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## Squash Superstar Madalena is Champ x 2

What a great start to the New Year for Madalena. Placing in her ranking at the British Junior Open Championships on the 4th -8th January against the world's best players and now retaining her U13 Girls' title in the Welsh Junior Closed Championships, once again being crowned "Wales National Champion"

A solid performance throughout the 3-day tournament was evident as Madalena won every match 3-0. That's an incredible 15 games without conceding a rubber.

A great achievement and a thoroughly deserved reward for all the hard work and commitment she dedicates to squash training.



Bryn Celynnog is very lucky to have such a talented individual performer who also contributes fully to the life of the school and the PE Department



Squash is an incredibly demanding sport and requires excellent fitness levels and excellent skill levels also. Madalena has clearly made fantastic progress in her sport of choice and has put in a lot of time and effort to achieve the standard at which she is now performing. We will be keeping an eye on her progress as she continues to compete at the highest level.





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## Harry Potter World is Magic

The Expressive Arts Faculty at Bryn Celynnog would like to say a big thank you to Mrs E. Burke, Miss K. Spencer, Miss M. Davies and Miss E. Richards for organising the two school trips to the Harry Potter Studio Tour London.

The faculty took 100 students from year 7, year 10, year 11 and sixth form on each trip, leaving the school at 6:30am. The trip was planned to coincide with the innovation segment of the Welsh Curriculum.

The tour highlighted not just the works of performing arts and music which is shown throughout the Harry Potter films, but the behind the scenes work that helped bring the franchise together. The students would have seen the efforts from various skilled personnel, from sets being put together by carpenters and light effects from electricians to the wardrobe section being made by textiles. Pupils saw maths used to scale up characters such as Hagrid, the make up effects used on the actors and actresses and the intricate detail in each set including hundreds and thousands of props.

The whole complex never ceased to amaze staff and pupils.





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Key parts of the tour included walking through the Forbidden Forest which is normally off limits to witches and wizards of Hogwarts but not the pupils of Bryn Celynnog.

Pupils had the opportunity to make howlers on Platform 9 3/4 and explore the Hogwarts Express. Most pupils and staff enjoyed a ride on a Nimbus 3000, chasing after the famous golden Snitch. Pupils and staff had the opportunity to taste the famous Butterbeer before continuing the tour into Gringotts Bank where the staff at Harry Potter Studios were keen to share their secrets! The tour included access to Bellatrix Lestrange's vault and a stroll down Daigon.

Alley with a look through Ollivander's Wand Shop where we famously found out Harry had the same wand as 'He Who Should Not be Named'.

The end of the tour had a scaled down replica of Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry that had the multiple songs included in the films playing throughout our time in the final phase of



the tour, giving the full Harry Potter experience as it came to an end. The end of the fun filled day was topped off on our bus journey home where year 10 gave us a lovely rendition of 'Bohemian Rhapsody' for the duration of the coach journey.

An experience both staff and pupils will never forget!





# BRYN WYTHNOS HYN

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Cylchlythr Swyddogol Ysgol Gyfun Bryn Celynnog

## The Bryn Ballers

The Year 10 and 11 Bryn Celynnog basketball boys faced Hawthorn last Wednesday, and despite the freezing conditions outside the heat was definitely on in the Bryn Celynnog sports hall. The team displayed fantastic skills and teamwork as they approached the game with eagerness, motivation and lots of energy. Considering they hadn't played together as a team before, they immediately developed exceptional connections and formations held together with effective communication skills. As the shots began to go in

the roar of the crowd started to get louder and louder; this helped to build up the teams' confidence. All players took to the court, and every individual gave it their all and contributed to the team in various ways. The final score truly reflected how exceptionally well the team had played. The boys deserved every point they scored and were a pleasure to coach.

**Bryn Celynnog 55 – 10 Hawthorn**





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## Building Bridges

This week Year 6 students attended their fifth Royal Institution Master Class in Bryn Celynnog. The students have discovered the infamous Bridges of Königsberg conundrum, first solved by the mathematician Euler. They have explored the properties of basic graphs in this interactive workshop - a great introduction to the mathematics of Graph Theory, the art of reducing complex systems to simple forms.

The city of Königsberg was founded in 1255 in what was then part of Germany, called Prussia.

Historically, the city was laid out across a fork in the River Pregel, with a section of the city on an island in the middle of the river.

People who lived in the city wondered over coffee whether it would be possible to cross all of the city's bridges in one journey, without crossing any of the bridges twice. Each bridge would be crossed exactly once in some direction. People struggled to find a solution to this problem, and it took a mathematician - Leonhard Euler, who lived in nearby St Petersburg - to find the answer.

The year 6 students have investigated ways to study graphs in order to categorise them, finishing by redesigning the city of Königsberg to create their own solution.





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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](mailto: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 there 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 Ms Williams on

[kathryn.williams@bryncelynnog.org.uk](mailto:kathryn.williams@bryncelynnog.org.uk)



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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			
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									
19th Dec	Intervention Week										
26th Dec	Christmas Holidays										
2nd Jan											

KS3 Homework Schedule 2022-23





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## Extra Curricular Activities

Day	After school 3 -4:112pm	Staff	Venue
<b>Monday</b>	Year 9 Rugby	Mr Griffith	3G
	Year 9 Netball	Miss Birch-Hurth	Sports Hall
	Year 9 Football	Mr Mines	3G
	GCSE Computer Science Club	Mrs Stock	M13
<b>Tuesday</b>	Year 9 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
<b>Wednesday</b>	Year 9 Football	Mr Varrall	3G
	Year 9 football	Mr Varrall	3G
	Year 9 Rugby	Mr Mines	3G
	Basketball—All Year Group	Miss Birch-Hurst	Sports Hall
<b>Thursday</b>	Year 9 Football	Mr Waters	3G
	Year 9 Rugby	Mr Stock	3G
	Year 9 Netball	Miss Dyke	Sports Hall
<b>Friday</b>	Year 10 Netball	Miss Dyke	Sports Hall
	Year 9 Touch Rugby (Lunchtime)	Mr Mines	Sports Hall

### UP COMING EVENTS

Date	Event
Monday 6th March—Thursday 9th March	Year 8 Options Interviews
Monday 13th March—Thursday 16th March	
Thursday 23rd March	Year 7 Parents' Evening

### Safeguarding

We are fully committed to the safeguarding of our pupils. Our Safeguarding Policy sets out clear expectations in dealing with child protection issues robustly, sensitively and professionally.

All members of staff are trained in Child Protection and Safeguarding and are aware of the procedures and protocols to follow. If any member of the school or local community have any concerns about the welfare of a child in the school they should bring them to our Designated Safeguarding Team.

#### Designated Safeguarding Team:

**Designated Safeguarding Person: Ms D Baldock**

Designated Safeguarding Person for Y7: Ms D Baldock

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Person for Y8: Ms J Conway

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Person for Y9: Mrs K Phillips

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Person for Y10: Ms L Nicklin

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Person for Y11: Mr C Davies/Mr J Williams

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Person for Y12/13: Mr M Nelson