FHS Newsletter

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Dear parents and guardians

With the external exams finally over, and the end of term and the summer holidays almost upon us, here is the last edition of 2025-2026 academic year's newsletter. In true Ffynone fashion, this very short half-term has been once again packed with activities—from outdoor pursuits, competition success in Classics and Languages, the summer concert, the Y9 & 10 canoeing activity, the Y10 DofE canoeing or walking weekend, the Proms, the summer fair and many more.

YEAR 6 ENTREPRISE CHALLENGE

On June 24th, Year 6 pupils held their Enterprise Challenge! They worked incredibly hard planning and creating their stalls, bringing their ideas to life and ensuring that everyone had a great time.

There was a wonderful atmosphere around the yard, with pupils across the school enjoying the activities and getting involved in the fun. Year 6 thoroughly enjoyed the experience of running their own small businesses and have developed many valuable skills along the way, including teamwork, communication, creativity and problem-solving.

A huge well done to all of Year 6 for their hard work and enthusiasm, and a big thank you to Year 5 for helping to make the event such a success!

Y10 DofE CANOE WEEKEND

Early June, our Y10 students bravely faced the elements when they went canoeing along the canal from Brecon to Llangynidir, Powys. This canoe journey was divided into two stages, and the intrepid participants stayed the night in Pencelli campsite outside Brecon. As part of their training practice, they had learned to pitch a tent and cook. They were assessed on this trip for the Bronze certificates. Despite the weather, the youngsters showed a lot of gusto and camaraderie along the way, as well as excellent canoeing skills. A week later, the rest of Y10 took part in a 10-12 km walk instead around the Gower Peninsula. Well done all!

Y10 in action

CLASSICAL ASSOCIATION MYTHOLOGY COMPETITION 2026

Well done to Freddie (Y6) who came 2nd in the whole of the UK in the KS2 Art category, winning £30 in book tokens. His depiction of "Theseus & the Minotaur" earned the following comments from the judges:

"What a fantastic entry! Your detailed and the final creation was so carefully constructed. It was such a pleasure to see your portrayal of the myth. Very well done!".

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Y7 Mariam, Wales winner for German Level 1. She was also highly commended for French Level 1

FHS LINGUISTS HAVE DONE IT AGAIN!

For the 5th consecutive year since taking part in the Anthea Bell Competition for Young Translators, Ffynone language students have once again put Ffynone's name on the map. The keenest linguists translated poems or fiction unaided from different languages into English. Some of them entered the same language at 2 different levels, or 2 languages at the same level. We are proud to announce that Fritz-Harry (Y10) has now had his name mentioned on Queen's College, Oxford University website for the 3rd year running. He translated a passage from Proust two levels above his year group and was declared Wales winner Level 4 French. Mariam (Y7) was Wales winner for German and highly commended for French, both at Level 1. Alicia (Y10) got a commendation for translating from Spanish and Rachel (Y11) for Mandarin into English (both at Level 3). A fantastic result for Ffynone, when judges had to choose between 5,400 entries across the UK!

Fritz-Harry
Wales winner
French Level 4

Alicia
Commendation
Spanish Level 3

Anthea Bell Prize for Young Translators

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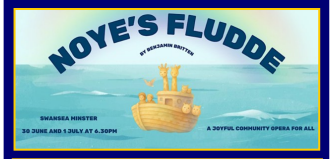
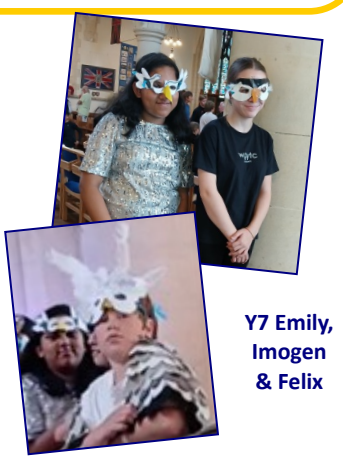


NOYE'S FLUDDE EVENT

Ffynone House School Years 6 and 7 were offered a wonderful opportunity to be part of a community event led by Swansea Minster's Director of Musical Engagement, Hope Pugh. Over the course of several weeks, they learned three songs from Benjamin Britten's 'Noye Fludde' and performed these alongside professional musicians, and professional opera performers and students from the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama, in close partnership with local schools from Swansea. Some of our older pupils from Years 9-12 also took part as the 'gossips'. At its core, this project was about community and creativity that bring people together. Thank you to Mrs Harvey who helped our pupils to create beautiful bird masks for the production.

Ryanna, Emily, Alicia, Rosie & Katie as the 'gossips'

Carys & Kayla (L) and Joshua & Jaxson (R)



Y7 Emily, Imogen & Felix

PROMS 2026

Our Years 11, 12 and 13 looked dashing on Prom night! We wish those who are leaving us (students and staff) all the best on their next venture.

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Singers Jaxson & Imogen and Carys (on drums), 3 of the Y7 quartet

FHS CELEBRATION OF MUSIC, CREATIVITY & TALENT

A packed hall, exceptional performances by our extremely talented musicians, singers and performers, some incredible art work from the GCSE and A Level students... This summed up the concert evening on June 17th. Our multi-talented youngsters delighted the audience (the hall was packed!) with their music, songs, recitation and art display. It was pure joy for all. Thank you again to Mrs. McCleod for her involvement in the Lamda performances, to Mrs. Harvey whose enthusiasm for Art gets the best in her pupils, and to Mrs. Ramos, whose nurturing of, and passion for Music shine through in her pupils' performances every single time. It was a night to remember!

The multi-talented junior ensemble

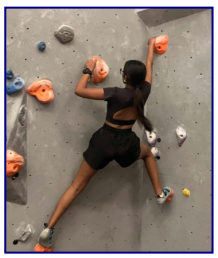
Darcey, lead singer of the brilliant Y11 band

The Harmony Girls 'in full swing'!

6TH FORMERS' UCAS PREPARATION

Early July, Mrs. Munro organised three days for our Sixth formers to prepare them for UCAS application and University life. Guest speakers were invited on Day 1. On Day 2, pupils visited the library to conduct research, followed by some excellent personalised advice from our past Ffynone sixth formers who are currently at University as well as individual medic meetings with a working doctor, to offer specific advice on preparing for medicine interviews. On the Thursday, students and staff relocated to the professional environment of the Sancta Maria conference room for a UCAS and University preparation workshop led by Dr Hanford and Mr Summerfield, and assisted by Mrs Munro. The three days were rounded off with a trip to the Climbing Hangar, Swansea where pupils and teachers pushed their limits on the bouldering walls.

Ffynone is lucky to have such great role-model teachers in Dr. Handford & Mrs. Munro!



PRIMARY SPORT'S DAY

On July 8th, the Primary school pupils...and their parents had great fun on the University fields in Ashleigh Road. The weather was incredibly hot and Mr. Prosser, Ffynone Sports Coordinator, along with the primary teachers, had organised some cool games for all. It ranged from tug-of-war, egg race, sack race, javelin to a very competitive parents' race. The was a great atmosphere to end the school year.

Sport's Day -A great warm-up to start this well-attended event!

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