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Welcome to Bryn Celynnog

The new school year has begun amid much excitement and after a fantastic performance in our external exams last term we are shaking off the shackles of Covid restrictions throughout the school and Bryn Celynnog is forging ahead with a clear vision for the 2022-2023 academic year.

A word of welcome from the Headteacher

Welcome to our first edition of Bryn This Week for the academic year 2022-23.

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.

We are also delighted to welcome students from Ukraine. We hope that you are really happy during your time with us.

Bryn This Week celebrates our students' many achievements and gives us the opportunity to share the highlights of the week. Our A Level results this year were truly outstanding. We were thrilled to be able to share many happy moments on 18th August with students (and their parents) as the fruits of their hard work were finally realised. Our GCSE Results Day on 25th August was equally uplifting. Having endured periods of enforced school closure and home learning during parts of their examination courses and having faced the first set of formal examinations since 2019, our students acquitted themselves admirably. 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 excited to see the beginnings of our new Sixth Form Centre of Excellence, which, along with a new gym, is being constructed on site and is due to open in September 2023. This will offer a whole array of much-deserved facilities for the students at Bryn Celynnog. We will keep you updated as the year progresses.

We look forward to capturing the best of our students' experiences over the coming months in Bryn This Week.

Best wishes

Debra Baldock
Headteacher





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The Year Ahead in Physical Education

With a new year ahead we hope to build on the foundations of last year and enjoy a fantastic year of extra curricular provision in Bryn Celynnog. We have had fantastic attendance at the rugby, football, netball and basketball sessions we have run over the last 10 days.

We have already played a few fixtures and the Senior Rugby team, though disappointed with a 0-19 loss to Ysgol Calon Cymru (Builth Wells), played with heart and grit which bodes well for the rest of the season.

The football teams have been in action also with Year 7, 8 and 10 winning in style against Garth Olwg, the Year 9 team lost their match but fought hard.

Parental interest has been very encouraging also at the start of the year so here is an overview of what we will be providing as the year progresses.

Autumn Term

There will be training and matches for the traditional school team sports for all years; rugby, football, netball and basketball will be the focus of our inter school competition. The Autumn term will see the Pontypridd schools competing against each other and the occasional Welsh Cup or RCT Cup fixture to be honoured also.

We also hope to run intra school team games based on our House system which will give a large number of students the chance to experience competitive team sports. A Dance Club and a Gymnastics Club will also be running.

Spring Term

The team games will all continue after Christmas and there will be several tournaments to look forward to. Rosslyn Park National Schools Sevens is a great week of

rugby and Bryn will be sending boys and girls to take part in this fantastic festival of school sport in London. Urdd Gobaith Cymru will be running its own National tournaments across a wide spectrum of sports. Bryn Celynnog will be fielding football, rugby and netball teams. The Urdd Swimming Gala will also be a priority for Bryn's swimmers. The Pontypridd Schools Rugby Union will be holding their 15 a side Cup and Seven a side tournaments and the girls will be involved in The Road to the Principality rugby competitions. Welsh Cup and RCT cup competitions will draw to a climax and Bryn Celynnog will be working hard to get teams in to the latter stages of these competitions.

Summer Term

A switch to our summer sports will see Athletics, Cricket and Rounders taking centre stage along with some tennis and some football tournaments. Meets and matches will be arranged and Bryn Celynnog will be looking for athletes and ball strikers in all year groups. Welsh Schools Golf will also be on the agenda.

We will always be looking to put our strongest performers forward for representative honours in their various sports and we also celebrate the achievements of our students in sporting activities outside school. We have several fantastic Judo Players and Dancers in the student body and we love to hear about their progress.

It is going to be a complex year in PE with the building work going on in the school but we are looking forward to one of our best years ever in terms of extra curricular provision.

Communication is key so please check this newsletter, ClassCharts and follow **@BrynCelynnogPE** in order to stay ahead of the curve. Scores and match reports along with action photos are a regular feature of Bryn This Week.



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Senior Rugby Bryn Celynnog vs Buith Wells

The first senior rugby match of the season kicked off on Wednesday against Buith Wells under bright sunshine at Mount Pleasant Park, Beddau. The weather made for ideal running rugby conditions; although the heat was occasionally oppressive. Whilst difficult, the fixture proved to be exhilarating and enjoyable.

Neither team hesitated to begin the battle; the first half began with a rapid exchange of possession and commendable displays of teamwork. The home side's defensive effort was especially impressive within the first ten minutes, as they managed to thwart a multitude of attacks in succession.

Unluckily for Bryn Celynnog, the visitors managed to break the deadlock and score the first try of the match. However, they failed to convert. Mr Stock was quick to advise the team on further tactics and improvements, and play immediately resumed. Buith Wells began a fierce, unrelenting attack inside Bryn's half, yet they did not allow it to rattle them; instead, frustrating the visitors with cohesive and stout defence. The team in red were turned away, prompting a round of applause from the players (and shout of approval from their coach!). In this time a small crowd formed to support their local school, and they were no doubt entertained by the spectacle. The rest of the half played out with no other significant developments, and the players retired for a well-earned break.

The second half eclipsed the first in terms of excitement (and frustration) for the Bryn boys. Whilst Buith Wells took hold of the ball first, Bryn swiftly retrieved it, and began their way up the field. They were well-organised, finding space and making

efficient passes, and were edging closer and closer to the try line. Although agonisingly close to closing the gap, the visitors held firm and denied them any satisfaction. To add to this irritation, Buith Wells slipped a few tackles and sprinted away, three passes they had scored again and did not fail to make it 7. Bryn did not allow this to deter them, and made-up territory instantly. Logan Whyman made an outstanding break but exasperatingly, he was stopped inches away from scoring, and Bryn were forced to start from scratch. Buith Wells countered from deep and gained another seven points with a converted try. Bryn Celynnog continued to highlight their unity and skill, being within touching distance of scoring time after time. Tension had grown and was felt even in the stands; neither team was ready to let up, and in spite of the gruelling 60 minutes prior, only continued to play better and better. In the final ten minutes Bryn did not let their standards slip, and were thwarted despite getting the ball over the try line more than once, committed defence prevented any change to the score.

After the final whistle Mr Stock gathered the team to laud their passion, endeavour, composure, and sportsmanship. The errors were few and far between this match, a relief to the referee. The boys deserve praise for being magnificent representatives of their school, and we all look forward to future matches.

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Autumn					Spring					Summer				
week commencing	Homework				week commencing	Homework				week commencing	Homework			
	Core	✓	Non-Core	✓		Core	✓	Non-Core	✓		Core	✓	Non-Core	✓
05/09/2022					09/01/2023	Science		PE		17/04/2023	English		Welsh	
12/09/2022					16/01/2023	English		Expressive Arts		24/04/2023	Mathematics		Geography	
19/09/2022	English				23/01/2023	Mathematics		Welsh		01/05/2023	Science		Technology	
26/09/2022	Mathematics		Welsh		30/01/2023	Science		Geography		08/05/2023	English		Expressive Arts	
03/10/2022	Science		Geography		06/02/2023	English		Technology		15/05/2023	Intervention Week			
10/10/2022	English		Expressive Arts		13/02/2023	Intervention Week				22/05/2023	Half Term			
17/10/2022	Mathematics		Technology		20/02/2023	Half Term				29/05/2023	Mathematics		ICT	
24/10/2022	Intervention Week				27/02/2023	Mathematics		Spanish		05/06/2023	Science		Spanish	
31/10/2022	Half Term				06/03/2023	Science		ICT		12/06/2023	English		History	
07/11/2022	Science		PE		13/03/2023	English		History		19/06/2023	Mathematics		Expressive Arts	
14/11/2022	English		ICT		20/03/2023	Mathematics		Technology		26/06/2023	Science		Technology	
21/11/2022	Mathematics		Spanish		27/03/2023	Science		Expressive Arts		03/07/2023	English		PE	
28/11/2022	Science		History		03/04/2023	Easter Holidays				10/07/2023	Intervention Week			
05/12/2022	English		Technology		10/04/2023									17/07/2023
12/12/2022	Mathematics		Expressive Arts		KS3 Homework Schedule 2022-23					 BRYN CELYNNOG Comprehensive School Nurturing Success				
19/12/2022	Intervention Week													
26/12/2022	Christmas Holidays													
02/01/2023														

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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

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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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Extra Curricular Activities

Day	After school 3 -4:15pm	Staff	Venue
Monday	Year 7 Rugby	Mr Griffith	3G
	Year 7 Netball	Miss Birch-Hurst	Sports Hall
	Year 8 Football	Mr Mines	3G
	GCSE Computer Science Club	Mrs Stock	M13
Tuesday	Year 8 Netball	Miss Birch-Hurst	Sports Hall
	Year 9 Football	Mr Varrall	3G
	Girls Rugby—All Year Groups	Mr Griffith	3g
	KS3 Gaming Club	Mr Clifford	M12
Wednesday	Year 7 Football	Mr Varrall	3G
	Year 8 football	Mr Varrall	3G
	Year 9 Rugby	Mr Mines	3G
	Basketball—All Year Group	Miss Birch– Hurst	Sports Hall
Thursday	Year 7 Football	Mr Waters	3G
	Year 8 Rugby	Mr Stock	3G
	Year 9 Netball	Miss Dyke	Sports Hall
Friday	Year 10 Netball	Miss Dyke	Sports Hall
	Year 9 Touch Rugby (Lunchtime)	Mr Mines	Sports Hall

UP COMING EVENTS

Date	Event
Tuesday 20th September—Thursday 22nd September	Year 7 Induction Meetings
Thursday 6th October	Year 11 Parents' Evening

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