

Treorchy Pulls Together for the Flood Appeal

Mrs Stagg and her amazing team of 6th form pupils organised a week long programme of activities to raise funds for the flood appeal. We were treated to an amazing Treorchy's Got Talent show, a staff bake off competition, a 'team bleep' challenge, a cake sale, a raffle, ribbon sales, to name but a few. A fantastic effort much appreciated by the school and the wider community. Thank you to all involved!



Year 8 pupils taking part in the Team Bleep challenge



8AB getting ready for their bake sale

Flood Appeal Concert

The school also hosted a concert on 5th March in aid of the flood appeal where we enjoyed performances by the Treorchy Male Voice Choir, our own amazing Senior Choir and a selection of soloists; past pupil Georgia, Carys and Eleri of Year 11 and Ben and Rowan of Year 13. It was a truly uplifting experience for everyone and typified what is great about our school and the wider community. The Senior Choir also performed in a concert in the Park and Dare Theatre on 12th March to raise funds for those affected by the fires in Australia as well as our local flood victims. The concert was a massive success and raised £2800!



Senior Choir at the Flood Appeal Concert



Ben of Year 13



Eleri and Carys of Year 11



Rowan of Year 13



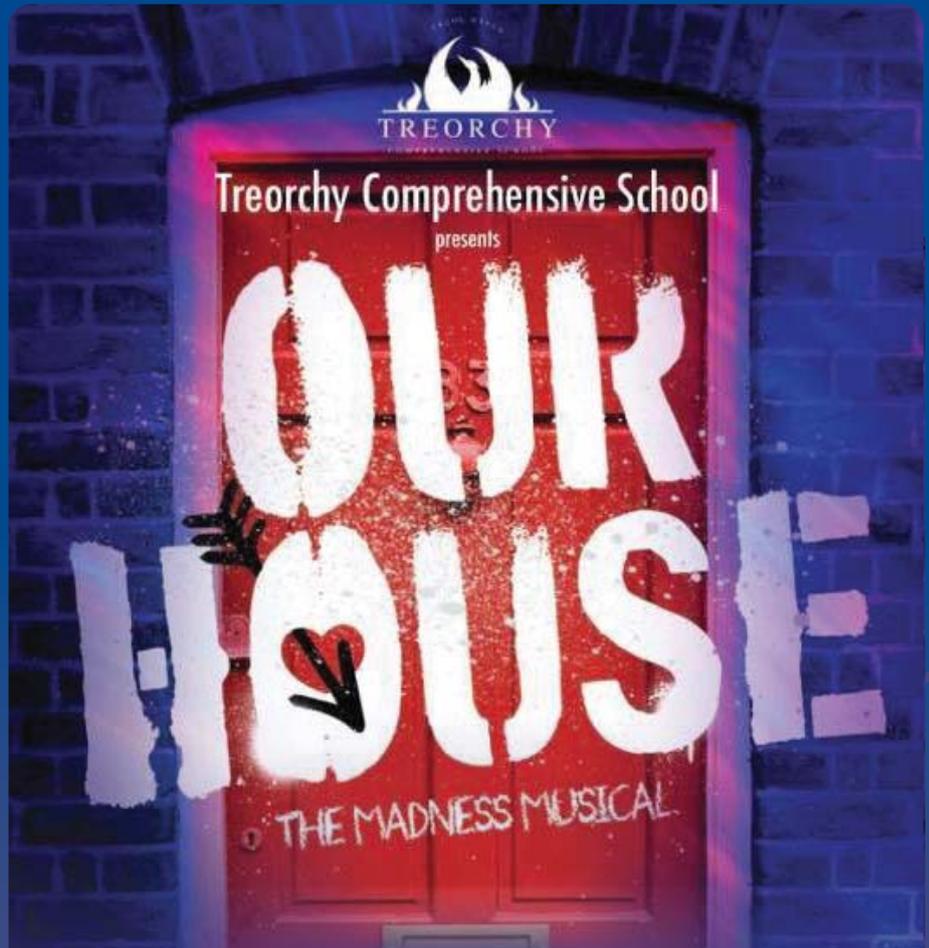
‘Our House’ Delights the Audiences at the Park and Dare Theatre

Show Racism the Red Card



Grace, Rocco and Madison of Year 9

Rocco, Madison and Grace were invited to take part in the RCT ‘Show Racism the Red Card’ Ambassadors programme on 3rd March. During this programme they increased their awareness of issues of immigration, extremism, Islam, stereotypes and the media’s role in our perception of these, they developed their understanding of what racism is and how it impacts on individuals and society and how to more effectively challenge it within the workplace and community. They learned about anti-racism and community activism in order to encourage others to be more involved in these. Rocco, Madison and Grace were amazing ambassadors for the school during this event; they were so confident in answering questions and were very well-spoken amongst the group.



The finale

Between the 11th and 13th March the Performing Arts department wowed audiences at the Park and Dare Theatre with their rendition of the show ‘Our House’. The performances by all pupils in the cast was staggering. The quality of the acting, dancing and singing was superb and the enthusiasm displayed by all pupils was truly inspirational. A special mention must go to the main cast members; Ben, Sydney, William, Carys, Cieran, Keelan, Rhian, Rowan, Mia and Morgan. Well done to all!

GCSE Art Pupils Learning from the Experts



Year 11 GCSE Art pupils at the workshop with textile artist Claire Cawte

A small group of Year 11 pupils studying GCSE Art, Craft & Design have had the privilege of working with local textile artist Claire Cawte, learning how to make felt. These pupils have also given up their time every Wednesday after school to create a range of samples to be included in their exam projects. They have worked incredibly hard in each session over the last 8 weeks, even during their mock exam period, showing resilience and an incredible commitment to the subject. They are: Jessica, Rhianydd, Charlotte, Caitlin, Livvy, Bethan, Shannon, Bella and Lucy. Due to the success of this workshop, Claire also came in on 6th March to work with a larger group of Year 11 pupils, selected from each GCSE Art class. They produced an excellent range of samples and worked hard all day.

Our Own Georgia Wins a Place at Top US University



Georgia of Year 13

Georgia has won a place and a financial aid package to study at a top US university after participating in the Sutton Trust US Programme, run in partnership with the US-UK Fulbright Commission. Georgia will take up her place at Rochester University, New York, this autumn. Last year, Georgia was one of 200 students selected for the programme, which included a week-long trip to the United States to visit a variety of different universities and meeting admissions officers from colleges across the US. She competed with over 1,000 applicants to win a place on the programme and spent a week staying in the university dormitories. We are incredibly proud of her amazing achievement.

Art for Research



'Our World is Changing'
by Amelia of Year 8

Amelia of Year 8 entered a competition in aid of Cancer Research UK, to design a piece of artwork based on the theme 'My World'. Her work was displayed at the Art for Research (Young Art Cardiff) exhibition at the Cardiff Metropolitan School of Art and Design. Her beautiful entry was 'commended' by the judges and displayed at the opening event on 3rd March in the School of Art and Design. Well done Amelia!

Achievement in the BP Ultimate Stem Challenge



The Year 8 Science Club

The Year 8 Science Club have been awarded a certificate of achievement for their entries to BP's Ultimate STEM Challenge, a nationwide competition. The pupils competed against schools from across the country, and were challenged to use their imagination to design and develop a new device that could improve lives in the future. The judges were impressed with their entries and commended their innovative designs, especially as they were one of the youngest teams that entered, congratulations to you all!

Year 12 English Literature Pupils Visit the Bronte Parsonage



Year 12 Pupils at the Bronte Parsonage

Year 12 English Literature pupils visited the Bronte Parsonage for contextual knowledge and workshops on their exam text 'Jane Eyre'. They learned a great deal from the visit that they'll be able to put to good use in their studies of the text and their participation in all activities was excellent. It goes without saying that a night away together did a lot for the team spirit of the group!

Talent on Show at the Instrumental 'Going Solo' Concert



Year 7 – 13 pupils at the Going Solo concert

On Tuesday 28th January we were entertained by some fantastic performances from Year 7 to 13 pupils at our annual Going Solo concert. It was such a delight to listen to the variety of instruments being played and the variety of repertoire on display. The pupils had clearly put hours of hard work into practising their pieces and showed great courage in being able to perform on their own in front of their family and friends. Well done to all and we look forward to seeing your continuing improvement next year!

Year 10 Pupils Attend the Seren Hub Seminar

On Thursday 6th February a selection of Year 10 pupils attended a Seren Hub seminar delivered by Jonathan Padley who is an admissions officer at Cambridge University. The students learnt about the process of applying to university and the factors that can influence a successful or unsuccessful application. The pupils were encouraged to begin planning for their journey into higher education, with particular emphasis placed on selecting suitable A-Level subjects. They were also informed that becoming involved in relevant extra-curricular activities can enhance their general skills and make them more suitable university candidates. This event has truly inspired the pupils to think about their future.



Year 10 Pupils at the Seren Hub Seminar

Aspirational Pupils attend the Step-Up Programme at Oxford University

On Monday 10th February twenty eight Year 11 pupils attended the Step-Up Programme at Oxford University. The students were taken on a tour of New College, Jesus College and St. Catherine's College, to find out what life as a student at Oxford entails. Treorchy pupils were able to meet current university students and discuss what made them select Oxford University and how they had prepared for the admissions process. The Year 11 students were then given a personal tour of the New College campus, including visiting several locations where the Harry Potter movies were filmed. The positive attitude and general inquisitiveness of Treorchy's pupils was met with praise and admiration from all of the Oxford University staff that they met.



Year 11 Pupils at Oxford University

Pupils Mark the 75th Anniversary of the Liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau



Ethan and Carys of Year 12

2020 marks the 75th anniversary of the liberation of the concentration camp at Auschwitz-Birkenau. On Thursday 13th February Ethan and Carys of Year 12 visited Krakow in Poland to engage in the 'Lessons from Auschwitz' project. More than just a visit to Poland, the pupils went on a journey of learning and exploration – about the history of the Holocaust and about the world we live in. The students have also participated in a

series of university lectures at Cardiff University, which focused on the Holocaust and the role of Auschwitz-Birkenau within this. Both Carys and Ethan will share their experiences through a series of assemblies to help raise awareness of the Holocaust and to retell the testaments of those who were affected by it.

Rugby News



The Senior Rugby Team

- The senior rugby team performed very well at the University of South Wales 7's tournament. After a tough pool they managed to get through the day and win a plate!
- Lewis has been selected for the Extended Wales Under 18 training squad for the upcoming Under 18 Six Nations Championship. Lewis has a series of trial games ahead to try and make the cut into the squad of 30. Good luck Lewis!
- Josh and Jesse of Year 12 have both been selected to represent the Welsh Academics Under 18s to play Llandovery College on Friday 7th February. Their selection is a credit to their attitudes towards school rugby and the commitment they show week on week. Good luck boys and enjoy the occasion!

Football News

- Kasey, Erin (U15) and Mia (U13) have all been selected to represent RCT as part of the county football squad. The U15 team have been successful in reaching the semi-final of the national competition.
- The U15 Girls Football team (which contains a combination of Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 girls) have reached the Final of the RCT Plate competition.

Netball News



Year 10 and 11 Netball Team 1

- Year 10 and 11 Teams 1 and 2 attended the annual RCT netball tournament. It was an amazing day with a great atmosphere. Both teams competed to the best of their ability and played some exceptional netball! Team 2 finished mid-pool but this team are a development team and have a lot of Year 10 players. We are hoping that the future will be bright for this team. Team 1 managed to get to the final and have smashed it this season! They played Mountain Ash in the final where at full time it ended in a draw. Unfortunately, they lost in extra time by 3 goals. However, despite their disappointment, Year 10 and 11 Treorchy team 1 are this year's:
 - Rhondda schools league winners
 - Rhondda schools tournament winners
 - RCT school netball tournament runners up
- We entertained Boswells School, Essex on Saturday 18th January in our annual fixture against them in rugby and netball with pupils from Years 8 and 9. It was a great day as always and we look forward to our return trip to them in October.
- Ebony and Emmie have been scouted by the LEA Hub for netball and will be working with the Welsh Development Squad.

Dance News



Y9 – 13 Dance Pupils display their agility in the contemporary workshop

- Year 9, 10, 11 and 13 Dance pupils participated in a Contemporary workshop with Sarah from Artis Community. All pupils should be commended on their effort throughout the session.



The Year 8 Dancers

- The Year 8 dancers performed alongside many other schools across Wales in the Rubicon Dance Festival at St David's Hall. Their behaviour was impeccable throughout the day and they all performed the routine with superb energy and technique. They are now working hard to perfect a new routine ready for this year's 'Dance Back to Broadway' in June. They should be commended on their commitment, team work and enthusiasm. Well done girls!

Other Sporting Achievements ...

- Year 9 pupil Eleri has competed in the trampoline NDP gradings at Level 5. She achieved a gold medal against strong competition.
- Regan has been named the Silver Sports Ambassador for RCT by creating a successful Dragons Den bid. She has been awarded a £500 grant to buy equipment for her bid.

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