

# Ysgol Bryngwyn School

## Update for Parents, Carers and

### Learners – 20<sup>th</sup> February 2024



#### Latest News:

1. Bryngwyn Eisteddfod
2. Important Information for Year 11
3. Year 8 Parents' Evening 20<sup>th</sup> February

#### Key Dates:

- **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February:** Return to school for all learners
- **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February:** Yr 8 Parents' Evening (online)
- **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March:** Whole School Eisteddfod

#### Dear Parent/Carer,

We hope this update finds you well as we welcome learners and staff back to school after the half term break.



We are all excited and looking forward to some busy weeks ahead here at Bryngwyn with a wide range of engaging learning activities both in lessons and in our extra-curricular activities.

Tue 20th	Wed 21st	Thu 22nd	Fri 23rd
11° 9°	12° 8°	9° 5°	9° 3°

The week ahead brings some unsettled weather conditions with some strong winds and rain.

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

### 1. Bryngwyn School Eisteddfod 2024

On **Friday March 1st** we will be spending the day celebrating our proud Welsh culture with a day of activities based around Welsh language, culture and artistic expression in our Eisteddfod ceremony and whole school celebration. All pupils will be given the opportunity to engage with house competitions and activities over the course of the day.

**Pupils are invited to wear a top of the colour of their house on Friday 1.3.24, along with normal uniform skirt or trousers, to show their support for their house and those competing.**

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



### • GCSE Art and Textiles Practical Exams – After Easter

Practical exams in GCSE Art and Textiles will be held over a series of days from 8<sup>th</sup> April onwards. Please remind learners to confirm the correct dates for their class with their teachers.

### Revision Sessions:

- There will be PE GCSE Revision Sessions every Friday from 3.00 – 4.00pm

### 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/>

## 3. Year 8 Parents' Evening – ONLINE Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February

Our Parents' Evening for Year 8 will take place online on 20<sup>th</sup> February via SchoolCloud. Parents and carers with learners in Year 8 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](mailto:enq@bryngwyn.cymru) or 01554 750661

## General News Round-Up



• **British Champion Athletics** – Darcy C, Year 10, competed in Sheffield last weekend and ran three consecutive Personal Bests on the way to the final where she finished in first place winning the 300m indoor title in style. Darcy's record time means she is now placed number one in the whole of the UK for the 300m indoor, and 6<sup>th</sup> overall on the "all-time" list in the Under 17 category. An amazing achievement! ***Congratulations, Darcy, outstanding!***

• **Indoor Athletics Champion** – Another huge well done to Freya M, Year 9, who recently competed in the Welsh Indoor Athletics Championships in Cardiff. Freya achieved an exceptional personal best in Shot Put and a Silver Medal as well as a Bronze Medal in Triple Jump. ***Ardderchog, Freya, well done!***



• **Learners Return from Lesotho** – Bryngwyn learners enjoyed an amazing week at Lesotho over half term and we look forward to welcoming them home from their adventures. If you have been following their highlights on our social media feeds, you will see a taste of some of their experiences that included visiting the Katse Dam, Katlehong

Primary School, meeting the Chief Education Officer and taking part in lessons with our partner school at Teba Tseka High School. ***Da iawn, pawb!***

• **Karate Success** – a special well done to Year 11 pupil Dominic H on his exceptional performance in karate winning a silver and two bronze medals in a competition recently. ***Well done, Dominic!***



• **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 ensure 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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