

# All-time high!

Results for Year 11 students at Mountain Ash Comprehensive School reached an all-time high this year with 40% of pupils obtaining five or more GCSE passes at A\*-C including a number of BTEC vocational qualifications. Over 80% of students obtained at least five GCSE grades at A-G.

Headteacher Mr Guilfoyle congratulated students and staff commenting, "This success is the result of great team work between staff, students and parents. The result is that these students now have some real choices about the type of future they can make for themselves."

Souwoon Cho can be seen taking full advantage of the counselling available on GCSE results day while it's all smiles as Mrs Paula Evans and Mrs Lynne Evans pass on the good news to a group of anxious students.



A good set of GCSE grades is the very best passport into the Sixth Form and further education. The students pictured above have fulfilled all the requirements necessary to make the most effective start to A-level study. Clockwise from the top left: Souwoon Cho gained A\* grades in Art and Design, Geography, Religious Studies, Business Studies and Office Technology as well as gaining a further seven A grades; Kayleigh Hayman gained an A\* grade in History and a further six A and two B grades; James Allen gained A\* grades in Information Technology, Science and Religious Studies as well as a further three A, one B and three C grades; Leanna Lewis gained A\* grades in History and Religious Studies as well as a further five A grades and one B; Leia Harris gained A\* grades in Geography, History and Religious Studies as well as a further three A grades, two B grades and one C while Laura Davies gained A\* grades in English Literature, Geography, History and Religious Studies with a further four A grades, one B and one C. Other notable successes included Bethan Hughes who gained A\* grades in Geography, Welsh and Religious Studies as well as three A and two B grades and Kailea James who gained six A grades, one B and two C grades.



## Could you be a Parent Governor?

There are currently several vacancies for parent governors on the school's governing body. If you want to know more about the work of the governing body or think that you might be interested in taking an active role, please telephone Mrs N Morgan on 01443 479199.

### PhotoNEWS

Assistant Headteacher Mr Mike Davies is pleased to present this year's Head Boy and Head Girl, Daniel Keating and Samantha Williams. Daniel's elder brother Christopher was our Head Boy four years ago. Victoria Ball, Leah Davies, Guy Hillman, Stephanie Howell and Matthew Mason have been appointed as Deputies.

# Here, there and everywhere

*In the last weeks of the Summer Term, MACS pupils certainly put themselves about. Here are just a few of the varied activities they experienced.*



Assistant Headteacher Mr Alun Howell organised the annual 'forced march' to the summit of Pen-y-fan (882m) on one of the hottest days of the year. These Year 9 pupils got the chance to watch hang-gliders at very close quarters.



Our recycling group got to see the next stage of the process and the incredible volume of waste when they visited Bryn Pica Recycling Plant.

Matthew Mason is clearly caught off-guard while taking part in Quasar in Cardiff on an end-of-term team-building mission.



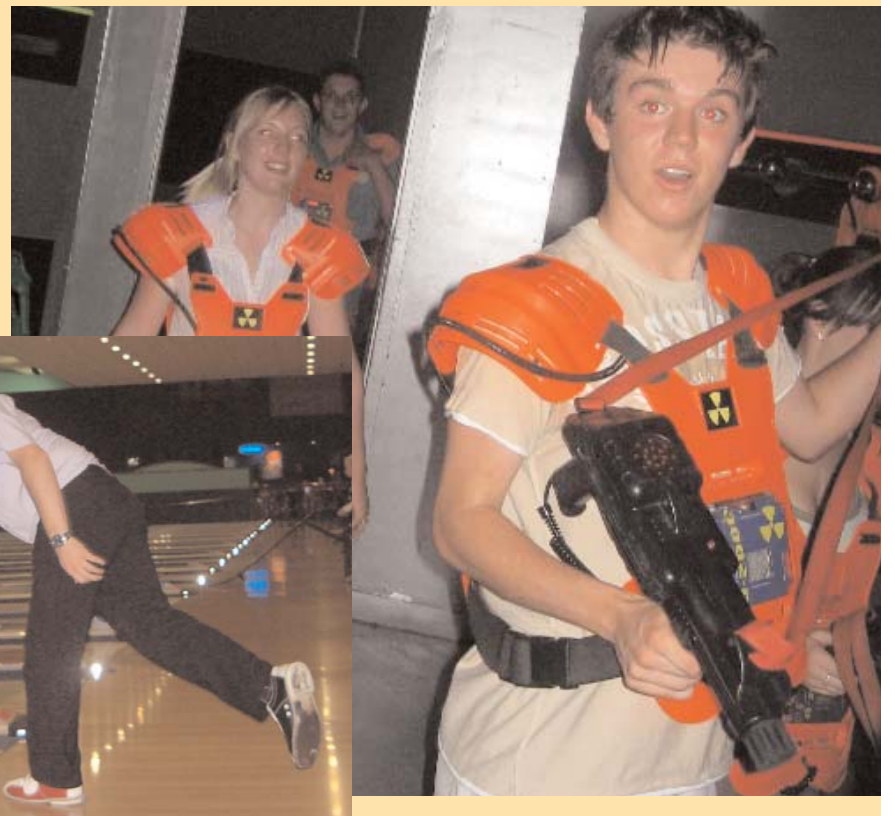
To recognise their performance in Year 9, a group of boys were treated to a day of quad-biking and team-building exercises at Eglwysilan near Upper Boat. Mr Carey Seaton, who thoroughly enjoyed his biking, can reassure all readers that the pond that the boys fell in was stinking!



A classic 'what happened next' scenario comes to its inevitable conclusion.



Careers Advisor Mr Tim Williams emerged triumphant at a recent Sixth Form versus staff ten pin bowling challenge. This was no mean feat as one of the other challengers was Head Boy Daniel Keating, a Welsh international at bowls.



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This group formed by GCSE Music students, Taste Of Ink, played to a large and enthusiastic audience at the recent opening of a skate park in Aberdare. Group spokesman and vocalist Cory Phillips was especially proud to report that they were the only act out of the many that performed on the day to gain an encore .

## Transfer News

MACS is pleased to welcome a number of new additions to our 'staff team'.

Mr Michael White transfers to our Science Department from Pontllanfraith Comprehensive while Mrs Karen McCabe joins our French and Business Departments.

Our English Department gains Mr Vaughn Gibson, who transfers from Abertillery Comprehensive, and Miss Lucy Hacker.

We also welcome Miss Julia Evans and Mr Warren Perry to our Maths Department and Miss Gemma Bulpin who is working in our Technology Department.

Another new name on our 'team sheet' is that of Mrs Claire Harrison - we congratulate the former Miss Parker on her recent marriage.



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Sixth Formers raised £23.85 for the Royal National Institute for the Blind by taking part in 'Shades Day'.

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