

Ysgol Bryngwyn School

Update for Parents, Carers and Learners – 23rd November 2023



Latest News:

1. Mock Exams Year 10
2. Year 11 Parents' Evening
3. New School Menu
4. Year 9 CATs
5. School Admissions

Key Dates:

- **Monday 27th November:** Year 9 CATs
- **Wednesday 6th December:** Yr 10 Parents' Evening (online)
- **11th December onwards:** Mock Exams

Dear Parent/Carer,

We hope this update finds you well as we continue into the second half of our Autumn Term. All of us at Bryngwyn are looking forward to an exciting week of varied learning activities. We would also like to thank you for your support in helping to create such a positive atmosphere around school with learners showing excellent engagement and enthusiasm throughout.



TREAT PEOPLE WELL

I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did but people will never forget how you made them feel.

(Maya Angelou)

A thought for this week

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

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

1. Mock Exams Years 10 and 11

For those learners sitting GCSE exams in January or in the summer, our mock exams will commence during the second week of December. This is a very important opportunity to prepare for final exams as it helps learners to practise revision techniques and exam experience. Revision should now be underway and subject teachers will support learners in lessons by identifying key topics and approaches. We would recommend that all learners involved spend some valuable time at home designing their own revision plans and preparing as much as possible.

For some further support with revision approaches, the following links may be helpful:

- WJEC Revision Resources: <https://www.gov.wales/power-up-wales#GCSE>
<https://www.wjec.co.uk/home/student-support/revision-resources/>
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>
- <https://collins.co.uk/pages/free-revision-resources>
- <https://revisionworld.com/gcse-revision>
- <https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/>

- Bryngwyn Revision Tips for Learners: <https://sites.google.com/hwbcymru.net/ysgolbryngwynschool/home>
- Bryngwyn Revision Tips for Parents <https://www.bryngwynschool.co.uk/Parents/Year-11-Revision-techniques-A-Parents-Survival-Gui/>

2. Year 11 Parents' Evening – ON SITE Thursday 16th November

We would like to say a very big thank all who attended our Year 11 Parents' Evening last week. The evening was very well supported, and it was delightful to see so many parents and pupils engaged in discussions about their learning and progress. If you were unable to attend or have any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact us on enq@bryngwyn.cymru or by telephone on 01554 750661.

3. New School Menu

Carmarthenshire Catering Services have now produced a new school menu for the term ahead which is available on the link below. The menu will rotate every three weeks to offer a wide variety from which learners can select.

<https://www.bryngwynschool.co.uk/Parents/Catering/>

4. Year 9 CATs

Learners in Year 9 will be undertaking CATs tests next week. These will be undertaken online. This series of cognitive tests is designed to indicate learners' strengths and target areas to develop which will help us to tailor our learning plans to individual needs. There is no requirement to prepare for these sessions.

5. Year 6 Transition



If you have a pupil due to start with us or indeed have friends that are interested, then please be aware all applications need to be made directly to the Local Authority.

There is a booklet for parents which is available online on the link below:

<https://www.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/home/council-services/education-schools/school-admissions-and-changing-schools/information-and-guidance-for-parents/#.Yzn4q3bMKUI>

Please note the closing date for applications to commence 2024-25 is **December 20th 2023.**

We would recommend completing the application before the deadline to avoid disappointment.

All applications need to be made online on the Carmarthenshire website (link below):

<https://www.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/home/council-services/education-schools/school-admissions-and-changing-schools/apply-for-a-secondary-school-place-11-year-olds/#.YzLS7nbMI2w>

Schools and parents will be informed of the outcome on the National Offer Date of **1st March 2024**.

If you, or anyone you know, would like further information or a tour of the school, please contact us on eng@bryngwyn.cymru or by telephone on 01554 750661.

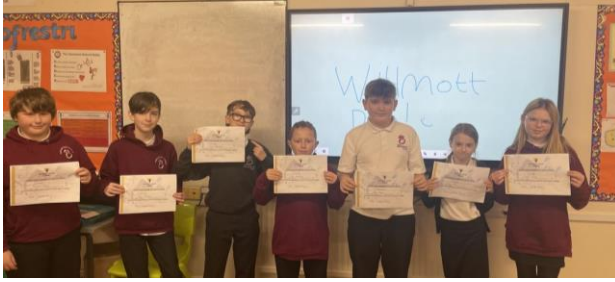
General News Round-Up

- **Bryngwyn Learners Meet the Mayor!** – Learners from Key Stage Four met with Mayor Cllr Pearce last week at the Old Vicarage to learn more about the Town Council, democracy and the Future Generations Act for Wales. This was an excellent experience for pupils to become more informed about local politics and learners said they enjoyed the visit. They represented the school very well showing impeccable engagement and interest. ***Diolch pawb!***



- **Hackathon: Bryngwyn on S4C** – A huge well done to the 18 year 8 learners who represented Bryngwyn School at the inaugural Hackathon event at the Botanical Gardens last week. Each team researched an idea linked to a brief on one of the following themes: Connecting communities, E-waste and being energy smart. Each team then presented to members of the local business community. Thank you to all involved especially Cymbrogi for organising the event and Cwm Environmental for sponsoring the event. Please see Friday's newyddion on S4C on iPlayer for the full feature.





- **Wilmott Dixon Challenge** – Da iawn to Year 8 pupils who took part in the Wilmott Challenge this week within maths lessons. Special awards were given to pupils for showing their Courage, Curiosity, Collaboration, and Creativity. *Well done, everyone!*

- **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>

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 eng@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.

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