

# Ysgol Bryngwyn School

## Update for Parents, Carers and Learners – 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2024



### HELPING OTHERS

We can't help everyone,  
but everyone can help  
someone.

Ronald Reagan

A thought for this week.

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

### Key Dates:

- **5<sup>th</sup> December:** Year 10 Parents' Evening Online
- **9<sup>th</sup> December:** Year 11 Mock Exams begin
- **11<sup>th</sup> December:** Bryngwyn Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day
- **18<sup>th</sup> December:** Christmas Carol Concert
- **20<sup>th</sup> December:** Bryngwyn's Got Talent!
- **20<sup>th</sup> December:** Last day of term
- **6<sup>th</sup> January:** INSET Day (staff only)

**Dear Parent/Carer,**

Once again, we would like to thank you for all of your support as we share with you some of the exciting activities that have been happening in Bryngwyn recently. We all fully appreciate the positive atmosphere and enthusiasm of our learners that makes Bryngwyn such a happy school.

## MOCK EXAMS BEGIN SOON! IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR YEARS 10 AND 11

December brings in the start of our Mock Exams season which is an important time for our learners to prepare for external GCSE exams which they may be sitting in January or the summer. The exams will take place from **9<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> December** and attendance throughout is of vital importance. A copy of the timetable appears below.

This is a very important opportunity to prepare for the final exams as it helps learners to practise revision techniques and gain 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:

- 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/>
- WJEC Revision Resources: <https://www.gov.wales/power-up-wales#GCSE>  
<https://www.wjec.co.uk/home/student-support/revision-resources/>
- Other 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/>

## Timetable

Please note, lessons will continue as normal before and after the exams below. Attendance at lessons will have a direct impact on performance in the exam.

Date	SESSION 1 8:45 - 10:45 L1 & L2	SESSION 2 11:00-13:00 L3 & L4	L5
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Music composition 11 C Music Room	Music composition 11C Music room	
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Yr 10 Maths Numeracy U1 mock 1.5 hrs	Yr 10 English Literature mock	History 1hr 15mins Sports Hall (early lunch)
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> December <b>Christmas lunch</b>	English language 1 2 hours	Maths Unit 1 No- Calculator 1hr 30 mins Sports Hall	
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Science 3 x 30 (double award)- biology, chemistry & physics 2 x 45 mins (separate science)- Biology & Chemistry All pupils Sports Hall	Welsh Unit 3 Second language GCSE 1.5 hours Sports Hall  First language 11X 2 hours	Yr 10 maths Num U2 1.5hr (early lunch)
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	PE (Drama hall)- 2 hours Health & Social – 1.5 hours Electronics- 1 hour Sports Hall	Geography 1.5 hours Sports hall	Catch up for Electronics
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	English language 2 2 hours	Maths Unit 2 Calculator 1 hr 30 mins Sports Hall	
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	French Higher Listening & Reading P3 & P4 rooms 2 hours	Physics separate sciences only P3 & P4 45mins	
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December <b>Carol Concert evening</b>	11A Art E5 SEB 11C Art E6 HM	11A Art E5 SEB 11C Art E6 HM	11A Art SEB 11C Art HM
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Art 11B1 HM E6 11B2 SEB E5 Textiles 11B SJL E12	Art 11B1 HM E6 11B2 SEB E5 Textiles 11B SJL E12	Art 1 B1 E6 11B2 E5 Textiles SJL

## Important Dates:

- **Week beginning 2<sup>nd</sup> December:** French Listening and Reading Exams in lessons
- **Ongoing until end Jan:** History NEA

## YEAR 10 PARENTS' EVENING THURSDAY 5<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER (ONLINE)

PARENTS'  
EVENING

Our Parents' Evening for Year 10 takes place online this week via SchoolCloud. Parents and carers with learners in Year 10 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

# DECEMBER: A LOOK AHEAD

All of us at Bryngwyn are looking forward to some exciting learning experiences in the coming weeks at school.

## Bryngwyn's Baker's Dozen!

We are very proud of our learners and the excellent attitude to school they display which is part of our school ethos of "3As and 3Rs", and we would like to thank you for your support in helping to achieve this. As we know, attendance is vital to ensure everyone is able to achieve their potential.

<b>3As</b> Attendance Attitude Achievement	<b>3Rs</b> Respect Relationships Responsibility
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Over the next few weeks, we would like to **reward** all our learners for excellent attendance through our **Bryngwyn's Baker's Dozen** – a chance to win a reward every day for 13 days with



Please click the link for more information: [BRYNGWYN'S BAKER'S DOZEN REWARDS](#)



## Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day 11<sup>th</sup> December



Christmas lunch will be served in the dining area for all pupils on **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December**. Traditional Turkey Christmas Dinner or Vegetarian Roast will be served with all the trimmings and a choice of pudding.

Please note that this will be the only menu on this day. If pupils do not wish to have a traditional dinner, they may prefer to bring in a packed lunch. To make the event as festive as possible, we will also celebrate our Christmas Jumper Day on the same day. All learners are welcome to wear a Christmas themed top or jumper and normal uniform. There will also be a voluntary contribution to raise funds for the Salvation Army as part of the Bryngwyn Christmas Jumper appeal.



**Cynghor Sir Gâr Carmarthenshire County Council**

**Ffres**  
Gweinir gan Gyngor Sir Coerfyrddin  
Served by Carmarthenshire County Council

**Pryd Bargaen Cino Nadolig**  
**Christmas Lunch Meal Deal**

**Cinio Nadolig Traddodiadol**  
(Twrch) neu Rost Llysieuol  
Gyda'r holl drimins, dewis o ddau fath o dato, dau fath o lysiau a greff

**Traditional Turkey Christmas**  
Dinner or Vegetarian Roast  
Served with all the trimmings, choice of two potatoes, two portions of veg and gravy.

Sbwnj siocled cartref gyda saws gwyn NEU Bwdin Nadolig NEU Fins Pei

Homemade Chocolate Sponge and White Sauce OR Christmas Pudding OR Mince Pie

**Teimlo'n llwglyd**  
beth am gael cinio mwy o faint am 50c ychwanegol (bargaen!)

**Feeling hungry**  
have an extra-large dinner for 50p extra (great value!)

**DIM OND £2.50**

**ONLY £2.50**

[sirgar.llyw.cymru](http://sirgar.llyw.cymru)  
[carmarthenshire.gov.wales](http://carmarthenshire.gov.wales)



## A Bryngwyn Christmas

## News Round-Up



**Rotary Young Chef Success!** - A huge well done to two of our Year 9 girls who produced some outstanding dishes to achieve two of the top prizes in the Rotary Club Young Chef Competition last week. **Ardderchog!**



**Clwb Cymraeg ar y Radio!** – Learners from Clwb Cymraeg enjoyed working with Steff from BGM Hospital Radio recently to produce a radio show that will be broadcast to patients next week. **Da iawn, pawb!**

**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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