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## FROM THE HEADTEACHER'S DESK

This month we wish two of our teaching staff 'All the very best' with the next stage of their lives as they leave Gowerton School. Sharan Roberts has taught Geography and been a Head of Year at Gowerton for 28 years and Julie Thomas has taught History for 17 years. Both have been dedicated to pupils, staff, their subject and extra-curricular activities throughout their time at Gowerton. They will both be greatly missed and we thank them for their dedication and service to the school.

## WELSH FESTIVAL - DISNEYLAND

To celebrate Saint David's day at the Welsh Festival over 100 pupils and staff travelled to Paris for a weekend. Pupils spent two full days between both the Disneyland and Disney Studios parks. A fantastic fun-filled weekend was had by all – Lots of rides, lots of shopping finished off by a spectacular firework and lights display to end the Welsh Festival.

Diolch yn fawr iawn i bawb!



## EISTEDDFODAU



Year 7 and year 8 pupils enjoyed the opportunity to compete in singing, dancing and reciting during the two half day events. There were additional competitions this year including a very competitive event in which form groups performed their chosen song. They were well rehearsed by their form teachers and everyone sang enthusiastically. Another new item was the 'Boys vocal ensemble' again highly competitive! The wide range of activities and the excellent talent on show included a harpist and Irish dancing. The winners in the poetry competitions for the 'Crowning of the Bard' went to Charley Ayres (year 7) and Alyssa Reynolds (year 8). Da iawn merched!

The winners of the competitions were invited to perform in an afternoon concert. Parents, Gowertonians and the Ladies Guild of Gowerton enjoyed an afternoon of tea, biscuits and talent despite the cold weather!

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Article 7: The right to a name and a nationality



## REACH FOR THE SKY PROGRAMME

As part of the 'Reach for the Sky' mentoring programme a group of Year 11 boys were invited to the Principality Stadium in Cardiff by Ian Gough, former Wales International Rugby player.

The group experienced a behind the scenes tour of the stadium and were given access to some off-limit areas.

Ian shared a lot of motivational and inspirational words throughout the day with the pupils encouraging them to make the most of every opportunity in their education and further life.



## GOWERTON v YALE (CANADA)



Gowerton School hosted Yale Secondary School from Vancouver in Canada. The visitors had started their tour in France and having moved on to Wales they were playing the first game of the tour. Gowerton were again fortunate to be able to call on the services of WRU professional referee Ben Whitehouse to officiate at the game.

A healthy crowd of several hundred were at Gowerton RFC to watch.



## GOWERTON SCHOOL SPONSORS

A massive thank you to our supply staff agencies for their generous sponsorship of our Annual Senior Awards Evening. Next months newsletter will feature a full account of the ceremony that is due to take place after the Easter holidays.



## VOCAL AND PIANO COMPETITIONS

We are fortunate to have close links with Duvant Male Choir and they kindly sponsor two annual awards. These are for vocal and piano performance. An excellent evening of competition was held recently with 3 choristers judging the high standard of performance.

In the Vocal competition we had four competitors singing beautifully with Josie Daniels being awarded 1st prize, Caitlin Rees 2nd and Charlotte Wheel and Aidan Wilson joint 3rd.

In the Piano competition the baby grand piano in the hall was played and the audience were treated to an exceptionally high standard with music by Debussy, Chopin and Beethoven. The first prize went to Ben Smith, year 10 and sisters Natsuho and Rinoha Yamamoto received 2nd and 3rd prize.

