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Welcome to our first edition of Bryn This Week for the academic year 2021-22

We would like to extend an especially warm welcome to our new Year 7 students and their parents; we look forward to meeting you personally during our Year 7 Induction Meetings.



Bryn This Week celebrates our students' many achievements and gives us the opportunity to share the highlights of the week. The A Level and GCSE Results Days on 10th and 12th August this year filled us with pride as we celebrated a wonderful array of outcomes, despite these students having endured periods of enforced school closure and home learning during the past two academic years. The car-park celebrations (where parents were waiting in socially-distanced groups for their children to emerge from the Sports Hall with their results) were truly joyful and marked the end of an extremely challenging time for students, parents and teachers. Congratulations to our students and a huge 'thank you' to my amazing staff for working so hard to ensure the best possible outcomes for so many individuals.

As the new term starts, we are tentatively trying to move towards a more 'normal' school experience for students through the careful re-opening of after-school clubs, activities and sporting fixtures, whilst being ever mindful of the need to ensure that health and safety remains a top priority. Bryn This Week will capture the best of our students' experiences over the coming months.

We are really looking forward to working with you and your child this year.

Stay safe, and look after yourselves.

Debra Baldock



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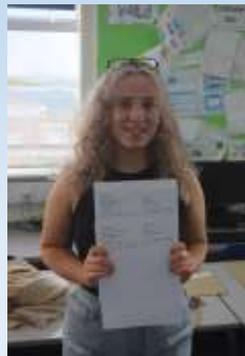
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Exam Results 2021

After almost two years of disrupted learning the students of Bryn Celynnog celebrated another year of excellent results. Many students in Year 11 will be returning to the 6th Form or moving on to apprenticeships, college courses or the world of work.

Our Year 13 students will be moving on to higher education in Universities all over the UK or about to begin careers in various industries.

We wish them all the very best as they move to exciting new stages in their lives.



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Year 8 Rugby Start Superbly!

Year 8 rugby boys have waited a long time to represent Bryn Celynnog and they certainly didn't disappoint. After only participating in training sessions for the last year we travelled down to Garth Olwg who are always very well prepared and very physical. The boys got off to a great start when Ethan Pew crashed over, breaking tackles on the way to the first try. Garth Olwg then came back with 2 of their own tries. Bryn then showcased some fantastic handling skills across the backline to put winger Connor Gregory in the corner with a terrific finish. After that, the game opened up and Bryn's half-backs Joe Evans and Owen Lewis linked up nicely to score our third try. Bryn only got stronger from there on, when centre Alfie Abercrombie showed his strength and finished off 2 well worked tries. Well done boys superb performance!



Match Report:

Garth Olwg 15 - 31 Bryn Celynnog

Tries:

Ethan Pew, Connor Gregory, Owen Lewis, Alfie Abercrombie x2



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Year 9 Football Pick Up Where They Left Off

Year 9 football boys travelled down to Garth Olwg for a friendly fixture on Wednesday before they play St John's in the Welsh Cup. After reaching the quarter finals of the Welsh Cup before covid, they certainly continued putting in performances of the highest quality beating a strong Garth Olwg side 4-2. Debutants Gethyn Jones (who stepped up very comfortably from Year 8), Rhys Jones, Iwan Dando and Chase Wright all worked extremely hard in their first "A" team game. We now look forward to competing in the Welsh and RCT Cups in the coming weeks.



Match Report:

Gartholwg 2 – 4 Bryn Celynnog

Goals:

Josh Russell, Adam Hutchinson, Rio Rees and Josh Pope

Man of the Match: Josh Pope.



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Footwear for Physical Education

Here is a guide that gives you all the information about the footwear options for PE and extra-curricular activities in Bryn Celynnog

Astro Turf Trainers



These are a great all-purpose choice. They are suitable for all the school's sports surfaces including the 3G pitch. The only drawback is that they are not suitable for use on the rugby/football grass pitches in wet weather.

Training Shoes



These types of shoes are suitable for the sports hall, track, gymnasium and multi gym but not for the 3G pitch or grass pitches.

Rugby Boots



The rugby boot is not suitable for the 3G pitch because of the increased diameter of the studs. It is an excellent choice for grass pitches.

Football Boots



Moulded stud boots or metal tipped studded boots are suitable only for the 3G pitch and the grass pitches. These are the best options for the 3G pitch if you are using more than one type of sports footwear.

Shoes Not Suitable for Sport



These shoes are not suitable for sport at all and are not designed to support the feet during exercise. These shoes are not to be worn for any Physical Education activities.

If your child intends to play extra-curricular sport then we recommend that studded boots be purchased as well as training shoes. Many of the girls' and boys' football and rugby fixtures will take place on grass pitches in Bryn Celynnog and in the schools we will be visiting to play away fixtures with.

If you have any further questions regarding school footwear please contact the Physical Education department at physed@bryncelynnog.org.uk

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 Office 365



All pupils at Bryn Celynnog have access to the latest Microsoft Office applications as well as other cloud-based services. Microsoft Office 365 is your Office in the cloud! It will allow you to create, collaborate, edit, communicate and save school work as well as homework on your online space.

You will be able to access work on a range of devices, including PCs, laptops, tablets and smart phones. Microsoft 365 can be accessed at home, in school or on the go, provided you have an internet connection. Students can access their 365 account with their school email via the link on the Bryn Celynnog Home page. [Login Web Page](#)



All students have been invited to a Microsoft Team for each of their subject areas. Teams is used primarily as a communication channel but will also house learning resources and allow teachers to set assignments and homework.



Forms you can use to answer your homework quizzes and receive instant feedback. Develop surveys and quizzes of your own and share with your peers and teachers.

Student email format:
username@bryncelynnog.org.uk

Password is the same as the password used to access the school network.

For help accessing your 365 account please select the link [O365 Help](#)

Or contact Mrs K Stock at Kate.stock@bryncelynnog.org.uk if you have any further queries regarding Office 365.

Parental consent is required for students to access and use 365 applications.

Please do not forget to complete, sign and hand in a consent form to your form tutor or Mrs Stock.



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ClassCharts

Pupil Accounts

Pupils have been given access to their own account, which they will be able to log into via a computer/mobile phone app or by speaking with their Form Tutor.

Once a pupil has logged into their account they will be able to see their behaviour points and have access to the Reward Store, where they can purchase rewards online with the positive points they have collected.

Rewards Store

Rewards are an acknowledgement of pupils' hard work and effort both in the classroom and around the school. There is a constant expectation that all pupils will be praised and rewarded. Pupils will be notified when they receive positive points by their classroom teacher and can monitor their score via the ClassCharts website or App. Positive points also link directly to the Rewards Store in ClassCharts. Pupils can purchase their chosen item from the app and collect it in school. The current list of available items is listed in the Rewards Store.

Parent Account

Every child has a unique access code, please use this code to create an account by going to the website below:

<https://www.classcharts.com/parent/login>

or alternatively you can search your app store to download the ClassCharts app free of charge. Once on the ClassCharts website/app we advise that you listen to the short tutorial to assist you in logging in. If you have more than one child at Bryn Celynnog you can use the plus sign in the top right hand corner with the additional access codes you have received.

If you have any queries please contact Miss Jacobs on

Hayley.Jacobs@bryncelynnog.org.uk



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ClassCharts Behaviour Management

We have a very clear behaviour management system in place, which your child should already be aware of. Members of staff follow this system to deal with poor behaviour in lessons to ensure effective learning is able to take place. A range of consequences and sanctions are in place for pupils who do not uphold our simple and achievable expectations:

- D1** - This is issued to a pupil when a member of staff has to speak to them regarding their behaviour in lesson. The pupil is told that they are now on a D1.
- D2** - This is issued when a pupil has been moved to a new seat due to persistent poor behaviour. This is the second time a teacher has had to speak to a pupil during the lesson.
- D3** - This is issued when a pupil has had to be spoken to for the third time about their behaviour. This may be issued if a pupil is consistently disrupting the class/not following instructions or continued poor behaviour. When a D3 is issued the Head of Faculty will remove the pupil from the lesson.
- D4** - Pupils who proceed through sanctions D1 – D3 and fail with the Head of Faculty intervention are sent to the D4L room and issued a D4.

Removal to Discipline for Learning (D4L) room will be immediate for:-

- Serious behaviour out of lessons
- Verbal abuse
- Behaviour towards others which is considered dangerous
- Damage to, or theft of, school property or that of others.



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Extra Curricular Activities

We now seem to be enjoying a relatively stable time though Covid-19 is still with us. As we move toward a fuller provision here at Bryn Celynnog we are very pleased to be able to publish a timetable of extra-curricular activities that our students can enjoy under the current set of regulations.

Be assured that all our activities are carried out in line with the Welsh Assembly guidelines and follow the National Governing Body regulations also. We are committed to providing safe and exciting opportunities for our students whenever we can and look forward to the times when we can once again operate without restrictions.

Day	After school 3 -4:15pm	Staff	Venue
Monday	Year 7 Netball	Miss Birch-Hurst	Sports Hall
	Year 7 Football	Mr S Mines & Mr Waters	3G Pitch
	Year 7 Rugby	Mr J Stock & Mr Howells	3G Pitch/Field
Tuesday	Year 8 Netball	Miss Birch-Hurst	Sports Hall
	Year 8 Football	Mr S Mines	3G Pitch
	Year 7 Basketball	Miss Birch-Hurst	Sports Hall
	Year 7 & 8 Girls Rugby	Mr Gallagher	Field
Wednesday	Year 9 Football	Mr S Mines	3G Pitch
	Senior Rugby	Mr J Stock	Field
	Year 7 & 8 Girls Football	Mr Varrall	3G Pitch
Thursday	Year 8 Basketball	Miss Birch-Hurst	Gym
	Year 8 Rugby	Mr S Mines	Field
Friday	Year 8 Touch Rugby	Mr S Mines	Sports Hall

UP COMING EVENTS	
Date	Event
Year 7 Target-Setting/Induction Meetings	September 20th - September 23rd
Year 13 Parents' Evening	September 23rd

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