



BRYN THIS MONTH

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Headteacher's Welcome

Welcome to our first edition of Bryn This Month for the academic year 2025-26.

Bryn This Month celebrates our students' many achievements and gives us the opportunity to share their successes. One of the highlights of the summer was A Level Results Day on 14th August during which we celebrated our excellent A Level results with our Year 13 students and their parents. Special congratulations to Rohan Jones, our highest achiever in Year 13. We wish all our leavers every success in their future endeavours.

Our GCSE Results Day on 21st August was equally delightful. It was a joy to see so many of our students achieving beyond their expectations, including the students in our Communication Disorder Unit.

Congratulations to all our students and a huge 'thank you' to my excellent staff for working so hard to ensure the best possible outcomes for so many young people.

We look forward to capturing the best of our students' experiences throughout the coming year in Bryn This Month.

Best wishes

Debra Baldock

Headteacher

Gwlad fy Nhadau: A Visit to the Museum of Welsh Life

Amgueddfa Werin Cymru

Bryn Celynnog's Student Welsh Council visited St Fagans, the Museum of Welsh Life, on 11th September. Despite the rain, they thoroughly enjoyed the visit, which included speaking Welsh with staff, learning about traditional Welsh life and history, and ordering sweets in Welsh at the *Siop Losin*. They also appreciated discovering how schooling was carried out in the village in the past. They look forward to planning Shwmae Day events next in October here in the school. Da iawn pawb!





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A Level Results 2025

We were delighted to celebrate the fantastic results achieved by our Year 13 cohort in August. The results overall were outstanding with the majority of students being accepted into their first choice university places. We are incredibly proud of all our students, particularly those who were accepted to study Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary Nursing, a gruelling process!

Congratulations Year 13.



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Sport Presentation Evening 2024/2025

The last week of the month saw the welcome return of an old favourite in the Bryn Celynnog Comprehensive School calendar. The Sports Presentation was reincarnated in the sports hall, where over 300 parents came to support their children and the Physical Education Faculty in a celebration of our sporting success for the 2024-2025 season.

The evening followed a tried and tested programme which celebrated the year group teams in rugby, football, and netball, as well as mixed teams in athletics and gymnastics. We were treated to two fantastic dance performances: one from former pupil Mason Davies-English and his partner, Year 11 student Izzy Blowers, and another from Lacie Davies-English and Coral Brush-Davies, as part of the entertainment.

We also had the opportunity to recognise students who had achieved county, district, and international honours. It was fantastic to see the range of sports our students are involved in both outside school and within Bryn Celynnog. It was also great to see many former students returning to share in the celebrations as we looked back over a year of sporting drama.

There were many highlights, including our junior girls' rugby squad sweeping all before them for a second

consecutive season, claiming national 15-a-side and seven-a-side crowns. Our U14 and U16 boys' sevens rugby squads reached the closing stages of the National Schools Sevens Tournament in Rosslyn Park, defeating public school giants like Sedbergh and Brighton College along the way. Year 7 student Xavier Wilby-Davies became a double County Champion, winning the hurdles and the high jump, while Oliver Shearer sped to an incredible 10.9 seconds in the 100m, guaranteeing selection for the Welsh Athletics squad.

However, just as importantly, we were impressed by the fact that so many boys and girls turned up every week for training and matches, keeping our grassroots healthy. We remain very grateful for the support of our Headteacher and the entire staff body, who work hard to enable the PE Faculty to continue providing such a diverse and busy programme of extra-curricular activities for our students.

It was a memorable evening enjoyed by all in attendance. We will be returning at the end of the summer term to repeat the event for the current year's sporting activities. We have had a busy start this September and look forward to another great year of sport ahead.





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Year 7 Sports People of the Year



Alesha Santos



Lewis Jeffries

Year 8 Sports People of the Year



Emie George



Dylan Cooper

Year 9 Sports People of the Year



Lili Williams



Zac Birkinshaw

Year 10 Sports People of the Year



Evie Campbell



Jack Evans

Year 11 Sports People of the Year



Sienna McCormack



Oliver George

Exceptional Attitude Award



Rhys Mears

Rhys suffered a horrific injury during Sports Day 2024, where he dislocated his hip. Despite this, he has shown incredible bravery and application to return to sports and PE, and has stayed positive throughout.

Sports Ambassador Award



Josh Russell

Josh has shown willing in all aspects of school sports. Whether it's playing for the senior football academy, refereeing countless matches across age groups, or helping out with coaching. The boy just loves Bryn.

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Music and Drama at Bryn Celynnog

Matilda Jr. was our school production last academic year. We held three sold-out shows where our pupils' talent truly shone on stage. We are still incredibly proud, as a faculty, of every pupil who took part, and we look forward to our next school production. Further information will be shared by Miss Davies later in the year.

In July, we hosted our Summer Showcase, a celebration of our wonderfully talented pupils across Music and Drama. We had performances from Guitar Club, Show Choir, the Orchestra, and various school bands. It was another two nights of sold-out shows, raising over £1,000 from ticket sales, which has gone directly into the Show Production Fund for this year's musical.

We offer a variety of extra-curricular clubs, most of which are open to all pupils (please see the Music & Drama Timetable for further details). These clubs give pupils the opportunity to thrive within our faculty, and we look forward to seeing you at one soon! Instrumental lessons are also available in school. Please refer to the announcement sent out via Bromcom, or contact Miss Davies for further information.



Music & Drama Department Timetable

Instrumental lessons timetables will be on the Music Department Notice Board outside of **Miss Davies' Classroom (T6)**. Any queries, please see Miss Davies.

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Year 10 GCSE Art Trip: Bristol Museum & Wake the Tiger

What a fantastic day for our Year 10 GCSE Art students! Sixty students set off for Bristol Museum and Art Gallery, where they were wowed by the incredible collection of historical artefacts, striking modern and classical paintings, and beautiful ceramic work. Over three floors, students explored, took photographs, and carried out valuable research to support their art coursework.

After a morning of inspiration, we travelled across the city to *Wake the Tiger*, where creativity and imagination took centre stage. Students spent two hours immersing themselves in a surreal, interactive world, moving through tunnels and hidden doors, solving puzzles, disappearing into vending machines, exploring tube stations, and even sitting on an aeroplane equipped with a VR headset that transported them to another planet.

The day was both creative and thought-provoking, with plenty of fun along the way. Behaviour from our Year 10 students was impeccable, and both staff and students agreed it was an exciting and worthwhile trip that will leave a lasting impression on their artistic journey. Thank you to all staff and students who made this a resounding success.



Cwm Cokeworks Through Van Gogh's Eyes

A Van Gogh-inspired depiction of the Cwm Cokeworks by Dylan Jones, Year 11.

Dylan's work captures the industrial landscape with expressive brushstrokes and vibrant colour, combining artistic style with the historical significance of the site



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Bryn Stars...Lighting the Way Forward

This September in **Year 9**, we launched *Bryn Stars... Lighting the Way Forward*. We are keen to hear about any out-of-school activities that you are involved in. We have appointed two class representatives for each registration group, and students are encouraged to share any news with their class reps or registration tutor. We are so impressed with the feedback you have given so far and encourage you to complete the nomination forms on Fridays so that we can continue to celebrate your successes. Any photographs can be sent directly to Mrs Davies at Claire.davies@bryncelynnog.org.uk, along with a brief explanation of your out-of-school activities. One thing we are certain of is that you are a super-talented year group. Keep sharing those activities!

A busy summer for Harry Blake who has been competing in a range of cross country and show jumping events. He tasted success in Trecastell horse show over the summer, taking second place.



A Welsh Cap for Emie George who played in the Welsh Mixed Rugby Team at the Atlantic Youth Touch Cup in Ireland over the summer. An excellent performance by the team who finished in 2nd position.

Further success for Emie with Cardiff Quins, winning the U14 Matrix Cup.

Congratulations to Amelia Jones part of the RCT Performance Seim Squad. Amelia represented RCT in the recent Welsh Nationals held in Swansea.

Congratulations to dancer Mila Lau of JPJ School of Dance for competing in the North Somerset Eisteddfod in Bristol over the summer. We are looking forward to hearing all about your dance progress this year.



A fabulous summer for Maizie Carrington. Congratulations to you on your selection to play with the U14 FA Wales South Academy. Wishing you all the best for the upcoming season.

Wishing Eleri Sykes all the very best as she works through her level 8 Figure Skating Qualification. We are

looking forward to seeing some photographs of your journey on ice. Best of luck.

A huge honour for Grace King of Llantrisant and Pontyclun Golf Club who was in the guard of honour for the AIG Women's Golf Open that was held at the Royal Porthcawl Golf Club 30th July to 3rd August.

Congratulations to Sienna Harvey on her selection for the U15 Welsh Badminton Academy, we look forward to hearing how you get on in your next tournament.

Good luck!

Whether it is hitting a target consistently or understanding the flight of the arrow, Jessica Lethbridge has shown tremendous talent in the sport of Archery. Currently in the Welsh U21 squad and competing in the Junior Welsh Outdoor Championships.



Congratulations to Coral Brush-Davies and Daisy Rodgers Skinner on success at the Formation World Cup British Dance Championships – Grand slam winners.



Congratulations to Sophie Letman and Sophia Cole-Wilkins, representing Wales U15 for Touch Rugby. Well done to all involved, good luck this season.

Best of luck to all our Year 9 students who are playing for the Llantwit Rhinos this season. We look forward to hearing about your match results.

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Bryn Celynnog Sports Results September 2025

Rugby					
Year 7 A	Glan Taf	35	v	12	Bryn Celynnog
Year 7 B	Glan Taf	10	v	27	Bryn Celynnog
Year 7	Y Pant	19	v	19	Bryn Celynnog
Year 8	Glan Taf	35	v	15	Bryn Celynnog
Year 8	Bryn Celynnog	36	v	17	Y Pant
Year 9	Christ College Brecon	0	v	56	Bryn Celynnog
Year 9	Y Pant	50	v	12	Bryn Celynnog
Year 10	Glan Taf	40	v	21	Bryn Celynnog
Football					
Year 7	Y Pant	7	v	2	Bryn Celynnog
Year 8	Bryn Celynnog	10	v	1	Lewis School
Year 9	Bryn Celynnog	8	v	0	Llanhari
Year 10	Bro Taf	0	v	7	Bryn Celynnog
Senior Academy	CAVAC	6	v	2	Bryn Celynnog
Senior Academy	Bryn Celynnog	2	v	2	SGS College
Girls Football					
U13	Garth Olwg	3	v	4	Bryn Celynnog
U15	Bryn Celynnog	3	v	0	Cwm Rhondda



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Autumn Term 2025 - Lunch Time Activities



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Well-being Suite Available for quiet time. Referral needed by SMT/HOY	Well-being Suite Available for quiet time. Referral needed by SMT/HOY	Well-being Suite Available for quiet time. Referral needed by SMT/HOY	Well-being Suite Available for quiet time. Referral needed by SMT/HOY	Well-being Suite Available for quiet time. Referral needed by SMT/HOY
GCSE ICT & CS Lunch Club Years 10 - 11 Lunch Time Mrs Stock N17	YEPS Lunch Club Selected students Year 7 Lunch Time YEPS Youth Wing	YEPS Lunch Club All year groups Lunch Time YEPS Youth Wing	Brass & Wind Band String Group All year groups having lessons Lunch Time Miss Davies / Miss Evans TG	YEPS Lunch Club Selected students Lunch Time YEPS Youth Wing
Guitar Club All year groups Lunch Time Miss Davies & Miss Merrett TG	Show Choir All year groups Lunch Time Miss Davies & Miss Merrett TG	GCSE ICT & CS Lunch Club Years 10 - 11 Lunch Time Mrs Stock N17	Christian Union All year groups Break time Mrs Holland N2	Band Club All year groups Lunch Time Mr Roberts Music Department
	Games Club Lunch Time Miss Wright Well-being Suite	6th Form Statistics Drop In Years 12 - 13 Lunch Time Miss Ponting N3	Orchestra All year groups Lunch Time Miss Davies & Miss Merrett TG	Ukulele Club All year groups Lunch Time Miss Davies & Miss Merrett TG
Well-being Drop in sessions All year groups welcome Every Lunch Time Mrs T Thomas / School Council H11		Keyboard Club All year groups Lunch Time Miss Davies & Miss Merrett TG	Games Club Years 7 - 9 Lunch Time Miss Wright Well-being Suite	

Autumn Term 2025 - Afterschool Activities



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Homework Club All year groups After school: 3.00pm to 4.00pm Dr Barden / Mrs Sturchever Library	Homework Club All year groups After school: 3.00pm to 4.00pm Dr Barden / Mrs Sturchever Library	Homework Club All year groups After school: 3.00pm to 4.00pm Dr Barden Library	Homework Club All year groups After school: 3.00pm to 4.00pm Dr Barden / Mrs Sturchever Library	Homework Club All year groups After school: 3.00pm to 4.00pm Mrs Sturchever Library
Youth Club All year groups 5.45pm to 8pm YEPS Youth Wing	Show Choir After school: 3.00pm to 4.00pm Miss Davies & Miss Merrett Drama Workshop (Start date will be announced to pupils)	Netball Year 7 After school: 3.00pm to 4.00pm Sports Hall Miss Dyke	Orchestra After school: 3.00pm to 4.00pm Miss Davies & Miss Merrett Drama Workshop (Start date will be announced to pupils)	Sixth Form DnD Years 12 - 13 After school: 3.00pm to 4.00pm Miss Atkinson/ Dr Murry H10
DT 'Catch up' sessions Year 11 After school: 3.00pm to 4.00pm Mr J Williams T1	Netball Years 10 - 11 After school: 3.00pm to 4.00pm Sports Hall Miss Bell	Running Club All year groups After school: 3.00pm to 4.00pm Running Track Miss E Birch-Hurst	Basketball All year groups After school: 3.00pm to 4.00pm Sports Hall Miss E Birch-Hurst	Additional information: ☐ Sporting fixtures often take place after school which will be a priority over scheduled clubs. Updates will appear on X or Microsoft Teams and further updates are posted on @BrynCelynnogPE @Bryn_Celynnog ☐ Facebook page available 'Friend of Bryn' ☐ If there are any queries, please speak to the member of staff that is running the activity.
Darts Club All year groups After school: 3.00pm to 4.30pm Miss N Thomas T4	Boys Football Years 8 - 9 After school: 3.00pm to 4.00pm 3G Pitch	Boys Football Year 7 After school: 3.00pm to 4.00pm 3G Pitch	War Hammer All year groups After school: 3.00pm to 4.00pm N16 Mr D Clifford	
DnD Club Years 8 - 11 After school: 3.00pm to 4.00pm Miss Atkinson/ Dr Murry H10				
Netball Years 8 - 9 After school: 3.00pm to 4.00pm Sports Hall Miss E Birch-Hurst				
Boys Rugby Years 7, 8 & 10 After school: 3.00pm to 4.00pm Rugby Field				



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Cylchlythr Swyddogol Ysgol Gyfun Bryn Celynnog



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.