

# Ysgol Bryngwyn School

## Update for Parents, Carers and Learners – 19<sup>th</sup> September 2023



### Latest News:

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### Key Dates:

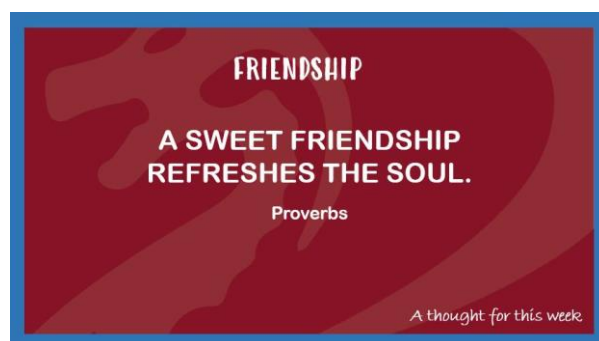
**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> Sept:** INSET day and Open Evening for prospective pupils and parents.

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October:** Prize Evening

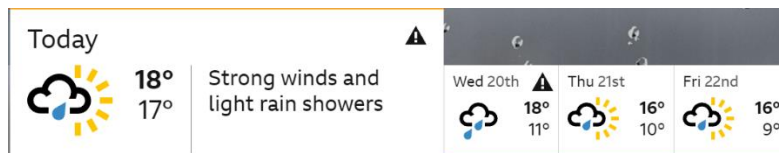
**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October –** End of Half Term

### Dear Parent/Carer,

We hope this update finds you well as we begin our third week of this new academic year. This week promises to be another busy week here at Bryngwyn with a variety of exciting activities. The atmosphere is warm and positive, and staff have been very impressed with the engagement and enthusiasm of all our learners. We thank you for your support in this.



This week is **week one** on the timetable.



The weather remains changeable with some storms and continued rainfall over the next few days. We recommend pupils wear suitable coats to school to keep warm and dry.

### 1. Parent Information Evenings

We would like to begin by conveying our sincere thanks to all parents, old and new, who visited the school last week during our Parent Information Evenings. It was a pleasure to welcome so many families on each evening and the warm, positive atmosphere was very much appreciated. If at any point you would like any further information or have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the school via email or telephone.

### 2. Information for Year 7

As already mentioned, it was lovely to see our new parents who came on site to meet form teachers last week.

**Blast into Bryngwyn!**

The first two weeks of our Year 7 Curriculum have been spent working in mixed ability groupings on a range of key skills to help prepare learners to embark on the exciting range of learning opportunities we look forward to in the year ahead.

We would like to take this opportunity to say a very big thank you to pupils for engaging so well with our “Blast into Bryngwyn” initiative. Staff have praised the enthusiasm and commitment shown as learners explored a range of different skills and learning experiences showing **courage and creativity** as well as working in **collaboration** and with very positive **curiosity**.

*Well done everyone!*

## New Timetables

All learners in Year 7 have now been issued with **new timetables** which will remain in place for the remainder of the year. We hope that the skills practised during the “Blast into Bryngwyn” introduction will continue and look forward to what is to come.

### 3. Year 5 and 6 Open Evening – Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September



The poster features the school's crest on the left, a stylized sunburst graphic in the center, and three photographs at the bottom: a group of students, an aerial view of the school buildings, and a group of staff members. The text is arranged in a clear, hierarchical manner, starting with the school name and event title, followed by the date and time, and then several paragraphs of invitation text. The bottom section contains contact information for the school.

**Ysgol Bryngwyn School**  
**Open Evening**

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2023, 5.00pm - 7.30pm

We warmly invite you to step inside and enjoy the Bryngwyn experience.  
Come and see what makes our school so special.

Meet our dedicated staff, view our excellent and expanding facilities and discuss the strategies that have seen us deliver year on year success.

We have been acknowledged by Estyn for our excellent performance across all aspects.  
“A heartfelt commitment to the development of each and every pupil is at the core of the school’s work” Estyn

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We look forward to welcoming learners in Years 5 and 6 as well as their families and friends to step inside and join us at our Open Evening for a taste of the Bryngwyn experience.

This is an opportunity to meet staff, view our expanding facilities and discuss any strategies that may be of particular interest to individuals thinking of joining our school.

**A warm welcome awaits!**

### 4. Prize Evening - Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October 7.00pm

Our annual Prize Evening will take place at school on **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October at 7.00 p.m.** This is an excellent opportunity to share the excellent achievements of all our learners in both their academic and extra-curricular activities. Further information will be provided in advance and we look forward to an evening of celebration where the efforts of our pupils are rewarded.

It would be very helpful if you could please let us know about pupils' achievements outside of school. These could be sporting achievements, representing the town or county, or contributing to the wider community through a variety of activities and ventures.

## 5. Parking in the Community

As you know, the roads around the school can be very busy at the end of the day when learners are being collected and buses are leaving the school. As requested by the Local Authority, the gates are closed from 2.45pm to ensure **no vehicles move in the school car park until pupils have vacated the area and the buses have left the carpark.**

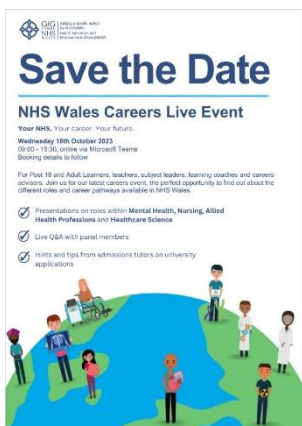
We appreciate your help in further ensuring pupil safety by **not parking on the yellow zigzags** on the road around the school and being mindful of local residents if parking on nearby streets.

## 6. Exam Queries – Please note – new email address

For any learners with questions regarding external GCSE results achieved this summer, the deadline for remarks is approaching very soon. Please contact us **as soon as possible** if you have any questions regarding these results by emailing our dedicated exams email address on [examresults@bryngwyn.cymru](mailto:examresults@bryngwyn.cymru)

## General News Round-Up

- **Swimming Success!** - A huge well done to Ffion who took part in the finals of the Swim Wales Challenge Series at Llys y Fran reservoir over the weekend. Ffion incredibly came second and only a couple of metres behind the winner who was two years older. **Da iawn Ffion!**



- **NHS Wales Careers Event** – NHS Wales are holding a live careers event that will take place online on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October from 9.00am – 5.30pm. This may be of interest to members of the family and some of our former pupils keen to learn about working for the NHS in Wales. More details will follow when available.

- **Extra-Curricular PE Activities** – we are delighted to be able to offer a full range of extra-curricular sport activities during lunch times and after school. This week we have the following:

## SCHOOL SPORT CLUBS AUTUMN

	LUNCHTIME	AFTERSCHOOL
MON	GCSE BADMINTON & TABLE TENNIS [YEAR 10-11]	
TUES	GCSE BADMINTON & TABLE TENNIS (YEAR 10 – 11)	NETBALL (YEAR 8 – 11)
WEDS	NETBALL YEAR 7 (SPORTS AMBASADORS) KS 4 RUGBY FIXTURE PREPERATION (ONLY AVAILABLE WHEN NOTIFIED)	BOYS & GIRLS FOOTBALL [ALL YEARS] BASKETBALL (ALL YEARS) TBC
THURS	RUGBY – TURN UP AND PLAY (KS3)	BOYS & GIRLS RUGBY [KS3] BOYS & GIRLS HOCKEY [ALL YEARS] BASKETBALL (ALL YEARS) TBC
FRI	GCSE TRAMPOLINE (YEAR 10 – 11)	

- **Extra-Curricular Music Activities** – we also enjoy a variety of music activities as follows:

### Music Extra-Curricular Clubs

	Lunchtime 1.10 – 1.40 pm	After school 2.50 pm – 3.50 pm
Monday	Year 7 Keyboard Club in M1	Year 8 Band in M2
Tuesday	Year 7 Choir in M1 Double Reed Workshop in M2	
Wednesday	Little Big Band in M2	Year 10 Band in M2 Theory Club in M1
Thursday	String Group in M2	Year 9 Band in Drum Room Composition Club (Years 10/11) in M2
Friday	Senior Choir in M2	

**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>

### Keeping Informed of Changes

In order to make sure you receive all of our messages and updates immediately, it is important that the contact details on our school systems remain up to date. If any details have changed, please let us know by emailing us on [enq@bryngwyn.cymru](mailto:enq@bryngwyn.cymru) .

Thank you as always for your continued support of our school. We look forward to continuing to work together to provide the very best experiences for all our learners through the busy half term ahead.

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