



10th July 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

Subject: End of Term and Start of Term Arrangements

As we approach the end of the academic year, I would like to thank you for your continued support throughout what has been a busy year. Your partnership, generosity, and encouragement have been deeply valued, and we are grateful to work together in support of our pupils' success. I would like to share some key information with you to ensure that the end of term and the start of the new term in September run as smoothly as possible.

This summer term finishes for pupils at **3.00pm on Friday 17th July**.

A - End of Term Arrangements

As we approach the end of term, we have two whole-school events taking place during the final week. Alternative arrangements will be in place on these days, and I would like to share the details below.

1. Whole School Eisteddfod – 14th July 2026

There will be no formal lessons on this day. Pupils will attend an extended form period until 9:40am, followed by a 20-minute break. Please note that there will be no Breakfast Bar available.

At 10:00am, pupils will move to the Sports Hall for the start of the Eisteddfod. Lunch will take place from 12:45pm to 1:30pm, after which pupils will return to the Sports Hall until dismissal at 3:00pm.

2. Sports Day – 16th July 2026

The weather forecast suggests a hot day, so we intend to run Sports Day from 9:00am until 1:00pm to avoid the hottest part of the afternoon.

There will be no scheduled morning break, so we encourage pupils to bring water, snacks, sunscreen and suitable sun protection, such as a hat. Pupils will have access to the school toilets and water fountains throughout the event.

Lunch will take place from 1:00pm to 2:00pm. Following lunch, all pupils will return to an extended form period for Lesson 5. There will be no formal lessons during the afternoon.



Thank you for your support as we look forward to celebrating the end of a successful academic year

B – Start of Term Arrangements

As INSET for staff takes place on Tuesday 1st September, the first day of term for all pupils in Years 7 to 13 is **Wednesday 2nd September**. Pupils in Years 8 to 13 will go directly to their form classrooms for registration at 8.40am. They will then attend separate year group assemblies during the morning and will attend normal lessons after morning break. Year 12 pupils will receive information about induction following GCSE results day.

We are looking forward to welcoming our new Year 7 learners. All pupils in Year 7 will assemble in the Sports Hall for registration at 8.40am where they will be welcomed by the Head of Year 7, form tutors, the Chair and Vice Chair of Governors and myself. For the remainder of the day, and on Thursday morning, Year 7 pupils will receive an induction to the school, focusing on skills, the language of learning used at Bryntirion and an IT induction (Class charts, Teams etc.). Year 7 will attend normal lessons from **Lesson 4 on Thursday 3rd September**.

A **Year Ahead meeting** for parents of pupils in **Year 7** will be held on **Thursday 3rd September at 4.00pm** in the Senior Hall focusing on teaching, learning and assessment, communications and extra-curricular opportunities.

The daily timetable will remain as follows:

Registration/Wellbeing/Assembly	8.40am – 9.00am
Lesson 1	9.00am – 10.00am
Lesson 2	10.00am – 11.00am
Break	11.00am – 11.20am
Lesson 3	11.20am – 12.20pm
Lesson 4	12.20pm - 1.20pm
Lunch	1.20pm – 2.00pm
Lesson 5	2.00pm – 3.00pm
Extra – Curricular programme	3.00pm

We will write to all parents at the start of next term to share full details of parents' meetings and key calendar events for 2026–27.

C – Results Days

- **Thursday 13th August:** Years 12 and 13
- **Thursday 20th August:** Years 10 and 11

Students may collect results in person from **8.30am**. Results will be emailed to all pupils at 10.00am.



D – INSET Days

There will be **six INSET days** in the 2026–27 academic year:

INSET 1 – Tuesday 1st September 2026

INSET 2 – Friday 27th November 2026

INSET 3 – Monday 4th January 2027

INSET 4 – Monday 26th April 2027

INSET 5 – Monday 19th July 2027

INSET 6 – Tuesday 20th July 2027

E – Uniform, Jewellery

We ask for your support in ensuring pupils return in correct uniform, including appropriate footwear and hair colour, in line with our policy. **Hoodies and leggings are not permitted.** Pupils should return in Autumn/Winter uniform.

A **uniform recycling and exchange scheme** is now available. To enquire about pre-loved items, please contact:

Mrs Alison Markey: Alison.MARKEY@bryntirioncs.bridgend.cymru

Mrs Eloise Lowry: Eloise.LOWRY@bryntirioncs.bridgend.cymru

The only jewellery permitted is one small plain stud in the lobe of each ear and/or one small stud in the nose. Pupils are not allowed to wear any other form of body jewellery or piercings, including rings, in the interests of their own health and safety

[School Uniform Policy](#)

F - Mobile Devices

A new **Mobile Device Policy** is being implemented in September. This means mobile devices (phones, headphones, earbuds etc.) must not be seen or heard in school between 8.30am and 3.00pm. They must be switched off/silent and stored in school bags. The full Policy was shared with parents and carers earlier this week but can also be accessed via the link below:

[Mobile Device Policy 2026 - Final.pdf](#)

G – Be Ready for School



Please ensure your child is well-equipped for learning in September with the following items:

- Black ballpoint pen
- Pencils & coloured pencils
- Ruler, sharpener, eraser
- Maths set (compass, protractor, etc.)
- Scientific calculator

H – School Meals

We operate a cashless payment system at Bryntirion and parents/carers will need to ensure there is a sufficient balance on their child's account ready for when we return in September. To make a payment online please go to Bridgend County Borough Council Website / click on MAKE A PAYMENT / Click on Secondary School Meals / Choose Bryntirion Comprehensive School / Choose Pupil School Meals / enter your information.

All free meal entitlements will be entered on to the system by the school prior to the 'live' day. The Cashless Catering System will, on a daily basis, automatically allocate the appropriate accounts with the free school meal amounts. Pupils with FSM entitlement remain anonymous at all times as all account types are accessed in the exact same manner, regardless of whether paid for or not. Please note that any monies not spent from the daily free meal allocation will not be carried over to the next day. FSM accounts can be topped up with additional money if required, and any addition top up money not spent will be carried over within your child's account on a daily basis. Pupils whose parents/carers have provided permission will be able to use the catering service's fingerprint recognition system; alternatively, they can continue to provide PIN numbers. Children are also permitted to bring a packed lunch to school.

I – Farewell to Staff

We say a fond farewell to several colleagues at the end of this term:

- Mrs Ceris Matthews – Head of Religious Studies and Psychology
- Mr Jack Beynon – Welsh
- Miss Samantha Hyde – Business and Economics
- Mrs Diane Bowser – Pupil Wellbeing Officer
- Mr Mark Watkins – Operations Manager



Each of them has made a lasting contribution to our school community, and we thank them for their dedication and service.

Finally, I wish you and your family a relaxing and enjoyable summer break. Thank you, once again, for your generous support.

With warmest wishes,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D Mead', written in a cursive style.

Headteacher
Bryntirion Comprehensive School

