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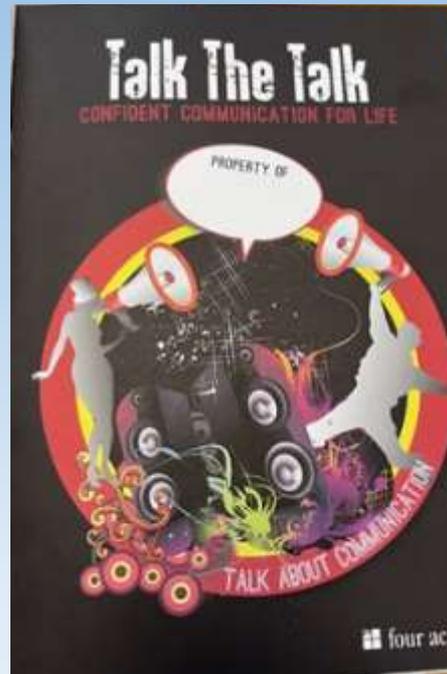
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Talk the Talk

On Friday 18th March, a group of Year 8 and Year 9 pupils participated in a workshop designed to enhance their oracy skills. This was facilitated by Talk The Talk, a charity focused on enabling 'Confident Communication For Life'. Throughout the day, pupils took part in a range of activities which helped them develop their knowledge of how to construct an effective presentation and deliver it appropriately to others. The skills learnt during the workshop are not only needed as part of their future GCSE English exam but skills which can be utilised in all aspects of life.

It was a pleasure to see the pupils increase in confidence as the day progressed, many of whom felt inhibited to begin with but were then able to talk in front of others. In addition, pupils could keep their booklets to assist them when preparing future presentations. All pupils were presented with a certificate of participation, which can be used when applying for further education or for employment, as evidence of their relevant communication skills. The students were a real credit to the school and to themselves – both trainers said they loved their day at Bryn and couldn't wait to come back! It was brilliant to see everybody challenging themselves throughout the day, but it was particularly fantastic



to see some students really push themselves out of their comfort zones. Congratulations to our Oracy Champions: Arnie Broadstock, Coco-Marie Thomas, Kornel Rembalski, Chase Wright and Bailey Jones.

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HQ Consulting on Curriculum for Wales

Last Friday some HQ pupils from years 9-11 participated in a Consultation on 'Reshaping the Curriculum for 14-16 year olds'.

Their participation and behaviour was excellent, a credit to Bryn.





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International Women's Day Competition Winner You Can Count On Bryn Celynnog

In a recent Bryn this Week issue we advertised that the Further Maths Support Programme Wales were running several events for International Women's Day. Following those events, we are pleased to announce that Erin Cook, Year 10, won a prize in the competition. This was a national competition sent to schools across Wales. Erin has won an Amazon voucher for correctly answering the following question:

In the Western Calendar dates of the year are written in the form

day/month/year

using Arabic numerals:

$D_1D_2/M_1M_2/Y_1Y_2Y_3Y_4$

Some days written in such a way, have no repetition of a digit.

For example **23/05/1967** But not **07/12/1974** is not such a date as $M_1=Y_1=1$ and $D_2=Y_3=7$.

08/03/2022

International Women's Day (IWD) is 8th of March and this year, when written in the western calendar form, has exactly **two** digits repeated **three** times, that is **0** and **2**

Questions for you to try out:

<p>Q: Only going forwards in time: When is the next date that IWD will have exactly two digits repeated three times?</p>	<p>Q: How many dates in the 21st century (all years from 2001 to 2100 inclusively) have no digits repeated? Why?</p>	<p>Q: How many dates in year 2022 are like IWD having 0 repeated three times and 2 repeated three times and the other digits are distinct with no repetition?</p>
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Can you work out the answer?

To see Erin's solution to the problem please visit the last page of the newsletter.

UP COMING EVENTS	
Date	Event
Thursday 31st March	Year 10 Parents' Evening
Thursday 7th April (POSTPONED)	Academic Achievements Awards Ceremony



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Mental health - **you're not alone**

By Harri Geeson, Year 11

Mental health. This is one of the most important aspects of a person. You need it, it makes you who you are and when your mental health slips it can be a massive detriment to all aspects of your life. With the last two years being extremely challenging for most people and affecting everyone in some way, it can be difficult to bring yourself back up. When you get low, you need all the help you can get. Letting your physical and mental health slip can have really serious results and lead to so many other problems.

For year 7 pupils, it can seem scary moving from primary to secondary especially after having to deal with Covid at such a young age, and growing up itself can be really scary anyway. Providing them with a network of support that includes parent, teacher and friends can help more than you think and create a more adjustable and less frightening experience. For years 8,9 and 10, who are also still growing up, providing them with the same support can be extremely helpful.

Year 11 are going into their last few months in school and will soon be moving on to

jobs, college, and other massive steps in their lives. Even though it is exciting, it can also be petrifying for them. Stress levels are high, everyone is trying to cram in their last-minute revision for GCSEs as well as trying to keep healthy, mentally and emotionally. This is extremely difficult and takes a lot of energy and motivation which some people do not have so support from school and at home is required.

Other issues that can affect young people's mental health are negative self-image which can make you feel out of place and create anxiety, and it hurts. Another one is substance abuse, which can change people's moods, the way they eat, the way they sleep and the way they are. It damages families and friendships and destroys the person using it mentally and physically.

Please remember that you are not alone with your mental health, there is always help and there is always light at the end of tunnel. Please speak to someone and ask for help. If you don't want to talk to someone in school or at home, www.kooth.com offers free, safe and anonymous support. I wish you all well with your mental health and emotional well-being: keep going you're all so strong!



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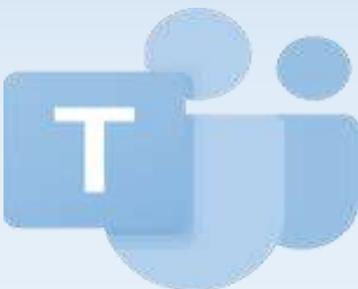
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 Office 365



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

Erin's solution:

"08 and 03 are set, 0 repeats twice already. 2 will only repeat three times again, in the year 2202. The earliest the third 0 to repeat would be in the year 20__ . Now you can either repeat the 8 or the 3 twice. 3 would come earlier than 8, so 08/03/2033."

Well done Erin!