

# Chepstow School News



March 2026



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INSPIRING LEARNING

Dear Parent or Carer,

We have come to the end of another very busy, but also incredibly successful, term. Our learners have achieved so much, and there has been a real sense of pride across the Chepstow School community.

This term we have celebrated excellent outcomes in Maths, English and the Skills Challenge, enjoyed the creativity and culture of our Eisteddfod, and marked Dydd Santes Dwynwen with some lovely recognition roses and thoughtful messages shared across the school. Learners have also taken part in some fantastic experiences, including unforgettable visits to Madrid and Austria.

A true highlight has been the amazing showcase of *Legally Blonde*—a production that demonstrated superb talent, dedication, and teamwork from everyone involved. We also say goodbye to Ms Miller, who has been a valued member of Chepstow School for the past 10 years. On behalf of the whole community, we wish her the very best as she begins her new role.

Over the Easter break, we will be offering a range of supportive revision sessions for learners in Years 10, 11, 12 and 13 to help them feel confident and well prepared for the forthcoming summer external examinations.

Wishing all our families a restful and enjoyable break. Pasg hapus i bawb!

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# Key Dates Academic Year 2025/26

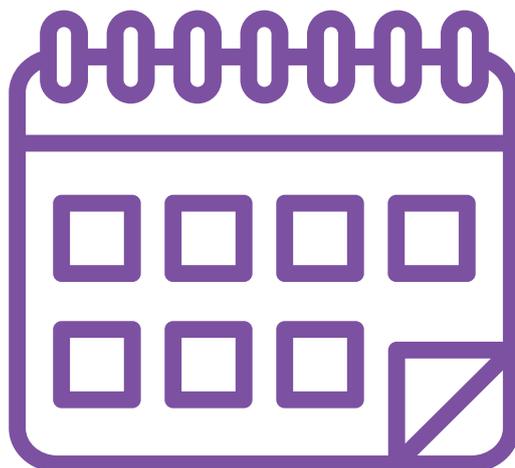


Date	Event
13.04.26 - 20.07.26	Summer Term
13.04.26 and 20.07.26	INSET Days
16.04.26	Y7 Parent/Carers' Evening
04.05.26	Early May Bank Holiday
25.05.26 - 29.05.26	Whitsun Half Term
01.06.26 - 05.06.26	Year 12 Work Experience
25.06.26	Year 13 Prom
26.06.26	Year 11 Leavers' Assembly
26.06.26	Year 13 Leavers' Assembly
02.07.26	Year 11 Prom
03.07.26 - 05.07.26	Normandy Trip
06.07.26	Year 11 Transition
07.07.26	School and Community Together Events
07.07.26 and 08.07.26	Year 6 Transition

# Wellbeing Dates

## Academic Year 2025/26

Date	Wellbeing Activity / Event	Groups Involved
14.04.26	Sexual Health Workshop	Year 10
16.04.26	Wellbeing Support	Year 10 and Year 11
21.04.26 & 24.04.26	Online Workshop	Year 9
22.04.26	SAMA Project	6- 8 pupils aged 11-13
02.06.26	Anti Racism School Workshop	Year 7 and Year 8
07.07.26	School and Community Together Events	Whole School



# Class Charts Champions

## Year 7

Jemima N  
Florrie K  
Harry M

## Year 8

Jaxon S  
Jack W  
Seren G

## Year 11

Maisy K  
Gwenny M  
Sasha S

## Year 9

Casey T  
Phoebe D  
Peaches N

## Year 10

Maddalena P  
Seren P  
Roxy-Lee D



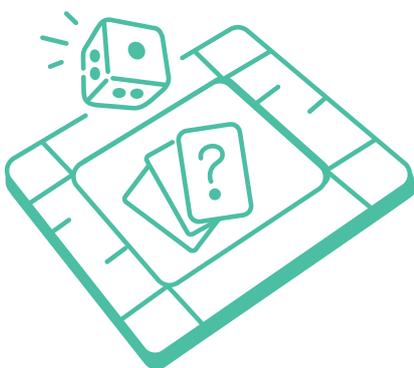
ClassCharts

# Chepstow School Rewards Launch

We launched our new reward incentives this term, celebrating learners who have made exceptional progress in their learning, consistently upheld our school values, and shown outstanding commitment to attending school every day.

To further enhance our Golden Hour celebrations at the end of this term, we have also invested in a fantastic range of new board games and activities, another exciting way to recognise and reward our amazing students.

We are incredibly proud of our learners and look forward to celebrating their achievements throughout the remainder of this year!



# Easter Golden Hour Rewards



To celebrate the end of a fantastic term, we held our Easter Golden Hour Rewards, recognising students who consistently uphold our school values of Positivity, Perseverance, Ambition, Curiosity and Equity in everything they do.

We are incredibly proud that over 95% of our learners were invited to take part. This outstanding figure reflects the respect, high expectations, commitment and resilience shown by our students every single day.

During Period 5 in the final week of term, every invited learner was able to choose an activity that suited their interests and wellbeing needs. The wide range of options included football, netball, basketball, board games, reading, arts and crafts, computer games, Just Dance, and more; a diverse range of activities that truly reflects our inclusive culture and ensures every learner can find something they enjoy.

Staff thoroughly enjoyed leading these sessions and engaging with pupils in a different capacity, often with a healthy bit of competitive spirit emerging along the way!

We are incredibly proud of every student who earned their place in the Easter Golden Hour Rewards.

A huge well done to you all — keep living our values every day!

# Easter Golden Hour Rewards

## Year 7 Golden Hour – Fun, Friends & Fantastic Energy!

Our Year 7s had a lovely time during this term's Golden Hour! The atmosphere was buzzing as pupils threw themselves into a brilliant mix of activities, there truly was something for everyone. From fast-paced football, netball and basketball matches to creative arts, calming reading corners, competitive board games and even some impressive dance-floor moves, the energy was incredible.

It was wonderful to see pupils laughing, trying new things, and enjoying time together outside the classroom. Golden Hour continues to be a highlight of the week, and Year 7 certainly made the most of it!

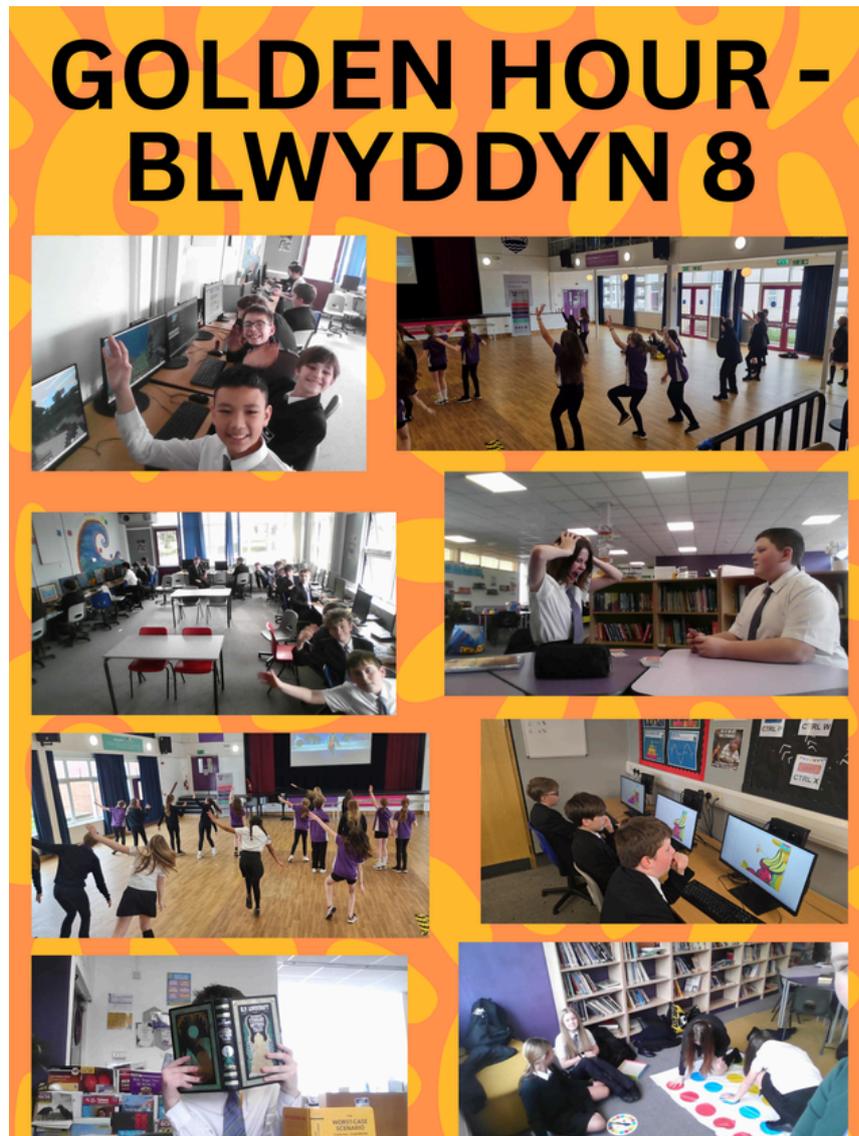


# Easter Golden Hour Rewards

## Y8 Golden Hour

Year 8 threw themselves into Golden Hour this term, making the most of every activity on offer. From hands-on arts and crafts to lively Just Dance sessions, a bit of friendly football, chilled-out reading time, classic board games, and computer-based fun, pupils had plenty of choice and made it their own.

The best part was seeing everyone mixing, chatting, creating, and simply enjoying a break from the usual routine. Golden Hour continues to give Year 8 a real chance to unwind and try something different, and this term they embraced it brilliantly.



# Year 8 Celebrations

## Celebrating Outstanding Year 8 Success!

We were incredibly proud to recognise the exceptional progress, positivity and perseverance shown by our amazing Year 8 learners. Their hard work and commitment have truly shone through this term, and it was a pleasure to celebrate their achievements together.

To mark the occasion, our deserving students enjoyed a special rewards breakfast, a small token of appreciation for their brilliant attitude and effort.

Well done, Year 8! We are super proud of everything you've accomplished and can't wait to see what you achieve next. Keep up the fantastic work!



# Year 8 Celebrations

## Charity

Year 8 also has plenty to look forward to as we move into the summer term. As a year group, we're excited to be supporting the charity Children with Cancer, and we already have a number of fun fundraising plans in motion. Pupils will have the chance to get involved in a range of sponsored events, including walks, bake sales, and even a light-hearted "throwing water at people in the stocks" challenge — always a favourite!

Last year, Year 8 raised an impressive amount for charity, and we're aiming to build on that success with even more enthusiasm this time around. We can't wait to see the fantastic efforts the pupils bring to this year's fundraising activities.



# Year 8 Celebrations

## Easter Awards

This term has been full of brilliant achievements for Blwyddyn 8, and we were delighted to recognise these in our recent celebration assembly. Form teachers selected their Pupil of the Term, choosing individuals who consistently embody our school values of positivity, perseverance, ambition, curiosity, and equity. These pupils have truly stood out for the way they contribute to our school community. So a big da iawn to Laylah S, Elizabeth P, George B, Arthur B, Kesha dB, and Esther B!

We also celebrated pupils who have maintained 100% attendance, week after week - an impressive show of perseverance and commitment to their learning.

A special mention goes to Milana K, who has received the most positives in the entire year group since January. Llongyfarchiadau, Milana! Your hard work and consistent effort have not gone unnoticed, and you are a fantastic example to your peers.

It's been a wonderful term for Blwyddyn 8, and we look forward to seeing even more successes as we head into the summer.



# Legally Blonde



## **Oh my God, you guys... how good was the school show?!**

From February 10th–12th, our school hall burst into life as pupils delivered three completely sold-out performances of Legally Blonde and what a triumph it was.

The cast brought incredible energy, talent, and charisma to the stage, with fantastic singing, dancing, and acting throughout. Their enthusiasm was infectious, and the audience were with them every step of the way. If anyone needed to Keep It Positive, this cast showed exactly how it's done. Moments of full of humour, character, and warmth had the crowd smiling from start to finish. Honestly, the entire production had the kind of sparkle that could make anyone shout Bend and Snap! in celebration.

The scenery, created entirely by the brilliantly talented Mrs Powell, was nothing short of spectacular. Every set piece transformed the stage and helped immerse the audience into Elle Woods' world with creativity and flair.



# Legally Blonde



Supporting the cast was our student-filled orchestra, whose musical skill added depth, energy, and excitement to the show. Their professionalism and hard work shone through in every number.

A huge thank you must go to our amazing PTA, who kept everyone refreshed and helped create a warm, welcoming atmosphere across all three evenings. Another massive shout-out to Archer & Co for their generous sponsorship once again, support like theirs helps make productions of this scale truly possible.

This year's Legally Blonde production was an absolute highlight in the school calendar, showcasing the dedication, teamwork, and outstanding talent of our pupils and staff. A huge well done to everyone involved in creating a show we'll be talking about for a long time.



# LITERACY, LANGUAGE AND COMMUNICATION

## Madrid Trip

Our time in Madrid was so amazing, and I couldn't have asked for a better experience. We got to do so many different things across our time on the trip, and still had enough time to spend with friends, shopping and walking around Madrid. On both the Monday and Wednesday morning, we went to a language school in the city, where we learned Spanish. It was interesting because the teacher of the class didn't speak English to us, and we had to decipher parts if we didn't fully know what was going on! Later on, our first opportunity for free time was in Parque de El Retiro, where we were able to walk around in the sunshine and spend time with friends. We went to the Reina Sofia museum, and saw Picasso's Guernica, as well as a variety of other artworks. Dinner that evening was really lovely, and when we got back to the hostel, there was another opportunity to have free time, in which you could go to Puerta del Sol, however some friends and I stayed behind and spent some time together playing card games instead.



We were also given a Madrid highlights tour, and we got to see a variety of historic buildings, and even a place where you could buy biscuits from a group of nuns by placing money on a plate and then waiting for them to give you the box of whatever you asked for. As a part of the tour, we got to see an amazing cathedral, which had gorgeous architecture and stained glass windows. Later that evening, we had tapas for dinner, going on a tapas tour to two different restaurants and then a churreria. All of the food across the trip was amazing, but the tapas was unique because of the chance to try typical Spanish food.

After being at the language school on the Wednesday, we took the Metro to the churreria again, where we got to have even more churros than we had the night before. They were so delicious! That day we also went to the Prado museum and saw many famous art pieces, but following on from that, we went to a flamenco show. Watching the singing, dancing, and flamenco guitar was not like anything that I've seen before. The composition of the entire show was amazing.

On our final day in Madrid, we travelled to Santiago Bernabeu, which is the Real Madrid football team stadium. We walked around and got to see a bunch about the history of the club the building and a few of the players as well and even got to walk up onto the pitch.

Overall, the trip was the most amazing experience and I'm really glad that I got to go. There were so many things for us to do, and yet we still had enough time to ourselves as well, making sure we could fully experience the city. Mr Walsh did a fantastic job planning and organising the trip, and it was reflected through how much everyone enjoyed it!

By Lauren D

## Book Bingo & World Book Day

In the 10 days leading up to World Book Day, our learners took part in an exciting whole-school competition: Book Bingo! Each day, pupils searched for the “hidden” book around school and worked together in their form groups to decode the anagram revealed on Day 10. This challenge not only encouraged teamwork and problem-solving but also sparked fantastic discussions about reading and favourite books across the school community.

We were thrilled to celebrate World Book Day on Thursday 5th March with huge success! The day helped promote a love of reading while reflecting our core values at Chepstow School.

To continue this momentum, every learner has been given a book token, which can be exchanged for a £1 World Book Day book at our local library. We can't wait to see what stories they choose!

Keep reading, keep exploring, and keep showing those Chepstow values!



# LITERACY, LANGUAGE AND COMMUNICATION



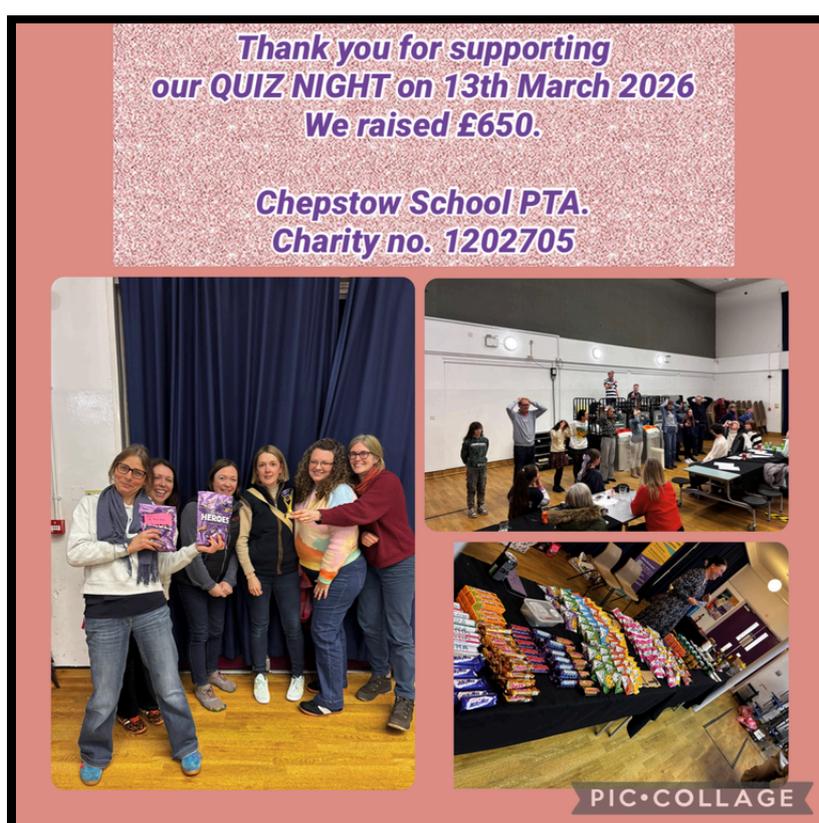
# PTA Quiz Night Success



We were delighted to host a fantastic PTA Quiz Night this March, which brought together families from across our school community for an evening of fun, laughter and friendly competition. It was wonderful to see such a strong turnout and a great sense of community spirit throughout the event.

A huge thank you goes to everyone who attended and supported the evening. Special thanks must go to Steve and James for delivering an engaging and well organised quiz that kept everyone entertained from start to finish.

Events like this play a vital role in strengthening our school community, and we are incredibly grateful for the continued support of our families and PTA. We look forward to hosting more events like this in the future.



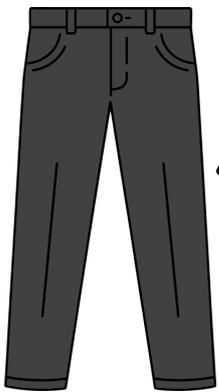
If your child has shot up since September and you need new uniform items please reach out to us.

The pre-loved uniform cupboard is well stocked with all uniform essentials.

This season is already expensive, so avoid anymore expenses and come to us for your new items. **Take what you need.**

Contact Amy Kite with requests: [AmyKite@chepstowschool.net](mailto:AmyKite@chepstowschool.net)  
Items will be left with reception for your child to collect.

Suggested donation of £2 per item, but only pay if you can. Cash to school office or payment direct to PTA bank:



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Our fab PTA all now have pupils at the top end of school and will be stepping back from July 2026.

**We're looking for parents/carers of year 7/8/9 to get involved to hand over the ropes.**

We always need help at events, even an hour to set up, stay and sell tuck, pop in and help put tables away.

Please help us to continue to run fun events for pupils and raise vital funds for school.

An hour is really appreciated.

Contact [chair@chepstowpta.net](mailto:chair@chepstowpta.net) for further information.

# Mathematics & Numeracy



## Celebrating outstanding GCSE results

We are thrilled to share the remarkable achievements of our Year 11 students who sat their GCSE Mathematics and GCSE Numeracy examinations early in November. In January, they received their results for both qualifications and they are truly outstanding:

45 A\* grades

19 A grades

These exceptional outcomes reflect not only their mathematical ability, but more importantly their positivity, ambition, and perseverance. Throughout their preparation, these students approached challenges with enthusiasm, maintained high aspirations, and showed a determined work ethic that has led to their success. We could not be prouder of their attitude and commitment.

Their journey now continues as they progress to Additional Mathematics, strengthening their skills even further as many prepare for A-Level study in September.

A huge da iawn pawb! Your positivity, ambition and perseverance have truly helped you reach for the stars!





## Eisteddfod – Maths competition

In the Maths Eisteddfod competition learners put their coordinate skills to the test through a creative challenge. Pupils selected either a one-quadrant or four-quadrant Welsh-themed coordinate picture, carefully plotted each point, and joined them with precision using pencil and ruler. Once complete, they added colour and decoration to bring their mathematical artwork to life. The competition beautifully combined numeracy, accuracy, and creativity celebrating both mathematical thinking and Welsh culture.

## Celebrating Pi Day at Chepstow School

Last week, Chepstow School celebrated Pi Day with vibrant assemblies and a reflective Thought for the Week, giving learners the chance to explore the wonder of  $\pi$ —its history, its infinite digits, and its surprising appearances in science, technology, and everyday life. Pupils learned how Welsh mathematician William Jones introduced the symbol  $\pi$ , discovered how civilisations across history worked to understand it, and reflected on the many ways this fascinating number shapes our world.

The celebrations also brought our school values to life: perseverance in tackling challenging ideas, equity in recognising that maths is for everyone, curiosity in asking big questions, ambition in striving for progress, and positivity in enjoying the challenge of learning. With creative opportunities such as the Pi Representation Competition, the week encouraged learners not only to understand  $\pi$ , but to celebrate the joy, discovery, and infinite possibilities that learning can bring.



## Celebrating Our Success in the UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge

We are delighted to celebrate the fantastic achievements of our Year 9 and Year 10 pupils in this year's UKMT Intermediate Mathematical Challenge. Their problem-solving skills, determination, and enthusiasm for mathematics truly shone through.

Across both year groups, pupils earned an impressive range of Gold, Silver, and Bronze certificates, with many others receiving Participation awards.

Special congratulations go to:

- Jamie B (Year 10) – awarded Gold and named Best in School.
- Devon G (Year 9) – awarded Silver and named Best in Year.

Congratulations to the following pupils whose high scores earned them Silver certificates:

Year 9 - Rhys D, Devon G, Emma O, Ana P, Evie R

Year 10 - Natalie C, Marta D, Harvey G, Scott R, Milo S, Iris W

A huge well done to our Bronze award winners, who demonstrated strong mathematical reasoning and resilience:

Year 9 - Elis J, Harrison J, Henry J, Gwen M, Archie M, William R, Rori S, Mostyn R



# Mathematics & Numeracy



Year 10 - Emily A, Cerys C, Rhys P, Ellie S, Pippa U, Yumi W

We are equally proud of all pupils who earned Participation certificates. The UKMT challenge is designed to stretch and challenge, and simply taking part reflects confidence, curiosity, and a willingness to embrace challenge.

This year's results highlight a thriving mathematical culture across the school. We look forward to supporting Year 7 and 8 pupils in the UKMT Junior competition in April!

Well done to everyone who took part, you should all be incredibly proud of your achievements!





## KS5 Mathematics – Spring Term Update

It has been a busy and exciting term for our KS5 mathematicians since returning in January. Students in both Year 12 and Year 13 have shown strong focus and determination as they progress through their A-Level Mathematics and Further Mathematics courses.

### Online Events and Enrichment

This term, many students joined AMSP online enrichment sessions and university taster lectures, giving them valuable insight into maths-related careers, machine learning, statistics, and higher-level study. These opportunities help broaden understanding of where mathematics can take them.



### International Women's Day

To mark International Women's Day, KS5 students explored the achievements of influential women in mathematics such as Katherine Johnson, Maryam Mirzakhani and Ada Lovelace. This led to thoughtful discussions about representation in STEM and the importance of ambition and resilience.

For more information:

<https://math-soc.com/2026/03/08/international-womens-day-women-who-have-revolutionised-mathematics/>



## Celebrating St Dwynwen's Day at Chepstow School!

### Dydd Santes Dwynwen Hapus!

Chepstow School celebrated Dydd Santes Dwynwen with a programme of activities designed to promote kindness, compassion, and positive relationships. Throughout the week prior, our Cymdeithas Gymraeg led assemblies about Santes Dwynwen and discussed how we can be kind to ourselves.

Throughout the day, pupils and staff exchanged roses and positive notes. The initiative not only celebrated the Welsh tradition of Dydd Santes Dwynwen but also reinforced our ongoing commitment to nurturing a caring and inclusive school environment.

Overall, the day was an outstanding success, promoting kindness.





## **Chepstow School Eisteddfod**

On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March, we held our annual School Eisteddfod. This was presented bilingually by our Cymdeithas Gymraeg. This year's school Eisteddfod was again an exceptional celebration of Welsh culture, creativity, and talent. The event brought together pupils from across all faculties, reflecting the wide range of skills and interests within our school community. Learners took part in a variety of competitions, showcasing excellence not only in the expressive arts but also in all subjects.

Throughout the day, pupils were recognised for their achievements with certificates and prizes, highlighting both effort and high standards of performance. One of the most significant moments of the Eisteddfod was the Chairing of the Bard, honouring the winning poet for their outstanding creative writing. This traditional ceremony was a meaningful reminder of the importance of literature and the continued strength of Welsh cultural heritage within our school community. This year our Bard was Elis Jones.

**Llongyfarchiadau!**

The event also featured a fantastic series of live performances, including music, drama, and recitations delivered by students. These performances demonstrated confidence, creativity, and teamwork. Thank you to our judges who had a very difficult task!





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<b>Tŷ Glyndwr</b>	<b>Tŷ Bevan</b>
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## Year 9 Food and Nutrition Entrepreneurs Shine at Bryn Meadows Competition

A talented group of Year 9 girls proudly represented our school at a regional enterprise competition held at the beautiful Bryn Meadows Golf Resort. As part of the brief, teams were challenged to create a product using sustainably sourced Welsh ingredients or materials and our pupils rose to the challenge with creativity and enthusiasm.

The girls developed an innovative product called "Daffadough", a Welsh-inspired creation that reflected both their imagination and their commitment to sustainability. Their product attracted a great deal of interest from judges and fellow competitors throughout the event.

During the competition, the team showcased excellent teamwork, confidence, and entrepreneurial flair as they pitched their idea against entries from a range of other schools. Their presentation highlighted not only the quality of their product, but also their ability to communicate the importance of using environmentally responsible, locally sourced materials.

Although they did not win the overall competition, the girls' hard work and originality were recognised. They received certificates for the "Most Versatile Product," celebrating the adaptability and creativity behind Daffadough.

We are incredibly proud of their dedication, positivity, resilience and the fantastic way they represented our school.



## Chef from St. Pierre Inspires Year 10 Food & Nutrition Pupils

We were delighted to welcome a professional chef from St. Pierre into school to deliver a hands-on skills session for our Year 10 Food and Nutrition pupils. The workshop focused on developing high-level presentation and plating techniques, giving students valuable insight into how small details can elevate a dish from simple to restaurant-standard.

During the session, the chef demonstrated three dishes:

Chicken Caesar Salad – showcasing balance, height, and texture on the plate

Spaghetti Bolognese – highlighting modern plating approaches for classic comfort food

Chocolate Brownies – demonstrating creative finishing touches and attractive dessert presentation

Pupils had the opportunity to watch the demonstrations up close, ask questions, and practise applying new techniques to their own dishes. The session was both inspiring and highly practical, building confidence and expanding their skillset as they prepare for upcoming assessments. Of course, one of the highlights for the students was being able to taste all of the beautifully presented dishes. Every pupil thoroughly enjoyed the experience and found the workshop extremely beneficial.

A huge thank you to St. Pierre for supporting our learners and helping them take their culinary skills to the next level.

# Science & Technology



## F24 Go Kart Success

A huge congratulations to Year 11 students Finnan, Toby and Luke for their outstanding achievement in successfully designing and building an F24 Go Kart. Their hard work, dedication and teamwork have paid off, and we are incredibly proud to see their vehicle ready to compete at the upcoming race event at Mallory Park on May 6th.

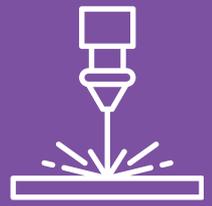
The team have also secured sponsorship from Istock, whose support has been invaluable in helping to bring the project to life. We wish them the very best of luck and look forward to following their progress on race day.



## STEM & Coding Opportunities

Students across KS3 and KS4 are making excellent use of our new 3D printers, recently introduced as part of a wider government investment in STEM across Monmouthshire. Alongside this, the department is making great use of the donated Lego Spike kits, which are proving hugely popular in both STEM and Coding Club.

Students are encouraged to get involved—Coding Club with Mrs Bourne runs on Monday lunchtimes, while STEM Club with Mr Lane and Mr Wong takes place on Wednesdays.



## Thank You to the PTA

The Technology Department would like to extend a sincere thank you to the PTA for their generous contribution towards the purchase of our new laser cutter. This fantastic piece of equipment is already playing a vital role across KS3, KS4 and KS5, allowing students to develop high-quality practical outcomes and experience industry-standard manufacturing processes. Your continued support makes a real difference to the opportunities we can provide for our learners.



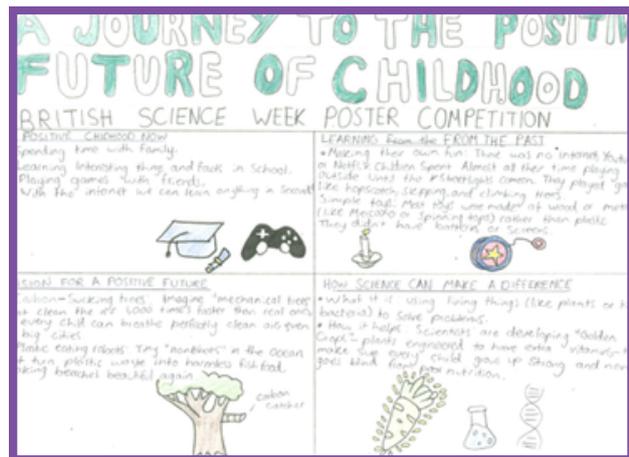


## British Science Week

The Science and Technology department have celebrated another successful British Science Week this term. This year's theme was curiosity and the thought for assemblies was focussed on the idea of the ethics of curiosity.

In lessons students were asked to think about a range of concepts from whether or not AI can or should be used to complete tasks to investigate whether different colours of light affect the growth of cress.

Students were also asked the question, "What will being a child be like in the future?". They were challenged to produce a poster showing their thoughts. There was a range of ideas but all showed real thought and consideration of how being a child has changed over the years.



Finally, students were challenged to ask a question of their teacher. Again, there were a range of questions including "How does a fusion reactor work?" and "Why is the sky blue?". Teachers rose to the occasion and even set some interesting questions for the students to investigate in return.



## Outstanding Engagement and Exciting Opportunities for Year 12

Our Year 12 Seren learners have had an exceptional start to the year, showcasing ambition, dedication, and a real appetite for challenge. We are thrilled to share that there has been a record-breaking number of applications for the prestigious Seren Residential at the University of Oxford.

This reflects not only the academic talent within the year group but also their growing confidence to aspire to the highest levels of study. Over the coming weeks, we will also be welcoming external guests to deliver specialist sessions on communication skills, helping students strengthen a vital area for university applications, interviews, and future careers.

Engagement with the Seren Masterclass Programme has been particularly impressive. Our students have attended a wide range of seminars across diverse disciplines including Medicine, Psychology, and Engineering, to name just a few. Their enthusiasm and curiosity continue to shine through in every session.

To further support learners aiming for competitive courses, Seren will also be offering admission test preparation, including practical workshops designed to break down the structure of tests and demonstrate effective strategies for approaching them with confidence.

This term we have had exciting opportunities, and we are incredibly proud of the commitment our Seren cohort is showing to their academic futures.



## University of Exeter Visit: Inspiring Year 9 as They Consider Their Future Pathways

We were delighted to welcome representatives from the University of Exeter this term for an engaging and thought-provoking session with our Year 9 students. As learners begin to consider their GCSE option choices, the visit provided the perfect opportunity to help them think ahead, explore future possibilities, and understand how the decisions they make now can shape their long-term goals.

Students were encouraged to reflect on their strengths, interests, and aspirations and to make choices that keep as many doors open as possible. The session sparked lots of thoughtful questions and conversations, helping learners see the bigger picture beyond Key Stage 4.

This was a fantastic opportunity for Year 9 to build confidence, broaden their thinking, and gain insight into the exciting possibilities available through higher education. We extend a big thank you to the University of Exeter team for their time, expertise, and enthusiasm in supporting our students at such an important stage.



# Exam Reminder



All students in Years 10 -13 have already been issued with their Personalised Summer 2026 Exam Timetable.

Those with a 'timetable clash' will have been given a letter outlining the final arrangements on the day of the clash exams.

All above students will be given a final personalised timetable nearer the start of the exams, showing additional information of venues & seat numbers and (the re-scheduled times for any 'clash exams' should this apply)

The Exam Regulations can be found on the school Website which hopes to answer frequently asked questions regarding all aspects of the examination process. We hope you will take the time to read this information carefully.

It is an expectation that all students attend all their examinations. Failure to attend without a valid reason (e.g. If on medical grounds we would require a medical letter of evidence) otherwise parents/carers may be charged.

All exam students must remain available until 24th June which is the Exam Boards' Exam Contingency Day in the event of any exams having to be cancelled and rescheduled.

Should you have any exam related queries please contact our Exams Officer:

Mrs Angela Warren [angelawarren@chepstowschool.net](mailto:angelawarren@chepstowschool.net)

# Careers Fair

## Careers Fayre Success: Inspiring Futures Through Employer Partnerships

We are so proud of the success of our Careers Fayre this term and the wealth of opportunities it created for our learners. The event was buzzing with energy, curiosity, and ambition as students explored a diverse range of pathways and connected directly with industry professionals.

A huge thank you to the fantastic employers who generously gave their time, enthusiasm, and expertise. The support plays a vital role in shaping our students' futures, helping them discover new possibilities and gain invaluable insights into the world of work.

We were delighted to welcome:



Vishay  
Cyson Cymru  
Educators Wales  
Airbus  
St Pierre  
Monmouthshire County Council  
Wales & West Utilities  
Big Ideas Wales  
RAF  
Army  
VLUK

# Careers Fair

BAE Systems  
Siltbusters  
Power  
University of South Wales (USW)  
Dalux  
Monmouthshire Childcare  
Archer & Co  
Ibstock

Their presence gave students a unique chance to explore apprenticeships, further study, specialist careers, and emerging sectors all within one vibrant and engaging event.

We are incredibly grateful for the continued partnerships that make days like this possible, and we look forward to building on this momentum to support even more outstanding experiences for our learners.



# Health and Wellbeing



Lewis qualified for the final of the U15 300m at the Welsh championships and he won GOLD in the pole vault. Congratulations to our newest Welsh champion.

Huge well done to all our gymnasts who did an amazing job in the second round of the school's Tumble & Vault competition in Cardiff, proudly representing South East Wales!

We are incredibly proud of every gymnast who took part – your hard work and dedication really showed.



A strong performance from Alistair at the Next Generation Track Cycling event in the Netherlands.

Competing as a first-year junior, he rode to a personal best in his Flying 200m Qualification Time, secured 3rd place in the Team Sprint as part of a mixed Welsh Cycling / GB Cycling team. Congratulations!



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Huge Congratulations, Jack!  
What an amazing achievement to be offered a 2-year contract with Swansea City Football Academy under-13s! That's such a proud moment and a fantastic step in your football journey with one of Wales' most respected youth setups.

Your hard work, dedication and passion for the game have truly paid off and we couldn't be more proud of you. The future is bright! 🏆

Huge congratulations to Isaac on a fantastic shoot at the WAA Wales Junior Indoor Open Championships!

Bringing home 2nd place in the Under-14 category is an amazing achievement and a real testament to all the hard work, focus, and dedication you've been putting in. We're incredibly proud of you, Isaac. Keep it going and keep aiming high!



# Health and Wellbeing

## Y7 & Y8 Basketball Team

We are incredibly proud of our Year 7 and 8 basketball team who finished second in the national finals in Cardiff this term

To reach a national final is a huge achievement, and the team represented Chepstow School with outstanding determination, teamwork and sportsmanship throughout the competition. They were a real credit to our school community.



# Health and Wellbeing

## Monmouthshire Youth Service

Thank you to Monmouthshire Youth Service for leading another fantastic Make Your Mark 2026 session! It was brilliant to see every learner across the school having their say and driving a youth-led conversation about the issues that matter most to young people across the country. We always hear such positive feedback about how thoughtful and impactful our students' contributions are, a huge well done and thank you to everyone who took part!





## Cyber Awareness

This term, we were delighted to welcome Gwent Police into school to deliver excellent learning on Cyber Awareness. Their sessions helped our students develop a really secure understanding of how to stay safe online, how to recognise risks, and how to report concerns confidently and appropriately.

The discussions sparked some incredibly thoughtful and insightful questions, showing just how valuable this learning was for everyone involved.

We are very grateful for the partnership and support.  
Diolch yn fawr!



# Health and Wellbeing

## Wellbeing Enrichment Spotlight at Chepstow School!

Our Year 10 and 11 students have taken a huge step forward in their preparation for the upcoming GCSE exams thanks to a series of outstanding workshops delivered by Platform X.

From building confidence and emotional resilience, to learning practical strategies for managing exam stress and looking after their wellbeing, these sessions have empowered our learners with tools that will support them long beyond exam season.

A massive thank you to the brilliant Platform X team for inspiring our students, opening up important conversations, and giving them the confidence to believe in themselves.



# Health and Wellbeing

## Year 7 Crucial Crew Safety Day

Our Year 7 pupils recently took part in a highly valuable Crucial Crew Safety Day, designed to help them understand how to stay safe in a wide range of real-life situations. The day brought together several expert external organisations, each delivering engaging, interactive sessions tailored to the needs of young people.

We were delighted to welcome the following providers into school:  
RNLI – sharing vital messages about water safety and staying safe near coastlines and open water.

Network Rail – educating pupils on railway safety and the importance of responsible behaviour near train tracks.

National Grid – highlighting how to stay safe around electricity and gas infrastructure.



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NACOA – offering important awareness around support services for young people affected by parental alcohol use.

Police – leading sessions on personal safety, decision-making, and community responsibility.

SWFRS & Wales & West – delivering essential fire safety guidance and developing pupils' understanding of emergency situations.

Throughout the day, our pupils behaved impeccably. They were fully engaged, asked thoughtful questions, and showed real maturity when discussing the different scenarios. Each organisation fed back on how impressed they were with the attitude, respect, and enthusiasm shown by our Year 7 cohort.

The Crucial Crew Day proved to be an incredibly meaningful and memorable learning experience, equipping pupils with knowledge and skills that will help keep them safe both in and out of school. We are grateful to all the external providers for their time and expertise and we are extremely proud of our Year 7 pupils for making the most of such an important opportunity.



# Health and Wellbeing

## Period Dignity: Flo Fairies

This year we've introduced a new group of girls in the school who are Period Ambassadors, also known as the Chepstow School Flo Fairies. Our job is to keep the toilets stocked so no one has to worry about being caught out when their period starts. We also get trained by an external professional, and our aim is to pass on what we learn to the younger years, helping them understand the challenges and how to deal with periods confidently.

Our main goal is to break the stigma around periods and make sure everyone feels informed, supported, and prepared. We want the school to be a safe space where anyone can come and talk to us, ask questions, or get help whenever they need it.



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# Unforgettable Ski Trip to Wagrain, Austria



During the February half-term, 53 pupils and 6 staff headed to the stunning resort of Wagrain, Austria, for a week filled with adventure, snow, and unforgettable memories. Surrounded by the breathtaking Austrian Alps and blessed with excellent ski conditions, pupils threw themselves into mastering new skills and enjoying everything the mountains had to offer.

On the slopes, pupils made remarkable progress, growing in confidence each day. There was no shortage of laughter either, especially when both pupils and staff occasionally found themselves slipping, sliding, and tumbling their way into the snow. The shared humour and encouragement made the experience even more special.

The trip wasn't without its challenges: the airline misplaced 32 of our cases on arrival but our pupils showed incredible character. Their positivity, resilience, and ambition turned a difficult situation into a testament of their maturity and team spirit. They supported each other brilliantly and made the most out of every moment.



# Unforgettable Ski Trip to Wagrain, Austria



Beyond skiing, pupils enjoyed a fantastic range of activities, including:

Tobogganing — a fast, fun highlight that had everyone racing and laughing.

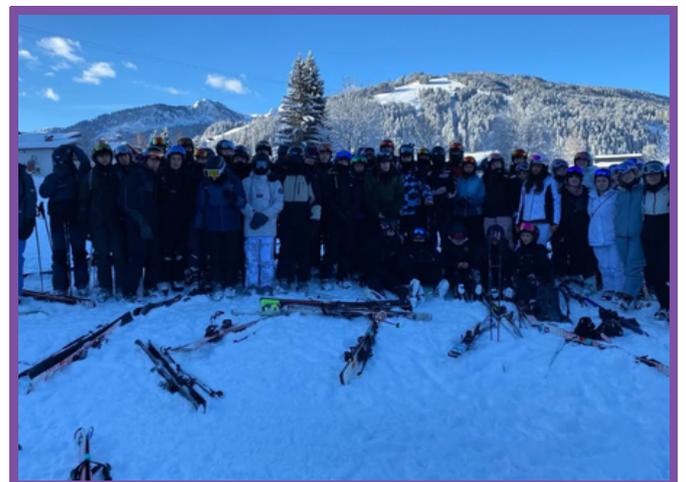
Swimming — a refreshing break from the slopes and a great chance to relax.

Pizza Party — an evening filled with good food, great company, and well-earned celebration.

Awards Night — recognising progress, teamwork, courage, and all the memorable moments of the week.

The trip was a perfect blend of challenge, excitement, and bonding. Pupils represented the school brilliantly throughout, and the memories made in Wagrain will stay with them for years to come.

A huge thank you to the staff who supported the trip and to all the pupils for making it such a phenomenal half-term adventure.



# Young Carers

## Our Amazing Young Carers have had a Busy and Inspiring Term

This term has been a very busy and exciting one for our amazing Young Carers. They have taken part in a range of activities designed to build confidence, learn new skills and celebrate the important role they play both in and out of school.

One of the highlights was a fantastic bike workshop led by external visitors. During the session, students learned practical skills such as how to repair a puncture and how to check their brakes properly to make sure their bikes are safe to ride. It was a hands-on experience that everyone enjoyed, and many students said they now feel more confident looking after their own bikes.



# Young Carers

Our Young Carers also came together to celebrate Young Carers Action Day on 11th March as part of the Fair Futures programme. This was a special opportunity to recognise their dedication, share experiences and feel proud of everything they achieve.

Young Carers in our school consistently show incredible resilience, kindness and responsibility. We are extremely proud of the way they balance their learning with the important roles they have outside of school. Their strength and determination are truly inspiring, and they are a valued part of our school community.



# Inter-Schools Photographic Competition

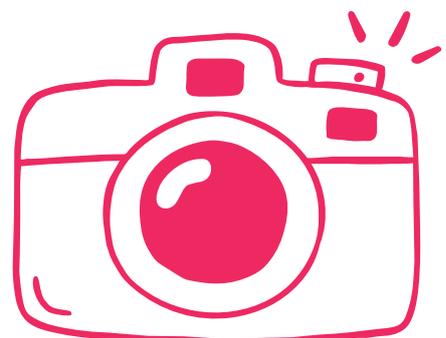
## Inter-Schools Photography Competition – Get Involved!

Our students are gearing up for the 2026 Inter-Schools Photographic Competition, and there's still plenty of time to join in! This year's theme, "My Environment," invites pupils to capture the world around them through their own unique perspective, whether that's a favourite local landscape, a moment in nature, or a snapshot of everyday life.

The competition is open until 17th April 2026, making it a brilliant Easter holiday project for any budding photographers. Entries can be taken on a phone, iPad or camera, and every participant will receive a beautifully printed, handwritten certificate for their portfolios.

Winning entries will be proudly displayed at the Abergavenny Arts Festival on June 6th, with prizes presented in schools.

This is a fantastic opportunity for pupils to explore creativity, develop lifelong skills, and see their work celebrated within the wider community. We can't wait to see what our talented students produce!



## KS3 Criminology Club

Our KS3 Criminology Club has continued to thrive this term, proving to be a real highlight within the Humanities enrichment offer. Led by Josh W and a dedicated group of Sixth Form criminologists. Students have thrown themselves into the role of investigators working through a simulated murder case, analysing clues, examining evidence, debating theories, challenging assumptions, and ultimately using critical thinking skills to identify the suspect.

This hands-on, collaborative approach has not only sparked curiosity but has also strengthened students' reasoning, communication and problem-solving skills - the key attributes we champion across the Humanities.

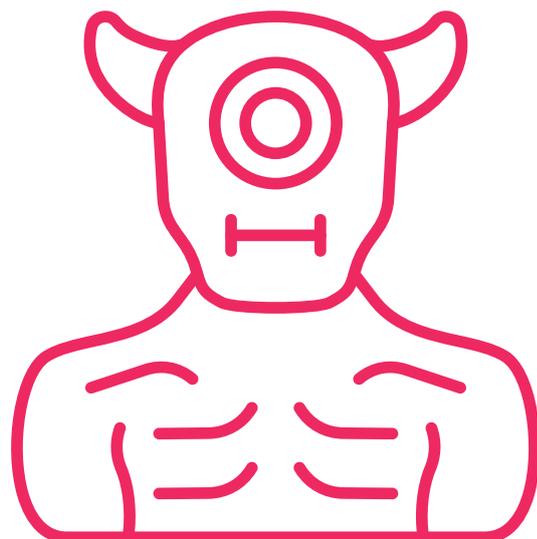
We are also excited to share that a Magistrate will be visiting our A-level Criminology students next term. This will be a brilliant opportunity for learners to gain first-hand insight into real cases, understand the role and responsibilities of a magistrate, and explore how the wider Criminal Justice System functions in practice. It promises to be an inspiring and valuable experience for all involved.



## This - Ancient History Club

This - Ancient History Club runs every Monday in Week 1 and continues to attract strong participation from students in Years 7 and 8, with additional interest from other year groups. Recent sessions have explored classical myths and iconic structures from the ancient world, with pupils encouraged to pursue areas of personal interest.

Building on this learning, students have applied their knowledge creatively by designing original mythological creatures inspired by figures such as Medusa and the Cyclops. This work is deepening their understanding of ancient beliefs and cultural narratives while developing creativity, collaboration, and oracy. Later in the year, we plan to extend this focus by composing our own Greek-style myths.



Our ICT offer continues to develop positively, with students increasingly engaging in creative digital work across the curriculum. Learners have been exploring a wide range of practical media projects, from producing short films and designing interactive websites to developing digital content that showcases their technical skills and imagination.

This term has also seen strong momentum in our extracurricular activities. The Coding Club has continued to attract new members, with numbers growing. Under the guidance of Miss Bourne, students are diving into programming challenges, experimenting with new coding tools, and building their confidence through problem-solving and collaborative projects.

It's been fantastic to see so many students embracing opportunities to extend their digital skills beyond the classroom.



# Good luck!



We would like to wish the following members of staff our very best wishes as they embark on their next chapter:

E. Gosling  
S. Miller  
H. Sprake  
B. Ayre



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We welcome back after Easter:

E. Keddie - Maths  
F. Cotten - Spanish

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**WELCOME  
BACK!**

## Monmouthshire SPACE Wellbeing and Family Support Panel

SPACE Wellbeing and Family Support Panel is the single point of access for Children's emotional wellbeing. Please find below a link to access resources.

[Monmouthshire SPACE Wellbeing and Family Support Panel](#)

### How to access support

Please find a link below to complete a referral form.

<https://forms.office.com/e/2MKp33SN0f>

## GAVO Youth Volunteering



**Find Your Thing**  
Not sure what suits you yet?  
That's okay.  
Start small. Try something new.  
See where it takes you.

**Let's Talk...**  
Contact your local youth volunteering officer at GAVO to find out how we can support you!

[www.gavo.org.uk/volunteering](http://www.gavo.org.uk/volunteering)

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Your local GAVO Volunteering Officer can help you find the most suitable opportunity based on your interests, skills, and availability. Start with a friendly chat - no pressure to commit.

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(between 14 to 25)

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## Citizen Advice Support

Please find below two flyers outlining the support provided by Citizens Advice. They will be in school from 14:00 on the following dates should you have anything you wish to discuss with them: -

16th April

14th May

### Family Advice South Wales

The Family Advice South Wales project focusses on establishing outreach services in schools, often the first point of contact for struggling families. Schools are ideal locations for providing accessible, holistic, multi-issue support. This project includes income maximisation support, identifying unclaimed benefits, supporting grant applications, welfare benefit applications and appeals, access to emergency financial support, managing problems with money and debt and more.

For more information, please contact your school or local Citizens Advice office. Alternatively, please scan the QR code to self-refer, and an adviser will contact you shortly.

Abergavenny: 01873 856466  
Caldicot: 01291 422119  
Chepstow: 01291 622185  
Monmouth: 01600 773297



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### Citizens Advice is here

We can help reduce poverty by providing information and support on income maximization and access to debt advice or any other general advice.

Please call our offices for further assistance.

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## Come join our fun and competitive Swimming Club!

### Why?

- Swim better
- Swim faster
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- Learn focus
- Learn commitment

### When?

- 3 sessions per week:
- Tuesday evenings
  - Thursday evenings
  - Saturday mornings

### Where?

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8 - 18

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**Dydd Mercher / Wednesdays 6:30pm – 8:30pm**

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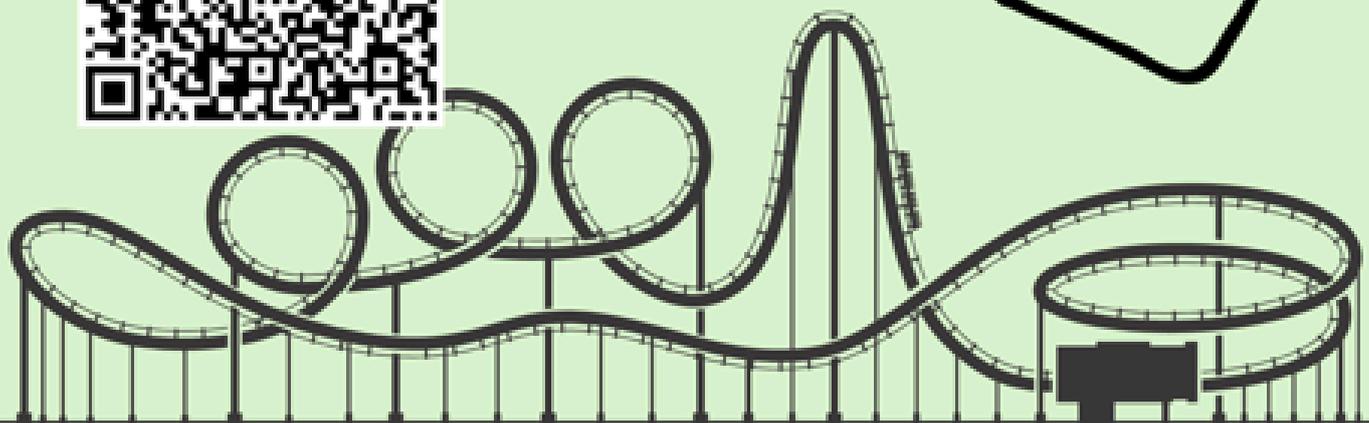
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