



Online Brynteg News



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Dear Parents/Carers, welcome to the 24th edition of Brynteg News online.

We have had an excellent start to the new term and all of our pupils have settled well into their new routines. The publication of this year's examination results provided us with the best possible start. Results at KS3, GCSE and A Level are very pleasing, with some exceptional performances at both GCSE and Post 16. As an outcome of the excellent provision within our sixth form and the hard work of pupils and staff over 85% of our pupils gained a place at their first choice university. As a school we, once again, achieved our best ever GCSE results in terms of the number of pupils achieving the Level Two Threshold (5 or more GCSE A*-C grades or the equivalent); 91% of our pupils achieved this key indicator. Additionally, we are delighted that 68% of our pupils achieved the Level two Threshold including English and Mathematics (5 or more GCSE A*-C grades including English and Mathematics). Both pupils and staff should be congratulated for their hard work and commitment and we are delighted to have welcomed the vast majority of year 11 pupils back to our sixth form.

Extra-curricular activities continue to thrive within the school with record numbers of our pupils taking part in the DoE programme and other clubs and societies. We would encourage all pupils to take part in as many activities as possible. A calendar for pupils and a list of clubs and societies is enclosed.

An Open Evening for all parents who have children in years 5 and 6 is being held at the school on Thursday 24th September. Whilst primarily for these parents all interested parties are welcome so please let your friends and neighbours know. The evening will provide parents with an insight to our many strengths and the aspirations we have for all of our pupils.

Finally, staff, pupils and the governing body wish four of our past pupils; Rob Howley, Rhys Webb, Scott Baldwin and Matthew Morgan, all the very best in the forthcoming Rugby World Cup.

David Jenkins—Head teacher

Brynteg GCSE Results Day 2015



We are extremely delighted with this year's GCSE results, which are the best ever in the school's history. We have surpassed the high standard of achievement last year. We congratulate all of our students and staff on the results. Their hard work has once again been rewarded. Sixteen students achieved 10 or more A*/A grades. We look forward to welcoming back the vast majority of this year's Year 11 cohort next year into our exceptionally successful Sixth Form to further build on their successful GCSE performance.

David Jenkins—Head teacher

In the pictures are :- Emma Hobby, Daniel Watts, Arianne Brace, Lois James, Eleanor Jones, Rosie Stride, Rhys Granville, Aimee Haines, Thomas Lewis, Hywel Phillips, Mikaela Woolen Lewis, Samuel Griffiths, Hannah Pottinger, Harvey Jones, Gabriella Wilde, Max Brennan, Courtney Edwards, Ella Edwards, Thomas Exton, Daniel Jenkins, Shivani Potnis, Samuel Slade,

Emily Williams, Ayisha Dyer, Megan Howley, Amy Morgan, Carys Sheard, Brogan Thomas, Claire Williams.



Pictures by Nik Dart

Brynteg A Level Results Day 2015



We are delighted with this year's results, which reflect the hard work of students and staff at Brynteg. We have sustained last year's excellent achievements. We congratulate 41 students who achieved an A* or A grade. Continuing with the tradition of excellence at Brynteg, the vast majority of our students are now looking forward to attend their first choice of university. We wish all of our students every success for the future!

David Jenkins—Head teacher

The pupils in the photos are:

Todd Dale, Harry Davies, Stephanie Davies, Emily March, Abbey Roderick, Alys Harrop, Elinor Schofield, Samantha Tiernan, Emmi Khan, Katie Kwan.



Those also worthy of note but who were unable to stay for the photo are Alex Coombes, Alys Young, Isaac Rapley, Jack Slade, Alana Walburn, Matthew Bisatt, Cathy Bolton, Zoe James and Rebekah Lee.

All pupils achieved excellent results!

Pictures by Nik Dart.

Date	SEPTEMBER 2015		JANUARY 2016
1	Staff Development Day	4	Staff Development Day
2	Y7/10/12 pupils return for Induction.	5	First Day (all pupils) External Exams start
3	1 st day all pupils attend All pupils set pastoral targets	6	
9	Y7/8/9/10 photos	11	Y11 CCLD work experience (all week)
10	Y11,12,13 photos	18	
11 11/12/13	Y13 Rankin Awards Duke of Edinburgh Expedition (Y11)	25	Year Council Meetings
14	Year Council Meetings	26/27	Music GCSE exams
16	Y11 Higher Education Roadshow	28	Y9 Parents' Learning Pathways Options meeting
18/19/20	Duke of Edinburgh Expedition (Y11)	29	Interim Reports Y7-10 issued
21	School Council Induction		FEBRUARY 2016
24	Y6 Open Evening	1	School Council Meeting
25/26/27	Duke of Edinburgh Expedition (Y12/13)	4	Y9 Parents' Evening Maths Challenge (Y10/11)
26	Y10 French Exchange Bordeaux	5	Y11 Reports issued/Pred grades
	OCTOBER 2015	8	Y9 inoculations. Year Council feedback week
3	Y10 French Exchange return	11	Y10 Parents' Evening
7	LS Harvest (Y8)	12	Hamburg KS4 German visit
8 - 11	Duke of Edinburgh Expedition (Y12)	15 -19	HALF TERM
12	Year Council feedback week	22	
13	Y12 Geography visit (to 15 th) Y13 Parents' Evening	26	Y13 Reports issued
15	UCAS deadline Med & Oxb Y11 Drama exams	27/28	Duke of Edinburgh Gold Walk
19 -21	Y11 Mock Interviews	29	Year Council meetings
20	Wales School Debating Cup		MARCH 2016
22	Y11 Skills Cymru Fayre	1	Eisteddfod
26 -30	HALF TERM	2	Y8 Parents' Evening
	NOVEMBER 2015	3	St David's Festival Trip Disney
2	Staff Development Day	7	School Council Meeting
5	Maths Challenge (Y12/13)	8	Y11 Options Evening/New 6th
11	Armistice service (Y12/13)	9	Eisteddfod Winners' Concert
12	Y11 Parents' Evening	10	HPV inoculations Y8 & 9
13	Y7 – 13 Interim Reports issued	11	Y12 Reports issued
		21	School Council feedback
16	Year Council Meetings	22/23	Y10 Exams/End of Term 23rd
23 – 4	Y11 Mocks	24	Staff Development Day
23	School Council Meeting	24-11	EASTER
27	Y13 UCAS Deadline		
	DECEMBER 2015		
1	Y11 PISA TESTS		
2	Y12 Parents' Evening		
3 - 7	Y9 Cologne German visit		
5/6	Duke of Edinburgh Gold Orienteering.		
8	Y7 Parents' Evening		
9	Y13 Drama Exams		
9 – 23	Nepal Expedition		
11	Y9 EBP Stock Market Challenge		
15	Carol Service		
16	Presentation certificates (exYr13)		
18	END OF TERM		

SUMMER TERM 2016

APRIL 2016	
11	First Day (pupils)
12 – 15	Y10 Exams continue
13	Y12 Drama practical
15/16/17	Duke of Edinburgh (Y11/12)
16th	French Exchange visitors arrive
18 – 20	Y7 Exams
18/19	Music GCSE Composition exams
21 – 25	Y8 Exams
22-24	Duke of Edinburgh (Y10)
23	French Exchange visitors depart
25	Y8 Exams/Year Council Meetings
26/27	Y9 Exams
28/29	Y9 Inoculations
28	Y7 Numerical Reasoning tests Maths Challenge Y7/8
29	Y8 Numerical Reasoning
30/1	Duke of Edinburgh Welsh 3 Peaks Challenge
MAY 2016	
2	May Day
3	Y9 Numerical Reasoning tests
3	Y11 Drama practical
4	Y7,8,9 Numerical Procedure tests. Reading tests. School Council meeting
5	
6	7,8,9 MENSA Exams
13	External Exams start
16	
23	Year Council feedback week
26	Inoculations Y9
27	Y10 Reports issued. Y11/13 leave
30	HALF TERM
JUNE 2016 3rd-6th Y8 Paris	
6	Y10 Geography Field work
9	Y10 Drama exams
13	Y12 Work Experience begins
13	Y10 CCLD work Experience all week
14	Year Council Meetings
17	Y7 Reports issued
20	School Council Meeting
23	Y8 Reports issued
24	Staff Dev Day. Duke of Edinburgh Gold
27	Expressive Arts Celebration Evening
29	Y10 Mentoring Evening
30	Y6 Induction Day
JULY 2016	
1	Y12 UCAS day Y9 Report issued
1	Y11 Prom. Duke of Edinburgh (Y10 to 3 rd)
4	Year Council feedback week
5	Summer Proms. Gold Duke of Edinburgh
7	New Y6/7 Parents Evening
11	Y7 Awards Evening
13-15	Duke of Edinburgh (Y11/12)
20	END OF TERM

Ysgol Brynteg School

A fo ben bid bont – be a leader, be a bridge



'The whole transition process has been outstanding – I can't wait for my son to start!'
Year 6 Parent

Headteacher David Jenkins and his staff invite you to

Brynteg School Year 5 & 6 Open Evening

Thursday 24th September 2015

Introductory Headteacher talks and tours at 4.30 pm or 5.30pm for Y6 pupils and parents/carers in Lower School Hall. Talk and tour for Y5 pupils and parents/carers at 5.00 pm in Upper School Hall



Outstanding Academic Performance

- A strong tradition of high academic excellence in external examinations
- 93% of students achieved 2 A levels or more.
- Nearly 90% of 6th form students achieved first choice university.
- 91% of GCSE pupils achieved 5 or more A* - Cs
- 68% of GCSE pupils achieved 5 or more A* - Cs including English and Maths

Excellent Pastoral Care and Support

- Dedicated and experienced Transition Team to support pupils during their move to Brynteg.
- The only local school to have a specialised Cluster Learning Support Officer working with pupils during transition.
- Pastoral Support judged as outstanding in our most recent ESTYN inspection.
- Whole-school mentoring programme, providing your child with guidance and encouragement to maximise their potential in an inclusive environment.

Something for Everyone

- A long tradition of musical, sporting and cultural excellence
- A huge range of extra-curricular activities
- Extensive local, national and international charity work, world-wide educational visits and international links with schools in France, Ireland and South America.

If you have any questions regarding our extensive transition programme, please do not hesitate to contact us.



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Dear Parent /Carer

At Brynteg we operate the '**Miss School - Miss Out**' campaign as a way of maintaining the high standards of attendance we have set over recent years. We would like to remind all parents of the importance of school attendance and our commitment to student achievement. There is clear evidence of the relationship between high attendance and high achievement in all year groups.

Our minimum target for your child is 95%+ attendance this year.

You can help us achieve this by:

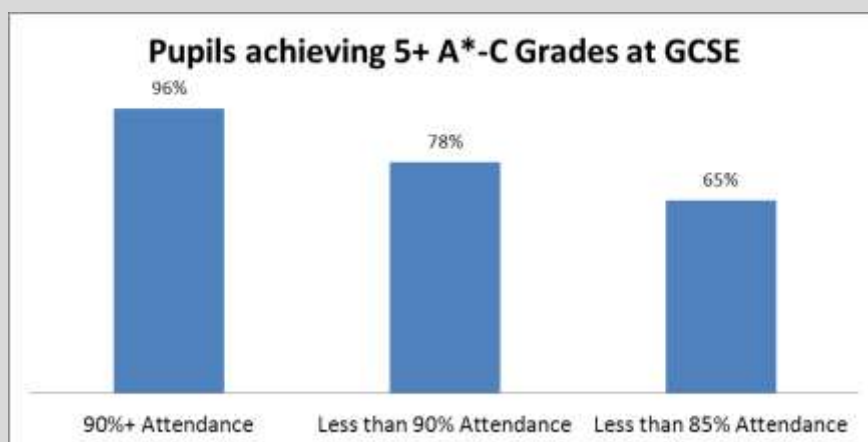
- Not taking holidays during term time. It is school policy that **no** holiday request be authorised for any pupil during term time.
- Ensuring that your son/daughter attends registration on time and every day.
- Providing your son/daughter with a letter or medical appointment card to explain why he/she is late for school.
- Contacting the school on the first day if your son/daughter is absent from school and providing a letter of explanation on his/her return.

As a school we will monitor attendance as per the colour coded attendance zones detailed below. You may be surprised by the implications of the following table:

Attendance	Time missed during an academic year	Lessons missed	Attendance Zone
95%+	Up to 2 weeks	Up to 50 lessons	GREEN
92%	3 weeks	75 lessons	AMBER
90%	4 weeks	100 lessons	RED
80%	More than 7 weeks	Up to 190 lessons	RED

As usual, you will be informed on a regular basis of your child's current attendance. Each student's **attendance zone** will be displayed alphabetically on Year Group Attendance noticeboards and will be linked to regular appropriate rewards.

The rewards for good attendance are clear. Students are more likely to enjoy school, achieve better results and often get better jobs / training opportunities.



Please help us to make sure your child gets the best from their education.

Yours faithfully

D H Jenkins (Head teacher)

Brynteg Comprehensive School Clubs and Societies 2015/16

Lunchtime

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Drama Club (Room 22) Year 7, 8, 9	Debating Club (Room 31) Year 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13	Brynteg Brass (Room 18) Year 7
Game Maker Programming Club (Room 7) Year 9, 10	Devised Drama Drop-in Session (Room 22) Year 10, 11	Devised Drama Drop-in Session (Room 22) Year 12, 13
Homework Café (Room 14) Year 7, 8, 9, 10, 11	GCSE Music Workshop (Room 19) Year 7	Homework Café (Room 14) Year 7, 8, 9, 10, 11
Homework/Life Skills (Room 86) Year 10	Junior String Ensemble (Room 18) Year 7	KS3 History Club (Room 64) Year 7
Orchestra (Room 18) Year 7	KS3 Art Club (Room 39A) Year 7	
	KS3 Product Design Club (Room 74) Year 7	

Thursday	Friday
Art Club (Room 39A) Year 11	Games Club (Room 11) Year 7, 8, 9
Creative Writing Club (Room 2) Year 7, 8	Vocalmotion (Room 18) Year 7
Homework/Life Skills (Room 86) Year 10	Wind Band (Lower Hall) Year 7
Vocalmotion (Room 19) Year 7	
Young Carers (Room 5A) Year 7, 8, 9, 10, 11	

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After School

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
<p>Girls Football (Football Pitch) Year 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13</p> <p>Rugby (Upper Rugby Pitch) Year 10, 11, 12, 13</p> <p>A Level Product Design (Room 61) Year 12, 13</p>	<p>Hockey (Hockey Pitch) Year 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13</p> <p>Football (Football Pitch) Year 7, 8, 9, 10</p> <p>Netball (Sports Hall) Year 8, 9</p> <p>Rugby (Rugby Pitch) Year 9</p> <p>Dungeons and Dragons Club (Room 3) Year 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13</p> <p>GCSE Music Workshop (Room 19) Year 7</p> <p>Homework Club (Lower School Library) Year 7, 8, 9</p> <p>KS3 Product Design Club (Room 74) Year 8, 9</p> <p>KS3 Textiles Club (Room 26) Year 7, 8, 9</p>	<p>Football (Football Pitch) Year 9, 10, 11, 12, 13</p> <p>Hockey (Hockey Pitch) Year 7</p> <p>Netball (Sports Hall) Year 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13</p> <p>Film Club (Room 6) Year 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13</p> <p>KS3 Scalextrics Competition (Room 77) Year 8</p> <p>KS3/KS4/KS5 Textiles Club (Room 26) Year 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13</p>

Thursday	Friday
<p>Hockey (Hockey Pitch) Year 8, 9</p> <p>Netball (Sports Hall) Year 7, 10, 11, 12, 13</p> <p>Rugby (Rugby Pitch) Year 7, 8, 9, 10</p> <p>Homework Club (Lower School Library) Year 7, 8, 9</p> <p>Hospitality & Catering Club (Room 17) Year 9</p> <p>KS4 Design Technology (Room 61 & 75) Year 10, 11</p>	<p>Girls Football (Football Pitch) Year 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13</p>

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Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Debating Club (Room 31) Tuesday Lunchtime Year 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13	Debating Club (Room 31) Tuesday Lunchtime Year 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13	Spelling Bee (Room 31) Tuesday Lunchtime Year 7
ESU Public Speaking/Youth Speaks (Room 31) Tuesday & Friday Lunchtimes in the run up to competitions Wales Debating Championships Year 11, 12, 13	ESU Public Speaking/ Youth Speaks (Room 31) Tuesday & Friday Lunchtimes in the run up to competitions Wales Debating Championships Year 11, 12, 13	Thinking and Reasoning Skills (Room 31) After school on Friday Year 9, 10
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	Mock Interviews (Room 31) Thursday Lunchtimes Year 13	
	500 Words Writing Competition (Room 31) In conjunction with Creative Writing Club and Lower School Library Year 7, 8, 9	
	Thinking and Reasoning Skills (Room 31) After school on Friday Year 9, 10	

Additional

Duke of Edinburgh award—Bronze, Silver and Gold Level—Ongoing throughout the year with expeditions in June/July/September

Engineering Education Scheme Wales—organised by the Design Technology Department—exact dates to be confirmed

Young Enterprise—organised within the Design Technology Department—exact dates to be confirmed

68th Welsh Schools' National Track & Field Championships

The 68th Welsh Schools' National Track & Field Championships were staged on Saturday July 5th at Cardiff International Sports Stadium.

The Event was incorporated as an element of 'Gemau Cymru', the Welsh Government funded multi-sports competition. This multi-sport competition is organised by the Urdd and was held for the 3rd consecutive year in Cardiff, with three days of competition for children from all over Wales from Friday July 3rd to Sunday July 5th.

Brynteg School contributed four athletes to the Glamorgan Valleys Team, which was made up from all schools in the Bridgend, Merthyr and Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough areas.

These were Connor Cunningham - Junior Boys / Dylan Parry - Middle Boys / Ceri Jones - Middle Girls / Isobel Dodd - Middle Girls.

Nearly 600 pupils had been selected to represent the eight Schools' Districts as they competed for Individual and Team honours.

Brynteg's athletes gave outstanding performances in support of their Team, with the Middle Girls winning a Team Bronze:-

Ceri Jones threw the Discus 23:42m to within a metre of her personal best to claim a 4th Place finish.



Dylan Parry, ranked No: 2 in Wales in the Javelin, put in a performance of 39:84m in difficult throwing conditions to earn a 5th place.

Junior Boys 200m competitor Connor Cunningham won a deserved Bronze medal in a very tight finish. Cunningham was 0:94 seconds off Silver with the winner 1/100th of a second ahead.

Isobel Dodd came away with Gold. Izzy Dodd ran 4:46 for the 1500m which was a clear 12 seconds ahead of the Silver medal winner, which in the process gave her a second Brynteg School Athletics Record by smashing the old record of 5:49.

Athletes taking part in the middle, under 17 age group, had an added incentive of selection for a place in a Welsh Schools' International Athletics Team.

The Schools International Athletics Board (SIAB) Schools' international was held on July 18th at Grangemouth in Scotland against Teams from English Schools, All Ireland Schools and Scottish Schools. Izzy's school record breaking performance earned her selection in the 1500m, which will be her fourth Schools' International Vest. More on this to come.

Article by Steve Dodd

Success for Year 8 pupils as Penybont Dragons win the National Club Finals

‘On 26th April, we took part in the National Club finals in Merthyr. We play for a local team called Penybont.



There were around 12 teams competing from all over Wales and the teams were divided into 4 pools, each team played 3 matches in their pool.

Eventually, the pool winners were announced and they then went into the next round, the Quarter Finals. We won this round (although only just!).

We then won the Semi Final and we were all pretty emotional at this point but we had no time to waste as we had to run to the next court and start our final match.

In the first half of the Final, it was very close with the score board at 7:7, but we all played extremely well and managed to score another 5.

The total score was 12:7 to us.

We were all really chuffed with our performance throughout the season and can't wait to start back in September'.



Report by Shania Masters, Rebecca Howley and Lizzie Berry (Penybont)



Casey Povey of 8R, along with her dance partner, won the National 'Stars of the Future' Latin Dancing Competition that was held on 6th June 2015 in Essex.

10 couples from her dance school joined 40 other couples who entered the whole day competition.

Casey was awarded the highest score by the judges on the day and was also awarded a special cup for being Champion of the event.

Casey also won a Ballroom Dancing Competition in Blackpool in March.

Casey practices for up to 10 hours a week and there are only 4 of these competitions held in any one year, so, as you can imagine, the competition during these events is extremely tough.

Congratulations, Casey, keep up the good work !!

Happy Retirement!

Mrs Adamec retired from Brynteg after 31 years of service with the school. She has made an outstanding contribution to the Geography department in her years here and has also been a key Pastoral leader throughout her career. We want to wish Mrs Adamec all the very best for her retirement and let her know that she will be missed by many staff and students at Brynteg! To help celebrate her **retirement, the 'old and new' Geography team went for a traditional team curry. There were many years' service between the staff and ex-staff** who came to celebrate with her. All the best Mrs Adamec, we hope you have as fond memories of us as we do of you and enjoy this next chapter in your life.

Love, the Geography team x



Mrs J Adamec, Miss C Richmond, Mr D Potheary, Mr D Sleath, Mr S Rudall, Mr P Cavalli,
Mrs R Bevan, Mrs L Fender, Mr S Vicker, Mrs K Perna



Good Samaritan Saves OAP

Ex-Brynteg pupil commended for caring action

A medical student who saved a confused, elderly woman from a busy road has been commended for her humanity.

Victoria Floyd-Ellis, 22, will receive a national award for helping the pensioner, who was lost after walking out of a cardiac unit at Bridgend's Princess Of Wales Hospital in February.

Ms Floyd-Ellis, an ex-Brynteg Comprehensive School pupil from Bridgend, spotted the OAP and drove her back to hospital where she had received heart surgery.

She has received a Royal Humane Society Certificate of Commendation.

The Cardiff University student spotted the elderly woman, who was disorientated and cold, walking on the town's International Way.

In addition to the award, Ms Floyd-Ellis also won the praise of Dick Wilkinson, secretary of the Royal Humane Society and further praise from Dr Jeff Allen, her year director at the university.

Congratulations and well done to ex-Brynteg pupil, Charlotte Berrow, who, upon seeing daily reports in the news of the horror and hardship faced by refugees fleeing from Syria, decided to do something herself for the Syria relief effort.

She contacted Syria Relief to see what was needed and organised a drop off point at Bryntirion Community Centre, which was manned by herself and a few likeminded friends.

She publicised this on social media as well as by word of mouth and the response has been phenomenal !!

School staff, and their very generous families, donated a car full of items in a very short space of time. However no more donations are being accepted here as all items were collected and driven to the areas of need.

Charlotte has recently started on a Masters course in Social Work.

Good luck, Charlotte.



Book of the Fortnight



Crown of Acorns by Catherine Fisher

In an absorbing mystery thriller, a teenage girl with a past arrives in a city: new name, new identity, and new foster family. She has chosen the city herself, and is fascinated by its harmony and beauty, but is clearly in fear of discovery. She is nursing a secret from her early childhood, a secret that produces new terrors for her the moment she fears her identity has been spotted.

A parallel narrative tells of a young architect's apprentice, Zak, in 1750 - working with Jonathan Forrest, a man obsessed with past Druidic mysteries and a new architectural vision for the city. He plans to create the world's first circular terraced street, the King's Circus - a plan greeted with scorn and derision. Zac soon realises there's more than just obsession with an architectural vision; there is some secret associated with building a hidden chamber in the centre of the Circus. But Zac himself has his own confused and highly destructive agenda...

These narratives are framed by the voice of Bladud - mythical first builder of the city, destined to die in trying to fly. And ultimately his narrative brings all together in a clever and brilliantly intriguing climax.

This book falls in the Mythology genre.

Do not be shy, **BRAG** about your Reading!

[Recommended by Mr Lewis - Librarian]

Thoughts for the Week

Theme - Regrets/Opportunities

'Acceptance and tolerance and forgiveness, these are life-altering lessons'

Jessica Lange

Theme - Tolerance/Listening to others

'Friendship is the only cement that will hold the World together'

Woodrow Wilson