main part of Molly in ‘Good Night Molly’ with The Workshop run by Peter Wooldridge. Will Martin has been selected for the British National Optimist Sailing Team. Ffion Hutcheson has participated in a relay competition between Wales and England.

9A Bethan Daly passed her preliminary test in Roller Artistic Skating. Bethan, Erin Evans, Eleanor Garvey and Randa Ibrahim, sang at the Golf Club and performed in the autumn concert as valued members of the junior choir. Belle Jones performed in a dance show and her football team ‘Sully Pinks’ got through to the finals in the cup match. Mollie Parker passed her power boating qualifications along with basic first aid training.

9M Josh Yeoman participated in the South Wales Regionals athletics competition and

“representatives of their form”
came first in the 100m and 200m races. **Amelia Brenan** took the lead role in a recent dance show. **Alvi Segovia** gained bronze aviation wings at Air cadets.

**Charlie Flowers-Evans** took part in the Royal Welsh Young Horse Handlers show which was broadcast on TV, her team came 11th out of 40. **Caitlin Herdman** has sat the YCT2 Chinese exam and we are awaiting the results. **Eve Jeffrey** has achieved her Level 2 NICAS qualification in climbing. **Anna Midgley** passed her grade 2 piano exam with a merit while **Elyott Spencer** passed his grade 1 in tuba. **Isabelle Williams** upgraded her walk a few months ago to a 10K run for Cancer Research down Cardiff Bay.

**Zain Haq** has set up a new STEM club with his sister in the 6th form. **Gruffydd Hughes** has passed his grade 4 on trumpet. **Grace Wing** and **Rosie Newman** are competing in the indoor 60m sprint competition in Cardiff. **Lucy Kanias, Francesca Perez** and **Tia Wellington** have passed their karate belts achieving 2nd Dan, Brown and Yellow belts respectively. **Noah Michaelis** was part of the successful school tennis squad who won the recent inter-school tournament. **Ella Davies** has been selected for the Cardiff Hub Netball team and the Cardiff & Vale Hockey Squad. **Rowan Jenkins Robero** and his partner in Yr 10 won the doubles tennis open at Penarth Lawn association. **Duke Pearce** continues his acting career with a part in ‘Keeping Faith’.

**Zoe Smith** has been selected for both regional and county football teams. **Felix Clark** passed his grade four trombone exam. **Elsa Clarkson** achieved first place in a horse dressage competition. **Elsa** and **Ffion Ross** were also selected for the Cardiff & Vale Hockey Squad. **James Brindle** recently achieved his grade four for violin. **Sofia Payne-Johns** achieved second place in a gymnastics competition.

**Amaree Ali** took part in ‘Tiger Bay the Musical’ at the Wales Millennium Centre.

**Ross John** and **Elys Johnson** came second in Wales with Penarth hockey team. **Hannah Mathers** performed on the cruise ship ‘Navigator Of The Seas’ during the summer holidays. **Rebekah Williams** achieved a place on the U14 county netball team. **Cem Ziyaeddin** has been recruited for Cardiff Blues and Wales U14 rugby teams.

**Josh Edwards** has been awarded Player of the Year for the school team. **Chiara Baker** took second place at the U14 World Championship Karate competition. **Aron McJennet-House** was voted Sully Eagles' Coach's Player of the Year. **Joshua Pedwell** passed his Basic Seamanship at Sea Cadets.

**Mustafa Khan** has represented the Maindy Swimming club in a number of swimming competitions. **Lewis Ingram** has represented the Wales U14 cricket team.
It has been a busy term for Year 10 as pupils complete controlled assessments and work towards achieving their GCSEs in the summer of 2019.

During their Pastoral lessons, Year 10 pupils have had a variety of outside agencies involving them in workshops and discussion groups. PC Emma Mudie has talked to pupils about Alcohol & Consent and Internet Safety. Digital Communities Wales (a Welsh Government project) spoke to Year 10 about becoming Digital Heroes by volunteering and how to become a digital hero in the community. Alongside this, assemblies have taken place where recognition has been given to world events, activities and charity events.

Pupils have also completed workshops on Money management with Legal & General. The sessions were interesting and digitally interactive and the pupils thoroughly enjoyed. The year group also benefited from a session with The Big Ideas Wales role models, who are local Entrepreneurs who came into school to talk about their businesses and why they choose to set up their own business. They provided an appealing insight on what it is like to run your own business. Through the Welsh Baccalaureate course pupils are developing their own business ideas and pitching their ideas to local business people. Pastoral work has been undertaken on Stress, Prejudice & Equal Opportunities, the Welsh Devolution 20th Anniversary, Healthy Eating and Emotional Well-being.

In October, 50 Year 10 pupils undertook a Geography visit to Iceland. During their stay they visited the Blue Lagoon, walked under waterfalls, stood on the edge of a plate margin, marvelled at Strokur Geyser, climbed a glacier and walked to the crater of a volcano. Unfortunately the Northern Lights failed to shine for them, but all involved had an unforgettable five days.

Our Year council representative this year are: **Lola Davies and Conor Sullivan.** They have both taken on this role with maturity and have given some thoughtful and interesting ideas during school council meetings. Each form has elected representatives for the Year 10 Council. They are as follows:

- 10T- Ella Beddard and Lloyd Clarke
- 10E– Lola Davies and Oliver Hill
- 10A– Heather Taylor and Jacob Bowman
- 10M– Ella Jones and Conor Sullivan
- 10X– Grace Eshel and Joe Duffy
- 10W– Isaac Phillips and Marie Kells
- 10O– Kai Dancey and Flora McWilliam
- 10R– Mariah Britton and Jasmine Sheppard
- 10K– Anoushka Broughton and Jamal Awed
- 10L– Alex Hawkins and Tin Yiu Lau

Many of our pupils have taken advantage of the vast extra curricular programme on offer at Stanwell and we have a large number of Year 10 pupils involved in music ensembles, senior production rehearsals, various departmental trips, Duke of Edinburgh and various sports clubs. It was lovely to see so many Year 10 pupils gaining awards at the annual Sports Awards Ceremony which took place in September and also so many pupils taking part in the recent school production of ‘Half of Sixpence’.

“**It has been a busy term for Year 10 pupils**”
10T has had a very productive year with many commendable achievements. Flora Tassinari and Anna Hughes have both attained an impressive A* in GCSE Italian and German respectively, whilst on the musical front, Flora Tassinari has also achieved grade 5 on the French horn. Will Davies has passed his grade 5 in piano with merit and is also to be congratulated. Many pupils in the form have been active in the field of sport. Emily Hall has participated in a sailing competition whilst Josef Morris has played for the school football team and was even voted the “Players’ Player” which is a great accolade indeed! Cyprian Wachowicz received an award in the annual sports ceremony for his participation and contribution to school sport. Outside school, Lloyd Clarke has played rugby for the Vale, and he also reached the British finals in athletics, coming 9th out of 1,000 competitors in the javelin – an amazing achievement. Christopher Slack has also succeeded in securing 2nd place in the U16 karate team. We look forward to seeing how these talented pupils progress in the year ahead.

10E
There have been many notable extracurricular accolades and activities in 10E so far this year. Lola Davies has been elected as the Year Representative for the School Council and she is also busy rehearsing for the school musical “Half a Sixpence”. Outside of school she has been working as a ‘supporting actress’ on soon to be aired TV shows. Isobel Adams is also performing in the school musical and she has successfully completed her grade 8 in viola – a massive achievement. She has also earned herself a place on a “Music Works” course. Sporty Max Bradley-Glinister has been busy representing the school and Windsor Tennis club in tennis matches within the Vale. Musical Devon Tyso is learning to play the guitar. Oliver Hill is proud to be nominated as form representative and has achieved his grade 1 in French Horn. Luke Newman is keeping very busy both in and out of school, learning First Aid with St John’s Ambulance and successfully completing his Advanced First Aid qualification. He has also signed up to participate in the Penarth Youth Action Training course. Charlie Jowett and Charlie Edwards play rugby for the Vale. Jack Rees has been chosen to play tennis for the Vale and Wales and trains regularly at David Lloyd. Callum Steacy has earned his Stage 9 swimming and ice skating awards. 10E is definitely a very sporty and musical form.

10A
10A students have had a successful term both in school and outside of school. They have been very successful in the sporting aspect. Molly Stroud has been proving how good she is in tennis and is the U14 single and double champion in Tennis for Penarth Lawn Tennis Club. Millie Pinkerton has been enjoying playing hockey for Penarth Ladies.

“an impressive A* in GCSE Italian and German”
she has been on several winning teams for the U15 team and has now started to play for the U18 team. She has also found time to enjoy the School’s trip to Iceland. Lauren Harris has been playing right wing/sticker for the Cardiff and Vale County Football U15 squad. The team have won every game that she has played in! Dylan Lyle has been successful in getting into the Barry Town Academy in Football and he has also been playing football for Sully All Stars. Oliver George has been playing Archery, he has competed in The North Wales Cup for the Cywrd Dragons and has been selected to play for Wales. Kieran Marshall has been playing in the second row for the school’s rugby team and transferring his rugby skills to play No 8 for the Old Penarthians U16 team. Cameron Fofana plays striker for the school’s football team and Sully FC where they came 3rd in the Super Cup, he has also enjoyed afterschool basketball club. Other news includes Rosa Bertini enjoyed the sights of Iceland on the School’s trip in October. Osian Saunders-Jones has been on the Art Creative Pathway trip which he found very informative. Jacob Bowman has been busy performing as the Prince of York in the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama’s performance of Richard III. Megan Webber has passed her grade 2 piano exam and has also performed in a devised piece of drama about how technology will affect development of children in the future with the Jeff Guppy School of Music and Drama. Alivia Williamson adored performing as a dancer in the School’s senior production of ‘Half a Sixpence’. Well done to a very busy form!

10M

10M continue to excel in music and sporting achievements. James Good has been playing for the school football team and participated in a European football tournament earlier this year. Jacob Bannister achieved a personal best on his 200m fly in a swimming gala, whilst George Marshall came 2nd in the Welsh Mountain Bike League. Our form representative, Conor Sullivan continues to attend the Sea Cadets and has recently been promoted. Nadia Browne and Ella Courtney are currently treading the boards in the school production of ‘Half A Sixpence’. Mahanoor Hussain has enjoyed attending creative writing workshops and Caitlin Salmon attended the geography trip to Iceland. Finally, Marcy Chivers has had a very successful term, winning 6 trophies in national dance competitions. Well done to all for these outstanding achievements!

10X

Some pupils in 10X have been very busy so far this year. Millie Miles represented Team Wales in the 2017 Dance World Cup in Germany and Scarlett Russell has been ranked in the top 5 in Wales for javelin. Also, Niamh Sultana captained the Wales U16s Basketball team when they competed in Gibraltar. Ella Radford became Mixed Double Tennis Champion at the PLTC summer tournament. Grace Eshel went up a belt in karate and Arron Smith won a mountain bike competition. Siobhan Ip achieved a distinction in her
grade 1 violin exam, and also passed her grade 5 ballet exam. Finally, Lily Durham and Emily Richards raised over £1000 for Children in Need by participating in a drama performance. Well done to all of you!

10W

10W have contributed towards and achieved a number of awards and accolades this year in many different areas. These include: Conner Harlock getting his certificate for trampolining, Raya Dean volunteering at Oxfam to contribute toward the Silver DoE award, Marie Kells attending an Eco Schools trip for the Platinum Flag conference as part of her ongoing efforts in the Eco-Stanwell club, Eddie Norton achieving 2nd place in a Saxophone competition whilst Ellis Selman achieved 1st place; Eddie Norton also has been competing for the CAV team in football and Anton Rogan achieved a grade 5 in piano, won gold in a diving competition and attained a brown belt in the karate discipline that he follows. Well done all!

10O

There has been lots of activity with 10O this year. Seren Baker has been selected to row for the year 11 category in a rowing competition. Georgia Carr has been selected for A arena team for Cardiff City swimming club and she won all of her races, leading to qualification to the Welsh National Competition. Curtis Finch competed in the Brazilian Jiu Jitsu European Championships recently where he gained a silver medal in the No Gi event and a bronze medal in the Gi event. Jessica Jones has competed in three different dance competitions and has placed in each one. Hashaam Khan achieved his first knockout in a boxing tournament. Tom Lumsden plays football for Sully A. Matthew Pringle plays football for Sully A and Matthew also went on the school trip to Iceland with the Geography department. Leon Sinden takes part in cadets. Charlotte Welsh has achieved grade 3 in guitar and is taking part in the Bronze level Duke of Edinburgh.

10R

Many students in 10R have been taking full advantage of the opportunities available, with large numbers passing Bronze and working towards Silver Duke of Edinburgh award, attending the Careers trip, Geography trip to Iceland and various after school revision clubs. The Welsh Baccalaureate Community Challenge and Duke of Edinburgh qualifications have inspired the students to volunteer; Toby Chapman, Will Skone and Ben Donovan in local sports clubs, Sophie Thomas and Stefan Bigsby in charity shops, whilst Sasha Earney and Rhys Knapper volunteer in local primary schools. A variety of sporting talent exists in the form. Will Skone is a Welsh squad cricketer, Sophie Thomas has been climbing, Toby Chapman competed in a badminton tournament and plays football for Sully along with Rhys Knapper. Tom Walters has been attending table-tennis club, but also found time to be awarded grade 6 in drums.

“leading to qualification in the Welsh National Competition”
There have been a number of achievements in 10K this term. Steffan Crimp has played touch rugby for Wales on the team that won the Under 15s European championships. He also plays for Wales in the cricket Under 14s team, coming third in the Royal London Cup. Sam Wheatley plays hockey for Penarth and Will Doran plays for the Vale Schools’ Rugby Under 15s team. Joshua Slatter attained an impressive distinction in his grade 3 music examination. He also attained three podium wins when he placed in the top three at the Castle Combe Junior Karting Championship and completed the fastest lap at the South Wales’ Fire and Rescue Racing Simulator. Anoushka Broughton opened Weston-super-Mare’s Winter Wonderland with an ice-skating routine. She also has a main role in the Winter on Ice production of Annie.

There have been several notable achievements in 10L so far this year. Grace Barrington has volunteered at Victoria Primary while Megan Drake has given up her time to volunteer at Oxfam.

A number of the form participate in sporting activities - Evan Hocking has been kayaking, Greg Cross plays cricket, Josh Warne has taken part in Tennis Coaching, Charlie Smith plays football for Dinas FC and Mia Sullivan is in the Penarth Netball team. Some pupils have really excelled in this area, Niamh Millar was nominated for a Nation Radio Sports Award for Figure Skating and Thomas Savill has been selected to be part of the Welsh Golf Squad.

It is not just in the sporting arena that the form has been showing their prowess but also in music too, for example Alexandra Iredale completed her grade 5 in piano. The form is active in taking up the opportunities offered to travel with the school on trips such as New York and Iceland.

Many of the form are working towards the Duke of Edinburgh Award, some have completed their bronze and are moving on to their silver.
It has been a busy term for Year 11 as pupils complete controlled assessments and work towards achieving their GCSEs in the summer of 2018. The Maths and Numeracy GCSEs and mock examinations have now finished. The provisional date for Year 11 pupils to receive their school reports is 25th January and Parents’ Evening will be held on Tuesday 30th of January 2018.

During their Pastoral lessons, Year 11 pupils have had a variety of outside agencies involving them in workshops and discussion groups. PC Emma Mudie has talked to pupils about sexual consent. Cardiff University and CAVC representatives have spoken to the pupils and offered advice with post sixteen intentions. Mr Tony McLean of Careers Wales has started his one-to-one career interviews. Alongside this, assemblies and pastoral activities have taken place where recognition has been given to world events, remembrance and anti-bullying week.

The whole year group was invited to attend a careers event at the Motorpoint Arena on the 11th October. This was a very useful experience for our pupils as they were able to pick up resources and discuss careers intentions with representatives from a variety of industries.

Our School Council and Year Council representatives have been elected and it is pleasing to see these pupils undertaking their roles with enthusiasm, maturity and responsibility. Our Year Council reps are:

11T– Alisha Page and Bryce Richardson
11E– Lucy Jones and Cori Reed
11A– Imania Malik-Stephens and Joseph Moores
11M– Ffion McCulloch and Dylan Smith
11X– Georgia Bosley and Lowri Chambers
11W– Sophie Whittaker and Ethan Mulcahy
11O– Yasmin Idris and Neil Power
11R– Ophelia Scott and Wyn Price
11K– James Lewis and Cathleen Tann
11L– Olivia Tucker and Harri Ainsworth

Our representatives on the School Council are Lucy Jones and Dylan Smith

“enthusiasm, maturity and responsibility”
Homework Clubs have been running throughout the term and will continue right up to the summer GCSE examinations. We encourage all pupils to take part in these sessions if possible in order to fulfil their potential at GCSE.

Many of our pupils have taken advantage of the vast extra-curricular programme on offer at Stanwell and we have a large number of Year 11 pupils involved in music ensembles, senior production rehearsals, various departmental trips, the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme and various sports clubs. It was lovely to see so many Year 11 pupils gaining awards at the annual Sports Awards Ceremony which took place in September and also so many pupils taking part in the recent school production of ‘Half a Sixpence’.

In January, Year 11 will complete their Science practical exams on the following dates:

**Separate Science:**
- Biology – 17th January
- Chemistry – 24th January
- Physics – 31st January

**Double award:**
- Physics – 23rd September
- Chemistry – 24th September

**11T**

11T have had a very busy and successful term. The following pupils gave up a morning of their half term to attend Maths revision sessions in school: Alexandra Burrows, Hannah Evans, Sophie Eveleigh, Lydia Horwood, Jessica Jones, Owen Jones, Zeus Kampas, Jack Mudie, Zoe Mules, Charlotte Peach, Kian Walters, Adam Weir, India Wood and Kayci Yip. We also have a number of sporting achievements, including Bryce Richardson and Gabriel Howard who are in the school football team, Jay Snook and Jordan Jones who play for Penarth Youth Football. Adam Weir won two silver medals in the GB Taekwondo Championship, while Jack Mudie has achieved his black belt in Tang Soo Do. Jessica Jones has competed in the Welsh Sailing Championship. Furthermore, Gabriel Howard and Kayci Yip will be making appearances in this year’s Senior Musical Production, ‘Half a Sixpence’, while Charlotte Peach is assisting as Stage Crew. Lydia Horwood appeared in Porthcawl in ‘That’s Showbiz’, Adam Weir has recently passed his grade 7 brass exam and Sasha Holland is a member of the Senior Choir and attended the trip to New York in October. Well done everyone!

**11E**

Michael Bennett won his first semi-professional boxing match for Penarth ABC. Alexandra Preece got muddy and completed a 5km race in aid of Cancer Research – well done Alex! Sophie Huminam continues to play basketball with Cardiff Archers Under 16s. Keeping with the sport theme, Lucy Jones is through to the next round of the AEGON tennis tournament with school and Lana Spender has achieved her yellow and black belt in Brazilian Jiu Jitsu.

“we wish them the best of luck”
Hope Lacey, Maisy Gibbs, Lana Spender and Michael Bennett are all involved in this year’s Senior Production. Sophie Hunnam, Rhys McGowan, James Steele and Denis Yang have achieved their Bronze DofE – well done to you all. Finally, we also have some musically talented pupils. Samuel Charles is teaching himself to play guitar – good luck Sam, and Hywel Edwards-Sim has completed his grade 6 LAMDA exams. Congratulations also to Rhys Lewis who will be representing the GB Sailing team in the International 420 World Championships in Australia over the Christmas period.

11A

In 11A Tom Griffiths has been selected to play at U16 level for South Wales in Hockey. Will Bennett got through to the U16 World Karate Championship held in Slough. He came away with a trophy for second place. Well done!

11M

A busy and successful term for 11M with many achieving success in and out of school. Courtney French, Nia Hopkins, Ava Hughes and Eva Summerhayes are involved with the school production of “Half a Sixpence” as well as being members of the dance group “Bliss”.

Both Carys David and Faith Mattinson have applied for courses at Cardiff and the Vale College and are awaiting news.

The form have a couple of keen drummers—Dylan Smith, who is working towards his grade 6, and Reuben Brock, who won “Best Young Drummer” in Cardiff. Finally, Reuben Jones was a member of the Stanwell Cross Country who competed in an all Wales competition in Brecon and came 2nd and Jack Stockley-Jones, who ran a personal best for the 100m of 11.54 seconds! Well done to you all!

11X

This term has seen a number of achievements for Form 11X. Aled Rees got into Cardiff Blues U16s and won the Middle Rugby Award at the Sports Awards.

Will Hardy has a role in the school production, whilst Olivia Tyso got into the Development Training Centre for netball. Dan Munro-Morris, Adam John, Jericho Aguinaldo and Calan Cross all had a positive football result against Cathyas High School.

Lowri Chambers, Phoebe Scott-Quinlan, Yola Bailey, Sam Kneale, Olivia Tyso and Aled Rees all achieved their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award. Samuel Kneale was selected for the GB sailing squad.
11W

The first term of the year has been a busy one for 11W but still there are many extra-curricular achievements to be celebrated. **Elouisa-Jayne Germon** raised a £140 for Cardiff’s Dog Home during a bake sale (and has reached 3.3k subscribers on YouTube).

**Evan Lloyd** has both represented and captained Cardiff Blues U16s team. **Tristan Edwards** has competed for his third year in rowing for the school.

**Ethan Mulcahy** continues to enjoy playing for Sully football club. **Oliva Rees, Lucie Franks and Sophie Whitaker** were all involved in the Senior school production of ‘Half a Six Pence’.

11O

11O has been busy this term getting involved in many extra-curricular activities, particularly in the domain of sport.

Our gymnast, **Megan Lias** took part in the Welsh Tumbling Championships in North Wales.

We have many keen footballers, amongst them **Enes Kir** and **Louis Foscolo**, who both play for Sully FC. **Matt Wiltshire** has been busy fund-raising for Penarth RFC’s tour to France this summer by taking part in bag packing, youth club and a comedy event.

Let’s not forget our dancers! **Gethin Glynn** has been enjoying rehearsals with Saturn Dance group, in particular Cuban Salsa, as well as taking part in Helen O’Grady’s Drama Academy rehearsals. **Lily Coughlan** starred in Bliss Dancers’ show in Dinas Powys Parish Hall in October.

Finally, on a musical note, **Seren Jones** passed grade 5 Theory of Music with distinction. Well done all!

11R

11R have had a busy start to the academic year, with many students achieving successes both in and outside of school!

**Sophie Anderton** and **Ellie Macmillan** represented the school in netball, making it to the County finals. **Eleanor Cole** played an essential role in the recent Autumn concert in school – she gave a superb performance as part of ‘Jazzwise’ and accompanied the massed Year 7 choir. **Morgan James** represented the school in Athletics, reaching the Welsh schools’ final. He also was crowned 2nd in Wales for the cross-country competition in his age group! **Ethan Millinship** was a key player for

“da iawn!”
the school football team, ensuring quarter-final success in the Vale Cup. Lauren Selman was part of the Netball success in the County finals, along with the Welsh indoor championships for rowing.

Karl Webber has continued to be part of the successful school rugby team for his year. Finlay Evans plays for Penarth football team, Nicholas Hague Jones is a member of Cogan football team and Eddie Price volunteers regularly as a coach for the U11 Dinas squad. Lloyd Thomas has reached the Orange belt in Judo skills and Pia Sully coaches swimming in Barry swimming club. Megan Sully also competes for Barry and the Vale in Athletics.

11K

Many students have been taking part in the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme and have been successful at Bronze award level.

These are form captain Cathleen Tan, Carys Thomas, Jack Walters, Tom Croll, Max Baker, Lucas French. Jessica Davies has been very active and energetic in achieving 1st place in the WDO South Wales Street Dance Competition.

Isabelle Dain-Smith won the School Cross Country championship and performed excellently as a representative in the County championships in Cardiff. Continuing the sporting recognition, Rhys Newman has continued representing the Vale of Glamorgan rugby team this season and Jack Garrett has again been successful, qualifying for the European full contact karate competition.

11L

Enyala and Arianne Banks performed for Prince Charles in the Youth Opera at The Millenium Cantre. Hannah Williams is a valued player in the Leckwith Netball team and played a match against our very own Miss Bates. She also plays at county level. Mia Sutcliffe-Hill completed her Grade 6 and 7 ballet exams.

Daniel Hayes came second representing the school in cross country. Emma Monaghan passed her Grade 5 singing exam with a merit. Hannah Murphy got her black belt in karate. A very talented form; Congratulations to everyone!

Team GB sailors Rhys Lewis and Sam Kneale

“da iawn!”
Year 12 students have now settled into life in the sixth form and it is a pleasure to welcome so many of our former pupils back to study at Stanwell. Indeed 80% of last year’s Year 11 group decided to continue their education with us. We would also like to extend a warm welcome to the 13 new entrants from other schools who have joined our sixth form. We wish them a successful, productive and enjoyable couple of years at our school.

Students have been busy settling into their chosen subjects which has culminated in a formal examination period. Interim reports were distributed on November 13th informing parents on initial progress and a full mid year report will be issued in January.

Many students have started to prepare for future careers and university courses. A large group of students were invited to attend the SEREN event at the Liberty Stadium in Swansea where they received information on how best to prepare for the rigorous Oxbridge selection process and put themselves in the best possible position for consideration when applying to universities in general next year.

It has also been emphasised to all members of the year group applying to UCAS next year that gaining the super-curricular experience in the field in which they will be applying could prove very useful in obtaining the most sought after places. These opportunities are advertised on the daily bulletins and many students have already made arrangements to attend subject specific courses and university taster days.

The Blood Service gave a presentation to the year group describing their work and the benefits of donating blood and, although many Year 12 students were not in a position to donate during the September session as there is an age requirement of 17, several of those who did qualify did donate. The support of sixth form students is crucial in providing the number of donations required for Stanwell to remain a blood donating station, the first school in Wales to do so.

Mr Jones, the headmaster and Miss Donovan of the History department were joined by Mason Enticott and Molly Newman at Penarth’s annual Remembrance commemorations. They both joined the parade as the Head Boy and Girl laid wreaths at Penarth’s Garden of a Remembrance on behalf of staff and students of Stanwell school. Mason and Molly were joined by Maddy Carver, Freya Hall, Jamie Locke-Jones, Tara Robinson and Alice Short in laying wreaths around Penarth in the week leading up to Remembrance Day. Miss Donovan and her team are currently undergoing a project researching the young volunteers of Penarth who paid the ultimate sacrifice during World War I and these wreaths were laid on or near the homes that they left to fight for their country never to return. All students involved have commented on the impact of the project on them in helping them realise the enormous effect it must have had on their local community. The school has received numerous complimentary messages regarding this work and the contributions of the students. We are very proud of them. They are fantastic representatives of the school and we thank Miss Donovan for organising the project.

“fantastic representatives of the school”
WO1

Congratulations to Hannah Stephens who represented Wales in sprint kayaking in the Flanders Cup in Belgium. Hannah won 2 bronze medals, 2 silver and 1 gold in both the single and crew boat races.

WO4

Emily McConnon has secured a principle role in the school's production of Half a Sixpence and, along with Isaac Grant and Cerys Harvey is a regular member of the school choir who performed in the autumn music concert. Well done also to Dylan Penry-Williams who is a valued member of the school's jazz group and senior orchestra.

WO5

Well done to Elinor Hawkins who is part of the school's charity committee who work tirelessly to raise money for various causes. To Libero Tassinari who plays water polo in the Welsh league and trains with the Welsh team and to Rhys Meddins who represents the school in tennis.

“Many wonderful achievements”
Year 12

WO6

Nimrod Abramovich is volunteering in a local primary school supporting pupils in mathematics and Saleh Mohamed is helping younger pupils improve their reading skills. Well done to Carys Fox who has completed the grade 5 exam in singing and grade 4 in music theory and to Tom Fazackerley who has completed grade 4 on the piano. Congratulations to Harrison Williams who is developing his coaching skills by volunteering with a local youth football team.

WO7

A big congratulations to Fiona Brunker who has recently received the Grand Prior award by the St John ambulance, the highest award than can be given to an U18 volunteer. She has also performed in a production of Beauty and the Beast in Penarth's Paget Rooms. Well done to Harmony Hewlett who performed in the autumn music concert with the senior orchestra and jazz group. She is also a member of the orchestra for the school's production of Half a Sixpence.

WO8

In the world of sport, Sara Buckland has completed the Coaches of the Future course with the 5x60 team and Toby Dyer has completed the level 1 in first aid and coaching. Well done to Katie Streets who took part in a charity concert to raise money for Children in Need and to Ellie-Rose Griffiths who sang with the senior choir in the autumn concert.

WO9

Well done to Mair Jones who has been volunteering as a swimming coach and to Sofia Lovering who is currently giving her time to support year 1 students at Albert primary school. Congratulations to Bronwen Pearce who has recently passed the inter foundation ballet exam as well as completing the grade 7 exam. Kate Beeslee is taking part in the senior production of Half a Sixpence and Daniel Stafford is giving up his time to volunteer with the Music Technology club for younger students.

WO10

Well done to Joshua Cook for continuing to excel in gymnastics and for become a British medalist and to Jacob Dimond for recently winning an MMA championship fight. Congratulations to Isaac Singh for passing the grade 8 exam on the drums.

“Achievements in the worlds of sport and music”
After completing their AS level examinations this summer it has been a busy term for Year 13, they have found the rigours and expectations of study at A2 challenging. Alongside this, the students have spent considerable time thinking about their post 18 intentions and planning appropriately. The majority are in the process of applying to UCAS; 121 students have applied thus far. 19 students have applied to Oxbridge this academic year and 13 of these students have been successful in gaining interviews. We wish all applicants every success and hope that they will receive offers from the universities of their choice.

A lot of tutorial and assembly time has been dedicated to UCAS-related activities. Iwan Hopkins from Cardiff University gave a presentation to the year group on interview techniques whilst Glenn Cosby from Bristol University gave advice on writing an effective personal statement. Students wishing to apply for careers in medicine and dentistry have been receiving advice from Martin Blamey, a school governor, formerly of Careers Wales.

All Year 13 students continue to work towards obtaining the Welsh Baccalaureate qualification. Many university conditional offers received thus far have featured the Welsh Baccalaureate and students have been completing their Individual Project this term after receiving advice from their tutors.

Internal examinations have been sat by the students prior to the Christmas break. This gives both staff and students a real indication of how they are progressing at A2. This will allow teachers and students to set targets for the last stretch of their sixth form education.

On a lighter note, several of our Year 13 students will play leading roles in the school’s senior production of ‘Half A Sixpence’ which will be performed during the week prior to the Christmas break. Many Year 13 students have secured main parts while others are members of the cast, stage crew or orchestra. Congratulations to the senior prefect team on being appointed. Henry Waddon and Rose Wilcox have been appointed Head Boy and Girl respectively with Robert Brown and Emily Alford as their Deputies.

B01
Jordan Birchall was watched by Cardiff City and Swansea football scouts. Ben Croll completed work experience at a recording studio and Elspeth Robertson has been cast as the female lead ‘Ann’ in the senior production of ‘Half a Sixpence’. Nathan Evans has captained the Senior Football Team

B02
Josef Attanoos has achieved grade 6 on the guitar and Kota Wirth grade 7 on the violin. Ieuan Murray and Idrees Maskeen have passed their driving tests. Alexander Whitfield is coaching sailing at Cardiff Bay Yacht Club. Harry Smith scored the winning goal for the Senior football team in the last minute of Stanwell’s first ever Welsh Cup. Leah Fowler has progressed to the third round in the application process for an apprenticeship with J.P. Morgan in Bournemouth.

B03
Well done to Noah Bushby who recently passed his Grade 8 cornet exam. Sam Thomas has continued to volunteer in the Art Department as a subject prefect. Camille Danielson has represented the form at school council meetings. Jade Eastwood and Alexandra Ruge-Hayes are looking forward to the upcoming Geography visit to the west coast of America.

“a real indication of how they are progressing”
In sport, **Samuel Jones** was named Dinas Powys Football ‘Clubman of the Year’ whilst **Haaris Khan** has been busy training with the Welsh Boxing Squad. **Liberty Smith** raised a tremendous £600 for Diabetes UK as Junior Captain of Dinas Powys Tennis Club. On stage and screen, **Tomas McSorley** played the leading character in ‘Gulliver’s Travels’ as part of the Youth Theatre production in Belfast. **Andrew Salter** and **Lauren Mair** are looking forward to performing in the school’s production of ‘Half a Sixpence’ and **Emily Cook** learnt a lot as an extra in the BBC’s drama ‘Casualty’.

**Daisy Osborne-Walsh** and **Darwin Alford** head the school charity committee and last year raised nearly £10,000. **Bronwyn Morgan** achieved a grade 3 in Piano. She is also a school prefect and currently has 5 university offers. **Cora Squire** is doing piano lessons, has started her driving lessons, a volunteer at Oxfam, a school prefect and currently has 5 university offers. **Chloe Waite** is currently a grade 4 in piano, volunteers in Sunday school and completed a master class with Hans Zimmer in film music. **George Lush** has had 3 out of 5 university offers so far. **Jason Grice** is a subject prefect. **Niall McSorley** plays drums in a band.

**Gwyn Donlan** spoke at the year 12 SEREN launch event at the Vale Hotel about an Oxford summer school that he attended. **Kieron Gimber** has recently joined Dinas Powys rugby club. **Megan Jenkins** and **Sam Stapleton** have been attending STEP style lessons in Mathematics after school to focus on more challenging mathematics problems and extend further knowledge of applications of maths.

The class have had a number of informative and stimulating discussions on a variety of subjects chaired by form representatives **Oliver El-Jawhari** and **Emily Matthews**. **Felix Berendse** and **Owen Day** have been part of the senior production. **Kris Black** is the Chair of the Vale Youth Forum while **Alec Smith** is the Vice Chair of the Vale Youth Forum. **Elysia Hickery** has helped out in Media Club and is part of the senior production. **Emily Skinner** has played for the Cardiff City Ladies Basketball team, and is part of the senior production.

Wishing you all a restful Christmas break.

“Wishing you all a very merry Christmas”
100% Attendance Pupils: Autumn Term (4th September – 15th December 2017)

Stanwell School's attendance figure for 2017-18 is 95.7%. Thank you for your continued support in raising the annual performance figure.

**Well done to the following pupils who have attended school every day since September**

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