

Ysgol Bryngwyn School

Update for Parents, Carers and

Learners – 23rd April 2024



Latest News:

1. **Important Information for Year 11**
2. **Coleg Sir Gar Summer Open Evening**
3. **Welsh Government Learner Guidance 14-19 Survey**
4. **Year 7 Parents' Evening**

Key Dates:

- **Monday 22nd to Weds 24th April:** GCSE Welsh orals Yr 11
- **Monday 6th May:** May Day Bank Holiday
- **Tuesday 7th May:** GCSEs commence
- **Monday 27th May:** Whitsun Half Term

Dear Parent/Carer,

Once again, we hope this update finds you well as we continue into the Summer Term.

We are looking forward to another busy week with an exciting range of engaging learning activities both in lessons and in our extra-curricular activities.



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

1. Important Information for Year 11 - Preparation for GCSE

- Welsh GCSE Speaking and Listening Exams are taking place this week.



GCSE

Revision and Support Sessions:

Revision sessions are ongoing this term including:

- PE Revision Sessions every Friday from 3.00 – 4.00pm
- History USA (Year 10 and Year 11 pupils resitting) every Tuesday lunch time in A7
- After School support from 3.00pm onwards: A1 available with access to resources for quiet revision or catch up
- *Other revision sessions are organised by classroom teachers with more information given to learners during lessons*

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/>

Revision: Power Up your child's preparation for the Summer Exams!



As the Summer exams approach for Years 10 and 11, Welsh Government have co-ordinated 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 well-being 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/>

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'](#).

We are all aware that circumstances in recent years have presented some challenges. In addition, 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 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.

2. Coleg Sir Gar Summer Open Evening – Years 10 and 11



There will be a final Open Evening on **Wednesday 26th June 2024**

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**.

3. Welsh Government Consultation 14-16 Statutory Learner Guidance

The Welsh Government has completed draft guidance for learners aged 4-16 in the new Curriculum for Wales. Before this guidance is finalised, they would like to hear the views of learners and their parents / carers.

Further information is available on the following website:

<https://gov.wales/14-16-learning-under-curriculum-wales>

Parents and carers in Wales, we need your thoughts!

We're inviting you to complete this consultation to share your views on how schools across Wales will teach 14 to 16 year olds.

Your feedback will help shape the final version of the 14 to 16 Learning Guidance published this summer term. We want to offer the best possible support to schools in planning for and designing their curriculum offer for learning and teaching in years 10 and 11. **Our goal is to ensure learners are taught a broad and balanced curriculum as they move towards exams, qualifications, and the future.** We want all children and young people to thrive as lifelong learners, equipped with the knowledge, skills and understanding they need to succeed.



Make your voice heard by completing the short survey on the link below by **8th May 2024**.

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/YCDAX2/>

4. Year 7 Parents' Evening – Thursday 18th April

We would like to extend a very big thank you to parents and carers who joined us at Bryngwyn last week for a very successful Year 7 Parents' Evening. It was a delight to share with you some examples of the work our learners have been involved in and to engage in conversations about our pupils' learning.

If you have any further questions or would like to speak to a member of staff for any further conversations, please don't hesitate to contact us at school via email or telephone.

General News Round-Up



- **PE Problem Solvers** – Year 8 used the Swamp Technique to build shelters in their PE lessons, working on their problem solving and team building skills. Some very impressive shelters were built with an excellent display of courage and curiosity. ***Da iawn pawb!***

- **Boxing Champion** – Huge congratulations to Ashton Knowles, Year 10, who has achieved outstanding success in boxing and recently won the title Welsh Wales Box Club Champion. He will now go on to continue his campaign at national level. We are all very proud of his success.
Ardderchog, Ashton!



- **Summer PE** – 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/News/Summer-PE-clubs/>

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<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>
- **New School Menu** - <https://www.bryngwynschool.co.uk/Parents/Catering/>

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 .

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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