

# Ysgol Bryngwyn School

## Update for Parents, Carers and Learners – 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024



### Latest News:

1. **New Timetables**
2. **Important Information for Learners in Year 11**
3. **Coleg Sir Gar Open Evening**
4. **Reservoir Safety**

### Key Dates:

- **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June:** Welcome back to school
- **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June:** Year 11 Leavers' Assembly
- **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June:** INSET Day, staff only

### Dear Parent/Carer,

We hope this update finds you and your families well as we begin the final half term of this academic year and welcome learners back to school. This includes a return to GCSE exams for our learners in Years 10 and 11.

Staff have commented on feeling impressed before half term with the resilience and positivity of all our learners, especially those who have prepared so carefully for their exams and approached the process with such a mature attitude. We would like to say a special well done to everyone for all their efforts so far and hope this continues after the break.

Once again, we would like to thank you for your contribution to the hard-working and warm atmosphere throughout the school. Learners are engaging wholeheartedly in a full range of educational activities and their enthusiasm is delightful. Thank you.



### 1. Timetable Changes From 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024

From today, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, all pupils in years 7-10 will be issued with new timetables. This provides an excellent opportunity for our current Year 9 learners to begin their GCSE subjects which they will continue to study for the remainder of the Summer Term.



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

## 2. Important Information for Year 11 - Preparation for GCSE



Year 11 learners continue with the remainder of their exam timetables this half term.

### Full GCSE Exam Timetable:

[https://www.bryngwynschool.co.uk/GCSEs\\_2024.pdf](https://www.bryngwynschool.co.uk/GCSEs_2024.pdf)

While there is no longer a lesson timetable, a room is available for learners who wish to remain on site during the school day when they do not have exams. Further revision activities will also be indicated by subject teachers where relevant.

**PLEASE NOTE: IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT YEAR 11 LEARNERS REGISTER BEFORE THE START OF THEIR EXAMS WHEN THEY ARRIVE IN SCHOOL.**

### 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 any communication 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.

If you need any information on examination arrangements please contact us on 01554 750661 or E mail on: [enq@bryngwyn.cymru](mailto:enq@bryngwyn.cymru)

## 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 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>

## 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/>



In addition, Bryngwyn staff have produced a Revision Support Guide to provide useful advice and guidance to support learners through this busy time. Within the guide there is also a link with helpful advice on dealing with stress and maintaining wellbeing throughout the exam process.

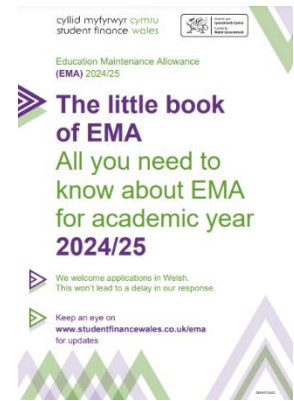
The guide can be accessed through the QR code or the link below:

<https://www.bryngwynschool.co.uk/Parents/Year-11-Revision-techniques-A-Parents-Survival-Gui/>

As well as preparing for final exams, we will also be in touch with more information regarding events such as Results Day and our Leavers' Celebration Evening. This information will be shared through our newsletters, social media and text messages.

Year 11 pupils have also been offered an information booklet on how to apply for their **Education Maintenance Allowance** for those who will be continuing their education next year. Funding is available for eligible learners over 16 who remain in education. Please click on this booklet for an electronic copy. Further information is available on the link below:

<https://www.studentfinancewales.co.uk/further-education-funding/education-maintenance-allowance/>



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



There will be a final Open Evening scheduled to take place 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](mailto:admissions@colegsirgar.ac.uk) or **01554 748179**.



### 4. Reservoir Safety

We understand how appealing it is to swim outdoors, especially in the summer. We have been contacted by Dwr Cymru to share some important information regarding swimming in reservoirs such as Swiss Valley Reservoir and to remind us all that unauthorised swimming is not allowed.

The reservoir in Swiss Valley might look peaceful on the surface, but hidden machinery and strong currents make swimming in the reservoir particularly dangerous, even for strong swimmers.

Please see the link below for more information:

[One Last Breath | Dŵr Cymru Welsh Water \(dwrcymru.com\)](http://www.dwrcymru.com)

From the surface, reservoirs look beautiful. But hidden dangers lurk beneath the surface and unauthorised swimming can be deadly.

Statistics from Water Safety Wales estimate that 45 people in Wales lose their lives to drowning each year in coastal and inland waters.

Yet every year, large numbers of people risk their lives, and indeed some have lost their lives by entering our reservoirs in unauthorised conditions. Don't risk your life or the lives of others. Unauthorised swimming is never allowed.

## Beautiful but deadly

Do you know enough about the deadly dangers lurking beneath the beautiful surface?

## General News Round-Up



**Friendly face?**  
Join our school crossing patrol team

**Take the first step. Apply now.**  
[carmarthenshire.gov.wales/jobs](http://carmarthenshire.gov.wales/jobs)

Cyngor Sir Gâr  
Carmarthenshire  
County Council

- **School crossing patrol** - The Local Authority are hoping to recruit a new colleague and have advertised the position. In the meantime, we request all our pupils to be vigilant in crossing the road on their way to and from school. If you, or someone you know may be interested in this employment, please visit [www.Carmarthenshire.gov.wales/jobs](http://www.Carmarthenshire.gov.wales/jobs)

- **Welsh Gymnastics Success** – Huge congratulations to Ella E, yr 7, who has been successful in her trial and is now selected for the Welsh Women's Artistic Development Squad. **Well done and good luck, Ella!**



- **Yr 7 Castle Fun** – Learners in Year 7 this week had the opportunity to explore Cardiff Castle and learn about the history of castles, defending and attacking. **Da iawn, pawb!**



- **Welsh Football Success** – A huge well done to Alex K yr 11 who has received his Welsh cap, jersey and tie for playing for Wales in the U16s Welsh Schools FA. **Outstanding!**



- **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>
- **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](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.

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