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Terrific Twisted Tales

Last term, there was a buzz of excitement in E block as many students took part in the Young Writers' 'Twisted Tales' competition. To enter, students had to write a mini-saga from the perspective of a villainous character and they did not disappoint! From Cinderella's (not so) evil Stepmother, to the tragic origin story of Thanos (Marvel's most infamous bad guy), we learned a lot about what really makes the 'bad guys' tick. With 137 students taking part, it left the English department with the near impossible job of choosing a winner from such a high standard. However, first place was awarded to Tilly-Jo (Year 8) for her entry called 'Immortality'; an original, heart-wrenching tale about what it's really like to live forever. Other entries that also stood out came from: Samuel H (Year 7), Elliot H (Year 8) and Lucas E (Year 7).

Congratulations to all of our budding Bryn writers. Our top 20 entries have been posted to the Young Writers' publishing company so expect to see some of your names and stories in print very soon!





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The Winning Entries

Death – Samuel H

I was like you once. Until I escaped Death. Now I am Death. People hate me but I'm misunderstood. I don't want this job but someone has to do it.

People are scared of my black cloak and sharp scythe but I only do it to survive. Each day, I have a list of executions. If I don't carry them out, I'll die... and it's a very long list. I have watched thousands of people die. It's horrible. I've had to do it for five hundred years. That's how long I've gone without feeling the warmth of love.

Immortality- Tilly-Jo

Once upon a time, in a dark, lonely and distant land, there lived me. I suck souls out of lifeless, blood-soaked bodies. I plunge my crimson bloodstained sword into their warm, loved heart.

They scream out in pain but I hear nothing. I am numb and bare. In my fiery hell of a home, my ice-cold heart aches for family. Who says I enjoy this life of pain and heartbreak?

I can't walk around my home without seeing torture. My ears ring with sorrow and loneliness. My only wish is to be alive. Am I really that hard to love?

The wolf who became bad – Elliot H

"After what they did, they will pay!" is what I thought to myself after they killed my guiltless, little pups! Over the years of grieving and plotting my revenge, I searched for vulnerable, innocent little humans who I could gobble up as payback. For threatening my family, the only thing I adored in my life, the way they did, they deserve everything that happens to them. I told myself I would reverse the roles! Fast forward in time, I'm sitting here with a full belly, wearing a beautiful red hood and new clothes which once belonged to a sweet, old grandma!

Cletus Cassidy (Carnage) – Lucas E

I have been a little mad for as long as I remember. Beginning with pushing dear, old granny down the stairs in her wheelchair and then Mother, throwing a hairdryer into her bath. Father was not incredibly happy about this, after all. Immediately after, he beat me to the brink of death. He soon sent me to 'St. Estes School for Unwanted Children,' which I joyfully burned down a week later. The reason I have done all of these 'tragic' and 'psychotic' things is because I want to feel loved. To me, all that is left now is CARNAGE.



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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	Computer Science	Mrs K Stock	M13
	Year 7 Basketball	Miss Birch-Hurst	Sports Hall
	Year 7 & 8 Girls Rugby	Mr Gallagher	Field
	Year 9 Football	Mr S Mines	3G Pitch
Thursday	Senior Rugby	Mr J Stock	Field
	Year 7 & 8 Girls Football	Mr Varrall	3G Pitch
	Year 8 Basketball	Miss Birch-Hurst	Gym
Friday	Year 8 Rugby	Mr S Mines	Field
	Year 8 Touch Rugby	Mr S Mines	Sports Hall

UP COMING EVENTS

Date	Event
Thursday 27th January	Year 9 Parents' Evening
Wednesday 2nd February	Year 12 & 13 Parents' Evening

