

Ysgol Bryngwyn School

Update for Parents, Carers and Learners – 20th January 2025



BE A GLOBAL CITIZEN

Let us be good stewards of the earth we inherited. All of us have to share the Earth's fragile ecosystems and precious resources, and each of us has a role to play in preserving them.

Kofi Anan

A thought for this week

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

Key Dates:

- **JANUARY:** Freedom Fortnight Years 7 and 8
- **w/b 20th January:** year 10 science practical exams
- **24th – 26th January:** Year 7 Llangrannog residential weekend
- **29th January:** Year 8 Parents' Evening (Online)
- **20th February:** Whole School Eisteddfod
- **21st February:** Last day of Half Term

Dear Parent/Carer,

THE COURAGE TO BE CURIOUS! FREEDOM FORTNIGHT YEARS 7 AND 8

Over the month of January, learners in Years 7 and 8 are taking part in our "Freedom Fortnight" learning project. For two weeks or more, learners are exploring a big idea within each AoLE (Area of Learning and Experience).

Year 7 are exploring the concept of **courage** while Year 8 are building on their learning from last year and developing a deeper understanding of the idea of **curiosity**. This involves taking part in a wide variety of learning experiences, in and out of the classroom, and learners have been having some great fun along the way!



Some of the activities enjoyed so far have included:

- Showing courage in **art** by creating own abstract work in the style of Kandinsky
- Creating posters and poems about courage in **form classes**
- Developing courage and curiosity by working hard in trampolining and gymnastics lessons in **PE**





Courage and **curiosity** are two of our “4Cs”, the dispositions we all need to be effective learners. The activities also involve working collaboratively to practise a range of skills while learning about and developing our own habits of courage and curiosity.

As part of Freedom Fortnight, learners are working on the Four Purposes of our Curriculum to support them to develop as:

- Ambitious, capable learners ready to learn throughout their lives.
- Enterprising, creative contributors, ready to play a full part in life and work.
- Ethical, informed citizens of Wales and the World.
- Healthy, confident individuals, ready to lead fulfilling lives as valued members of society.

The activities will culminate in a Showcase Activity where learners have the chance to apply all their learning in one challenge. We are looking forward to sharing the learning outcomes with parents in the forthcoming Parents’ Evenings for each year group later this term.

YEAR 8 PARENTS’ EVENING WEDNESDAY 29TH JANUARY (ONLINE)

Our Parents’ Evening for Year 8 takes place online next week via SchoolCloud. Parents and carers with learners in Year 8 should have received a message to make bookings with your child’s teachers via School Cloud. Please see the link below to make or amend bookings.

<https://bryngwyn.schoolcloud.co.uk>

It can be helpful if your child joins you for the meetings so that they can hear the information provided by the teachers. We appreciate the support, mutual respect and courtesy of parents and teachers and ask that we all follow standard professional protocols for online meetings. For example, the meetings should take place in a quiet, confidential location and no attempt to capture images or recording should be made. Please note, the timings for each meeting are automatically set and controlled by the system. Each meeting is allocated 5 minutes and the time remaining will be displayed but the meeting will automatically close when the timer runs out.

Should you have any queries or encounter any difficulties with the Online Parents’ Evening, please contact the school office on enq@bryngwyn.cymru or 01554 750661

REFLECTING and REVISING

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR YEARS 10 AND 11

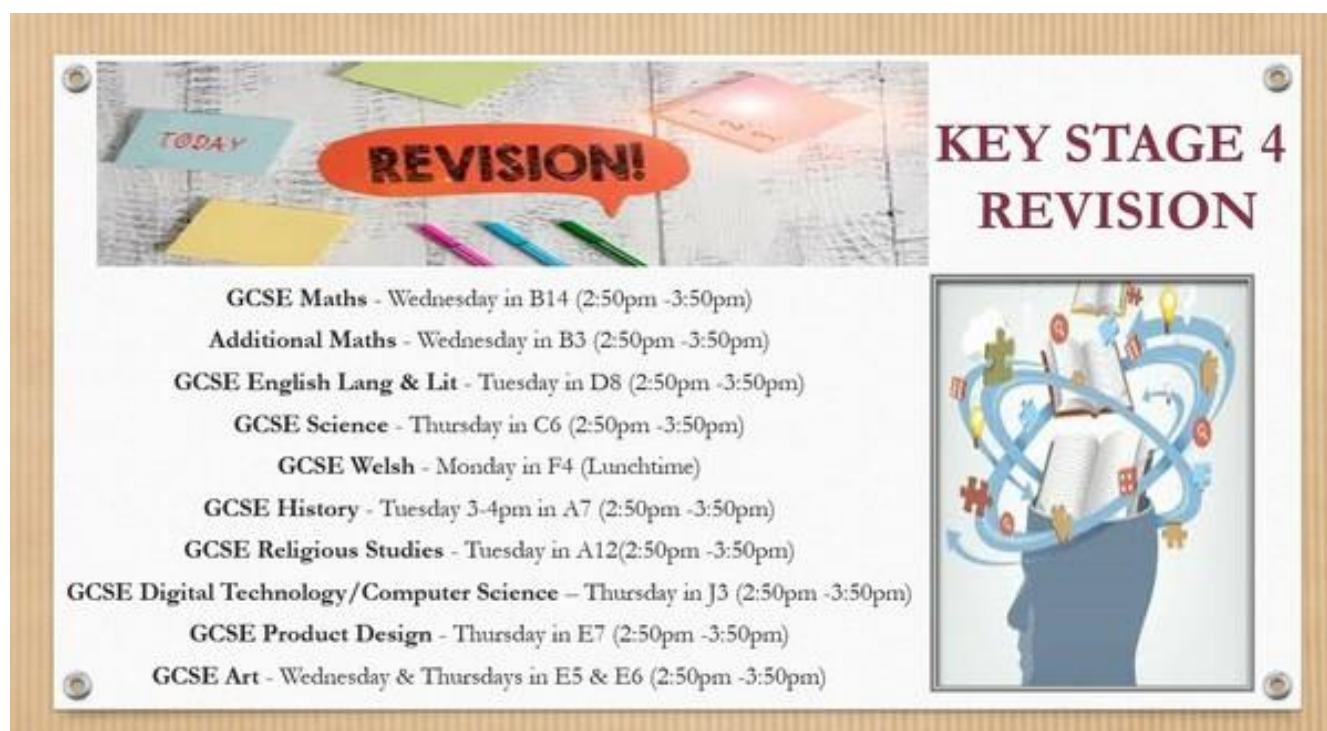
Following December's mock exams, learners have been working hard in lessons to scrutinise their performance and develop their exam technique. There are many further resources available to help learners reflect on their progress and build their skills before the summer.

YEAR 11 REPORTS

More detail on mock exam results and how you can help your child will follow in the Year 11 Full Reports which will be issued next week.

REVISION

Extra-curricular catch up and revision sessions are now underway as follows:



KEY STAGE 4 REVISION

- GCSE Maths - Wednesday in B14 (2:50pm -3:50pm)
- Additional Maths - Wednesday in B3 (2:50pm -3:50pm)
- GCSE English Lang & Lit - Tuesday in D8 (2:50pm -3:50pm)
- GCSE Science - Thursday in C6 (2:50pm -3:50pm)
- GCSE Welsh - Monday in F4 (Lunchtime)
- GCSE History - Tuesday 3-4pm in A7 (2:50pm -3:50pm)
- GCSE Religious Studies - Tuesday in A12(2:50pm -3:50pm)
- GCSE Digital Technology/Computer Science – Thursday in J3 (2:50pm -3:50pm)
- GCSE Product Design - Thursday in E7 (2:50pm -3:50pm)
- GCSE Art - Wednesday & Thursdays in E5 & E6 (2:50pm -3:50pm)

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>

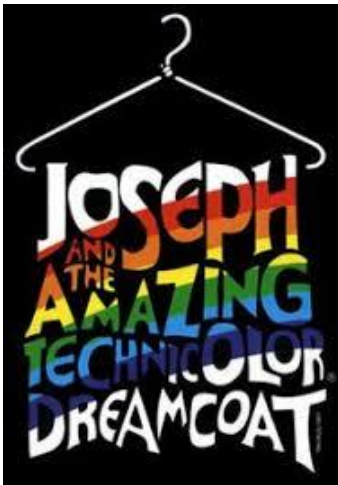


Carlam Cymru Revision Videos

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](#)

News Round-Up



Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat Auditions -

We are currently auditioning for our summer musical. If any pupil would like to take part, please join the Google Classroom on the code **ewezpy3** (pupils must be logged into their own Google Classroom to enter).

Auditions will take place Wednesday, Thursday and Friday in the Gym/Sportshall. The audition song will be 'Any Dream Will Do'. If you want to learn it, please use YouTube or come along to choir on Friday or Monday lunchtime. **Pob lwc pawb!**

Eisteddfod Netball Tournament – A huge well done to Ty Cothi on winning our mixed netball tournament with boys and girls from all year groups. **Llongyfarchiadau!**



Cross Country Success for Bryngwyn Runners at Pembrey – A huge well done to all pupils who represented the school at the Dyfed Schools Cross Country last week and a special congratulations to the thirteen pupils who qualified to go through to the next round. **Ardderchog!**

Fun and Learning at Cardiff Castle – Learners in Year 7 had an exciting day at Cardiff Castle recently with the opportunity to explore the artefacts and even try on some medieval clothing. Staff commented on the excellent engagement and conduct of pupils who were a credit to their school and families throughout. *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.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>

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