



BRYNTIRION BOOK WEEK: W/C 10th February 2025

Dear Parent / Guardian,

Reading has been identified as the “single biggest indicator of a child’s future success” (World Book Day, 2024): it sparks our creative voices, transports us to far-off lands and teaches us to empathise with others.

Following the success of last year’s programme, we are delighted, once again, to launch ‘Bryntirion Book Week’. This week is an opportunity for us to celebrate all-things reading. This year, we have decided to focus particular attention on how reading, writing and speaking can lead to a range of career opportunities, as well as how stories can be brought to life through poetry and performance.

‘Bryntirion Book Week’, held between 10th-14th February, is a whole-school celebration of reading for pleasure, with a jam-packed calendar of events including:

- Readathon for year 7 and 8 pupils;
- ‘World Book Day’ voucher distribution and book give-away;
- Scholastic Book Fair;
- Author visit and career talk from local author Paul Leyshon;
- Author visit and creative writing workshops from local author Jess Webb;
- Poet visit and poetry writing workshop from Young People’s Laureate Martin Daws;
- Poet visit and lecture from Welsh poet and author Tony Curtis;
- Pupil and staff ‘Book Swap’;
- Book-themed assemblies and extra curricular activities;
- ‘Drop Everything and Read’ event;
- Library registration and BorrowBox information.

We hope that your child will enjoy taking part in these events, and we appreciate your support in continuing to encourage reading for pleasure at home. During the course of ‘Bryntirion Book Week’, pupils will have opportunities to share their favourite stories, and also to renew their reading materials by swapping and exchanging books with others. The English Department are always willing to loan books to students, too: please remind your child to let their English teacher know if they would like to borrow a book!

Yours faithfully,

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Literacy Co-Ordinator

