

Ysgol Bryngwyn School

Update for Parents, Carers and Learners – 17th December 2024



CELEBRATIONS

The more you praise and celebrate your life, the more there is in life to celebrate.

Oprah Winfrey

A thought for this week

Yn rhoi o'n gorau
Giving our best to be the best

Key Dates:

- **18th December:** Christmas Carol Concert
- **20th December:** Bryngwyn's Got Talent!
- **20th December:** Last day of term
- **6th January:** INSET Day (staff only)
- **7th January:** Learners return to school
- **7th and 8th January:** Year 11 science GCSE practical exams
- **8th January:** Year 10 English Literature GCSE Unit One
- **w/b 20th January:** year 10 science practical exams

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we look ahead to the last week of term, we would like to thank all of our learners for their continued efforts in always working hard and "**Giving our Best to be the Best**". In particular, pupils have showed excellent commitment and attitude to their mock GCSE exams. **Da iawn!**

OVER £2,500 RAISED! Salvation Army Appeal

For the 27th year running, we are very proud as a school to be involved in the Salvation Army Christmas charity appeal. Captain Karen Symonds was delighted to join us last week to collect the wonderful toys and gifts we have been able to purchase. Over the last few weeks, across the school learners have been engaged in fundraising activities to support the Salvation Army Toy Appeal 2024.



From Sponsored Walks and cake stalls to Competitions and Raffles, everyone has taken part to help make Christmas magical for families in need in our area.



DIOLCH YN FAWR
UNWAITH ETO
TÎM BRYNGWYN!

We are delighted to announce that learners have raised over £2,500 which has been used to purchase toys for children in our community. All of us at Bryngwyn would like to say a huge well done to everyone involved, and a thank you to everyone who has supported us in raising this money.

Well done, everyone!

THE WEEK AHEAD

Mock Exams

Our mock exams are now complete, and staff are very pleased with the effort by all the pupils. In the New Year, following this experience, pupils will be working with their teachers to identify their current strengths and target areas for improvement.

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Interim Reports

Interim reports have been issued to all year groups this term. We value hearing the views of parents and carers and would like to thank you for completing the reply slips. We look forward to hearing from you if you have not yet had the opportunity to reply.

Year 11 Reports with the full results of the mock exams will be issued at the end of January.

Christmas Concert Wednesday 18th December

We are delighted to once more be able to invite parents and friends of Bryngwyn to celebrate with us in our Christmas Carol Concert. Everyone is welcome to join us for a festive evening showcasing young musical talent from Bryngwyn's orchestra, choirs and soloists. The audience will also be able to participate by singing Christmas carols.

The Carol Concert will be held at Bryngwyn School on the evening of Wednesday 18th December commencing at 7.00 p.m. Entry is £1.00 with a programme. Refreshments will also be on sale. Festive dress is encouraged!



Last Day of Term - Friday 20th December

We will begin our last day of term with a **Christmas Service** for all pupils, and this will be followed by our Bryngwyn's Got Talent event in our Sports Hall.

Bryngwyn's Got Talent! The auditions are over, the final acts have been selected, and our specially selected judges are ready for the most anticipated show of the year!

The dress code for the day will be sensible non-school uniform and learners are invited to keep up the festive theme with a Christmas Jumper or accessory.

A Bryngwyn Christmas

BRYNGWYN'S BAKER'S DOZEN AWARDS GALORE!



It has been a huge pleasure to **reward** all our learners for excellent attendance through our **Bryngwyn's Baker's Dozen** – with many learners delighted with their prizes.



Well done, everyone!

Please click the link for more information: [BRYNGWYN'S BAKER'S DOZEN REWARDS](#)

News Round-Up



Gymnastics Success! - A huge well done to our team of girls who competed in the Llanelli Schools Gymnastics Competition this week. An excellent performance saw Ella, yr 8, win first prize and qualify for the West Wales Competition and also a fourth place for Evie, yr 7. **Ardderchog!**

“Space Club” After School Science Club– Our Science Space Club after school is proving very popular. This week, learners used cotton sheets to recreate the way the “fabric” of spacetime is warped by massive objects such as black holes. **Da iawn, pawb!**



Swansea University Chemistry Competition – Well done also to our team of chemists who took part in Swansea University’s “Top of the Bench” chemistry competition this week and performed excellently. **Da iawn, pawb!**



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.bryngwyschool.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>

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