

Ysgol Bryngwyn School

Update for Parents, Carers & Learners

11th April 2025



Key Dates:

- **Friday 11th April:** Last day of Spring Term
- **Monday 28th April:** Pupils and staff return to school to commence Summer Term
- **Monday 5th May:** May Day Public Bank Holiday
- **Thursday 8th May: GCSEs Commence**

Dear Parents, Carers, and Learners,

As we look forward to our Easter break, we would like to take a moment to reflect on the past term and celebrate all the fantastic things happening at our school. It's been a busy, productive, and joyful time—and we couldn't be prouder of our pupils for their hard work and positive energy. We would like to thank all pupils, parents, carers and staff for their tremendous team efforts this term, and we also have some important key information to share in preparation for the Summer Term.

EXCITEMENT AT THE EISTEDDFOD AMSER GWYCH GYDA HWYL A SBRI!



All our learners and staff had a wonderful time at our whole school Eisteddfod recently with pupils showing their exceptional talents in a range of cultural activities and competitions. From singing and dancing to playing instruments and reciting in both languages, it was great to see some of the excellent work on display. Ty Morlais emerged victorious at the end of the day, but a fantastic atmosphere was maintained throughout with all pupils showing excellent skills of **courage, creativity** and **collaboration**.

The traditional Chairing Ceremony was an important part of the day, with our very own winners of our writing competitions in both Welsh and English crowned as our official Bryngwyn Bards.

Da iawn, pawb!



EXAMS! EXAMS! EXAMS!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR YEARS 11 AND 10

Our GCSE exams will commence shortly after we return from our Easter Break. Learners have been working both in lessons and after school in their learning and revision sessions. These will continue after Easter as outlined below:

GCSE Maths:	Every Weds after school
Additional Maths:	Every Weds after school
GCSE History:	Every Tuesday after school
GCSE Religious Studies:	Every Tuesday after school
GCSE Digital Tech/ Computer Science:	Every Tuesday after school
GCSE Science:	Every Thursday after school
GCSE Product Design:	Every Thursday after school
GCSE Art:	Every Wednesday and Thursday after school

Key Dates

A number of practical exams and oral assessments have already taken place. Pupils have also been working hard to complete their NEAs (Non-Examined Assessments) and our staff would like to say a special **thank you** to everyone who has worked hard to ensure work is complete and of the highest quality.

All individual timetables are now available on Edulink and paper copies have been sent home with parents.

8th May – First GCSE in the exam hall (Maths – Numeracy)

Please note, it is also essential that every learner wears FULL school uniform to sit their exams. No hoodies are permitted, even if they include the Bryngwyn badge (eg PE hoodies / Leavers' hoodies).

REVISION and EASTER OPENING

Revision should now be well underway and the two-week break provides an excellent opportunity for some focused consolidation. Subject teachers have provided a wide range of revision materials, some of which will be on Google Classroom. There are also many ways to access revision resources independently (see below).

Independent Learning Resources:

There are a wide range of online resources readily available to pupils from the WJEC and other external agencies. These are really helpful and useful in the build up to the summer exams.

- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>
- <https://www.wjec.co.uk/home/student-support/revision-resources/>
- <https://collins.co.uk/pages/free-revision-resources>
- <https://revisionworld.com/gcse-revision>
- <https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/>



EASTER REVISION @BRYNGWYN		
MUSIC	MONDAY 14TH APRIL TUESDAY 15TH APRIL	9:00-10:00 IN M1 WITH MRS THOMAS
TEXTILES	TUESDAY 15TH APRIL	10:30-13:30 IN E12 WITH MRS LEWIS
HISTORY	WEDNESDAY 16TH APRIL FOCUS OUR EXAM SKILLS	10:00-13:00 IN A10 WITH MS ROBERTS
MATHS	WEDNESDAY 16TH APRIL (Y11 INTERMEDIATE TIER)	10:00 - 13:00 IN B4 WITH MR ANGELOE
MATHS	WEDNESDAY 16TH APRIL (Y10 INTERMEDIATE TIER)	10:00-13:00 IN B10 WITH MRS O'BRIEN
MATHS	TUESDAY 22ND APRIL (Y11 INTERMEDIATE TIER)	10:00-12:00 IN B14 WITH MRS DENNY
ART	WEDNESDAY 23RD APRIL	10:00-14:00 IN E6 WITH MRS MORRIS
SOCIOLOGY	THURSDAY 24TH APRIL PAPER 1 REVISION (Y11)	11:00-13:00 IN A12 WITH MRS LANCETT

NOTE TO PUPILS -

AT BRYNGWYN "WE GIVE OUR BEST TO BE THE BEST". PLEASE COME WITH A POSITIVE ATTITUDE AND WITH A WILLINGNESS TO GET AS MUCH AS YOU CAN OUT OF THE SESSION.

ENTRY TO THE SCHOOL WILL BE VIA MAIN RECEPTION AND THE TEACHER HOLDING THE SESSION WILL NEED TO LET YOU IN. TO AVOID DISTURBANCE TO THE SESSION, PLEASE ARRIVE PROMPTLY.

THE CANTEEN WILL NOT BE OPEN SO PLEASE BRING FOOD AND DRINK IF NECESSARY.

Power Up for the Summer Exams!



Welsh Government have coordinated a host of resources that have been brought together in their "Power Up" website for learners. These resources will help with everything associated with the summer exams from exam technique and revision tips to guides on wellbeing and managing exam stress. You can find these resources below:

- <https://www.gov.wales/power-up-wales#GCSE>

WJEC Knowledge Organisers

In addition, the WJEC have provided a series of revision resources along with their "Knowledge Organisers" which are regularly updated and provide an excellent source of information for learners to revise.

<https://www.wjec.co.uk/home/student-support/revision/revision-resources/new-knowledge-organisers/>

Carlam Cymru Revision Videos

There are also videos on every GCSE subject as well as further help on revision skills available on the link below from the Carlam Cymru repository of learning. Follow the link below:

[Find a Video - Carlam Cymru](#)



Special Consideration

Please see below the Exam Board's definition of special circumstances with the accompanying link from the WJEC. Special consideration is applied for after the exams have taken place and applications are made to the exam board on behalf of the pupils.

Candidates whose performance in an examination is affected by circumstances beyond their control (illness, bereavement etc.) may be entitled to Special Consideration. These procedures are common to all the General Qualification Awarding Bodies.

Special Consideration may be given to eligible candidates who are:

- Present for an assessment/exam but are disadvantaged, due to unforeseen circumstances that are beyond their control.*
- Absent from a time-tabled assessment due to illness or other acceptable reason – for unitised specifications this applies to the terminal series (cash-in candidates) only.*

Further information is available in the JCQ document ['A guide to the Special Consideration process'](#).

If there are any specific considerations that need to be made in respect of medical or emotional issues that the school is not aware of, could parents please contact us as soon as possible. Furthermore, should any new scenarios emerge during or in the run up to exams, we will always provide support and keep any communications confidentially with the awarding body. It will also be helpful if you can forward any supporting documentation that may help your application, such as medical notes. These will always be treated in the strictest confidence.

If you would like to let us know about any specific considerations, please contact us via the email below or through the Head of Pupil progress:

examresults@bryngwyn.cymru

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LEARNING TOGETHER

WORKING COLLABORATIVELY FOR PUPIL PROGRESS

Year 7 Parents' Evening: Tuesday 8th April 2025



We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the parents and carers who attended our Year 7 Parents' Evening on Tuesday. It was a pleasure to welcome you into school and share the progress your children have made during their first year with us. Your support, interest, and thoughtful conversations are incredibly valuable, and it was wonderful to see so many positive and productive discussions taking place between families and teachers.

Your involvement plays a crucial role in helping our students thrive, and we truly appreciate the strong partnerships we're building together. We hope the evening gave you a clear picture of your child's achievements so far, as well as the areas we'll continue to develop together. If you have any follow-up questions or would like to discuss anything further, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Share your thoughts: we love to hear your feedback. Many thanks for those who have already completed the survey via Edulink. If you have not yet had the chance to do so, please follow the following link:

<https://forms.gle/ZvZkkKjXC8yJRSSHA>

Reports

Reports for learners in **Year 10** have been distributed this week.

All reports are now also available on Edulink.

News Round-Up – a few highlights



Tasty Challenge Finals! - A huge well done to our Tasty Challenge Team of Year 9 Girls (Millie, Olivia, Avreet, Courtney, Hollie, Lowri and Daisy) who sailed through their semi-finals and represented Bryngwyn in the Finals and Parc y Scarlets recently. The girls pitched their Welsh food product to a team of judges and made some delicious samples. They won special recognition for the Best use of Local Ingredients and Mrs Davies couldn't be prouder.
Ardderchog, Pawb!



Gymnastic Champions! – A special well done to two of our gymnasts who have reached the top of their sports recently. Danika in year 7, won a gold medal in Rhythmic Gymnastics for her Hoop routine in a competition in Gibraltar. She also won silver for her Ribbon competition. Meanwhile, Ella in Year 8 competed at the British Championships in Liverpool where she placed 6th overall in the whole of Britain for her floor routine.
Outstanding, ladies, well done!

Climate Ambassadors – Bryngwyn's Climate Ambassadors recently represented the Carmarthenshire Climate Action Group at an event hosted at the Senedd in Cardiff. Pupils had an inspiring day where they shared their work on food waste and heard from other schools as well as our MS, Lee Waters. **Ardderchog!**



Spring Concert – A huge well done to all who took part in and supported our Spring Musical Concert last week. A wonderful evening was enjoyed with excellent performance from our choirs, bands and instrumentalist. A special thank you to those who supported our show. **Bendigedig!**



Girls Cricket Success! – A special well done to our team of Year 7 and 8 Girls Cricketers who were victorious in the County Indoor Cricket Finals at Sophia Gardens recently. The team (Isla R, Isla S, Molly, Emily J, Josie, Emily B and Rachel) showed some exceptional performances and have now qualified for the South-West UK regional finals in Bristol next month. *Excellent, ladies, and good luck!*

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/#.X4gaJNBKiUI>

SOME FINAL EASTER THOUGHTS

A Time for Reflection and Gratitude

Easter is a time to pause, reflect, and be grateful. We're proud of the kindness and compassion we see every day in our school community—from classmates helping each other to students raising money for good causes. These moments matter and make our school a better place for everyone.

Looking Ahead

After a well-deserved Easter break, we'll return ready for an exciting summer term. 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 Easter holiday. Whether you're travelling, relaxing at home, or enjoying some chocolate treats, we hope it's a special time together.

With warmest wishes,

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