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Victory for Velindre Challenge

Bryn Celynnog offers a diverse range of courses allowing learners chance to develop skills in all areas of the curriculum. We aim to provide an environment that empowers students with knowledge and skills to take charge of their learning.

The Skills Challenge Certificate is a course that students begin in Year 9 with a grade awarded in the Summer of Year 11. The Skills Challenge Certificate is made up of 3 Challenges; Enterprise, Community and Global Citizenship along with an Individual Project.

This week we launched the Enterprise Challenge, this encourages students to create and develop a concept, product or event that will positively impact our chosen charity, Wales' Premier Cancer Centre, Velindre.

Students will use creativity and innovation in developing an enticing concept, personal effectiveness in promoting and presenting the idea and their digital literacy in all design aspects and online promotion. In the new year, students will deliver their pitch to a panel of staff from Bryn Celynnog with the support of those from Velindre.

Students will set their own fundraising target which can be amended throughout the challenge and fund raising pages will be shared to a variety of platforms to help with promotion. These pages provide students with a platform to promote their product or idea and engage with those who support their project.





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Bryn Celynnog Girls Take on Tonyrefail Community School

On Wednesday this week a football team and a rugby team travelled from Tonyrefail to Bryn Celynnog to challenge the girls. Year 7 and 8 footballers and Year 9 and 10 rugby players were in action in the sunshine of a perfect autumn afternoon.



The young footballers made a fairly shaky start and conceded an early penalty. Thankfully goal keeper Kayla Jones was solidly behind the ball to make a clean save and keep the game level. This sparked the Bryn girls into action and they scorched into a 5-goal lead, the cutting edge of Sienna McCormack and Livy Kuropatwa proving irresistible. The Tonyrefail girls rallied briefly to make it on to the score sheet before half time.

Bryn continued to dominate the second half and as Mr Varrall played all members of the squad more goals were scored.



The visitors battled hard to score a further 2 goals but Bryn Celynnog were victorious 8 goals to three. They now move on to the next round of the cup. Da iawn ferched.

A great performance from the whole squad.



The older girls were on the rugby field and both teams were fielding many players who were enjoying their first taste of competitive



rugby union. Tonyrefail had powerful runners but the Bryn Celynnog team did not shirk the tackle. The commitment was admirable with all the girls giving everything they had on the field. Bryn Celynnog fielded a couple of experienced players in their squad and as a result had better organisation. This coupled with some great speed meant that the girls scored on a regular basis. Lily May Trott and Katie Rees glided over the field stepping and sprinting away from forlorn defenders on several occasions. Power and persistence from Ruby Davies and Mali Ackerman further solidified the performance whilst Eden Skuse showed her skill and experience and was a constant threat. The Tonyrefail girls fought hard and will have learned a lot from their first competitive match. They scored a lovely try to open their rugby accounts.

Ruby David, Brook Woodard, Aimee Lynch and Layla Mason-Dowden all flourished in the team making great contributions in attack and defence. Bryn ran out very comfortable winners scoring a dozen tries but overall the experience was a positive one for both teams as the girls enjoyed the challenge and will have learned a lot. Excellent to see rugby growing in our community.





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Bryn Celynnog Year 7 Rugby at Aberdare Community

It was the second visit of the month to the Sobell Centre for our Year 7 Rugby team as they travelled to take on ACS. It was a grey afternoon but the rain had stayed away and handling conditions were not that bad as the two teams lined up for kick off.

From the first whistle this proved to be a very competitive match with both sides showing great determination and effort. Bryn Celynnog's team was slightly better in terms of organisation and relied on moving the ball into space in



order to make ground. This contrasted with the strong direct ball carrying of the hosts and made for an exciting game. With several players being asked to play out of position it took a little while for the team to find its feet but eventually the possession was maintained and the ACS defence was stretched allowing Rhys King to stride away for an opening score. This was to be the first of a stunning hat trick for Rhys and he enjoyed plenty of ball in hand with a move from wing to outside centre.

ACS were tough opponents though and many a barrelling run was halted just short of the try line. As the game wore on Bryn Celynnog made a raft of changes giving the whole squad time and experience on the pitch. Several of the boys in black are making great progress in the game and learning a lot from their training sessions and matches.

Lloyd Stallard had a very good game at scrum half and was a constant threat in attack, and a thorn in the side of the ACS boys in defence. He put Tom 'O Conner in for a try to complete a four try performance from the Bryn boys. Caiden Rees added 2 conversions to push the Bryn total to 24 points. ACS managed to close the gap with the last play of the match as they scored their third try to make it a 24 – 19 victory to the visitors in Black.

Well done to all the boys involved, from both teams. Another fixture played with excellent behaviour and sportsmanship all round.



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Rugby Restart for Year 9

Bryn Celynnog's Year 9 Rugby team entertained Y Pant on Thursday afternoon and it proved to be an extremely tight affair.

The Bryn boys had not played together for over 18 months but despite this they fielded a full match day 23 which is very encouraging. Y Pant also had a full squad and in dry conditions the two teams took to the field with eager anticipation.

From the outset it was evident that the teams were closely matched. Neither side managed to take control of the game and really create opportunities or gain any dominance. It was more a case of capitalising on the other team's errors and pressurising them in order to gain territory. The teams were fully committed at the tackle but both teams also struggled to create a decent platform from there to launch a meaningful attack.

Both teams showed variety in their games with Y Pant getting a little more success when moving the ball wide whilst Bryn found territory by carrying hard in the tight confines of the blind side. Y Pant took the lead after about 15 minutes of toil and sweat and it was a typically



scrappy score from close range. Bryn Celynnog fought back with spirit and determination. This effort typified by Sam Morris and Lewis Rix in the back row who combined well in order to gain an attacking foothold. From a multi-phased drive Lewis Rix burrowed over to score wide out on the right. A great strike from the tee by Beauan Braine ensured that the extra 2 points were added for the conversion and scores were level at half time.

The second half was very similar to the first, again no dominance being achieved by either side. The Bryn squad showed its strength in depth as 8 changes were made and the boys who came on worked very hard. Many of the Bryn Celynnog squad were playing their first fully competitive rugby match, Finley Humphries, Cory Willicombe and Josh Russell all had debuts that they should be proud of. Other boys were coming back to rugby after a long gap and they also stepped back in with great effort. Rio Rees was a constant threat in centre field and it was only desperate defence from Y Pant that shackled him. In the final ten minutes Y Pant enjoyed some territorial advantage and despite being repelled several times by dogged defence, a fatal handling error at the back of a maul by Bryn Celynnog gifted Y Pant the decisive score.

This was a great disappointment to the home team but the boys should hold their heads high and after a great effort and some exciting new talent being unearthed on the pitch. We look forward to seeing them all in their next match.





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Bryn Celynnog Year 8 Girls' Netball at Garth Owlg

After a full day in school with the rain lashing down as usual, both A and B teams were excited to play a competitive game of netball...indoors! The A's were up against a team who were defence dominant, therefore, Bryn struggled a little getting the ball into the attacking circle. The Bryn Celynnog girls' determination, motivation and grit got them through the game, where they showed excellent teamwork and mighty defence from Keeley Watson. Sadly, the girls lost the game after tremendous effort. The player of the match was given to Chloe Wren; her effort and skills allowed the team to play with fluency and control. Congratulations Chloe.

Round two: the B's were itching to get on from the side line, keen to know their positions and what was at stake for them. From the first centre pass the girls were in excellent flow giving accurate passes to one another, moving in the right places, and being a nuisance in defence. This time, it was Bryn Celynnog's turn to shine. The girls were scoring with almost every shot and eventually ended up winning the game with an impressive score of 10-2. Miss Birch-Hurst couldn't help but leap for joy after every shot was scored. "Da iawn" said the Garth Owlg girls. The player of the match was given to Amelia Jayne Greenwood for her excellent shooting in the circle.



Key Stage 3 Home Learning Schedule Autumn Term

[Click here for the KS3 Home Learning Schedule for the entire academic year \(2021—2022\)](#)

Date		Homework	
From	To	Core	Non-Core
06/09/2021	10/09/2021	Welcome back!!!	
13/09/2021	17/09/2021		
20/09/2021	24/09/2021	English	Welsh
27/09/2021	10/01/2021	Mathematics	Geography
04/10/2021	08/10/2021	Science	Expressive Arts
11/10/2021	15/10/2021	English	Technology
18/10/2021	22/10/2021	Intervention Week	
25/10/2021	29/10/2021	Half Term	
01/11/2021	05/11/2021	Mathematics	PE
08/11/2021	12/11/2021	Science	ICT
15/11/2021	19/11/2021	English	Spanish
22/11/2021	26/11/2021	Mathematics	History
29/11/2021	03/12/2021	Science	Technology
06/12/2021	10/12/2021	English	Expressive Arts
13/12/2021	17/12/2021	Intervention Week	
20/12/2021	24/12/2021	Christmas Holidays	
27/12/2021	31/12/2021		



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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
Tuesday	Year 7 Rugby	Mr J Stock & Mr Howells	3G Pitch/Field
	Year 8 Netball	Miss Birch-Hurst	Sports Hall
	Year 8 Football	Mr S Mines	3G Pitch
Wednesday	Year 7 Basketball	Miss Birch-Hurst	Sports Hall
	Year 7 & 8 Girls Rugby	Mr Gallagher	Field
	Year 9 Football	Mr S Mines	3G Pitch
	Senior Rugby	Mr J Stock	Field
Thursday	Year 7 & 8 Girls Football	Mr Varrall	3G Pitch
	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
Monday 1st November	Return to school
Thursday 9th December	Year 12/13 Parents' Evening

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