



Ysgol Gyfun Bryntirion | 
Bryntirion Comprehensive

NEWSLETTER

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What's happened...

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Social Action Week

Our Year 8 pupils have been busy working with representatives of their form class charities to plan and organise a wide range of social action activities as part of their First Give Programme. Pupils researched social issues in our community and then identified locally based Charities who support the issue. We are working with 8 charities this year; Marie Curie Cymru, Noah's Ark, Ty Hapus, MS Society, Show Racism the Red Card, Platform Bridgend, Calan DVS and Ty Hafan. Activities have been used to raise important awareness of the charities and also to fundraise, with a wide range of school based events as seen in the photographs below! Pupils will be presenting their work in front of a panel of judges in our First Give School Final where one form class will win an additional £1,000 for their form class charity. A big well done to all our Year 8 pupils who have been brilliant throughout this programme.



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Year 9 First Give News

The Victory for Velindre Skills Challenge at Bryntirion runs annually and we have now raised over £4,000 for Velindre fundraising in this year alone. The project is getting bigger every year with many schools across Wales taking part, it aligns with the new Curriculum for Wales and develops all of the integral skills, preparing learners for their futures. We are very proud to continue to support this brilliant local charity.



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Year 7 Rugby Tour to Italy

Year 7 pupils enjoyed a rugby tour in Italy where they experienced competitive games abroad representing the school under the supervision of Mr Thomas and Mr Crabbe. It was a very successful trip where pupils were a credit to the school and really enjoyed themselves.



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Sport

Year 7-10 pupils pictured below who recently competed in athletics, tennis and cricket fixtures. All pupils showed great team spirit and sporting determination.



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Geography Field Trip

As part of the GCSE Geography course, Year 9 pupils got a first hand experience of river environments at their best. On Friday 14th June, pupils who missed the residential fieldwork trip to Dorset earlier in the year, spent 3 days in the Neath Valley gorge walking. During this exhilarating experience they were taught about the formation of the area, from the role of plate tectonics, to the influence of climate change and erosional river processes. It was a memorable experience for all involved.



Geography Fieldwork

Year 10 Geographers collecting data for their NEA in Cardiff Bay.



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History Educational Visit

Students of Year 9 took part in an important and hugely rewarding visit to the First World War battlefields of Belgium and France. Guided by experts, they entered real trench systems, explored war grave cemeteries and came face to face with real weapons and ammunition. The group participated in the Last Post ceremony at Menin Gate and laid wreaths at numerous other sites. They each returned home with a deep understanding of this conflict, its impact and the importance of commemoration.



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New Head Boy & Head Girl

Introducing our new Head Boy James Waite and Head Girl Lauren Howe. The deputy's include Hannah Twamley and Rhys Anthony. The Senior Prefects are Chloe Coupland, Gracie Beynon, Rebekah French, Morgan Jones and Zach Westlake. A fantastic team, congratulations everyone.



IrvinGQ

A STEM initiative saw female pupils from Bryntirion visit IrvinGQ and look into how parachutes are made and at their world leading aerial manufacturing.



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Performing Arts

Performing arts club has been going strength to strength with more pupils joining every week! It is an inclusive and welcoming club for students who share a love for drama, music, and dance. Performing arts club provides a creative outlet for self-expression, personal development, and lasting friendships. The club allows pupils to showcase their talents through varied performances. Performing arts club is led by staff and our incredibly kind, professional and diligent sixth form Cast Captains.



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Hay Festival Trip for Year 7-9

Our pupils recently spent an exciting day in Hay-on-Wye at the Hay Festival. From exploring the second-hand bookshops to attending talks from renowned authors such as Anthony Horowitz and Ashley Hickson-Lovence, the students thoroughly enjoyed everything the festival had to offer. Students demonstrated exemplary behaviour throughout the day, making us incredibly proud of our Bryntirion cohort!



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Pen Pal Club

Pen Pal Club recently received their next set of letters from the elderly residents of Morgana Court and Lodge. Pupils were fascinated by the insights into school life in the 1970s and thoroughly enjoyed learning about discontinued chocolate bars!



Techniquet Trip

Thirty Year 8 pupils had the fantastic opportunity to enjoy 100 hands-on exhibits at Techniquet and take a journey through the Universe in the Planetarium to identify stars, planets and constellations that can be seen from Earth, then venture beyond the Milky Way.



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My Health Challenge Part 1

Year 7 have made an enthusiastic start to the Health challenge! Thank you to the Science, Maths, Performing Arts and PE departments for the main inputs. We look forward to building on their progress with inputs from art and English next week as well as analysing their market research in Maths.



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Year 7 My Health Challenge Part 2

A massive thank you to all staff involved in delivering the curriculum input, form tutors and judges for all of your input to the 'My Health' challenge. It was fab to see what they had produced and experienced over the last month. Photos include the last few days leading up to and the finale itself! Diolch yn fawr!



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Year 8 Community Street Art Project

As part of the Community Street Art Project, Year 8 pupils were commissioned to help bring the "Bryntirion Big Bocs" to life. Throughout the project, our pupils conducted research to generate ideas and create their own designs centred around the concept of the "Bryntirion Big Bocs." They explored its significance to our school and the surrounding community, ensuring that their artistic contributions were both relevant and impactful. Each pupil had the chance to bring their designs to life through spray painting, adding vibrant and imaginative artwork to the "Big Bocs." Their efforts have not only enhanced the visual appeal of this fantastic resource but will also help to raise awareness and attract attention to its importance within our community. We are incredibly proud of our Year 8 pupils and Criw Celf for their hard work, creativity and dedication. Their contributions will have a lasting impact and we look forward to adding further designs to complete the project.



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Year 8 Seren Visit to Cardiff University

Year 8 Seren pupils had a fantastic day at Cardiff University exploring workshops in Engineering, Computer Science, Maths and Architecture.



Destinations Week

Destinations week for our Sixth Form was filled with mock interviews for our future Medics, Vets and Dentists! Thanks to all those that have been committed to the programme and making the most of all the knowledge and support on offer!



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First Give Final

Each Year 8 form class has selected a locally based charity to support throughout this year and made presentations on their social action work to a panel of judges, including local councillors. The standard of presentations was excellent. Congratulations to pupils in 8T who have won the £1,000 grant for MS Society. A huge well done to every pupil who presented and to our Year 8 form tutors for supporting them through the programme.



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Eisteddfod 2024

Eisteddfod Ysgol Gyfun Bryntirion was a wonderful day led by our incredible sixth form. It was a day of cultural celebration and the arts, infused with a strong Welsh ethos and a resounding sense of Welsh pride. Throughout the day, the school community came together to sing "Calon Lân" and "Hen Wlad Fy Nhadau," fostering a spirit of national pride. This year, we introduced a new competition, Y Seremoni Gadeirio, where pupils competed for the Bard's Chair in the poetry competition on the topic 'Cymru.' The challenge was to write poems that seamlessly blended Cymraeg and English, and our pupils rose to the occasion with enthusiasm, making this the competition with the most entries. Llongyfarchiadau mawr to Jasmine Scott-Reynolds, who took first place and earned 50 points for her house, Llewelyn. The Eisteddfod was enjoyed by all, with an electric atmosphere fuelled by our pupils' enthusiasm. It was a triumphant day full of inclusivity, hwyl, and talent, thanks to our sixth form and all involved. Another llongyfarchiadau mawr to Tudor and Glyndŵr, who for the first time shared the winning trophy in Ysgol Gyfun Bryntirion's first-ever draw! Diolch o galon i bawb.



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Eisteddfod 2024

More images from the Eisteddfod.



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Biathlon Event

Bryntirion's first ever annual Biathlon event was a huge success with pupils swimming and running. There was an excellent turn out despite the forecasted weather warning with every pupil gaining a house points for the Eisteddfod. A big well done to all those involved, especially to the Y12 who helped organise it!



Sports Day

The sun was shining for Bryntirion's Sports Day Event with a wide variety of track & field events on show. There were a number of outstanding performances on the day and records broken. The organisation by the PE Department was first class to make sure things ran smoothly supported by the Math's Department to collate the overall scores. Congratulations to Tudor House who were crowned the champions of this year's Sports Day! Well done to everyone who participated and supported, a huge success!



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Sports Day

More images from Sports Day!

