



## HEADTEACHER'S SUMMARY

The academic year 2009/10 has seen the continued success in educational standards achieved at Dyffryn Taf.

In external examinations, we have maintained the high standards that both parents and pupils have now come to expect of us, again testimony to the commitment and professionalism of the staff and pupils of the School, and the support from parents.

At GCSE, our results exceeded our target figure. Overall 66% of pupils achieved the level 2 threshold (equivalent to 5 or more grades A\* – C). The excellent achievement of pupils at Dyffryn Taf has again seen the School perform exceptionally well compared to both local and national figures – a considerable achievement. Our top five GCSE students achieved:-

Holly Bevan	9A* 1A
Florence Bowen Rees	9A* 1A
Lucy John	9A* 1A
Emily Latham	9A* 1A
Stuart White	9A* 1A

At Entry Level we achieved 89% pass rate with many excellent individual results.

At Advanced Level, 81 students were entered for two or more subjects. 97% of pupils aged 17 who were entered for 2 or more A-levels achieved the level 3 threshold (2A\* – E or more), compared with 97% in the LEA and 95% in Wales. Owain Bryant gained a place at Queens' College, Cambridge.

At Advanced Subsidiary Level, Year 12 students performed well and have formed a good basis on which to develop towards A2.

This year has seen us welcome new staff to the school and bid farewell to others who have gained promotion elsewhere.

We wish a long, healthy and happy retirement to Mr Geoff Tighe, the DT Technician and Mrs Marion Tighe, the Librarian.

Staff Leavers	
Guy Manning	Art
Helen Meredith (Temp)	Drama & English
Geoff Tighe	DT Technician
Marion Tighe	Librarian
New Appointments	
Karen James	Teacher of Art
Elen Thomas	Head of Drama
Frances Jones	DT Technician
Rachel Whitfield	Librarian

To complete the staffing cover we are fortunate to have the services of Mr Daniel Edmonds, Miss Joanne McCourt, Mr Jim Hime and Mrs Sian Rogers. M<sup>elle</sup> Poppy Zaragoza has joined us as a French Assistante.

We continue to enhance the ICT at the School, with significant upgrades and a total of 35 Interactive Whiteboards are now in place.

With regard to improvement in accommodation, the CCTV systems have been further enhanced. There have been significant improvements on disabled access focused on the needs of partially sighted students. The Kitchen and Canteen have had a complete refurbishment and an external painting programme was completed over the summer. Significant investment has been accessed to improve the School's fitness suite and a new Sports Lab has been fitted to support the delivery of BTEC Sport. Tennis Courts have also been a successful addition to our delivery of PE. Dyffryn Taf represented Carmarthenshire in the NAS/UWT National Finals of the Boys Year 7 and Year 8 Athletics Championships held at Brecon.

Others have represented the School and the county in cricket, rugby, soccer, netball, hockey, rounders, athletics, basketball and boxing and performed well. The School is equally proud of their efforts.

Pupils have also been given the opportunity to engage in a wider range of activities such as climbing, yachting, canoeing, kayaking, surfing, rowing and hill walking. These have been made available through extra-curricular opportunities in the Physical Education Department, Ownzone Club and the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme which is run at School. We also have a 5x60 Officer, Mr Jonathan Anthony, who is contributing to further extend these opportunities.

It is to this environment of academic, sporting and social opportunities that we welcome our new Year 7 pupils who joined us in September. We are sure that they will contribute to the high standards and continued success of Dyffryn Taf over the coming year.



Mr D R Newsome OBE  
HEADTEACHER



### KEY INITIATIVES – 2009/10



- Gaining the Eco Green Flag Award.
- To further develop the 14-19 Learning Pathway agenda by introducing a number of vocational courses.
- To introduce the Welsh Baccalaureate Post-16.
- To engage in the School Effectiveness Framework and establish Professional Learning Communities (PLCs).

## CALENDAR 2010/2011

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### AUTUMN TERM 2010

Term Begins	2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2010
Half Term	25 <sup>th</sup> October – 29 <sup>th</sup> October 2010
Term Ends	22 <sup>nd</sup> December 2010

### SPRING TERM 2011

Term Begins	5 <sup>th</sup> January 2011
Half Term	21 <sup>st</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup> February 2011
Term Ends	14 <sup>th</sup> April 2011

### SUMMER TERM 2011








Term begins	3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2011
Half Term	30 <sup>th</sup> May – 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2011
Term Ends	18 <sup>th</sup> July 2011



### INSET DAYS 2010/11

- 1<sup>st</sup> September 2010
- 1<sup>st</sup> November 2010
- 18<sup>th</sup> February 2011
- 15<sup>th</sup> April 2011
- 19<sup>th</sup> July 2011

The Welsh Assembly Government is considering a further two days INSET in the Summer Term.

	<b>ISSUES DEBATED AND ACTIONED BY GOVERNORS</b>
	The Inspection and subsequent Action Plan.
	A review of Policy documents to meet legislative changes.
	How to further improve School accommodation to meet curriculum need and competing demands on space.
	Developing a new curriculum to reflect the changing Orders.
	Addressing the need for vocational courses for 14-19 year olds
	Extending the range of opportunities for students both in curricular and extra-curricular activity.

## THE GOVERNORS

The end of each Governor's term of office is given in italics

### Foundation Governors

Mr Howel Bowen

Mr Richard Cole

Mr Gethin Lewis

Mrs Gillian Parker

Mr Keith Thomas

### LEA Governors

Mr Robert Elward *August 2013*

Mr Philip Rogers *August 2012*

Cllr David Thomas *September 2011*

Cllr Sue Allen *November 2013*

### Parent Governors

Dr Roger Allan *March 2013*

Mrs J. Davies Scourfield *January 2012*

Mrs Margaret Sharratt *October 2013*

Mr Aubrey Mason *September 2011*

Mrs Heather Edwards *June 2014*

Vacancy

### Teacher Governors

Mrs Jenny Barney-Griffiths *October 2013*

Mrs Rosemary Davies *September 2013*

### Support Staff Governor

Mr Chris Stapleton *September 2011*

### Community Governors

Mr Reg Bevan *June 2014*

Mrs Mary Pearce Jones *November 2010*

### Headteacher Governor

Mr D R Newsome

### Clerk to the Governors

Mrs Heather Jenkins

## YOU could be a GOVERNOR!

Anyone interested?

Please contact:

Mrs H Jenkins  
Clerk to the Governors  
Tel: 01994 242108



Please contact the school if you require a copy of the full report, which is offered bilingually.

Cysylltwch â'r ysgol os ydych am gopi llawn o'r adroddiad sydd ar gael yn ddwyieithog.

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## TALK BACK

If you would like to discuss any aspect of your child's education, or the role of the Governors, then remember:-

**GOVERNORS & PARENTS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2010 – 7.00pm in the School Hall

### AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence
2. To present the Annual Governors Report to Parents
3. Any matters arising from the Report

Any matters should be notified in writing to the Chair of Governors seven days in advance of the meeting and agreed on as an Agenda item.



**FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE 2009 – 2010**

**CYFLAWNIAD ARIANNOL 2009 – 2010**

DYFFRYN TAF

4512

Annwyl Bennaeth

Dear Headteacher

CYFLAWNIAD ARIANNOL 2009/10

FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE 2009/10

Mae'r Awdurdod newydd gau'r cyfrifon am y flwyddyn ariannol a ddaeth i ben ar yr 31ain o Fawrth 2010. Gwelir isod am grynodeb o sefyllfa ariannol eich ysgol.

The Authority has recently finalised the closure of accounts for the financial year ended 31st March 2010. Please see below for a summary of your school's outturn position.

Dyraniad Ariannu yn ol Fformwla	£ 3,997,677	Formula Funding Allocation
Arian Wrth Gefn yn Cario Drosodd o 2008/09	302,695	Surplus Brought Forward from 2008/09
fanswm Adnoddau Ar Gael	4,300,372	Total Resources Available
Gwariant Net Diwygiedig	4023090	Revised Net Expenditure
Gwahaniaeth - Arian Wrth Gefn yn Cario Drosodd i 2010/11 (Gan gynnwys unrhyw fuddsoddiad)	<u>277,282</u>	Variance - Surplus Carried Forward to 2010/11 (Including Any Investment)
Buddsoddiwyd o'r uchod <b>ar 31/3/10</b>	<u><u>0</u></u>	Invested from above <b>as at 31/3/10</b>