

Ysgol Bryngwyn School

Update for Parents, Carers and Learners – 17th February 2025



POSITIVE CHANGE

The ones who are crazy enough to think that they can change the world, are the ones who do.

Steve Jobs

A thought for this week

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

Key Dates:

- **Thursday 20th February:** Whole School Eisteddfod
- **Friday 21st February:** Last day of Half Term
- **Tuesday 11th March:** Year 9 Options Evening
- **Friday 4th April:** INSET – staff only
- **Friday 11th April:** End of Spring Term

HAVE YOUR SAY! PARENT SURVEY

Firstly, a very big thank you to all parents who have completed our Parent Survey. It is important to us to hear your feedback and we will follow up any requests after half term.

If you have not yet had the chance to complete the survey, it is not too late! Please click on the link below. Please note, if you have more than one child in school then you can complete the survey again for each child.

Click [HERE](#) to complete the survey.

BUILDINGS UPDATE NEXT PHASE IS UNDERWAY!

We are all very excited to see the steel framework for our new science block and dining area is complete. Giving a glimpse of what is to come, the frame shows the dimensions of what will become our new state of the art science facilities and modern dining area that is underway. ***Stay tuned for further updates!***

Important Reminders for Parents

We kindly remind all visitors to follow the **new signage** on site, which clearly indicates the temporary Reception location.



Please also note that one of the school entrances at the front of the school is designated for pupil use only and cannot be used by visitors.

For health, safety, and safeguarding purposes, visitors must use the dedicated Reception entrance.



Additionally, parents driving onto the school site are reminded to drive carefully and adhere to the **5mph speed limit** at all times.

As part of our longstanding end-of-day arrangements, the main school gates will be locked at 2:40 pm, prior to the bell, to ensure pupils can safely leave the site or board their buses without traffic movement. All traffic must remain stationary until the buses have departed the site. The gates will only reopen once all pupils have exited the site on foot or by bus.

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our school community safe.

DRAFT GCSE EXAM TIMETABLES OUT NOW IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR YEARS 11 AND 10

All learners due to sit GCSE exams in the Summer Term have been issued with their first draft of exam timetables. It is very important that pupils check they have been entered correctly. Please check:

- All subjects appear correctly
- The correct tier of entry (where relevant) is indicated
- ***If there are any clashes with exams due to take place at the same time, please contact your HOPP ASAP***

If there are any queries, please contact the relevant HOPP:

- Year 11: Mr Edwyn Davies
- Year 10: Miss Cari Hartnell

The timetable is a handy document to keep near your calendar when planning future activities.

REVISION

Learners are now expected to begin revising at home for their GCSE exams, creating revision timetables and undertaking revision exercises to consolidate their learning. Support is available

Extra-curricular catch up and revision sessions are also underway at school as follows:

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

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/>

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 unutilised 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 any communicate 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 Head of Pupil Progress or the email below:

examresults@bryngwyn.cymru

Coleg Sir Gar Open Evening – Years 10 and 11

There will be an Open Evening at each Coleg Sir Gar Campus on **Wednesday 12th March 2025**
5.00pm – 7.30pm.





Both parents and learners are encouraged to attend. This will be of particular importance to learners in Year 11, and learners in Year 10 are also encouraged to find out more about their potential post-16 pathways.

Further information can be obtained from: admissions@colegsirgar.ac.uk or 01554 748179.

Year 11 Mentoring Support – Parents’ Evening Tuesday 18th February

A number of pupils in Year 11 have been identified as our mentoring group. Letters have been sent home with pupils with further information and the opportunity to make an appointment with the member of staff who is supporting your child.

There are still some times available for anyone who has not yet made an appointment. Please contact the school on 01554 750661

**WHOLE SCHOOL EISTEDDFOD
THURSDAY 20TH FEBRUARY**



On **Thursday 20th February** we will be spending the day celebrating our proud Welsh culture with a day of activities based around Welsh language, culture and artistic expression in our Eisteddfod ceremony and whole school celebration. All pupils will be given the opportunity to engage with house competitions and activities over the course of the day.

Pupils are invited to wear a top of the colour of their house, along with normal uniform skirt or trousers, to show their support for their house and those competing.

Cothi – Blue	Lliedi – Green
Morlais – Red	Tywi - Yellow

Departmental and homework competitions are already underway with a chance for everyone to earn points for their houses.

Pob lwc pawb!

News Round-Up



West Wales Swimming Champion! - A huge well done to Year 7 pupil Vincent who has achieved a haul of medals and become West Wales Regional Champion in 5 different styles. Vincent is now preparing to take on the top ranked swimmers in Wales at the Welsh National Championships over Easter and we wish him the very best of luck. **Ardderchog, Vincent!**



Hwyl Fawr Derek oddiwrth y Clwb Cymraeg – Our Welsh Club would like to wish Derek from Menter Iaith all the very best in his new role and thank him for supporting us for the last three years. Clwb Cymraeg will continue to meet every week with some exciting opportunities to celebrate the Welsh language to come. **Diolch Derek, a phob Iwc!**

Curious Art – Learners in Year 8 showed some exceptional curiosity while developing their artistic and enterprising skills in using recycled materials to create some imaginative designs for a head-dress. **Ardderchog!**



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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