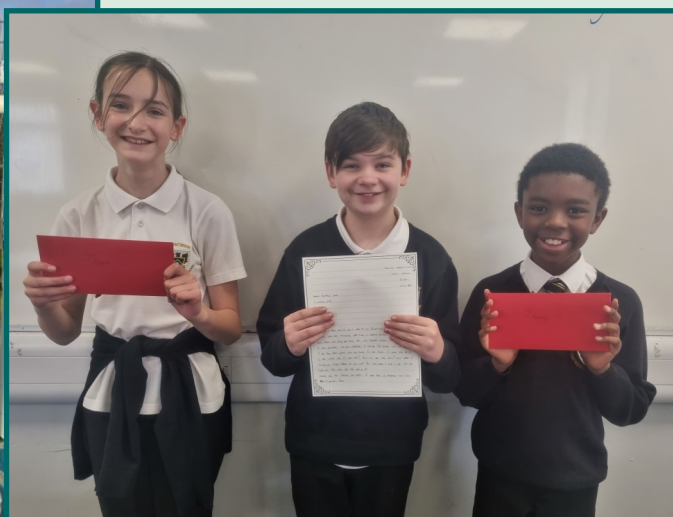




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WELCOME BOOKLET LLYFRYN CROESO



"Pupils have exceptionally positive attitudes to their learning". Estyn

Croeso i Ysgol Gyfun Bryntirion

This booklet has been designed to help you when you start school at Bryntirion. After reading this booklet, we are sure that you will know a lot more about the school and will be looking forward to starting here in September 2023.



HEADTEACHER - MR PAWAR

I am delighted that you will be joining Bryntirion in September.

I hope this booklet will answer any questions you may have and gives you an idea of the activities that I hope you will enjoy at the school.

Enjoy the summer holidays and prepare yourself for a busy time at Bryntirion.

HEAD OF YEAR 7 - MRS POOLE

ASSISTANT HEAD OF YEAR 7 - MISS EVANS

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to Bryntirion Comprehensive School.

We hope that you are looking forward to joining us in September. We are sure that you will enjoy the exciting and varied school days at Bryntirion. We work hard at all times and enjoy the rewards that come with it.

This booklet has been prepared to help you and hopefully answer any questions which you might have before you start in September.



MRS POOLE

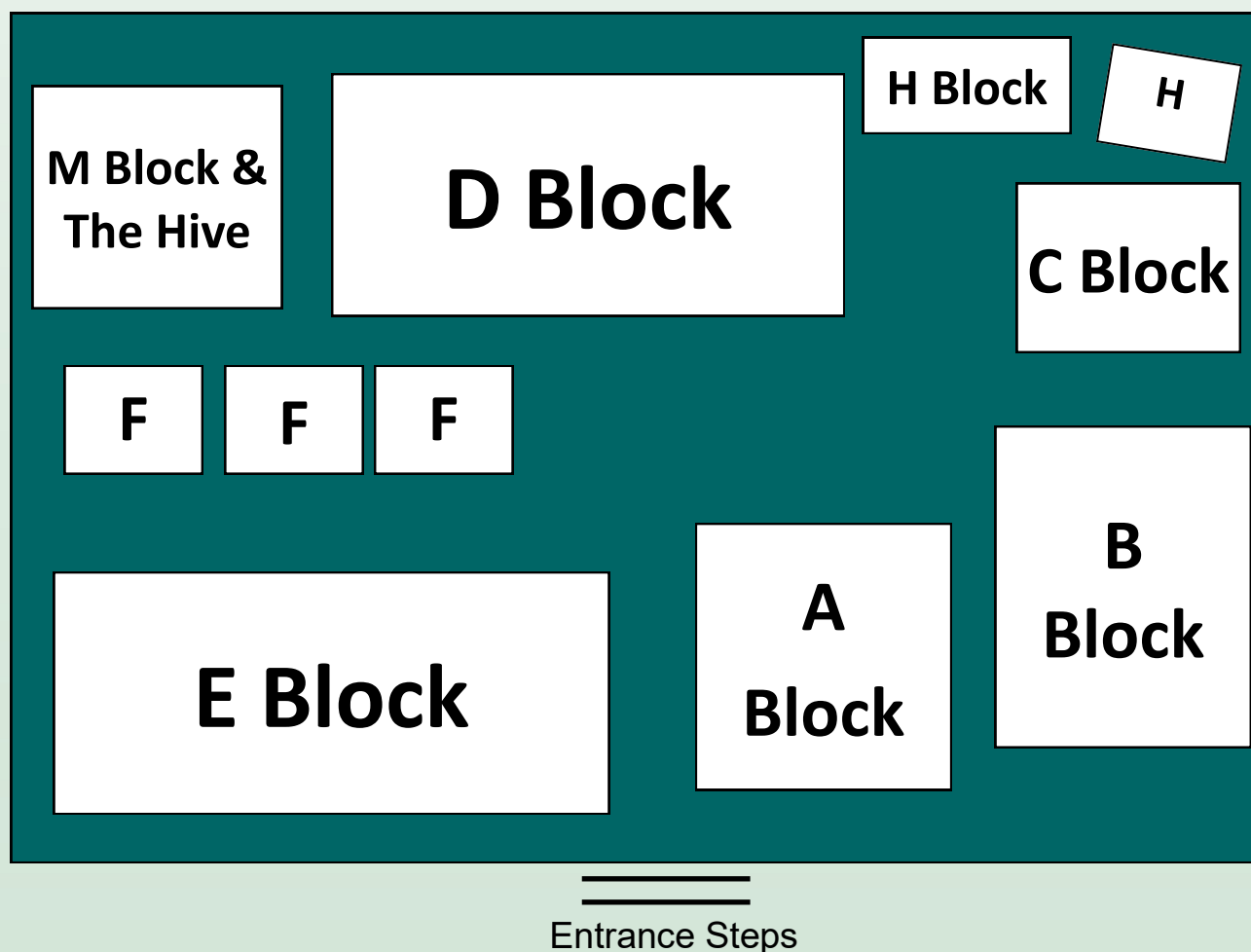


MISS EVANS

Remember we are always here to help you.

Map of the School Site

The school will probably look huge when you first come to visit, you might even think that you will never find your way around, but after a few days you will get to know the place. Just in case you need it, we have included a map of the school. Every room is clearly labelled with the block you are in and then the room number, e.g. D5. Your timetable will tell you the room you will have your lesson in.



MOVEMENT AROUND THE SCHOOL

You will be moving classrooms 5 times a day. At Bryntirion, we expect sensible, safe and considerate movement around the school.

- Always keep to the left
- Walk at all times, never run
- Be courteous to staff and other pupils
- Always get to lessons on time
- The bells are to indicate the start and end of a lesson



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B E R E A D Y ...

On time
With correct equipment
In correct uniform
With the correct attitude

B E R E S P E C T F U L ...

To yourself
To adults
To peers
Of the environment
'One voice in the classroom'

B E S A F E ...

Physically
Emotionally
In lesson
In corridors
At break / lunchtime
Online

B E B R Y N T I R I O N



CLASSROOM CODE OF CONDUCT



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BE READY

Be punctual

Remove your coat

Follow your teacher's instructions when entering the classroom

Always bring to school pens, pencils, ruler, books and any other equipment required for specific lessons

Always wear the correct school uniform

Always meet homework deadlines

Be ready to learn

BE RESPECTFUL

Sit where the teacher tells you

Put your hand up when you need to speak to the teacher

Listen to your teacher when he/she is talking (one voice)

Follow your teacher's instructions the first time you are asked

Be polite and be considerate towards your teacher and classmates

Never shout out in class, argue with the teacher or use inappropriate language

Always work with focus and concentration, completing tasks to the best of your ability

Never distract or stop others from working

BE SAFE

Keep the classroom tidy and respect the equipment

Ensure your phone is safely away in your bag

Never eat / chew in class

Drink only water in class (but no drinks in labs)

Never make hurtful or unkind comments

Never leave a classroom without permission

Use technology responsibly

School Distinctive Dress

AUTUMN & WINTER TERMS

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	WHERE CAN IT BE PURCHASED?
White shirt	Plain white shirt (long or short sleeved) that is suitable for tucking into skirts or trousers.	Anywhere
School tie	Years 7-11 wear the same black, gold and teal tie but the sixth form have a distinctive one supplied by the school when they enter the sixth form.	Local uniform retailers
Black trousers or skirt	<p>Plain black tailored trousers. Leggings, jeans or skin tight trousers are not permitted.</p> <p>Plain black tailored skirt. Straight, pleated or swing skirts are acceptable as long as they are tailored and hemmed properly; no dipped or uneven hems, chiffon or unusual material or decorations.</p> <p>Skirts should not be too tight or short. The skirt should be approximately knee length. Skirts should always be worn with black opaque tights.</p>	Anywhere
Black school jumper or cardigan with school logo	<p>Years 7-11 - Black with school logo.</p> <p>Years 12 & 13 - Black with sixth form school logo.</p>	Local uniform retailers
Black school shoes	Plain black, low heeled shoes. Trainers/sports shoes are not permitted at any time of the year.	Anywhere
Black socks or opaque tights	Socks and tights should be black. Tights should be opaque and a least 80 denier.	Anywhere
Coat	A smart, practical all weather coat that can be worn over uniform. Hooded, fleece style tops, obvious logos, denim or leather coats are not permitted.	Anywhere

Sixth Form

As above but with the addition of:-

Black blazer	Plain black tailored blazer with full length sleeves. It should be worn with the school enamel badge on the lapel. The blazer should be worn in addition to the school jumper.	Anywhere
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ALL ITEMS OF UNIFORM AND PROPERTY SHOULD BE CLEARLY MARKED WITH THE OWNER'S NAME

SUMMER TERM

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	WHERE CAN IT BE PURCHASED?
White school polo shirt	White polo shirt with school logo	Local uniform retailers
Black tailored shorts	Plain black tailored approximately knee length shorts. Cycling shorts or very short shorts are not permitted. The shorts can be worn with black or white ankle socks but should still be worn with shoes, not trainers.	Anywhere

Physical Education

All students

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	WHERE CAN IT BE PURCHASED?
Green or black shorts or black leggings	Plain green or black sports shorts. Plain black leggings are also acceptable in cold weather (no logos)	Anywhere
School PE T-shirt	Green / black school PE T-shirt with school logo	Local uniform retailers
School PE hoody (optional)	Green school PE hoody with school logo	Local uniform retailers
Trainers	These can be any colour but should be designed for active wear	Anywhere
School sports socks	Green / gold sports socks	Local uniform retailers
Gum Shield (optional)	Advised for rugby and hockey	Anywhere

Girls

Green skort	Green skort needed for certain sports, e.g. netball	Local uniform retailers
One piece swimsuit	One piece swimsuit of any colour or design. Bikinis or two piece swimming suits are not allowed.	Anywhere

Boys

School rugby top	Green / gold school rugby top	Local uniform retailers
Football / rugby boots	Studded football / rugby boots	Anywhere
Swimming trunks / shorts	Swimming trunks / shorts (any colour)	Anywhere

Technology / Food

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	WHERE CAN IT BE PURCHASED?
Apron	Plain full length apron, any colour	Anywhere

DISTINCTIVE CLOTHING AWARDS

The school, through the local Education Department, makes allowances to some pupils attending school, subject to eligibility by assessment, towards the cost of distinctive school clothing.

Parents seeking further advice on this matter may contact the school.

HAIR AND GENERAL APPEARANCE

Parents are expected to encourage pupils to observe acceptable standards in dress and appearance. Hair should be a sensible length, style and colour (no unnatural hair colouring is allowed). Vision must not be impeded by hair.

Make-up must not be worn in school, and neither should hair cosmetics be used, especially in the Science Laboratories and Technology Workshops.

JEWELLERY

The only jewellery which may be worn in school is one small plain stud in the lobe of each ear. Pupils are not allowed to wear any other form of body jewellery in the interests of their own health and safety.

VALUABLES

It should be clearly understood that all items of personal property are brought on to the school premises at the owner's risk. The school cannot be held responsible for any losses incurred and no claims for reimbursement for any losses sustained will be entertained.

MOBILE PHONES

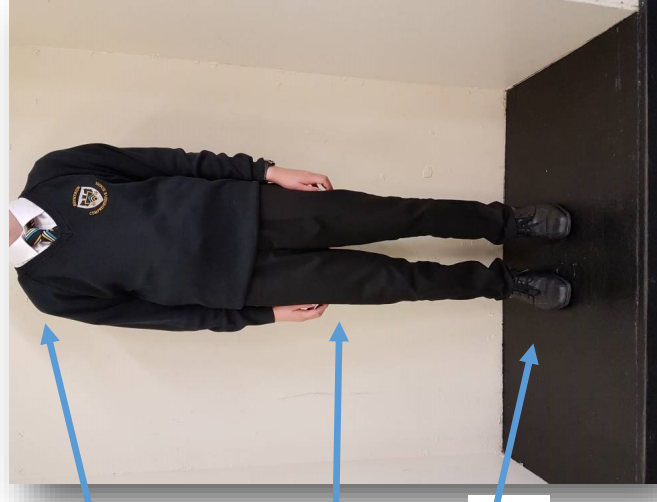
It is strongly recommended that mobile phones be left at home. The school cannot accept responsibility for the loss or damage to such equipment.

- Mobile devices/phones **must not be seen or heard** in any lesson at anytime (zero tolerance). They must be switched to silent and stored in school bags.
- Mobile phones are permitted to be used appropriately at break and lunchtimes to access school-based electronic platforms (e.g. TEAMS, Classcharts etc.).
- Headphones are not to be seen at anytime during the school day.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

In order to assist parents and guardians when it comes to purchasing uniform, we have added a number of photographs to show our uniform as we would ideally like it to be worn. These will enable parents and guardians to make informed choices about trouser styles and acceptable skirt lengths.

Tailored black skirts with the length coming to just above the knee.

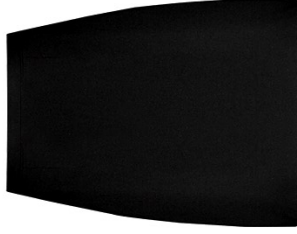
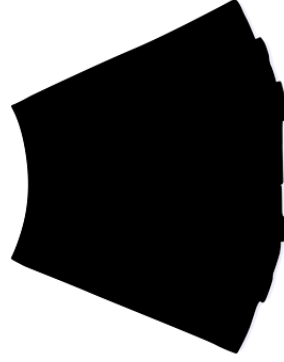


White shirt, school tie and jumper, with tie done up neatly.

Tailored trousers, not too tight, made of appropriate material.

Black, low heeled, polishable shoes.

Suitable examples of shorts and skirts



THE SCHOOL DAY

08:40 - 09:00	Registration/Tutor Time
09:00 - 10:00	Lesson 1
10:00 - 11:00	Lesson 2
11:00 - 11:20	Break Time
11:20 - 12:20	Lesson 3
12:20 - 13:20	Lesson 4
13:20 - 14:00	Lunch
14:00 - 15:00	Lesson 5

It is advised that pupils strive to be in school for 8.30am to attend registration at 8.40am. The above school day structure is correct at the time of publication but is subject to change should the need arise in the current climate.

YOUR FIRST DAY

Your first day will be spent as follows:-

- Meet with Head of Year at 8.40am in the Sports Hall in block E.
- Your Form Tutor will then take you to your form class to prepare you for the week ahead. You will be given your personal timetable and your Form Tutor will answer any questions that you may have.

THE YEAR SYSTEM

The school consists of year groups and each year group has a Head of Year and an Assistant Head of Year.

YEAR	HEAD OF YEAR	ASSISSTANT HEAD OF YEAR
7	Mrs Poole	Miss Evans
8	Mr Walters	Mrs Sullivan-Durham
9	Miss Simpson	Mrs Hunt
10	Mrs Walker	Mrs Workman
11	Ms Herbert	Mr Thomas
12/13	Mrs Allinson	Miss Bailey



QUESTIONS & ANSWERS



Here are answers to some of the questions that you might have about joining Bryntirion in September.

What do I bring on the first day?

You will need a bag, pencils, pens, rubber, sharpener and ruler. You will also need sandwiches or dinner money loaded onto the cashless catering system.

Do I need any books?

No, you will not need any books. Your subject teacher will give you the books that you need.

What happens if I lose my things or forget my dinner money?

Go to your Head of Year and they will help you.

Will I be in the same class as my friends?

You might not be in the same class as all your friends, but you will certainly be with some of your friends.

What if I get lost?

Any teacher or older pupil that passes you will be pleased to help. There is also a map in this booklet.

What if I have to leave school for an appointment?

Ask your mum/dad/guardian to write a note for you. Show it to your Form Tutor and you will receive an exeat form, to be signed by your Head of Year. You then hand in this form to the school office (downstairs in E block) on leaving.

What if I feel ill during school?

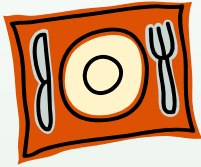
If this happens during lesson time, tell the teacher who is taking your lesson and they will call for a duty officer. If this happens during break or lunch go to see your Head of Year.

What if I am unhappy in school?

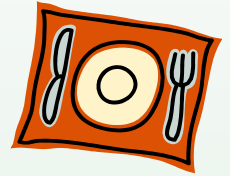
Speak to your Form Teacher or your Head of Year who will be happy to help you.

What do I do if I am absent?

- Ask someone at home to let us know on the **FIRST** day
- It is very important that you copy up all the work that you have missed as soon as possible.



SCHOOL MEALS



DINNER LADIES

Our school has many helpful and friendly dinner ladies who work during the lunch break.

THE FOOD

Lunchtime, the canteen offers three types of meals:-

- Main Track (main meals)
- Fast Track (fast food)
- Green Track (salads sandwiches etc)



The prices are reasonable. We use a cashless catering system which your parent/ guardian will be invited to join before you start. Alternatively, you can bring your own packed lunch. This can be eaten outside or in the canteen.

BREAKFAST BAR

In addition to lunch, there is a breakfast bar at break time. This offers a variety of snacks. These bars are in D and E block canteens.



NATIONAL CURRICULUM FOR WALES

Four Purposes

The national Curriculum for Wales outlines its Four Purposes of Education, enabling learners to become: ambitious and capable learners; enterprising and creative contributors; ethical and informed citizens and healthy and confident individuals.

These Purposes inform the design of our own, bespoke curriculum, marrying them with the individual ambitions, interests and potential of every student at Bryntirion. We believe that our responsibility under the Four Purposes is to ensure that students acquire powerful knowledge, understanding and skills to become confident members of society. The curriculum supports our young people to become kind, hardworking individuals, who embody our school values.

Curriculum

At Bryntirion, pupils are taught in subjects. This is because subjects matter. They have an important body of knowledge and specific skills and belong to a rich tradition that is unique to them. For students to think critically and to form their own opinions, it is necessary to have something to think about. We therefore value a knowledge-rich approach, delivered by expert teaching staff. Our curriculum is broad and balanced, providing a wealth of learning across disciplinary subjects, and embraces all the mandatory elements: study of English and Welsh; the three Cross-Curricular Skills (numeracy, literacy, digital competency); Relationships & Sexuality Education; Religion, Values & Ethics; Careers and Work-Related Experiences and this is underpinned by a clear emphasis on the central importance of developing pupils' integral skills.

Progression and Assessment

Our curriculum is structured to ensure that all pupils make progress in their learning as they move through the school, informed by the national Principles of Progression. To support pupils' progress and monitor the effectiveness of our curriculum, we adopt a number of assessment practices. Ongoing '**formative**' assessment activities are those that arise as part of the learning experience in lessons. Teachers assess pupils' understanding and recall during lessons and adapt their teaching or future teaching plans to ensure progress for all. In addition, to identify progress over time and to enable us to evaluate our practice and curriculum, we conduct more infrequent, substantial '**summative**' style assessments through rich tasks.

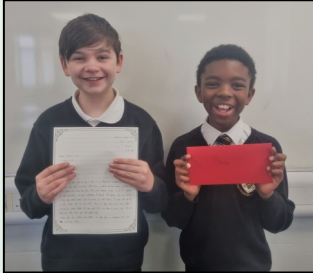
Implementation & Review

Our curriculum is not fixed: it is subject to constant review and reiteration. Robust self-evaluation of our curriculum and requires participation from not only our teaching staff, but also from parents/carers, governors and pupils. The curriculum will grow, as we endeavour to meet the needs of our pupils and the challenges that lie ahead of them.

SUBJECTS

ART & DESIGN

This is a subject that provides pupils with a wide range of learning experiences using a variety of mediums, materials and techniques to explore and produce pieces of art work. You will be introduced to different career pathways within the Creative Industry and learn how to work to commissioned briefs and become independent learners.



ENGLISH

You will read all kinds of stories, poems, plays and media articles. As well as this, you will develop your own skills as a young writer. You will have the chance to debate, analyse and create different literary masterpieces!

FRENCH

In the course of the year, pupils in Year 7 will learn about France and the French speaking world. You will engage in small playlets and conversations in French about yourselves, your families and friends. As they say in France - "Bienvenue à Bryntirion".



GEOGRAPHY

Our curriculum is focused on **enquiry learning** and interpreting the world in which they live. In Year 7 students investigate 'Sense of Place' in their local area before going onto a world investigation of their choice. They then go to develop their map skills where creativity and innovation will be tested.

HISTORY

History is delivered through enquiry-based learning. Our thematic enquiries encourage pupils to work as historical detectives, using a wide range of evidence to answer 'big questions'. 'History through Big Questions' enhances pupils' learning by deepening thinking and so develops critical thinking.



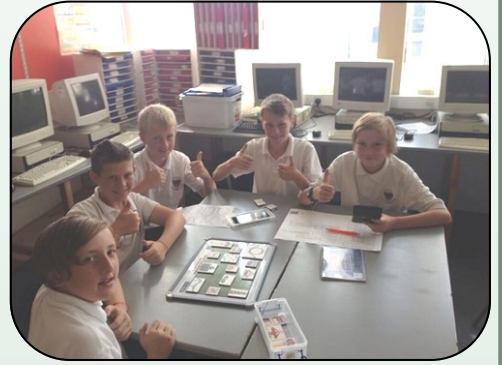
ICT/COMPUTER SCIENCE

In ICT/Computer Science you will learn how to use the Microsoft platform including Teams, One Drive, Outlook and the Microsoft Office apps. You will develop your digital competency to ensure that you use computers safely and efficiently - this will be of benefit to you in your other subjects and eventually the world of work. You will also be introduced to some of the important ideas related to Computer Science and will undertake projects to develop your skills and knowledge in this area.

SUBJECTS

MATHEMATICS

In this subject you will learn many new mathematical skills and develop ones you already have. As well as this, you will be taught to investigate and use I.T. to aid your understanding of mathematics. It will be hard work, but it will all add up to great fun!



EXPRESSIVE ARTS

In expressive arts you will develop performance skills holistically through playing and singing a variety of music. You will have the opportunity to enhance your skills in drama lessons with devising and acting tasks. You will learn to compose and you will listen to and discuss a variety of musical styles. There are opportunities to learn a new instrument, to sing in the school choir and to take part in our school show.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Physical Education in Bryntirion will transition from a game and activity centred approach to a more skills-based learning environment. Pupils will develop holistically to create healthy and confident individuals, providing positive and lifelong learning experiences, helping shape the health and wellbeing of an individual for life!. Physical Education impacts the learner long after they leave school. In partnership with the Active Young People Department (BCBC), there are opportunities for pupils to follow a Leadership Pathway to become Young Sports Leaders and go on to follow a Young Ambassador Program.



RELIGION, VALUES & ETHICS (RVE)

This is an exciting and relevant subject where you will investigate the World's faiths, cultures and how we integrate and work with people of different faiths. This is a life-long learning process.

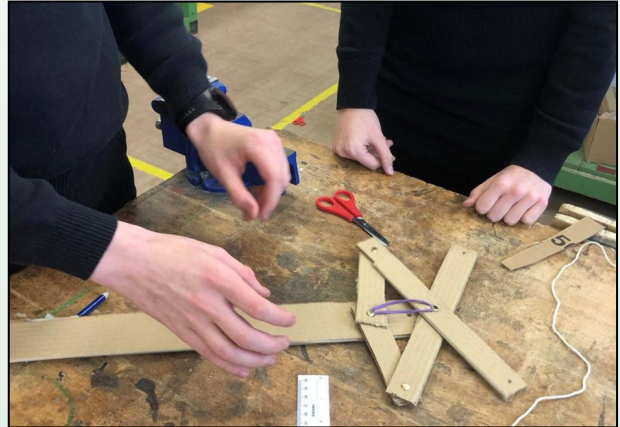
HEALTH & WELLBEING

This subject provides an opportunity to discuss personal and social experiences from healthy relationships to healthy lifestyle choices.

SUBJECTS

TECHNOLOGY

In Year 7, you will be learning lots of new skills and technical language and developing your understanding of designing and making and in Year 8, you will use that knowledge to be more independent, develop critical thinking and problem solving skills. Projects have links with the environment and healthy living.



SCIENCE

The importance of science in our modern world cannot be overstated. Developments in these areas have always been drivers of change in society, underpinning innovation and impacting on everyone's lives economically, culturally and environmentally. As such, science will be increasingly relevant in the opportunities young people encounter and the life choices that they make. Pupils will learn how to enquire, investigate and develop an understanding of key scientific concepts throughout their time at Bryntirion"



WELSH - Croeso!

Year 7 will study the Welsh language including its history and literature. Learners will engage with languages and literature in order to help them develop, not only their own sense of identity, but also an understanding of their own culture and communities. Pupils should gain confidence using their language skills through a variety of reading, writing and oracy tasks. Pupils will have the opportunity to engage in educational visits to Llangrannog in Years 7 and 8 and perform in the School Eisteddfod. At Bryntirion, pupils should enjoy speaking Welsh and celebrate the many opportunities that the Welsh department has to offer. Joiwch!



SPORTS & GAMES

There are a number of sports available at Bryntirion Comprehensive School. During the Winter, rugby and football are the main sports for boys and netball and hockey are the main sports for girls. Matches are played against other schools. During the Summer, athletics and tennis are enjoyed by both boys and girls. Bryntirion also has its own swimming pool which is in regular use.



TEACHING STAFF



Mr Pawar
Headteacher



Mr Beard
Deputy
Headteacher



Mr Allinson
Assistant
Headteacher



Mr Williams
Assistant
Headteacher



Mr Vaughan
Assistant
Headteacher



Mrs Hawkes
Assistant
Headteacher



Mrs Poole
Head of
Year 7



Mr Walters
Head of
Year 8



Miss Simpson
Head of
Year 9



Mrs Walker
Head of
Year 10



Ms Herbert
Head of
Year 11



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Form



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Arts



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Mr Shell
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Miss Stewart
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Miss Thomas
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Mr Thomas
PE



Mrs Thomas
Mathematics



Mrs Turner
PE



Ms Wear
Mathematics



Mrs Williams
Welsh



Miss Williams
RE



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PE



Mrs Withers
English



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WELSH TRIP TO
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