

Ysgol Bryngwyn School

Update for Parents, Carers and

Learners – 7th November 2023



Latest News:

1. Year 11 Parents' Evening
2. Canteen Menu Update
3. Coleg Sir Gar Open Evening
4. School Admissions

Key Dates:

- **Thursday 16th November:** Yr 11 Parents' Evening (on-site)
- **Wednesday 6th December:** Yr 10 Parents' Evening (online)

Dear Parent/Carer,

We hope this update finds you well as we commence the second half of our Autumn Term. All of us at Bryngwyn are looking forward to welcoming our learners back on site this week and hope everyone has had a chance to relax and enjoy some family time over the break. We have a busy week ahead with a variety of exciting learning activities.



REMEMBRANCE

They shall not grow old, as we that are
left grow old,
Age shall not weary them, nor the
years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the
morning,
We shall remember them.

A thought for this week

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

Tue 7th	Wed 8th	Thu 9th	Fri 10th
13° 10°	12° 8°	11° 8°	12° 6°

A dry start will see showers appear in the middle of the week before drying, but the temperature is due to remain mild.

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

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

We are looking forward to welcoming parents onsite on Thursday 16th November to engage in a full parents' evening with our Year 11 learners. This is an important opportunity to discuss your child's progress and identify how best to support learners in Year 11 at this crucial point in their school career. There will also be the opportunity to discuss future plans and career pathways as our Careers Officer will also be in attendance.

A letter with further information will be sent home with pupils this week.

If you would like further information or if you are unable to attend, please contact us on enq@bryngwyn.cymru or by telephone on 01554 750661.

2. Canteen Menu Update

We are pleased to be able to announce that the Local Authority are updating the core menu offer for our canteen facility. This change will come into effect on Monday 13th November 2023 and will provide a variety of food choices for our pupils. A copy of the new 3-week rolling menu is available via the link below and prices will be accessible through Parentpay.

Please note that some existing 'grab and go' options will still be available for pupils.

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

3. Coleg Sir Gâr Open Evening Wednesday 8th November 5.00pm – 7.30pm

For our learners in year 11, this is an exciting opportunity for families to visit the college to explore potential courses available for next year and beyond. This open evening is a chance to discuss your ideas with the tutors and find out about the range of courses on offer. This will be very helpful as learners make decisions about their futures. The open event is offered in all the college sites with different courses available on each site. The sites include: Ammanford, Gelli Aur, Graig and Pibwrylwd.



If you are not sure which site to visit more information is available on the Coleg Sir Gar website (link below). Alternatively, please contact Coleg Sir Gar directly by telephone on 01554 – 748000.

<https://www.colegsirgar.ac.uk/index.php/en>

4. 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 enq@bryngwyn.cymru or by telephone on 01554 750661.

General News Round-Up



- **Gymnastic International Gold Medalist!** –A tremendous well done to Imogen Coslett Year 8 who represented Wales in Belgium this weekend in Rhythmic Gymnastics. She won three medals including a gold for clubs, bronze for hoop and silver overall. **Well done Imogen!**

- **Rugby World Cup Transition Event** – Before half term, our local primary schools took part in several Rugby World Cup themed activities. One event saw each school allocated a country that was taking part, and they were tasked with creating an online presentation based on that country. Our judging panel were blown away by how informative and creative each presentation was. The standard was exceptionally high. Well done to Bryn (Fiji), Swiss Valley (Namibia), Y Felin (Tonga) and Pentip (Chile), and a huge da iawn to Old Road who were voted overall winners for their engaging presentation on New Zealand. Here is a picture of Old Road being presented with their Trophy in their school assembly. **Da iawn, pawb!**





- **Motorsports Winner** – Da iawn to Ieuan Year 10 who has enjoyed a successful start to his motorsport career thanks to his deep interest in cars and following in his family's footsteps. He started off with a humble Fiesta at the start of the year with Kidwelly motorclub, achieving a 3rd overall on the autotest. Then at Motorkhanna Ieuan came 1st in class and Junior 29th overall. More recently, his family built him a competitive Nissan

Micra rally car and last Sunday he won his junior class once again, gaining 1st in class and 24th overall. **Well done, Ieuan!**

- **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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