

Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg
Glantaf

“our ethos is one of high expectations where everything is possible”

“a symbol of perseverance”

*“coron gwlad ei mamiaith
 a country's crown is her mother tongue”*



What sort of school is Glantaf?

- An 11-18 mixed comprehensive in the heart of the capital of Wales
- Specially-designated Welsh-medium school in which all subjects at all levels are taught to all pupils through the medium of the Welsh language (except English and MFL of course)
- Opened in 1978 with 99 pupils; now demand for Welsh-medium education is increasing rapidly - 2009 : nearly 1300 pupils
- Glantaf is a truly comprehensive school with a diverse intake from socially and economically advantaged and disadvantaged backgrounds Neither home language nor background are barriers to Welsh-medium education at Glantaf. We also have a Special Needs Unit for pupils who face a variety of different challenges
- Ethos : high expectations and everything is possible We believe that the road to success is always under construction
- A renowned set of “old-fashioned” values: respect for all, self-discipline, positive attitude, good work ethic, tolerance of difference and diversity, compassion and equality, truth and justice - understood and accepted by pupils, staff, parents and the community which we serve

What has Glantaf achieved?

- Best ever GCSE results in 2009. 84.2% of candidates achieved 5 or more grades A*-C; over 20% achieved 10 or more A*/A; 99.6% of candidates achieved A*-G
- A high standard of bilingualism. All pupils are bilingually competent and confident in Welsh and English
- Excellent reputation as a high-achieving school, consistently in top 500 state schools across the UK over recent years. See Sunday Times Parent Power
- Multilingualism: Welsh, English, Latin, French, German, and Mandarin Chinese are taught at our school. Bilingualism is a springboard for multilingualism
- Renowned for music and sport, annual professional music performances, under-16 national rugby champions, all-Wales hockey champions.

How did we achieve this?

- High-calibre teachers and staff who are willing to travel the extra mile
- A rich and varied extracurricular programme of activities which helps to foster productive relationships between staff & pupils and among pupils & students of all ages
- A pioneering team spirit among staff and Governors all of whom are committed to cultural and linguistic continuity and excellence for all
- Supportive parents who share our values.

“What Glantaf did for me !”
Former pupils have their say



Matthew Rhys
Actor

“Glantaf is renowned for its excellent musical productions, attended by many scouts & agencies. Playing the part of Elvis (gaining great reviews), was one of my main stepping stones to gaining a scholarship to RADA & the rest as they say is history!”

“The diverse life at Glantaf gave me the chance to shine as an accomplished violinist, enjoying the jazz style; singing bass in the school choir as well as enjoying all sports especially rugby”



Gethin Jones
TV Presenter



Bethan Gray
Head of Furniture Design
Habitat

“My creative bent was allowed to flourish at Glantaf. Creative skills were nurtured during my Art lessons & and very high expectations of design & quality in Technology”



Jamie Roberts
Wales & British Lions

“Glantaf a great school that gave me an excellent start in life; building my social skills through sport and overseas tours through to a superb education, which will allow me to follow a career in medicine once I've hung up my boots!”



Eluned Morgan
MEP

“Many happy return visits to my old school as advisor to the debating society, for the European Youth Parliament competition”



Ioan Gruffudd
Actor

“I thoroughly enjoyed my time at Glantaf. It gave me excellent opportunities - from playing the oboe in school ensembles & orchestras to winning the folk song solo at the National Eisteddfod of Wales!”



Ceiri Torjussen
Hollywood Film
Score composer

Huw Bunford
Guto Pryce
Super Furry Animals

Ffion Hague
Author

Owen Powell
Catatonia

Gwenno Saunders
Riverdance &
The Pipettes

Huw Stephens
Radio 1 DJ

Siân Grigg
Hollywood
Make-up Artist

Rhodri Williams
TV Presenter

