

Ysgol Bryngwyn School

Update for Parents, Carers and Learners – 6th November 2024



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*

Key Dates:

- **Thursday 7th November:** GCSE Maths Numeracy Exam (morning)
- **Thurs 7th November:** Coleg Sir Gar Open Evening for pupils in year 11 and their parents
- **Thursday 14th November:** Year 11 Parents' Evening (on-site)
- **Thursday 14th November:** Flu Immunisations

Dear Parent/Carer,

We would like to wish all our learners and their families a warm welcome back to school this week as we commence an exciting half-term.

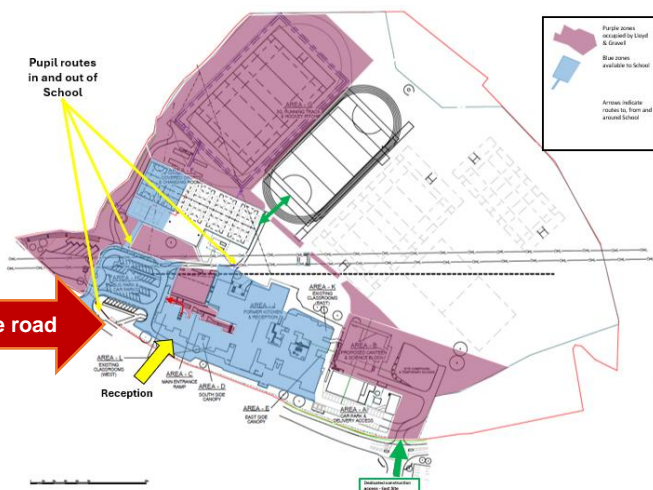
"BIG BRYNGWYN BUILD" ADVANCES APACE! NEXT STEPS IN OUR SCHOOL'S FURTHER DEVELOPMENT



Building development continued at speed over half term with contractors working hard to complete our new temporary reception in preparation for redesigning the main entrance to school.



**Our main school reception is now located in the newly built reception in A corridor.
The main school entrance is now closed to all learners, staff and visitors.**



Visitors and parents arriving at the school building need to access the temporary reception via the service road at the front of the school, as indicated on the image. New signs are also on display from the carpark to direct visitors to the reception area. There is a safety barrier at the entrance to the service road to restrict the movement of vehicles in the area. Please ring the bell on the adjoining intercom to speak to reception for access.

There is also pupil access to the new reception via a window in A corridor. There are no changes to the services provided by our reception team and the new temporary reception is fully functioning and complete.



EXTERNALLY

- On arrival, learners need to enter the building using the doors nearest to the Year Corridors and following the relevant signs. Only learners in years 11 and 8 should enter through A corridor.
- During break and lunch, learners and staff are only able to use the external dining room doors adjacent the stairs in B corridor and next to the Drama Hall to access the outside areas.
- At the end of the day, are able to leave the building be the doors nearest to their classrooms. Only learners in classrooms at the lower ends of A corridor or B corridor should use the exit at A corridor.

Emergency Exit and Fire Exit procedures remain unchanged.

We would like to say a special thank you to all our learners and their families for your patience and flexibility during this important time in our school modernisation and development. While we work together to face the challenges associated with our new build, we are very excited to look forward to the improvements that we will soon be able to enjoy.

BUSY WEEKS AHEAD FOR LEARNERS IN YEARS 10 AND 11

YEAR 11 PARENTS' EVENING THURSDAY 14TH NOVEMBER

We are looking forward to welcoming parents onsite on Thursday 14th 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 has already been sent home and can also be accessed below:

<https://www.bryngwynschool.co.uk/News/Year-11-Parents-Evening-11-11-24/>

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.

MOCK EXAMS

Year 11: Our Mock Exams for Year 11 commence on **Monday 9th December:** the timetable has already been distributed to learners and is also available on the link below:

Year 10: Learners in Year 10 will sit their English Literature External GCSE exam in January, and a mock exam will take place on **27th November**. Further mocks in English and Maths will continue from **10th December**.

COLEG SIR GAR OPEN EVENING THURSDAY NOVEMBER



7TH

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 which 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.csgcc.ac.uk/en/college-information/key-information/open-evenings>

INFORMATION FROM CAREERS WALES

Careers Wales have produced two newsletters aimed at parents and carers to provide guidance in supporting our learners to make choices about their future pathways. Please use the links below to see the newsletters in full:



[Careers Wales Newsletter for Learners in Mainstream](#)

[Careers Wales Newsletter for Learners with Additional Learning Needs](#)

Year 6 Transition

LLE MEWN YSGOL
Gwneud cais ar-lein
Rhaid gwneud cais am le mewn ysgol
Dyddiad Cau:
Methrin - 31 Gorffennaf 2025
Cynradd - 31 Ionawr 2025
Uwchradd - 29 Tachwedd 2024

SCHOOL PLACES
Apply Online
You must apply for your child's school place
Deadline:
Nursery - 31 July 2025
Primary - 31 January 2025
Secondary - 29 November 2024

sirgar.llyw.cymru
carmarthenshire.gov.wales



If you were unable to join us for our Open Evening and would like to hear more about our school and the learning opportunities for our youngsters, please click here to see some more information about our school.

If at any point you would like any further information or have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the school via email or telephone.

Please note also that the deadline for applying to Bryngwyn School for Year 6 learners is earlier than previously on **29th November 2024**. We would recommend completing your online application before the deadline to avoid disappointment.

Follow this link to apply: [Apply for a Secondary School](#)

News Round-Up



Football Success! - A huge well done to two of our learners who have recently been selected to join the South Wales Regional Academy. We wish George in Year 8 and Harry in Year 9 all the best with their season. **Ardderchog!**



Girls Rugby Tournament – A very well done to our Under 14 and Under 16 girls' rugby teams who gave an excellent account of themselves in the Scarlets Regional Tournament recently with some daunting tackles and tries aplenty. **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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