

Ysgol Bryngwyn School

Special Update:

24th May 2024



Dear Parent / Carer,

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.

Today marks the final day for our learners in Year 11 to attend lessons at school, as after half term they will only attend school in order to sit their exams. We are looking forward to enjoying our Year 11 Leavers' Assembly on the afternoon of Thursday 6th June. **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.**



Key Dates:

- **Monday 27th – Friday 31st May:** Whitsun Half Term
- **Monday 3rd June:** Return to school for all learners and staff
- **Monday 3rd June:** GCSE Numeracy Unit 2
- **Thursday 6th June:** Year 11 Leavers' Assembly
- **Friday 28th June:** INSET Day (school closed to learners)

Today we also say farewell to some valued members of staff. **Mr Michael Thomas** will be retiring his role as Teaching Assistant, in addition to the departure of **Mrs Vicky James** and **Mr Jordan Elliot** earlier this term. We also say "Hwyl Fawr" to **Mrs Mel Corps** who has been a highly respected teacher in our Welsh department. We express our thanks for all their hard work and wish them success in their next chapter.

After half term, we also look forward to welcoming **Mrs Brown** as our new **Head of Science**.

After Whitsun

1. New Timetables

As year 11 will no longer attend timetabled lessons after half term, this provides learners in Year 9 with the opportunity to move into their GCSE classes and begin their chosen options. As a result, all learners will be given their **NEW TIMETABLES** on their return to school on Monday 3rd June.

2. Update on Summer Uniform

Following our recent letter regarding uniform, we would like to confirm the introduction of a new optional Summer Uniform.


You may recall last year we held a consultation regarding uniform as a result of a publication sent out by the Welsh Government. Two important factors were considered:

- In recent years we have found the warmer weather we might traditionally expect to enjoy in July or August has arrived earlier in the year.
- The affordability and flexibility of uniform requirements for all.

As a result of the extensive consultation, in line with other local schools, we have added an option to wear **unisex, black tailored shorts as a summer uniform option**. Pupils will be allowed to wear these shorts from **Monday 3rd June 2024 until the end of the Summer Term**.

Please see below for full details. **Please note that sports shorts and lycra shorts are not permitted as part of our Summer Uniform.**

Appropriate unisex, tailored black shorts will be 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	
<p>Plain black, knee-length, tailored shorts with usual school polo shirt (see below).</p> <p>PE/sports shorts are not allowed.</p> <p>Tailored shorts are available in uniform retailers and most larger retail outlets, including online and in supermarkets.</p> <p>Alternatively, pupils may wear usual school trousers or skirts (see below)</p> <p>Here are some examples of acceptable shorts (click on link):</p> <p>Matalan Truetex Sainsbury's</p> <p>M&S Boys M&S Girls</p>	

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

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 see the a copy of our previous full communication regarding standard school uniform at the end of this letter.

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.

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Ysgol Bryngwyn School

Special Update: UNIFORM

13th May 2024






Dear Parent / Carer,


As a community, our aim is to strive for excellence and we would like to convey our sincere thanks to parents and pupils for helping us to promote the highest standards in all aspects of school life that makes Bryngwyn such a special and well-regarded school.

Last term we wrote to you as we focussed on **Punctuality**. This will continue this term as we also increase our focus on **Uniform**. Our pupils look extremely smart in their full school uniform, and this is a source of pride for everyone. As we approach the last half term of the academic year, it is timely to address our uniform standards in readiness for the next school year in September.

We want to ensure that every learner aims for excellence and embraces being a part of our vibrant learning community, proud of their important role in making Bryngwyn an excellent school. We appreciate your support in this by helping to ensure your child comes to school ready to learn and equipped for each day. By working together, we aim to develop successful **habits within our young people that will help them as they go through life, ensuring they develop pride in their work, appearance and conduct.**




As a reminder for pupils and parents, our school uniform is as follows:

<p>A white (KS3) or maroon (KS4) short sleeved polo short with school badge</p> <p>These are available from our main uniform suppliers, Picton Sports, Threadlink or Toppers (please see below)</p>	
<p>A black round / V-neck jumper or cardigan with school badge</p> <p>Jumpers/cardigans with badges can be purchased from the following retailers:</p> <p>Picton Sports, Threadlink or Toppers (please see below)</p>	
<p>Tailored black trousers or tailored knee length skirt</p> <p>Tailored trousers have a working zip and button. Skirts must be worn at knee length.</p> <p>Denim, canvas, corduroy, pin-striped, denim-look, jogging bottoms, mini skirts, lycra or leggings are not permissible.</p> <p>These are available from most large local and online retailers including supermarkets or on the links below:</p> <p>Asda trousers boys Asda trousers girls Matalan trousers</p> <p>Trutex Asda pencil skirt Asda pleated skirt</p>	

<p>Plain black shoes/trainers</p> <p>Pupils must wear suitable, plain black footwear in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform.</p> <p>Boots, high heels, platform soles, 'Converse'-style, high-tops, open toe sandals, backless shoes, mules or 'Crocs' are not suitable for school and therefore not allowed.</p> <p>Footwear should be all black, with no coloured markings or logos.</p>	
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Pupils are expected to wear normal uniform as specified while in school and while sitting external exams.

As you know, these high standards are also reflected in engagement, effort and achievement in the wider variety of school activities. The calm, focused atmosphere that everyone is working so hard to achieve is a credit to you all.

PE Kit – remains as usual. PE KIT IS NOT TO BE WORN OUTSIDE OF PE LESSONS	
<p>PE top / rugby shirt</p> <p>These are available our local school uniform retailers (please see below)</p> <p>Pupils must wear <u>either</u> the school PE top <u>or</u> rugby shirt for PE lessons. It is not compulsory to purchase both tops.</p>	
<p>PE Hoodie</p> <p>The Bryngwyn PE hoodie is designed for use in PE activities and may also be worn as an outer coat or jacket.</p>	
<p>PE shorts and footwear</p> <p>Plain black shorts or leggings and comfortable trainers complete our PE kit. These can be purchased from most local supermarkets or online retailers.</p> <p>Shorts or leggings should be plain black with no coloured markings or logos.</p>	

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Tel: 01554 77750

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

If you would like to engage in conversation about your child's uniform, please do not hesitate to contact us either on email or by telephoning the relevant Head of Year.

A grant is also available for school uniform and equipment for families who are eligible. Please see the link below for more information:

[School Uniform & Equipment Grant](#)

School Uniform Recycling Request

We would also like to thank those parents who have added school uniform and PE kits to our school initiative to recycle uniform that children have either grown out of or have left school. This is hugely appreciated.



Our school uniform recycling drive is designed to support our work as part of the Eco Schools agenda as we aim to recycle and reuse wherever possible. We are also aware that many learners grow through their uniform items quickly and suppliers do not always keep items in stock. We would very much appreciate if anybody has any uniform pieces that are spare or no longer required that they could be donated to the school. Clothing can be donated at the school reception or through your child's Head of Year.

Thank you for your continued support in this matter.



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