

'A star' performers

This summer, Year 11 pupils achieved some of the best individual GCSE results which the school has seen for a number of years.

Headteacher Mr Guilfoyle said, "It is always a delight to see what MACS pupils can achieve when they take full advantage of the opportunities available to them. These students can be very proud of the results they have attained and I am confident that they will continue to do well in their sixth form subjects."

A-level students also gained the grades required to secure their places at universities and colleges across the country. News of their destinations will be published next month.



It's all smiles for our A* performers - (from left to right) Victoria Ball gained A*s in History and Welsh, six further A grades and a B grade; Adam Morgan gained A*s in History and Information Technology, two A grades and four B grades; Laura Roberts gained A*s in English, Geography, History and Physical Education, one further A grade and three B grades; Ryan Hawkins gained an A* in Geography, five further A grades and two B grades; Stephanie Howell gained A*s in Geography, History and Physical Education, four further A grades and a B grade; and Matthew Mason gained A*s in Geography and Information Technology and five further A grades. Other students gaining A* grades included Carly Davies, Dylan Jones, Daniel Keating, Harriet Perkins and Samantha Williams. MACS is very pleased that all these students have decided to return to further their education in the school's sixth form.

Pupils wait expectantly for their GCSE grades (top left), Naomi Morgan and friends study their results while pupils take advantage of the careers counselling available on results day.



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Collecting her A-level grades was a little more complicated for last year's Headgirl Alex Owen as she is currently the subject of an S4C reality programme. Alex's entrance to the school by car was repeated three times for the camera crew and then she was interviewed by Nia Parry before finally gaining her grades.

Parent Governor

A vacancy has become available on the school's governing body for a parent governor. If you are interested in taking up this position, please contact MACS as soon as possible.

Important contact details

In an emergency, it is essential the school has up-to-date contact details for parents, guardians or close relatives. If your address or phone number has changed, please notify MACS as soon as possible.



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Assistant Headteacher and Head of Sixth Form Mr Mike Davies makes the most of a rare sunny day to proudly present this year's Junior Management Team. Headboy Seth Hughes and Headgirl Kaylee John are flanked by their Deputies Ashley Locke and Katherine Murphy. The Junior Management Team is regularly involved in school policy making.

The great outdoors

A Geography field trip to Cold Knap saw Year 10 pupils measuring the height of the cliffs (top right). Year 12

Geography students visited Cardiff Bay to study urban regeneration. Assistant Headteacher Mr Alun Howell led a group of pupils from 9S on their second annual assault of Pen-y-fan. The fearless team are pictured at the summit with Cover Supervisor Mr Jonathan Emms.



Attend regularly to win prizes!

A number of initiatives have been launched to try to improve school attendance.

Pupils with 100% weekly attendance will be entered into a draw for prizes while the best termly Form Group attendances will be rewarded with £10 vouchers or an organised trip out!

Rugby may have its 'Super Twelve' competition, now MACS has its 'Super Seven, Eight and Nine' Attendance Leagues. Designed to foster competition between Form Groups and encourage improved attendance, these league tables will be published monthly showing a range of statistics including the best overall attendance and the most improved monthly attendance.

The first tables (below) show Form Groups 7A, 8U and 9E had the best percentage attendance in September while 7T, 8D and 9E had the best percentages of 100% attenders.

Super Seven		% of 100%	Total %
ATTENDANCE LEAGUE			
A	48	95	
E	57	94	
T	61	94	
U	41	90	
I	42	88	
D	48	86	
C	34	85	

Super Eight		% of 100%	Total %
ATTENDANCE LEAGUE			
U	31	95	
D	52	93	
T	40	89	
I	29	89	
E	32	89	
C	42	86	
A	28	85	

Super Nine		% of 100%	Total %
ATTENDANCE LEAGUE			
E	45	94	
U	32	93	
T	27	92	
A	26	90	
D	43	89	
N	24	86	
I	23	85	
O	35	84	
C	28	83	

Raising money for Holme Tower

Hundreds of pupils defied dehydration on one of the hottest days of the year to complete a sponsored walk in aid of the Holme Tower Marie Curie Cancer Care Centre in Penarth.

MACS has regularly raised money for this centre which provides emotional support and terminal care for hundreds of cancer patients each year.

Volunteer Schools Coordinator for Holme Tower Mr Carl Palmer and Community Nurse Mrs Annie Jones were pleased to receive a cheque for £1,630 from our new Headboy and Headgirl.



Transfer Update

Along with a whole new Year Group, MACS is pleased to welcome two new additions to the 'staff team'.

Miss Niamh Bugler joins our English Department after graduating from Aberystwyth.

Miss Michelle Rees transfers from Whitecross High School in Hereford to our PE Department.

Another new name on the staff list is that of Mrs Louise Miles - we offer our congratulations to the former Miss Gibbs who got married in the summer.

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Another school year brings with it renewed local sporting rivalry. 'Man of the Match' Matthew Rees 11A forces his way through the St John's defence in the first half of a 40 - 7 victory for MACS. Honours were even when Years 8 and 9 played against respective teams from Blaengwawr - Year 8 ran out comfortable winners while Year 9 were beaten. Leigh Gunter 8C (Inset) is pictured converting his own late try.



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Assistant Headteacher Mr Davies challenged Year 12 to a game of ten-pin bowling at Cardiff's Megabowl. Mr Davies is pleased to report his convincing victory and is now keen to challenge this year's students.