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Careers Fair



Our first Careers fair in our new school saw over 45 different representatives from Universities to the NHS, Engineering to the RAF and Fire service to the Film Industry. The event began with a 'quiet' session for a selection of pupils at 5.30pm with the rest from Year's 9–13 joining in at 6pm. The event was extremely well attended and the feedback from families, exhibitors, and pupils alike was extremely positive.

The pupils loved interacting with the different careers from collecting freebies and information, to trying on RAF Uniform and helmets, performing CPR (on the dummy), and not forgetting the realistic wounds created by Screen Alliance Film Industry.

Many thanks to Careers Wales for their support organising the event.



Value of the Month
Positivity
Positifrwydd

Focusing on solutions instead of problems.

Merits awarded:
10736

Sparx Maths:
279025 questions answered correctly, and
5,543 hours of personalised learning completed

Accelerated Reader:
Pupils have read a total of 1,677,287 words
For 26 minutes per day (pupil average) in
January

Key dates for February

6th-7th - Year 12 Geography Field Trip London
12th - Year 9 Parents' Evening
16th-20th - Half term
26th - Primary Scholastic Book fair
28th - Rotary Young Chef 10am

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Gilwern Outdoor Education Centre

Year 6 had the exciting opportunity to stay at Gilwern Outdoor Education Centre between Monday 19th January and Wednesday 21st January. Despite the chilly, wet weather, Year 6 showed wonderful enthusiasm and curiosity during the visit. We participated in canoeing, climbing, caving and gorge walking. Year 6 got a thorough soaking but their positivity and resilience shone. The staff were incredibly proud of the way the children represented King Henry VIII 3-19 School throughout the visit, showing exceptional manners, asking insightful questions, and approaching new challenges with courage and confidence.



Year 6 have been creating collages, tracking the journey of a river from source to sea.



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STEM Industry Day Inspires Year 9

This term Year 9 enjoyed a fantastic STEM Industry Day, taking part in a carousel of talks and hands-on workshops designed to showcase the real-world impact of Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths.

Pupils worked their way around sessions led by industry professionals from Hope Bike Engineering, John Cranna Structural Engineering, SWG Construction, Cardiff Metropolitan University Food Science Lab, and Cardiff Met Fashion and Textiles, gaining insight into careers ranging from Engineering and Construction to Food Science and Sustainable Fashion. They heard from former pupils Megan Christie of GE Aviation and Kliaste Jordan of Numark Pharmaceuticals; who shared their own journeys into STEM careers and offered valuable advice. We would like to give a huge thank you to all who gave up their time and travelled to us.



6th Form Taster Day

Year 11 pupils spent the day investigating their options Post-16. Pupils were able to choose between looking at L3 A Levels and BTECs as well as our new L2 vocational offer of Childcare and Play, Sport and Leisure, or they explored vocational options at Coleg Gwent.

It was great to see so many pupils thinking about their future and considering the pathways open to them.

St Dwynwen's Day

Pupils studying childcare made St Dwynwen's Day activities for early years and Primary Phase pupils. They included finger-print hearts, heart wands, and story boards



Art

Year 9 have been busy working on their Day of The Dead candy skulls and have started a new project - Protest & Conflict.

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Sporting Success

We have had a number of wonderful successes and representative honours over the past few weeks:

- ✓ Joseph and Dylan Year 13 – representing Wales in track cycling.
- ✓ Poppy and Cerys, Year 13. Inira and Abi Year 12– South East Wales Under 18 County Netball
- ✓ Beti, Isabella, Robyn Y8– South East Wales Under 14 County Netball
- ✓ Congratulations to our newly qualified Basketball leaders.
- ✓ Joe Year 12, Joe Year 9 , Ross and Alicia Year 11, Bethany Year 10, Edie and Eloise Year 7 – South East Wales Cross-country
- ✓ Dylan Year 12 competed in Next Generation Apeldoorn and achieved the following:-PB Flying 200 Qualifying in 6th Place, 3rd Team Sprint, 2nd Kilometre, 8th Sprint
- ✓ Congratulations to Tomos Year 9 who was awarded 3rd U14 Welsh male in slalom, and Naomi Year 8 placed 4th U14 Welsh female in slalom, narrowly missing out on the podium at the Welsh Alpine Skiing Championships in Champéry, Switzerland



Good luck to our very own PE teacher Lauren Stockley, who is competing in the highest level of the Elite 15 Hyrox race in Phoenix USA. From former pupil of Deri View and King Henry VIII School, to recently appointed inspiring KHS 3-19 PE teacher. Pupils will be supporting Miss Stockley by completing their own Hyrox race during PE lessons.

