

# Ysgol Bryngwyn School

## Update for Parents, Carers and

Learners – 27<sup>th</sup> September 2022



### Latest News:

1. Thanks
2. Transition and Open Evening
3. Lost Property

### Key Dates:

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October:** End of Half Term

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November:** Return to school

### Dear Parent/Carer,

Once again, we hope this update finds you well as we approach the end of September and the official start of autumn. We hope that you have been able to spend time with your families over the weekend and enjoy the dry weather.



Mon 26th	Tue 27th	Wed 28th	Thu 29th	Fri 30th
15° 11°	16° 10°	14° 9°	16° 10°	16° 14°

The weather for the week ahead appears more autumnal with some rain towards the end of the week.

### 1. Huge Thanks

We would like to begin by conveying our sincere thanks to all parents, old and new, who have visited the school as part of our recent Parent Information Evenings and indeed our Year 6 Open Evening. It has been a privilege and all staff have very much enjoyed reconnecting with everybody.

It was lovely to see parents coming on site to meet the form teachers, review how learners have settled in and begin to plan for the future, especially with GCSE option choices and courses. The warm, friendly and busy atmosphere of each of the parents' evenings is something we have all truly missed.

### 2. Transition and Open Evening

Year 6 learners joined us on our INSET day on Monday and it was delightful to engage with new learners and see such enthusiasm and smiles from the pupils. It was also wonderful to see so many return with excitement during the evening when they brought their parents along to see more of the school.

A wide variety of activities took place across the school in different departments and it was great to see so many confident and happy learners taking part.



We would also like to say a special thank you to our pupils who took part in our Open Evening for their hard work and the delightful way they welcomed and entertained our guests. **Well done everyone!**

For anyone with younger children who need to apply for a place in Bryngwyn, or if you know someone who does, please note the closing date for applications is **December 20<sup>th</sup> 2022.**

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>

### 3. Lost Property

As a wider range of activities are now underway and school life has become very busy, we are finding a number of pupils are leaving behind items of uniform, coats and other personal effects. However, it has been impossible to return many of the items as they have not been labelled. At this early stage of the term, most of these items of uniform are also close to brand new.

**We would be grateful if you could please help us by ensuring items of uniform, coats and any equipment brought into school are labelled with your child's name.**

Any items left behind are currently kept safely in school as "Lost Property". If your child has lost any clothing or equipment, please see their Head of Year who will be able to help.

### General News Round-Up



- **Free School Meals** - School dinner is a key part of every child's nutrition and wellbeing. If your child is entitled to free school meals at Bryngwyn don't forget to apply via the link below:

<https://www.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/home/council-services/education-schools/school-meals/free-school-meals/#.X4gaJNBKiUI>

- **Peripatetic Music Tour 2022** – Learners from Bryngwyn and a variety of pupils from our Primary Schools thoroughly enjoyed the Peripatetic Music Tour last week with outstanding performances from the music teaching team. Well done to all who took part for some truly inspirational performances!



- **Extra-Curricular PE Activities** – we are delighted to be able to offer a full range of extra-curricular sport activities during lunch times and after school. This week we have:
  - **Monday Lunch Time** – GCSE Badminton – Years 10 and 11
  - **Tuesday 3pm to 4.00 pm** – Rugby – Years 7, 8 and 9; Netball – all year groups
  - **Wednesday lunch time** – GCSE Badminton – Years 10 and 11
  - **Wednesday 3pm to 4.00 pm** – Football – Years 7, 8 and 9; Hockey – all year groups
  - **Thursday Lunch Time** – Mixed Touch Rugby – Year 9
  - **Thursday 3pm to 4pm** – Badminton – Years 7, 8 and 9; Hockey – all year groups; GCSE Weightlifting – Years 10 and 11
  - **Friday Lunch time** – Basketball Years 10 and 11

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!***

## Reminders of Important Information

### Uniform

On return to school, all pupils will be expected to wear normal uniform as specified on our new school website. Please see the link below.

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

A grant is available for school uniform and equipment for families who are eligible. Please see the link below for more information:

[School Uniform & Equipment Grant](#)

### New Bryngwyn School Website

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

We have recently launched our new website with up to date information on learning, school events and all the latest news.



For all up and coming events at school, please continue to check our new diary page on the website. Key events will be updated regularly

<https://www.bryngwynschool.co.uk/Diary/>

## National Reading and Numeracy Assessments

Firstly, we would like to say a very big well done to all pupils currently in years 8 to 10 who completed these assessments in reading and numeracy online before the end of term. The test results and progress sheets are now available via the SIMS Parent app. These results will include learner progress at this time along with a standardised score.

In order to access the results, you will need to log into your child's Hwb Account and access the folder "Personalised Assessments". If you have any issues accessing the reports or any queries, please contact us at school by telephone or email on [eng@bryngwyn.cymru](mailto:eng@bryngwyn.cymru)

## Expectations: "Our Actions Impact Everything and Everyone"

Please see below a link to a letter from the Local Authority about expectations of behaviour and respect in our schools:

<https://www.bryngwynschool.co.uk/News/Important-information-from-CCC-regarding-new-campa/>

Here at Bryngwyn we have always had high expectations of behaviour, and we are proud of the excellent standards maintained by the vast majority of our learners. **Respect, relationships** and **responsibility** are key elements of our school culture which extends to everyone in our community including pupils, staff, parents and the wider community in which we live. We are a proudly caring school, and firmly believe that everyone has an important part to play in developing an inclusive community where every pupil can feel safe and happy in their learning.

It is also important to acknowledge that times can be very challenging at the moment for many families. In an attempt to provide further support, we have begun to collect a range of external information that parents may find useful as a source of reference if needed. These can be accessed at the link below:

<https://www.bryngwynschool.co.uk/Parents/Useful-Information-and-Advice/>

We are, as ever, available to support all of our community. Should anyone wish to access support from the school at any time, please don't hesitate to contact us.

## Keeping Informed of Changes

During these times it remains fundamentally important we remain in contact. We will always do our best to keep parents informed of any changes as quickly as possible. **Please therefore check our text messages, SIMS Parent App, websites and social media pages on a very regular basis.** If you don't receive such updates or have changed your phone or contact details, please ensure we have up to date information by emailing us on [enq@bryngwyn.cymru](mailto:enq@bryngwyn.cymru)

If you have any questions or would like a conversation about any aspect of learning or wellbeing please contact us on 01554 750661 between the hours of 8.00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. or at [enq@bryngwyn.cymru](mailto:enq@bryngwyn.cymru) as usual.

Thank you as always for your continued support of our school and wider community as well as your families and our learners. Please stay safe and well and we look forward to continuing to work together to provide the very best experiences for all our learners through the busy half term ahead.

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