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Signing the Steel Ceremony

Signing the steel' to mark construction milestone at Bryn Celynnog

As you are aware, a brand new sixth form block is currently being built on our school site, along with new sports facilities and improved 21st Century classrooms for pupils in Key Stages 3, 4 and 5.

Work started on site in August 2022 and is currently on schedule to welcome sixth form pupils, including those from Pontypridd and Hawthorn High Schools, in September 2023. Construction of the steel frame for the new school building is an important landmark in the construction process, and this has recently

been completed. On Tuesday 15th November, the contractor ISG invited pupils, staff and Cllr Rhys Lewis to see the progress, and they took the opportunity to sign a steel frame to mark the milestone.

Students and staff were impressed with the excellent progress being made towards building the new school facilities as part of the Welsh Government Sustainable Communities for Learning Programme in partnership with the Council. The new project is aiming to achieve Net Zero carbon in operation as part of Climate Change goals and objectives.



Lucca, Delacey, Ben, Charlie, Liam, Sophia and Kyle with school staff, Cllr Lewis and ISG representatives .



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Year 13 Law Go to Court



On Wednesday 9th November, our Year 13 Law class visited Cardiff Crown Court to witness cases and interview staff such as judges, barristers and court clerks. This was a highly anticipated opportunity that the whole class is grateful for. Before we began, we had a tour with Josh, a clerk, exploring a few of the many rooms the court has. We then witnessed a number of cases, with Lucy, a member of the CPS guiding us as to which cases would be the most fascinating. These included a drug, theft and murder case. Perhaps the most shocking and gripping case was the murder trial where the defendant was accused of lighting a caravan on fire, causing the victim to have serious burns and as a result died.

Hannah Smallman

On Wednesday the 9th of November, we visited Cardiff Crown Courts to get an insight into how trial processes work. One of the Clerks Josh began by giving us a tour of the courts. Walking into the courts for the first time was surreal, it was like something out of a crime documentary! We then listened to a Drug Conspiracy case where the Jury was sworn in and then proceeded to give their verdict on the case. Following this, we sat in on a Theft case, where the barristers were debating if bail should be granted. The most exciting part of the day was when we were then given the chance to listen to a number of witnesses give their first account of what happened

in a Murder Trial! A pathologist and 3 police officers proceeded to give their witness statements and we also listened a range of text messages from the suspect to the victim which were vital evidence in the trial. Even though the courts seemed like a frightening setting, we spoke to lots of different judges and barristers who all made us feel comfortable and educated us on lots of different aspects of court trials. Thank you Mrs Mucha for organising the trip.

Megan Bates

On 9th November our Year 13 Law A-level class set out for a day at the Cardiff Crown Court. We had the opportunity to get given a tour by the Court Clerk, Josh, who was very friendly and welcoming. We saw rooms the public are not open to! Even more exciting, we sat on real cases including sex, murder and drugs cases. These were a true eye opener on how the court room works. During a drug case, this included the jury deciding the verdict. This was intriguing to hear as you never really know what the jury will decide, even though the anticipation killed us...it was definitely worth the wait to hear the final verdict. Overall, we had a great day out with one to one talks with judges, clerks, barristers and with the guidance of Lucy Beard (CPS prosecutor) throughout the day. To those in Year 11 thinking of taking Law at A-level, trust me, you won't regret it! **Anisha Railton-Blunt**

Wednesday November 9th the Year 13 Law class visited Cardiff Crown Court. It was an incredible trip, we got to go on an exclusive tour and saw rooms unavailable to the public such as the Sheriffs Room and the Library. The tour was fantastic, we got to absorb the history of the legal system and sit in on high energy trials and watch the professionals at work. We sat in on a drug trial, where the defendant pled not guilty to being a part of a massive conspiracy throughout the UK creating hundreds of thousands of pounds worth of drugs. The judge talked to us about his role and explained all the evidence in the case. We also sat in on a murder case. It's fair to say the whole day was full of excitement and enlightenment.

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BIMA Digital Day

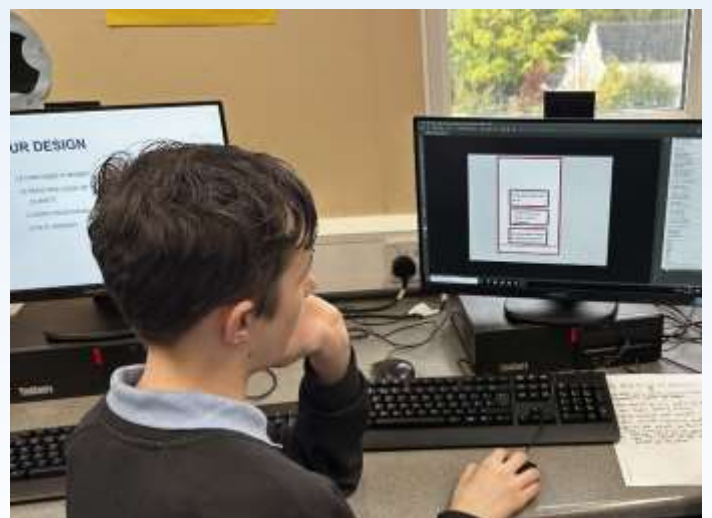
BIMA is the British Interactive Technologies Association and is a driving force in the development of Digital Technology. Its goal, via the Digital Days, is to give 11-16 year olds an insight into a world of digital careers. Students compete in a sponsored, nationwide digital challenge for a chance to win £500 cash for their school and some fantastic prizes for themselves.

On the 9th of November the Year 10 Computer Science students took part in the first round of the BIMA Digital Day Nationwide Challenge. The aim of the challenge was to give students an insight into the world of digital careers and give them some experience of how the digital development cycle might work.

The students had the choice of two product briefs to work through from the Royal Mail and Primark. Utilizing the guidance and expertise from our digital partners Spindogs, who are a digital transformation agency based in Cardiff, the students first spent the morning conducting market research in groups of four based on their chosen brief.

The second part of the session was based around design. After taking in the information gathered during the market research, they were tasked with creating a concept of a digital design, whether that was an app or improvement to the website alongside some form of improved advertising. In the final part of the day the four groups presented their projects to the team from Spindogs using a 'Dragons Den' style format to see who the winner from the day was. The project of the winning team will be entered into the National competition with the overall winners due to be announced in February next year.

Despite the excellent work of all four groups during the day there could, however, only be one winner, that being the team known as "The Productive Posties" made up of Elizabeth Meredith, Drystan Jones, Clara Jones and James Beynon. Well Done! Now to look forward to the result of the National competition.





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Bryn Celynnog has a tradition of producing excellent Public Speaking teams. You could be the next orator to represent Bryn.

The club will meet every **Monday** at 1:20pm in **E6** with **Mrs Llewelyn**



SPEECH CRAFTERS

Public Speaking & Debate Club



**DISCUSS
CURRENT
EVENTS**



**LIVELY
INTELLECTUAL
DEBATE**



**MAKE
GOOD
FRIENDS**



**IMPROVE
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Sports Results



Year 9 Football

Llanhari 2 v 4 Bryn Celynnog

Year 10 Boys Football

Llanhari 2 v 4 Bryn Celynnog

Senior Football Welsh Cup

Bryn Celynnog 2 v 2 St Martin's
(Lost penalty shoot-out 4-5)

Year 7 Rugby

Llanhari 0 v 52 Bryn Celynnog

U13 Girls Football Welsh Cup

Lewis Girls 11 v 4 Bryn Celynnog

Netball

Year 7 and 8 Netball beat

Llanhari

Year 7 and 8 Netball lost to Y
Pant

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				Last Week of Term			
12th Dec	Mathematics		Expressive Arts	KS3 Homework Schedule 2022-23							
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 21 Rugby	Mr Griffith	3G
	Year 21 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 21 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 21 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
Monday 28th November—Friday 2nd December	Sixth Form Assessment Week
Thursday 8th December	Year 12 & 13 Parents' Evening

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