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FROM THE HEADTEACHER'S DESK

We welcome the whole school community back to Gowerton after the 2 week Christmas Holiday. Everyone has returned full of energy and enthusiasm. Before looking forward to 2019 we reflect on some of the successes from the end of last term.

PRESENTATION TO CHARITY

Gowerton School presented Joanne Popham a cheque for £1,300 which was raised by pupils through 'Shwmae Day' and the 'First Give' initiative.



VICTORIAN SCHOOLS VISIT

The parents and students of Gowerton School billeted 42 Australian rugby players last week when they hosted the visiting Victorian Schools' squads from Australia. The visitors were on the fifth leg of their tour of Great Britain, Ireland, France and Belgium and arrived in Gowerton having won 9 of their previous 10 fixtures. The main focus of the visit came when the school played the visitors in two matches with the schools' year 10 team playing against the visitors' under 16 'B' team and the year 11 team playing their 'A' team. The visit was a memorable occasion for both groups with many friendships and bonds being made between students that may last a lifetime.



CAMERON CLAYFIELD SELECTED FOR WELSH ACADEMIALS

Year 13 pupil Cameron Clayfield was selected from over 120 nominated nationwide to play for the Welsh Academicals under 19 rugby team in their annual fixture against Llandovery College. Cameron who also plays for Penclawdd RFC Youth played at full back. He scored a try in an enterprising game that saw the lead changing hand on a number of occasions before the Academicals eventually came out on top 38-31. The Accies next game sees them travel to play Millfield later in the month and Cameron will be hoping for selection for that game too.



CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

Well done to all those who took part! Here are the results:

Year 7 Girls

- Carys Hennessey – 5th
- Alana Mayhew – 42nd

Year 8 & 9 Girls

- Rosie Meredith (Year 9) – 5th
- Ffion Hennessey (Year 9) – 13th
- Carys Lewis Hopkins (Year 8) – 14th

Year 10-14 Boys

- Will Arnold (Year 11) – 6th



URDD SWIMMING GALA SUCCESS

Congratulations to the swimming team at the Urdd competition on Sunday! They competed against the best swimmers from each county across Wales. There were superb results from all of our swimmers as they all placed in the top three for each of their races. Please see their outstanding results below.

- Antonio Rodriguez– Double Gold
- Jessica Dickinson – Double Gold
- Pasha Richards– Gold,
- Dairhys Leckonby – Bronze
- Mixed relay – Jess, Antonio, Raffi Richards and Rosie Meredith – Silver



GOWERTON DOUBLE UP AT PONTARDULLAIS

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PENYRHEOL YEAR 7: 10 — GOWERTON YEAR 7: 43

Gowerton's year 7 team travelled to Penyrheol hoping to build on their victory at Pontarddulais the week previously. The hosts were playing their second game of the week having travelled to Bishopston two days earlier where they'd produced an encouraging performance before going down 27-22.

The visitors final score was the best of the match and with scrum half Pearce-Morgan's crisp service giving his outside space a little more time on the ball they worked the ball to wing Dodd and he outpaced the defence from halfway to complete his hat trick. Scrum half Pearce-Morgan converted. Penyrheol continued to fight hard with lock Layla Kerr carrying strongly and wing Pennino having the pace to threaten when in possession and they deservedly had the final say when good handling by their midfield backs allowed them to cross for a second time. The final whistle followed shortly after and Gowerton returned home victors 43-10.



Back from left: Aled Jefferies, Evan Williams, Reuben de Val, Josh Anderson, Ethan Davies, Tyler Davies, Drew Dodd, Jac Lewis-Colwill, Iwan Pearce-Morgan, Morgan Bradley, James Godbeer, Caerwyn Richards, Ben Hughes, Cameron Bevan.

Front from left: Harvey Marshall, Alfie Catto, Jac Hawkins, Richard Davies, Finn Lewis, James Wells, Ethan Wood, Nathan Gardiner, Tyler-Jay Penhorwood, Isobel Baldwin-Pritchard.