



# **BRYN CELYNNOG**

Comprehensive School

## *Nurturing Success*



Transition Booklet for Pupils

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Dear Year 6 Pupil

Welcome to Bryn Celynnog Comprehensive School!

I've written this booklet to tell you about life at secondary school.

All our teachers are friendly and we are really looking forward to meeting you.

I do hope that you're excited about coming to your new school.

Ms Baldock, Headteacher



# RADICAL READING

## Your Registration Class

When you come to Bryn Celynnog we will put you in a registration group with children from all seven of our main primary schools.

Our main primary schools are:

- Gwauncelyn
- Gwaunmeisgyn
- Llanilltud Faerdref
- Llantrisant
- Llwyncrwn
- Maesybryn
- Penygawsi

We have asked your teachers to tell us who your friends are. This means that you will definitely know at least two or three other children in your class.

Remember that there will also be children coming from a few other primary schools and that some children might be the only one from their school - so it's really important that you make new friends and look after each other.

Your registration teacher will meet with you every morning from 8.45am until 9.00am. During registration, you will do activities such as reading and numeracy. Your registration teacher will also talk to you about your attendance at school.

# Your School Day

The school day will be very different to the one that you're used to at primary school.

This is how it looks at Bryn Celynnog:

8.45-9.00am	Registration
9.00-10.00am	Lesson 1
10.00-11.00am	Lesson 2
11.00-11.20am	Break
11.20-12.20pm	Lesson 3
12.20-1.20pm	Lesson 4
1.20-1.55pm	Lunch
1.55-2.55pm	Lesson 5
2.55pm	Home





## What you will need to bring with you

You will need to bring all these things with you on your first day:

- a bag or rucksack big enough to carry an A4 ring-binder
- a black or blue biro, plus a spare one in case it runs out
- a ruler
- a pencil
- a pencil sharpener
- an eraser
- a reading book of your choice.

You can bring colouring pencils if you want to.

We will give you a Student Planner on your first day. This will help you to organise yourself and write down your homework.

You won't have to pay for your Student Planner, but we will ask you to pay for a new one if you lose it.

We will also give you a calculator and a dictionary-thesaurus. You will need to bring these with you every day as we will be using them in lessons.



## Your lessons

On your first day at Bryn Celynnog we will give you your timetable for the year.

You need to make sure that you have your timetable with you all the time so that you know which lessons to go to.

You will have five different lessons each day. We will show you exactly where to go and how to get there.

If you get lost during your first few weeks, don't worry. Ask an older pupil or a teacher to take you to the right classroom.

Most Year 7 children take about two weeks to learn how to get from one lesson to the next. After that, it all becomes very familiar.

On the next page is an example of a Year 7 timetable. The first week of term in September is Week 1, the following is Week 2, then it goes back to Week 1, and so on.

On this timetable, if you look at the first lesson of the week on Monday Week 1:

- 7E is the name of your class
- Sp means that it's a Spanish lesson
- JM is your teacher's name - this teacher is Mrs Marshall
- L1 is the classroom - L stands for Languages, so this lesson is in room 1 in the Languages Block.

## Example Timetable

	<b>1Mon</b>	<b>1Tue</b>	<b>1Wed</b>	<b>1Thu</b>	<b>1Fri</b>
<b>1</b>	7E/Sp JM L1	7Y/Ar1 EEB T7	7E/Re MJM H10	7E/Ma MR T4	7E/Sp JCP L9
<b>2</b>	7E/En JEB E8	7E/En JEB E8	7E/Ma MR T4	7E/Gg ACP H9	7E/Hi CLG H4
<b>3</b>	7E/Sc GLE S4	7E/Ma MR T4	7E/En JEB E8	7E/En JEB E8	7Y/Te1 SS T13
<b>4</b>	7D/Pd3 CLB	7E/Ps GCB H11	7E/Ma MR T4	7E/Sc JFW S8	7E/We RHS L4
<b>5</b>	7E/Mu MMD P3	7E/Sc GLE S4	7Y/Te1 SS T13	7E/It SE M9	7D/Pd3 CLB
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	<b>2Mon</b>	<b>2Tue</b>	<b>2Wed</b>	<b>2Thu</b>	<b>2Fri</b>
<b>1</b>	7E/Sp JM L1	7Y/Ar1 EEB T7	7E/Re MJM H10	7E/Ma MR T4	7E/Sp JCP L9
<b>2</b>	7E/En JEB E8	7E/En JEB E8	7E/Ma MR T4	7E/Gg ACP H9	7E/Hi CLG H4
<b>3</b>	7E/Sc GLE S4	7E/Ma MR T4	7E/En JEB E8	7E/En JEB E8	7Y/Te1 SS T13
<b>4</b>	7D/Pd3 CLB	7E/Ps GCB H11	7E/Ma MR T4	7E/Sc JFW S8	7E/We RHS L4
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## Having a growth mindset

- At Bryn Celynnog, one of the most important things to get right is the way in which you tackle new things. We believe that you can achieve amazing things if you have a **growth mindset**.
- Having a growth mindset means that you try hard and you don't give up when things get difficult.
- Having a growth mindset means that you see failure as part of the learning process and you keep on going - even if you fail several times before you succeed.
- In lessons, all your teachers will be talking about having a growth mindset, being a resilient learner and showing perseverance. This means not giving up when things get hard.
- We will often ask you to re-do sections of your work to see if you can improve. We will help you every step of the way.
- At Bryn Celynnog we reward effort, not achievement. This makes our reward system really fair, because everyone has the ability to put effort into their work.





# Homework

Many Year 6 children get very worried about homework. They worry that they won't be able to do it and will get detention. Let me reassure you that the level of work that you do when you come to us in Year 7 will be very similar to the work that you've done in Year 6, so there's really no need to be anxious.



The best time to do your homework is on the day that your teacher gives it to you so that it's fresh in your mind.

The worst thing to do is to leave it until the night before it's due in, because you will probably get yourself into a panic.

We give you homework because we need to see if you can work on your own at home. We don't mind if you get things wrong but we do expect you to try hard.

If you don't do your homework, we will call your parents/carers into school for a meeting with us.

Homework is really important, so try to do it well.



## Well-being

Your well-being is very important to us.

We want you to feel safe and happy coming to school so that you can thrive and reach your full potential.

We will give you lots of support and encouragement to prepare you to face new challenges and build resilience.

We will check in with you twice a week through the well-being button on the ClassCharts app. If you're feeling low, we will make sure that we talk to you that same day to see what we can do to help.

If you need a bit more support, we can put in place extra interventions; for example, we can arrange for you to talk to a Learning Coach, or see the school nurse, or take part in our self-esteem projects or have sessions with therapy dogs.

Our aim is to make sure that you receive the right support at the right time so that you can really enjoy school and be happy.

# **Your Behaviour**

When you come to Bryn Celynnog, we expect your behaviour to be excellent.

Good behaviour is really important because we want all our Year 7 children to be able to learn safely and happily and make excellent progress.

Our Code of Conduct is based on Punctuality and Respect.

## **Punctuality**

We expect you to:

- arrive at lessons, assembly and registration on time
- complete and hand in work on time.

## **Respect**

We expect you to:

- treat yourselves, other students, members of staff and guests with respect
- stand when members of staff or guests enter the room
- hold the door open for members of staff and guests
- behave sensibly in lessons and around the school
- allow other students to learn in peace and in safety
- bring the correct books and equipment to lessons
- respect the school environment by putting your litter in the bins and by leaving chewing gum at home
- use school property and school buildings respectfully
- wear the correct uniform with pride
- know and follow this code of conduct.



# Discipline for Learning (D4L)

We have a Discipline for Learning system, which you can see below:

## **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 issued a D4. Pupils are placed in detention with a senior member of staff every break and lunchtime for a week.

You should avoid getting any negative behaviour points and try to get as many Reward Points as possible.



## How you can get Reward Points

At Bryn Celynnog, we reward pupils who try hard, even if they find things difficult.

You can earn Reward Points by:

- putting in lots of effort
- doing a great piece of work or homework
- joining school clubs
- representing the school, for example, in sport or public speaking
- joining the school council
- helping out at parents' evenings, and so on.

When you join Bryn Celynnog, we will give you your own ClassChart account and you can track how many Reward Points you've got.

You can then go to the Rewards Store in school and cash in your Reward Points for a prize. Some of the gifts include Art books, meal vouchers, Amazon vouchers, stationery, and so on.

You can have a look at all the prizes in the Rewards Store when you arrive.

If you want to, you can also donate your Reward Points to one of our school charities.

## How you can buy snacks and lunch

You definitely won't go hungry at Bryn Celynnog!

We have three places in school where you can buy food.

- Main canteen: this is where you can have a sit-down meal or buy a pasta pot at lunchtime. At morning break-time you can also buy toast, crumpets and bacon rolls.
- Baguette Bar: this is where you can buy baguettes at lunchtime. They have lots of different fillings.
- Red Brick Canteen: this is where you can buy 'grab and go' food, such as pizza slices, wraps and salad bowls.

We use a cashless system at Bryn Celynnog, so on your first day we will take your finger print, with permission from home. You will use this to pay for all your food. You will need to put money on your account and check that you have enough money each day. We will show you how to do this when you arrive.

We allow Year 7 pupils to go to lunch ten minutes early. This means that you can get to the front of the queue first. Our Year 7 pupils love this!

We recommend that you bring a water bottle from home as there are water machines where you can fill your bottle at break and lunchtimes.



# What you need to wear

We expect all our pupils to look really smart and to wear the Bryn Celynnog uniform with pride. This is the school uniform for Year 7:

## Boys

- Sky-blue polo shirt with school logo
- Black V-necked jumper or sweatshirt with school logo
- Black, tailored school trousers (not skin-tight, not denim)
- Sensible plain black footwear (no trainers)
- Plain black coat (no hoodies)

## Girls

- Sky-blue polo shirt with school logo
- Black V-necked jumper or cardigan with school logo
- Black, tailored school trousers (not skin-tight, not leggings, not denim) or black school skirt of an appropriate length
- Sensible plain black footwear (no trainers)
- Plain black coat (no hoodies)

We have clear rules on jewellery, hairstyles and facial piercings:

- Hairstyles and hair colours should be natural (e.g. not 'Mohican', not dyed pink, etc). If you come into school with extreme styles or colours you will be isolated or sent home.
- Make-up should be discreet and appropriate for school. If you come into school with too much, we will ask you to wash it off.
- The only jewellery we allow is a pair of stud earrings and a watch.
- Facial piercings are not allowed.

## Mobile phones and accessories

- You are not allowed to use your mobile phone inside school buildings. If you break this rule, the phone will be confiscated, locked in the school safe and must be collected by your parent or carer.

You should not bring any valuable items into school at all.

You can get the school uniform from our uniform shop which will be open in the summer. We will explain to your parents or carers how to order your uniform. Make sure that all items of clothing are marked with your name.



### Boys' PE Kit

- Black PE shirt with school logo
- School rugby jersey
- Black shorts
- Black sports socks
- Black PE 1/4 zip jumper
- Plain black jogging bottoms with no logo (optional)
- Appropriate footwear for the activity

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### Girls' PE Kit

- Black PE shirt with school logo
- School rugby jersey (optional)
- Black leggings or shorts
- Sports socks
- Black PE 1/4 zip jumper
- Plain black jogging bottoms with no logo (optional)
- Appropriate footwear for the activity





## **Extra-Curricular Clubs and Activities**

We have lots of clubs and activities at Bryn Celynnog.

If you enjoy sport, you may want to play football, rugby, netball or futsal for one of the school teams. You can also get involved in dance.

If you like being creative, you can join the art club or textiles club, or you can get involved in after-school cookery.

If you like public speaking you can join the debating team and compete against other schools.

We also have an after-school maths club, where you can have fun with numbers or really push yourself and enter national maths competitions.

Some of you may want to join the school council where you can discuss different aspects of school life and make a difference to the Bryn Celynnog school community.

The Youth Engagement & Participation Service runs a Youth Club on Mondays and Wednesdays and puts on different activities after school such as film-making, free-running and theatrical make-up. They also run some activities in the school holidays.

The best way to make new friends is to get involved in a club or an activity.





## **Who to see if you've got a problem**

- All our teachers are really friendly and will help you if you have a problem.
- Your Form Tutor will see you every morning in registration and you will be able to tell them immediately if something is wrong.
- If you have a problem in a particular subject, for example, if you don't understand your work in maths, you should talk to your maths teacher as soon as you can.
- Please talk to us about anything that's bothering you and we will help you to sort it out.
- We want you to be happy and successful at Bryn Celynnog.

## Our location



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