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FROM THE HEADTEACHER'S DESK

The school doesn't get any quieter after the completion of the A level and GCSE exams! As the Year 11 and 13 students finished their time with us, the next generation of Gowertonians came to visit the school, as part of their transition from Primary to Secondary. We also had visitors from Spain having a taste of Welsh school life and a Guitar masterclass. As I write this we have pupils leading a tour of the school for our UNICEF assessors, deciding on whether we deserve the Gold Award for Rights Respecting Schools. Our year 10 pupils are teaching our year 7 & 8 pupils as part of their Welsh Bacc award and they have found the experience very rewarding (not to worry our teachers are also in the lessons!)

I am proud of the hard work the pupils, staff, governors, parents and the community have put into this academic year. Diolch i bawb.

Here are just some details of the many activities we have held over the last month.

ROCK OF AGES

Pupils from years 7- 10 took part in our Drama/Music Production and what an outstanding event to be involved in! The three nights of performances were all of an exceptional standard. Even in the warm weather all the pupils gave excellent performances and the audiences were overwhelmed by the standard, enthusiasm, acting and singing skills. Thanks to all the staff and pupils involved for this memorable production.

Six of the main cast performed in the 'open air' at the Waunarlwydd Rugby Club as part of the Carnival week festivities. It was wonderful to see the parents singing and clapping along in the sunshine. Thanks to Josie, Aidan, Maisey, Caitlin, Charlie and Olivia.



SIR KARL JENKINS



Recently the school warmly welcomed 'the most performed living composer in the world' Sir Karl Jenkins. It was a great honour for the music students to have a 'question and answer' session with Sir Karl. It was an amazing opportunity for our pupils to hear the great composer's musical journey from his education at Gowerton Grammar School to now being such a prestigious composer. An honour for the school to have had this visit. The following evening Sir Karl Jenkins spoke to a full hall of Gowertonians attending the annual dinner held at the school.



GUITAR MASTERCLASS

A wonderful masterclass was organised by the Gower Festival and sponsored by Gowerton School and the Gowertonian Society. Our guitarists and pupils from other local schools were privileged to work with the excellent guitarist Andrew Lebedev.



YEAR 11 & 13 PROM

Year 11 and Year 13 held two wonder Proms in the glorious sunshine. They were both evenings of mixed emotions as pupils enjoyed the glamour of the evening but also felt some sadness as this was their final event of their school life. We wished all our pupils all the very best in their futures.



TRANSITION



The Year 5 pupils from our partner primary schools visited to have a day of activities which included making key rings, pitta bread pizzas and clothes created from newspapers. They also had a Welsh lesson and danced a Welsh Twm-path Dawns. They all had an excellent time and enjoyed making new friends.

Within one week 220 Year 6 pupils spent four days at the school, as the final part of their transition. After a first day of team building activities a wonderful community singing Cymanfaganu was held with very impressive singing from year 6. Our strong tradition of singing will be upheld with this yeargroup. The next two days consisted of taster lessons in which pupils had the opportunity of working with others and making new friends.

TRIATHLON SUCCESS

Gowerton pupils took part in the 'Go Tri Triathlon' in July. All pupils successfully completed the course and Cieron Williams was our school champion. Congratulations to all involved.



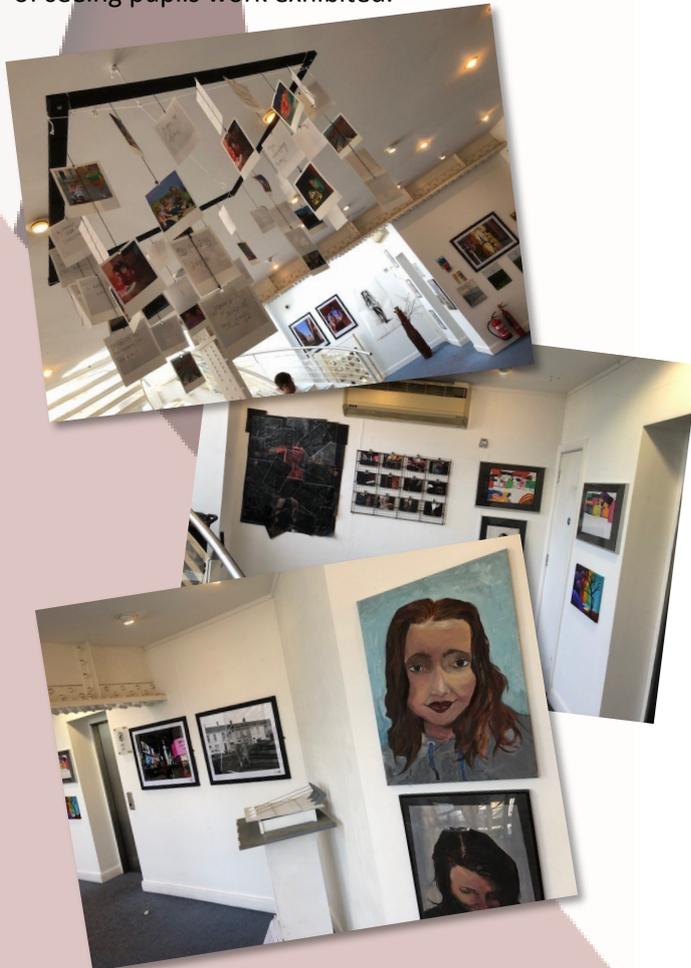
PGL TRIP

A selection of pupils from years 7-9 went to Osmington Bay, Weymouth for a fun filled, sunny weekend at the PGL Camp. Pupils took part in a range of activities like quad biking, abseiling, rock climbing and lots more! Pupils thoroughly enjoyed the weekend and thanked the staff for organising such an amazing experience.



WHITE ROOM EXHIBITION

The Art, Photography and D&T annual exhibition of pupils' work held at the Grand Theatre was once again an overwhelming success. The official opening was given by Lynne Bebb a local printmaker and artist associated with Swansea Print Workshop. It was wonderful to pupils, families, governors and staff experiencing the pride of seeing pupils work exhibited.



THE MAIDEN FACTOR PROJECT

The year 7 and 8 pupils are privileged to be involved in a three year project. The aim of the project is *'To advance the education of girls aged 5 to 18 years old who would not otherwise receive a formal or vocational education.'*

Our pupils have written messages of hope to girls across the world and the best 10 messages will be taken on a three year journey around the world and given to girls in countries where they are unable to access education.

Here are some of the messages 'Everyone deserves an education.' 'I may not know you or know where you live but I want to tell you :NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE'

