

Cardiff West Community High School



Headteacher's Blog
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A Busy November

As we approach the end of November, I want to take a moment to reflect on what has been an incredibly busy and productive month here at Cardiff West. The energy and commitment across our school community have been truly inspiring. With three weeks to go this term, we're not slowing down!

GCSE Exams and Assessments

Our Year 11 and 10 pupils have been working hard on their GCSE exams and non-examination assessments. Their determination and resilience during this crucial period have been commendable, and I am proud of the way they have approached these challenges.

At the start of this term, Year 11 sat their GCSE Numeracy exam, and I want to say a massive well done to all of you. We were so impressed with the number of students who attended revision sessions and the exemplary way you conducted yourselves during the exams. Mrs. Voice, our lead exam invigilator, reported that your behaviour and work ethic were outstanding—I could not be prouder.



We have everything crossed for your results on **Thursday, January 8th, 2026** – pob lwc!

Provisions Parents' Evening

We hosted our Provisions Parents' Evening, which provided an excellent opportunity to strengthen the partnership between home and school. Thank you to all parents and carers who attended and engaged in meaningful conversations about supporting our learners. Parents' Evenings and year 9 options evening will be taking place in the spring term - look out on our social media for dates!

Remembrance Day

This year, our Remembrance Day was marked with assemblies for all year groups, followed by a one-minute silence across the school. During this time, Mr Snaith, our music teacher, played 'The Last Post' over the tannoy, creating a moment of reflection for everyone.



Many teachers shared how impressed they were with the respect and maturity shown by pupils. Even visitors in reception who joined the silence commented on how moving the experience was. It was a powerful reminder of the importance of remembrance and community.

RSE Days

This November, we held RSE days for Years 10 and 11, working closely with our partners from other agencies. Across the two days, pupils explored important topics including:

- The dangers around drug use
- Healthy living and dietetics
- Healthy relationships
- Digital safety

Mrs Pritchard was delighted when pupils spoke positively about their learning during lunchtime conversations—it's fantastic to see these sessions making an impact. A huge thank you to Mr Sankala for organising these two-day events so successfully.



Christmas Showcase

Our Christmas Showcase has now been advertised, and I strongly encourage you to join us on Thursday, 4th December to get into the festive spirit! Pupils are working incredibly hard in their rehearsals, and today we are fitting a new lighting deck in the main hall to ensure every performance shines in full glow. A huge thank you to our Expressive Arts team for the creativity and dedication you've put into making this event special for our pupils and community. It promises to be a wonderful evening—don't miss it!



Sporting Fixtures & Exciting News!

Our sports teams have been busy representing Cardiff West in a range of fixtures, showing fantastic teamwork and determination. We're thrilled to announce that we have also taken delivery of our brand-new school mini-bus! This will allow us to attend more fixtures and provide even greater opportunities for our pupils to participate in sporting events. A huge thank you to everyone who made this possible—this is a real game-changer for our school sports programme!

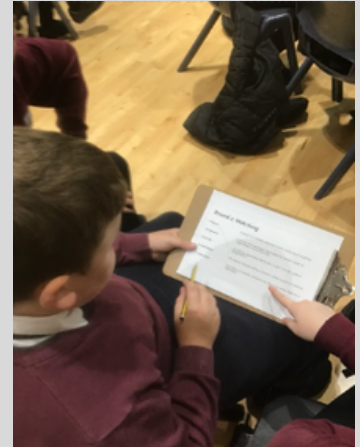
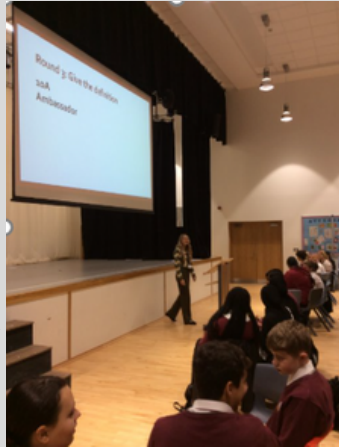
October Highlight – Our First Vocabulary Bee!

Before we dive fully into November, I must mention a fantastic event from the end of October: our very first Vocabulary Bee! Pupils showcased their learning from our registration reading programme by competing in teams for a chance to win a £10 voucher each. The atmosphere was electric, and the event was thoroughly enjoyable for everyone involved.

Congratulations to our winning teams from each year group:

- Year 7: 7A
- Year 8: 8C
- Year 9: 9A
- Year 10: 10C
- Year 11: 11R

A huge well done to all participants—you made this event a real success. I can't wait for the next Vocabulary Bee in just three weeks' time!



Celebrating Learning

Finally, I've had the privilege of observing some fabulous lessons across the school this month. The creativity, engagement, and depth of learning taking place in classrooms is something we can all be proud of.

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