

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE/NEGES Y PENNAETH

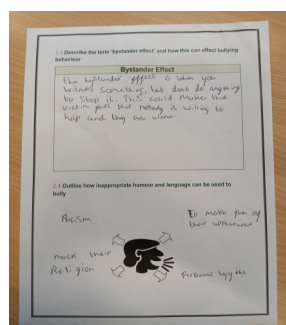
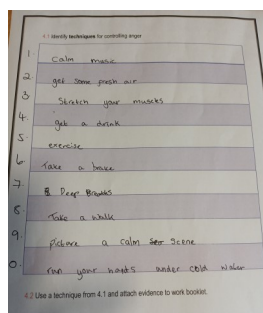
It has been a very positive half term back after Christmas and great to work with learners in my new role as acting headteacher. During this time at Pathways we have had visits from our School Beat Officer, Careers Wales and Techwuman Ltd who recently ran a STEM workshop (which celebrates and promotes the fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics). Furthermore, learners have had opportunities to engage in activities such as trampolining and biking which has been very popular!

I look forward to providing further experiences for our learners for the remainder of the academic year and supporting our year 11 learners who are currently preparing for their end of key stage 4 examinations and coursework submissions.

Thank you for your continued support and please do not hesitate to contact Pathways should you have any queries.

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Our key stage 3 pupils have been making good progress during their PSE lessons. They have worked on tasks related to managing their anger and anti-bullying. This included recognising how our bodies respond to angry feelings, identifying techniques for managing anger, demonstrating how they have utilised these methods and understanding why people may become bullies, and what we can do about it.

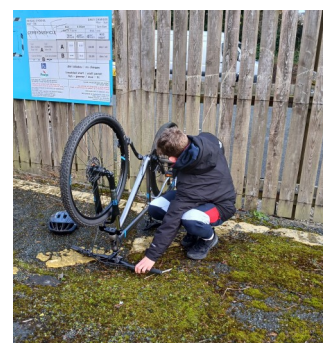
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Key Stage 4 pupils are now forging ahead with preparations for their English GCSE. Each pupil has completed an individual speech, based on topics they felt passionate about. The speeches have been recorded and submitted. This is a section of work that many pupils struggle with, but is worth 10% of the overall grade so well worth their effort. Da iawn pawb!

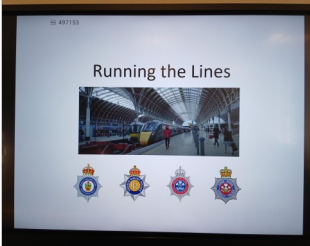
MOUNTAIN BIKE MAINTENANCE/

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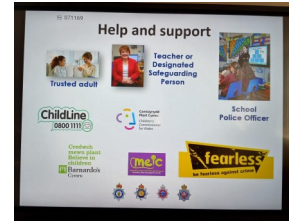
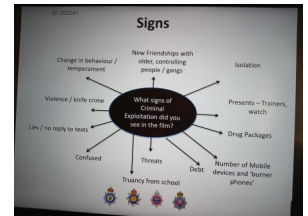
Students in all year groups have recently serviced the school mountain bikes. The bikes were thoroughly checked over, with tyres pumped up, brakes checked etc. We are now looking forward to getting out on the paths and trails!



SAFEGUARDING/DIOGELU

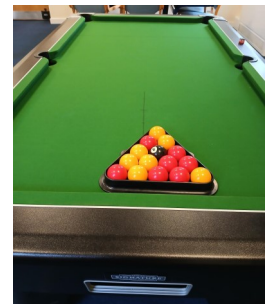


Our school liaison police officer, Lynsey Sweetman visited us last term to talk to the pupils about the risks and consequences of becoming involved with County Lines criminal groups. Lynsey showed us a video which illustrated how a young person was befriended by a group member, and was soon being manipulated into drug dealing and putting themselves into dangerous situations. Lynsey advised our pupils how they can get help if they, or somebody they know has been targeted.



SPORTS EQUIPMENT/ OFFER CHWARAEON OGELU

We have invested in lots of new sports equipment this term, with the aim of improving not only sports lessons, but also enriching experiences for the pupils during their break and lunch times. We now have football goals, a professional standard pool table, new footballs and basketballs and indoor table tennis.



ABSENCES/ABSENOLDEBAU

Due to Health and Safety issues, we ask that **ALL** parents/carers adhere to the following, please:

Pupil absent due to illness:	Telephone school office by 9.30 am (01686 617190) each morning of absence . A message can also be left on the answer phone. Alternatively, any absence can be reported using the Schoop messenger.
Other absence:	Letter to the Head Teacher stating reason for absence
If we are not informed:	Your child will receive an "unauthorised" absence

UPCOMING EVENTS AND REMINDERS/ DIGWYDDIADAU SYDD I DDOD

- Our reward trip this term will be to Jump In. Date to be confirmed.
- Year 11 pupils will be recording their GCSE English group discussion next week.
- Our year 11 pupils deserve a treat, as they are working well and focusing hard on preparation for their mock exams. Therefore we will be planning a celebration trip or activity for them in the near future.