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Post 16 Performance At An All Time High

As you may be aware there a massive changes happening in Bryn Celynnog's Post 16 Provision. In 2023 a brand new 6th Form Block will be opened as well as a brand new sports facility. The number of students coming to Bryn Celynnog for their A Level and BTEC Level 3 courses will increase significantly and it is so encouraging to see that the provision at Bryn Celynnog for post 16 students is of the very first class. The whole staff team strives tirelessly to give the students the best possible outcomes as they progress toward higher or further education or the world of work.

Results at Bryn Celynnog this year were outstanding, and were by far the best that we have ever had.

Overall a massive 51.8% of entries achieved grades A*-A, 89.7% of entries achieved A*-C grades, and 100% A*-E grades. These are easily the strongest results in our history.

We are simply overwhelmed with the amazing achievements of our students this year. These include a large number of exceptional performances, including:

Caitlyn McKenzie Stephens and Jaydyn Young achieved four A* grades.

Ffion Harris achieved 3 A* grades

Amelia Brunt, Alana Worth and Lewis each achieved 2 A* and 2 A grades

Headteacher Debra Baldock stated: "The 2022 results represent the strongest set of results in our history. This cohort has succeeded despite the massive challenges posed by the pandemic over the past couple of years. Their achievements are the culmination of many years of determined study, backed up with the support and expertise of our hard-working, highly caring and professional staff. Our ethos of nurturing success at Bryn Celynnog, along with focus on developing resilience and sheer hard work, has succeeded in producing outstanding results for our learners. These results set us in good stead on our journey to become a Centre of Excellence for Sixth Form provision in the local community.





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Bryn Celynnog at the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama



Yesterday, I and many of my peers who study creative arts GCSE or A-Level had the honour of attending RWCMD's Creative Pathways event - an opportunity to explore many arts occupations in all aspects of the field.

The day was jam packed, from beginning to end. We, along with many other schools in the area, checked in and were instantly greeted by live music, performed by the students of RWCMD, as well as other organisations such as Kinetic Musical Theatre and Coleg y Cymoedd. These performances varied in genre, beginning with a musical theatre piece, followed by a selection of student bands. They continued throughout the day, and were possibly my favourite aspect of the trip - seeing how the students were so talented and performed so confidently, it was so absorbing!



The main aspect of the trip was the considerable number of stalls spread around the college. From architecture, musical theatre, to photography - there was truly someone from every part of the arts. The stalls were extremely interesting, handing out leaflets and showing examples of the industry. The BBC were there, along with companies running apprenticeships! Speaking to the people working on each stall was enlightening, especially because they were mostly young people who are still in the education system themselves. We were able to enquire about universities and college courses we can take to further our education in the arts, and talk to students who were currently enrolled on them, what to expect, what they enjoyed and how to apply. We also spoke to many people who run or participated in extra-curricular activities in the arts, specifically things surrounding theatre, dance, and music. For example, Rubicon dance studio; a dance organisation based in Cardiff. They showed us videos of past performances, as well as the classes they run. As people who enjoy dancing, it was so nice to see the number of opportunities there are in dance for young people. And we cannot forget the best part; the interactive stalls! There was a stall run by professional photographers, where you and a friend could practise photographing each other, as well as getting a picture together! It was so much fun, and we got to leave with printed professional photos that we can look back on and remember our day.

Gwen Shepherd, Year 11





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New Initiatives and Diversifying Provision

Aldi: Partnership and Support

Reporter Seren checking in with spectacular news. Aldi, our local heroes, have offered to donate food to our school. Changing the lives of many students, Aldi have provided food that Bryn students could use in Food Technology lessons. With the current social climate this is a huge help and allows the department to support families within the communities by providing resources in addition to giving them an opportunity to participate in Food Tech, exploring the chef within and enabling them to learn. As our food supplies start to build the aim is to use this extra food and distribute it to struggling families of the local community who truly need it. Aldi have come to the rescue and helped us support our community. Bryn students and staff say thank you - we appreciate their contributions!



UPDATE, creative minds wanted!

Bryn Celynnog seeks imaginative and curious Year 7s to join their one and only Lego club. Having started only this week, this club has already turned heads and sparked the interest of the Bryn population. Lego club is held in the Sixth Form area after school, and is said to be a sanctuary for fun and innovation, a space to build skills, build friendships and build Lego. Pop by! No time, help support the club by donating your unused Lego from home, every brick counts!



Chess club

Why do the chess pieces look so uninterested? Because they're part of a board game. You won't be bored at Bryn Celynnog's chess club. Tuesday lunch time come to the Sixth Form floor, channel your inner grand master, test your brain power and defeat your opponents, all overseen by our lovely Mrs Wright. The game of chess is a fun way to develop your problem-solving skills, build confidence and help you take risks - so, check your mates into this club today!



Seren White over and out.



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Sports Round Up: The Busy Term Continues

Year 7 and 8 Netball B Squads

The sunshine seemed to reflect the mood of the girls and excitement filled the air. Halfway through the matches, the Year 7s lost two players due to injury and had to continue without them. Luckily, the Y Pant girls stepped up and represented Bryn, however, despite their best efforts, the battle sadly ended in a 6-1 defeat. Year 8 girls did extremely well with new players taking to the court for the first time, and came away with a creditable draw 6-6.



Year 10 Boys representing

Pontypridd Schools U15 Squad.

It has been a busy period for the PRRU U15 Squad with two games in the last seven days. The Bryn boys contributed admirably though and the team captained by our very own Lewis Rix won both matches, travelling to Cynon Valley Schools and Cardiff Schools and claiming hard fought away victories.



Rugby Results:

A big swing in fortunes for the rugby this week, Year 7 and were dominant at home but Year 8 ran into a high quality rugby juggernaut.

Year 7

Bryn Celynnog 48 v 0 Tonyrefail

Year 8

Y Pant 52 v 7 Bryn Celynnog

Football Results

A friendly fixture between Bryn and Whitchurch saw a fantastic level of football being played by two Year 8 teams. The city slickers prevailed though,

Bryn Celynnog 0—3 Whitchurch

Girls Rugby: Year 7 and U14

Tonyrefail Community School hosted two tournaments last week to promote and develop girls rugby. The two teams from Bryn Celynnog were unbeaten on the day proving dominant in all aspects. Da iawn ferched





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Velindre: Charity Links Continue

Last Wednesday, Bryn Celynnog welcomed Lucasca Walters, a Velindre representative, to talk to Year 9 about the fundraising that they are involved in this year. 'Velindre fundraising' is a charity organisation that raises money to help provide specialist cancer services to over 1.5 million people in South East Wales. Last year, Bryn Celynnog's Year 9 pupils took part in a challenge along with 6 other schools to raise money for Velindre as part of their skills lessons. Altogether, the 6 schools raised a total of £10,386.34, £774 of that being raised by Bryn Celynnog. This year we are 1 of 10 schools involved in raising money for the charity as Year 9 are challenged once again to create a product or service in teams to raise funds or awareness for Velindre. The money that Velindre raises goes directly to the cancer centre in Cardiff to fund roles, machinery and research. Events such as bike rides, swims and runs helped Velindre raise an incredible £38 million last year. To get involved in events, visit [Velindre Fundraising](#) where you can help raise funds for this amazing charity. You can be a part of next years



'Wear Red' event which raised a staggering £72,000 in 2022, you can run the Cardiff Bay 10K with Velindre or you can simply buy an item from their shop for as little as £1. Good luck to Year 9 in their enterprise challenge, we can't wait to see what ideas you come up with!

Autumn				Spring				Summer			
week commencing	Homework			week commencing	Homework			week commencing	Homework		
	Core	v	Non-Core		Core	v	Non-Core		Core	v	Non-Core
5th Sept				9th Jan	Science		PE	17th Apr	English		Welsh
12th Sept				16th Jan	English		Expressive Arts	24th Apr	Mathematics		Geography
19th Sept	English			23rd Jan	Mathematics		Welsh	1st May	Science		Technology
26th Sept	Mathematics		Welsh	30th Jan	Science		Geography	8th May	English		Expressive Arts
3rd Oct	Science		Geography	6th Feb	English		Technology	15th May	Mathematics		ICT
10th Oct	English		Expressive Arts	13th Feb	Intervention Week			22nd May	Intervention Week		
17th Oct	Mathematics		Technology	20th Feb	Half Term			29th May	Half Term		
24th Oct	Intervention Week			27th Feb	Mathematics		Spanish	5th Jun	Science		Spanish
31st Oct	Half Term			6th Mar	Science		ICT	12th Jun	English		History
7th Nov	Science		PE	13th Mar	English		History	19th Jun	Mathematics		Expressive Arts
14th Nov	English		ICT	20th Mar	Mathematics		Technology	26th Jun	Science		Technology
21st Nov	Mathematics		Spanish	27th Mar	Science		Expressive Arts	3rd Jul	English		PE
28th Nov	Science		History	3rd Apr	Easter Holidays			10th Jul	Intervention Week		
5th Dec	English		Technology	10th Apr				17th Jul	Last Week of Term		
12th Dec	Mathematics		Expressive Arts	KS3 Homework Schedule 2022-23				 BRYN CELYNNOG Comprehensive School Nurturing Success			
19th Dec	Intervention Week										
26th Dec	Christmas holidays										
2nd Jan											



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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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 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
7th—17th November	Year 10 Target Setting Meetings
Thursday 8th December	Year 12/13 Parents' Evening

If you would like to contact us at Bryn This Week please email jeremy.stock@bryncelynnog.org.uk

