



# The Gowerton Goss - Autumn 2018

*For the pupils, by the pupils*

## NEW YEAR—NEW START!



### Hello School

I am here to say that the school newspaper is solving your problems.

Write down any problem that you have and sign with an anonyms name and I will respond in the next newsletter. Place them in the advice box in the canteen.  
From THEHELPER123



Dewch i'r Clwb Cymraeg!  
Clwb Cymraeg mewn D2,  
amser cinio, gyda Miss  
Thomas ar dydd mawrth.

**Come to Clwb Cymraeg! A  
welsh club in D2, lunchtimes,  
with Miss Thomas on Tues-  
days.**

If you need help with your homework or just want to learn more Welsh, then Clwb Cymraeg is the place for you! Only one lunchtime a week on Tuesdays with Miss Thomas in D2 you can join us and play welsh board games, make posters and finish welsh homework with the help of a teacher and your peers. You may think welsh is boring and dull just because it's a language besides our main spoken language English and you may find it a difficulty, but I can assure you that after you try our welsh club this will be redefined, and your views changed!

Written by Grace Webb (Year 7)

## Interview with Mr Jones



*Photograph taken by  
Ben Rashbrook and Cian Shearman (Year 7)*

**We interviewed the headmaster Mr Jones about the  
new year of Gowerton.**

**Here's how it went.**

**Do you think the new year seven was as good as the  
last?**

*I think all of the year sevens are equally wonderful.*

**Do you think it's good people here are getting active?**

*I think staying active is very important and it's great  
people are staying active.*

**Your opinions on the clubs this year?**

*I think the clubs are wonderful, actually the school council  
nominee's will have there names taken in on the first of  
October.*

**What got you into teaching?**

*A desire to make sure that children have a better  
education than myself*

**Why did you come to this school?**

*I came to this school because it has an excellent rep and  
performance*

**What is it like being a head teacher?**

*Hard work but it is very rewarding*

**Why did you decide to ban mobile phones in school?**

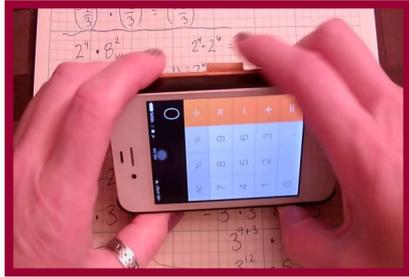
*It is important for pupils to focus on their work and not on  
their phones*

**Send your questions in for next Interview via  
hwb to [ZaireR@hwbccymru.net](mailto:ZaireR@hwbccymru.net)**

Written by Ruby Zaire (Year 7) and Connor Otteson (Year 8)

# SHOULD PHONES BE BANNED IN SCHOOL?

## No



Within Gowerton school we have seen a massive change in the lifestyle of pupils, we were given a massive amount of freedom as we were allowed access to our own mobile phones back in 2016, but 2017 took a turn as something that was used frequently on the daily was quickly taken away.

To start this argument, I would like to talk about the **hypocrites** that are **the teachers!** It is clear to any student that there are double standards between teachers and students, setting a good example is the first thing that somebody must enforce to get respect. But although they say they are setting a good example, they seem to forget to show their actions physically. School uniform is an example of this (as in, teachers can freely express themselves using their clothes, but students are condemned to be clones of each other.) This is the same with the phone ban I feel as if teachers should not be allowed the freedom of their mobile phones if students can't even be seen with one in their hand without getting a detention. This is the definition of a double standard.

I think that mobile phones would be an amazing asset to the school community if they would be allowed in detention. Detention is really a pointless form of control; the only purpose is to make the child suffer with boredom consequently for their actions. But what if detention had a new meaning, having your mobile phone could give students a reason to be there. I think they could use their phones for educational sources to help them develop both I.C.T skills but keep them thinking!

As schools to suffer financially with budget cuts I feel, using your mobile phone as a substitute for computers (chrome books) would help save more money and give students a new form of responsibility!

To conclude this argument, I would like to say that mobile phones should not be banned because they help kids with their education. More so, because the world is becoming more engrossed in technology it would help with their future.

**Article written by Evie Davies.**

Sources- <https://kwikboost.com/7-reasons-students-allowed-use-cell-phones-school/>

## Yes



There are a lot of different opinions within the school community about students using phones. Some schools choose to ban them, and others choose to keep them with precautions. But whatever you were to say there will always be different opinions on the topic.

Within Gowerton school we have chosen to ban mobile phones to try and capture the social aspect of school once again, and to reduce the amount of viral content that gets passed around within social media. Today I'm going to be arguing why mobile phones should be banned in Gowerton school.

As our knowledge about technology increases we will see a major up rise in the younger generation using their phones. In some cases, yes, it is encouraged because of the significant creation of jobs that will include technology. But the real question is, are these mobile phones interrupting our education?

Recent studies show that the average teenager will spend up to **nine** hours on their phone daily! With younger and younger children getting hold of phones it is no doubt that this number will increase dramatically.

One of the main reason's schools choose to ban mobile phones is because they want to increase the amount of authority upon the students (especially within the classroom.) Often this is because the teacher would like everybody to be paying attention to the lesson instead of getting distracted by their 'latest post'. But with phones accessible outside of school is this ban just a pointless rule?

Well I think not, some students might think of school as a sort of 'safe place', where they can get away from any worries at home. An example of this is children who get cyber bullied, if the phones are banned in the school then the child can feel safe to not have to worry about the constant texting that could be going on.

To conclude this debate, I would like to give my final thoughts after gathering all the facts and statistics. I think that mobile phones should be banned within school because they are both a distraction to learning and they take away from the social aspect of friends. People should not spend their life hiding behind a screen, they should use their voice for good.

**Article written by Evie Davies**

Sources- [www.debate.org/opinions/should-students-be-allowed-to-use-cell-phones-in-school](http://www.debate.org/opinions/should-students-be-allowed-to-use-cell-phones-in-school)

# Jokes and Meme of the term

(Written by Sanjay Pradeepan (Year 8) and Ben Rashbrook (Year 7))



I told my girlfriend she drew her eyebrows too high. She seemed surprised.

My dog used to chase people on a bike a lot. It got so bad, finally I had to take his bike away



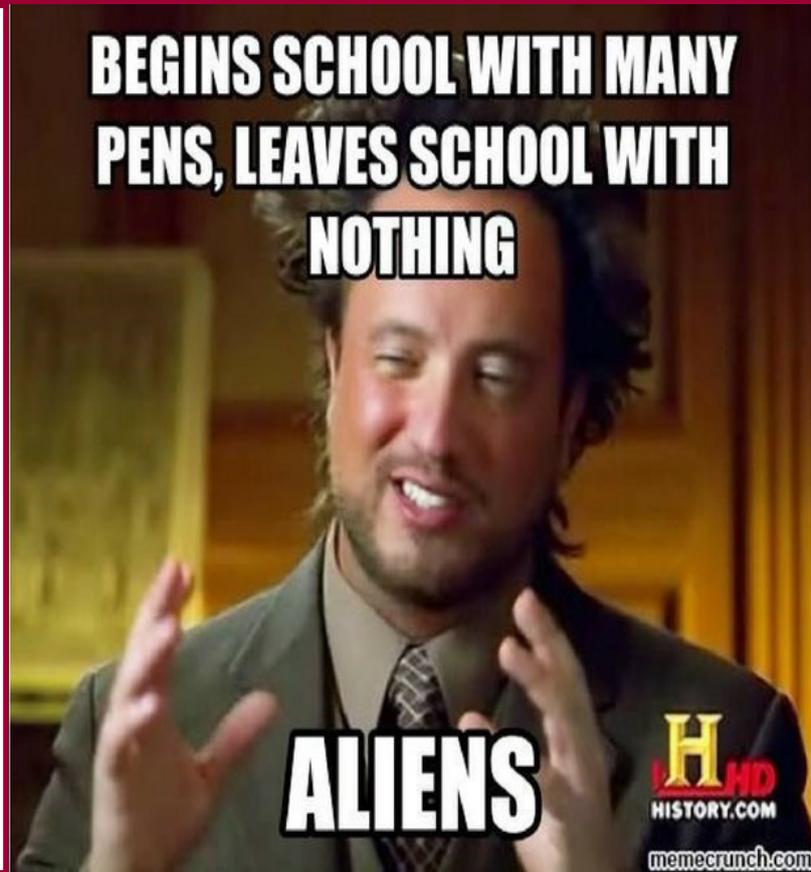
Why is Peter Pan always flying?

He Neverland's.

My boss told me to have a good day.. so I went home.



The other day, my wife asked me to pass her lipstick but I accidentally passed her a glue stick. She still isn't talking to me.



## Story and Poems - by published author - our very own Maria Abid (Year 7)

Have you ever heard of global warming?  
If you have; well now it's greatly forming.  
From reduction of snow cover and sea ice,  
To desertification which is not at all nice!  
How does this happen?  
Solar radiation enters Earth's atmosphere,  
Some energy is absorbed by the Earth while the rest reflects into Space -mere,  
Some is reflected back to Earth; Global warming- O DEAR!!!  
How can we stop this?  
By recycling stuff so it's not going to the oceanic abyss,  
Use solar panels to create electricity,  
Which makes more facility.  
Now we know how to stop this,  
Let's turn Global warming into an abyss!

## Panda's Rule

The Unusual Dream



Maria Abid

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To buy the book or read more, go to Amazon

<https://www.amazon.co.uk/Panda%20s-Rule-Unusual-Maria-Abid/dp/1543490999>



Anne is a panda who lives in Hong Kong. She has many emotions. She can be happy, excited, tender, scared, angry, and sad.

Anne has a cheerful and exciting birthday at the seaside and finds a glamorous necklace. Since then, she is having very unusual dreams. Will Anne find out who or what is after her?

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Maria Abid was born in Aberystwyth, Wales, in the year 2007. When she was six months old she moved to a village in Gower (UK's first area of outstanding natural beauty).

Maria is eldest of the four siblings. She goes to a local school in her village and has developed a keen interest in writing stories and poems for kids. She likes swimming, hockey and cricket in sports. Maria hopes this book will open her journey towards making a successful writer.

Xlibris





Ever wondered how some of the latest technology works? Then worry no more! In this article, I will be telling you about one of the latest iPhone the iPhone X!

### iPhone X

This iPhone is the latest one out. It was brought to us by Apple earlier this year. Here is some information.

*(Written by Grace Treseder (Year 8))*

<b>Fact 1</b>	Costs £999 - £1149
<b>Fact 2</b>	It only takes 30 minute to get 50% charge
<b>Fact 3</b>	It has wireless charging
<b>Fact 4</b>	It has facial recognition
<b>Fact 5</b>	It has facial muscle movements
<b>Fact 6</b>	It only weighs 174g
<b>Fact 7</b>	It has a 12mp camera
<b>Fact 8</b>	It has glass on the front and the back
<b>Fact 9</b>	You pronounce it '10' not 'x'

# Puzzles / Brain Teasers!

A man shot her wife, and then held her underwater for 5 minutes. A little later, they enjoyed a wonderful dinner together.  
How is this possible?

		3	6		
	2				4
5				6	
	3				5
3				1	
		1	4		

In an abandoned house, where no one can get in, 10 fish are in a tank. 2 die, 3 swim away. How many fish are left in the tank?

*(Written by Grace Treseder (Year 8))*

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