Ysgol Bryngwyn School

Special Update:

23rd May 2025

Key Dates:

- **Monday 25th – Friday 30th May:** Whitsun Half Term
- **Monday 2nd June:** Return to school for all learners and staff
- **Friday 27th June:** INSET Day (school closed to learners)
- **Year 11 Summer Celebration:** Wednesday 9th July

As we reach the end of a busy first half of the Summer Term, we would like to thank pupils and families for all that we have been able to achieve together.

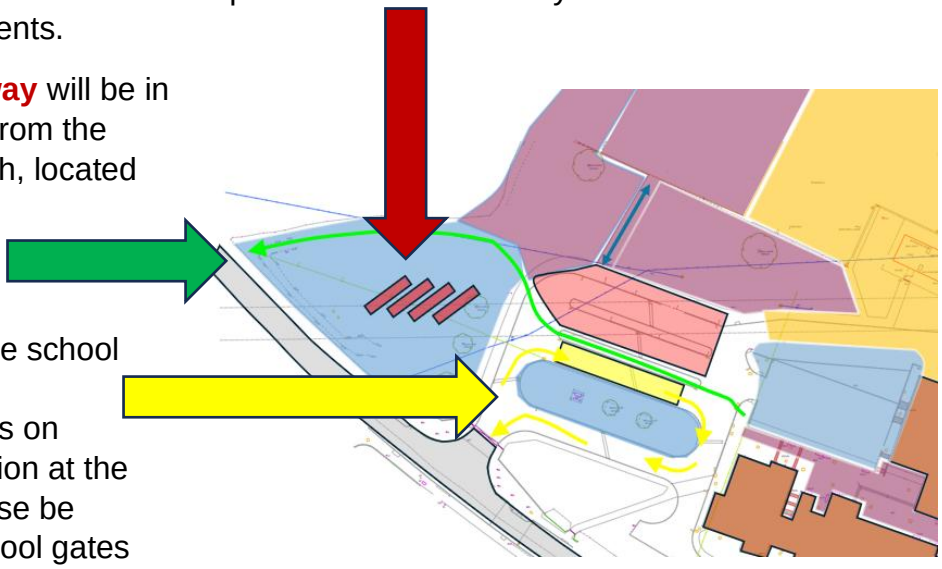
SITE DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

IMPORTANT CHANGE TO ENTRY AND EXIT ROUTES

We are pleased to share that the **new bus bays** located at the front of the school will come into use after Whitsun. Consequently, **our entry to the site will change.** To support this change, pupils will be taken through a familiarisation process, as has been our practice throughout the academic year in response to ongoing construction-related changes.

Please note the following arrangements:

- Pupils will begin using the **new bus bays from mid-week** after their return, with buses dropping off at the start of the day and collecting at the end of the school day. Pupils will practise this in advance with full staff supervision to ensure they are confident and clear on the new arrangements.
- A **designated pupil walkway** will be in place for students arriving from the **Felinfoel** side. This footpath, located next to Ysgol y Felin, leads pupils safely past the new bus bays (Green Arrow)



- **Parental drop-off** inside the school site remains in place and is indicated by a yellow arrows on the map below. For collection at the end of the school day, please be reminded that the main school gates are locked at 2.40pm to allow a safe exit for all pupils with no movement of vehicles.
- All access routes and changes will be clearly signposted, and pupils will be supervised at the beginning and end of the school day to ensure the safety of everyone on site.

- The **overflow car park on the tennis courts will be out of action** from after Whitsun. A new designated staff car park has been created to accommodate additional parking needs.

We thank you for your continued support and cooperation as we move into the next phase of our school improvements.

WELCOME TO BRYNGWYN!

APPOINTMENT OF NEW STAFF

We are delighted to announce the appointment of the following positions to commence in September:

Mr David Rhodes will join us as a Senior Assistant Headteacher for Curriculum, Data, Performance & Standards. Mr Rhodes will be working across the Federation in both Bryngwyn and Glan-y-Môr.

Mrs Sarah Davies as Assistant Headteacher for Learner Progress (Teaching & Learning, Assessment and Skills development) based in Bryngwyn.

Mrs Rebecca Parker as Assistant Headteacher for Learner Progress (Teaching & Learning, Assessment and Skills development) based in Glan-y-Môr.

We wish them every success in these new roles and I am sure they will make a significant impact to the ongoing success of our Federation.

LEARNING UPDATE

FAREWELL AND GOOD LUCK YEAR 11!

Today marks the final day for Year 11 learners to attend lessons at school. After half term, Year 11 will only attend their exams. We are looking forward to celebrating the end of the exams and enjoying our Year 11 Summer Celebration on the evening of **Wednesday 9th July.**

- **Please note that after Half Term, learners in Year 11 will need to SIGN-IN in the dining area as they arrive at the start of each exam.**
- *Any pupils who have not signed in are likely to receive a phonecall home as we aim to support by helping ensure all pupils attend every exam.*

We would like to take the opportunity to thank all our Year 11 learners for their excellent conduct during the exams and for all their efforts over their five years in Bryngwyn. We have made some wonderful memories and we would like to wish every one all the best for the future.

NEW GCSE TIMETABLES AFTER WHITSUN FOR YEAR 9

As year 11 will no longer attend timetabled lessons after half term, this provides learners in Year 9 with the valuable opportunity to move into their GCSE classes and begin their chosen options. As a result, learners will be given their **NEW TIMETABLES** on their return to school on **Monday 2nd June.**

SUMMER UNIFORM

BLACK TAILORED SHORTS

As introduced last year, during the next half term pupils are welcome to wear the school's summer uniform which includes **unisex, black tailored shorts as a summer uniform option**. With the warmer weather approaching, this option ensures that learners remain comfortable throughout the school day while still adhering to our dress code.

These will remain purely **optional** during the Summer Term, and there will be no obligation for any family to purchase extra or make changes to the usual uniform unless by choice.

If pupils choose not to wear the summer uniform, they must wear full school uniform as normal.

Please note that sports shorts and lycra shorts are not permitted as part of our Summer Uniform.

Appropriate unisex, tailored black shorts are available from our usual suppliers at economical prices. Similar options might also be found online or in some major supermarkets to provide a range of suitable options that are accessible and affordable for all parents and carers.

Summer Uniform – available to be worn in the Summer Term	
Plain black, knee-length, tailored shorts with usual school polo shirt (see below). **PE/sports shorts are not allowed.** Tailored shorts are available in uniform retailers and most larger retail outlets, including online and in supermarkets. Alternatively, pupils may wear usual school trousers or skirts (see below) Here are some examples of acceptable shorts (click on link): Matalan Truetex Sainsbury's M&S Boys M&S Girls	
Uniform suppliers:	
Picton Sports, 3 Heol Aur, Dafen Industrial Estate, Llanelli, SA14 8QN Tel: 01554 754662	Toppers Wales Ltd., Unit D1, Llanelli Gate Business Park, Dafen, Llanelli, SA14 8LQ Tel: 01554 777501

We would like to take this opportunity to express our thanks for the continual support shown by parents and carers in ensuring pupils are in correct uniform for school. This is an important aspect in ensuring that the culture for learning at Bryngwyn is a safe and purposeful environment. In addition, we reiterate the view expressed by many parents, that consistent approaches to uniform are an important safety aspect in ensuring that pupils are easily distinguishable as Bryngwyn learners when on site.

We are always proud of our pupils and would like to thank you for continuing to help achieve the high standards that make Bryngwyn such a special and successful school.

Once again, thank you for the high standards that you continue to set.

NEWS ROUND-UP

A FEW HIGHLIGHTS

Attendance Matters! – A well done to those pupils with 100% attendance who won a "Love2Shop" voucher in our recent attendance prize draws. We hope you enjoyed your gift! ***Ardderchog, Pawb!***

Maths Champions – Congratulations to Amy, Year 8, who achieved a GOLD certificate in the UKMT Maths challenge with a phenomenal score. Well done also to our Bronze certificate winners:

Year 8: Emma Cook, Oliver Dunne, Ella Evans, Alyssia Dembowicz, Gina Leung, Emily Jones, Oliwier Misztal, Brodie Richards, Callie Atak, Kaiden Morgan, Scarlett Beynon, Caitlin Roberts.

Year 7: Ceirion Hughes, Jamie Greenstreet, Oscar Yan, Aretha Nwulia, Zack Rogers, Jack Stone. ***Ardderchog, Pawb!***

Athletics Success:

We are very proud of all our pupils who have achieved some outstanding athletics success recently.

- Bryngwyn pupils performed superbly at the **Llanelli Schools Athletics meeting**, showing their skills and supporting one another. An impressive 25 pupils have now qualified for the Dyfed Schools round.
- Our **World Class athlete,** Darcy, appeared in a Athletics Weekly magazine following her monumental new record where Darcy once again made history by breaking the British U17 indoor 400m record set by Jodie Williams in 2009.
- Bryngwyn pupils again shone at the West Wales Championships with medals galore from Darcy, Dylan, Oliver, and Emily.

Extra-Curricular Activities

We are delighted to be able to offer a full range of extra-curricular sport and music activities during lunch times and after school. See the link below for the full range of clubs available this week:

https://www.bryngwynschool.co.uk/Learner-Experience/

As a school, we would like to thank everyone who works so hard to make these opportunities happen, and especially our pupils who take part with such enthusiasm.

Proud to be Bryngwyn!

Links to important information

- Canteen Prices: https://www.bryngwynschool.co.uk/Parents/Catering/
- **School Uniform & Equipment Grant**
- **Free School Meals -** https://www.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/home/council-services/education-schools/school-meals/free-school-meals/#.X4gaJNBKiUl

Looking Ahead

After a well-deserved break, we'll return ready to continue our Summer Term on **Monday 2nd June**. Look out for more trips, projects, and special events, including Sports Day, transition activities, and end-of-year celebrations.

We wish all our families a joyful, restful holiday and thank you once again for your contributions that make the Bryngwyn community so special.

With warmest wishes,

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