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A Happy New Year to all of our readers.

We were all hoping that the start of 2022 might bring us somewhere a little closer to normality, but we find ourselves once again having to impose the strictest health and safety conditions in school in order to keep everyone as safe as possible.

As expected, the vast majority of our students have responded with good grace, and we would like to thank all our parents and carers for their ongoing support in such a challenging climate.

Meanwhile, school life goes on. Year 7 students have taken to their new sets brilliantly, showing a maturity beyond their years in the way in which they've adapted. We're very proud of them.

Year 8 students will begin the process of choosing their GCSE options later this term, with a week of Options Assembly talks immediately after February half-term and one-to-one interviews with students and their parents/carers during the following fortnight.

Year 11 students will also be considering their next steps this term. Our Sixth Form Choices Evening is scheduled for Monday 7th February, followed by a week of option talks by A Level teachers.

We will be sending out information regarding Year 8 and Year 11 options shortly, as well as arrangements for Parents' Evenings for other year groups.

We look forward to meeting you, albeit virtually, at some point this term.

Ms D Baldock, Headteacher



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Keeping the Dream Alive

Before Christmas we featured the sterling efforts of the staff and pupils at Bryn Celynnog to support the Beddau Food Hub. Thanks to the generosity of our school family, many people in our community enjoyed a better Christmas than they may have been expecting. Now, although the holiday is over, the challenges of helping the community goes on.

We did not have the opportunity to share another Christmas related success for Bryn Celynnog. Llantrisant Community Council run an annual competition for the best decorated Christmas Tree. Bryn won joint first prize in the competition and have received a cheque for £100.00. Mrs Di Smith oversaw the project with several pupils who worked hard producing hand made decorations. Well done all!

In keeping with the charitable ethos of the competition the team involved have decided to donate to the money to Beddau Food Hub. Donations are still coming in for the food hub so if you have any items you wish to donate a box is still in reception. Well done and thank you to all involved. Ardderchog.





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Ski Canada 2023

At Bryn Celynnog we have decided on Jasper, Canada as a venue for the 2023 ski experience. The half term holiday in February 2023 will be the same time as all the European countries holidays, making it a very busy and expensive time to travel. The expense and the busy nature of this week has made a return trip to Canada a more appealing prospect. Having taken trips across the Atlantic in the past we can confidently say that the ski experience in North America is excellent, with higher quality hotels and services than we would expect in most European resorts, with much quieter slopes and no lift queues.

Jasper is a world class ski destination and a venue on the must do list for many tourists. The reputation of the resort for gold standard service is well known. It is the central town for the Jasper National Park situated in the Canadian Rockies and boast some of the world's most beautiful skiing and most beautiful scenery on earth. Bryn Celynnog's 2020 tourists below had a fantastic week creating life long memories.



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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	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
Monday 31st January—Friday 4th February	Year 11 underperforming students meetings with SMT
Wednesday 2nd February	Year 12 & 13 Parents' Evening

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