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Bryntirion Comprehensive

NEWSLETTER

EDITION 1

Cylchlythyr Rhifyn 1



What's happened...

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Year 12 Geography Fieldwork

Year 12 Geographers visited West Wales 25th -27th October, to carry out 2 fieldwork investigations in preparation for their AS exams this coming summer. It was a very busy and productive 3 days, with lots of data collected in Saundersfoot Bay and St David's city. Pupils worked into the evening analysing and presenting their findings from the day. During the 3 days away, they also enjoyed a sessions of paddle boarding and kayaking on Llys Y Fran reservoir and a morning of Coasteering at the Blue Lagoon in Abereddy.



Year 10 Army Day

On Wednesday 15th November representatives from the army joined the school to deliver an assembly to Years 10 -12 about careers pathways available to them. One hundred Year 10 pupils were then involved in group activities aimed at improving individual confidence, problem solving and team working skills. The army hopes to return next year to allow others to take part in the activities as it was such a success.



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Santa Appeal - THANK YOU!

During December there were lots of donations and support encouraging pupils to donate to the Santa Appeal. The response was fantastic, as was the quality of the donations. These have made a big difference to children and young people in our local area at Christmas.



School sporting images below from the boys football and rugby teams, also the girls U18 hockey.



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December - Celestial Excitement at Bryntirion - Moon Rocks and Asteroids Amaze Over 900 Students!

In a stellar educational feat, our resident luna deity Mr L. James has orchestrated an unforgettable experience for Bryntirion students from Key Stages 3, 4, and KS5 physics. Over 900 pupils viewed the samples over two weeks, which surpassed the initial goal of 200, getting an exclusive chance to witness moon rocks and asteroids up close.

This two-week event, powered by Mr James's passion for astrophysics, featured interactive sessions exploring the geological significance of these extraterrestrial samples. What began as a project for specific key stages quickly became an all-encompassing school-wide phenomenon, with various year groups participating and even integrating the experience into their curriculum.

Faculty members enthusiastically joined the celestial journey, expanding their own knowledge alongside the students. Mr James extends his gratitude to the collaborative effort that made this event a resounding success, emphasizing the impact of experiential learning in igniting curiosity.

Beyond the Science classroom, joint lessons unfolded as Geography teacher K. Lewis and Art teacher R. Spratt collaborated to use the moon rocks and asteroids directly as resources. Students had the unique opportunity to explore the geographical context of celestial bodies with Ms Lewis and express their newfound knowledge through artistic interpretations with Mr Spratt.

The overwhelming response underscores the effectiveness of innovative teaching methods and the dedication of educators at Bryntirion. This celestial showcase not only brought moon rocks and asteroids to us but also ignited a passion for science, bringing the wonders of the universe directly into the hearts and minds of our students and staff.



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Sporting Honours

Pupils Dan Simmonds & Ioan Phillips pictured playing for the Welsh schools Football team against Australia, a great honour and experience for the pupils! Also Year 13 pupil Ryu Roberts-Hayamizu recently competed at the Next Generation Apeldoorn in the Netherlands in cycling. Ryu placed top 10 in the bunch races in an international field.



Bridgend Schools U16 Rugby win Dewar Shield Final!

Bryntirion supported our pupils and Bridgend district by taking 100 pupils to the Principality Stadium on Wednesday 6th December. A great afternoon was had by all as they watched the team lift the famous Dewar Shield for the first time in 33 years! A fantastic achievement from all involved. Well done to Coach, Lewis Crabbe and students, Tomos Thatcher Wynne - Captain, Ioan Phillips & Ethan Griffiths (squad members).



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Year 12 Health & Social Care Students Christmas Party

Year 12 Health and Social Care students organised a fantastic party for Cefn Glas Infants in December, a great success and experience for all involved.



Literacy Update

The Year 7 and Year 8 pupils have made excellent progress over a short space of time. Year 7 in particular have had great success with some pupils gaining up to two years on their reading ages. To celebrate the success of Literacy Intervention this term, pupils were invited to a prize ceremony where the pupils who made the most progress were rewarded with vouchers and certificates. The next skills focus to be introduced in the new year will be focused on reading and 'Bryntirion Readers'.

Year 8 Intervention

In December 2023, students have read...

139 Books
563,794 Words
for **68 minutes/day!**
(individual student average)

Accelerated Reader

Year 7 Intervention

In December 2023, students have read...

168 Books
158,624 Words
for **63 minutes/day!**
(individual student average)

Accelerated Reader



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Carol Service Nolton Church

A packed Nolton Church held Bryntirion's Annual Carol Service in December. It was a fantastic evening with lovely readings and singing. A huge thanks to all involved, especially the Performing Arts department.



Merit Assemblies

At the end of each half term, pupils are rewarded for their good work and effort in the merit assemblies. These are the top merit pupils in Year 10, da iawn pawb!



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Year 10 Seren Welcome Meeting

Year 10 Seren pupils attended a Welcome Meeting at 'The STEAM Academy' on the Pencoed Campus. Throughout the day they attended workshops on study-skills and university experiences. A big 'thanks' to J. Walker & D. Bowser for supporting the pupils throughout the day.



Performing Arts

Bryntirion's first ever 'Bryntirion PA alumni event' was a resounding success, with the Sixth Form organising lots of refreshments, activities and fun for some of our much missed alumni pupils.



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Big Bocs Bryntirion

Big Bocs Bryntirion has arrived and is already being used to develop community links with initiatives including a foodbank and uniform swap shop. The Bocs has been opened during school events such as parents' evenings and open days to support families.



Big Bocs
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Transition Tuesdays

Transition Tuesday has been launched where all students in Year 11 have been introduced to Careers and Destinations via a series of workshops in form time. Bryntirion Alumni members have been invited to school from a variety of industry to take part in the workshops and offer their skills, expertise, and experiences. Activities have included CV writing skills and mock interviews, supported by our Careers Wales Advisor.

First Give Programme

First Give has been introduced in Year 8 during form time. The First Give Programme inspires and empowers young people to take action to make a positive change in society. The main purpose of the Programme is to support our learners with the development of skills integral to the four purposes in Curriculum for Wales. Each form class selects a social issue and then works alongside a locally based charity to plan and organise social action. The Programme culminates in each form class presenting to a judging panel at the First Give School Final, which takes place in the summer term. At the school final, the winning form class is presented with a £1,000 grant for their class charity, this year this was Bridgend Food Bank.



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Sixth Form Destinations Week

Our Year 12 students took part in our Future Destinations Week, exploring a wide range of options for progression into higher education, apprenticeship programmes and employment. Students attended a series of workshops, mock interviews and talks provided by external speakers and members of Bryntirion Alumni. Our Careers Wales Business Engagement Advisor provided a large number of employers who supported the activities. All our Year 12 students visited the University of South Wales Treforest Campus, taking part in a series of lectures linking to the Advanced Skills Baccalaureate Wales Global Community Project.



Welsh Blood Service

Bryntirion has formed an excellent link with the Welsh Blood Service. For several years the blood donation truck has visited our school site with Sixth Form students and staff donating. This year we look forward to the truck coming back to Bryntirion again. We have strengthened our link further through the Victory for Velindre Challenge, with our winning Dragons' Den team visiting the organisation's headquarters on an experience day to witness at first hand the running of the service.



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History trip to London

History students of Years 11 and 12 took part in an overnight visit to London. A walking tour of Whitechapel added to their studies of Crime and Punishment through time, while the Imperial War Museum and HMS Belfast brought to life aspects of their world war studies.



Llangrannog Trip

On the 24th of January, Year 7 and 8 pupils embarked on a three-day excursion to Gwersyll yr Urdd Llangrannog, immersing themselves in a variety of engaging activities offered at the residential centre. The trip proved to be a delightful and enriching experience. The trip aimed to expose pupils to authentic Welsh language usage outside the classroom and provide real-life interactions with Welsh speakers.



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Former Wales Rugby Captain, Sam Warburton, supports Bryntirion Comprehensive School to light the way for pupils' futures

Careers and work-related experiences (CWRE) shape the curriculum at Bryntirion Comprehensive School, offering pupils a wide range of authentic learning experiences that focus on the development of cross curricular skills – one careers project, in particular, has been supported by former British and Irish Lions and Wales Captain, Sam Warburton. The school's CWRE project, Victory for Velindre Challenge, supported by the WJEC and Velindre Cancer Centre, Cardiff, challenged Year 9 pupils to develop a new product or service to assist the Velindre Cancer Charity.



Wear Red for Wales and Velindre

On Friday 9th February Students and staff are invited to wear an item of red and non-uniform to support the Velindre charity. Students and staff are asked to make a voluntary contribution to this good cause.



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Extra-Curricular Activities

History Club

History Club will run every Tuesday, 3:00-4:00pm. During the Autumn Term, pupils will be split into two groups:

- KS4/5 will be continuing to work towards achieving The Olympus Challenge with Mr Shell in A2.
- KS3 will be starting a Welsh History project that will be entered into the Welsh Heritage Schools Initiative competition with Miss Rowe and Mrs Elliott in A5.

Science Clubs

Eco Club - Tuesday afterschool - 3.15 - 4pm

Science Club - Wednesday - 3 - 4 pm

DT Clubs

Y10 & 11 Textiles catch-up session Tuesday 3.00 - 4pm with Mrs Griffiths in C3

Y11 Product Design Workshop - Tuesday 3.00 - 3.40pm in C4

Y11 Engineering Workshop - Thursday 3.00 - 3.40pm in C4

Y7 Board Game Club in C4 on Mondays Week B ONLY From 22/01/24

Performing Arts Clubs

Monday - Lunch - Dynion in D17

Tuesday - Lunch - Orchestra in drama studio

Tuesday - After school - KS3 drama club in drama studio

Wednesday - Lunch - Brass ensemble in d17

Wednesday - After school - Performing arts club in drama studio

Thursday - Lunch - Arias in d17

Thursday - After school - choir in drama studio

Friday - Lunch - keyboard club in d17

Friday - After school - Year 12 pantomime rehearsals

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Instrument lessons

Monday - Singing, Guitar and Drums

Wednesday - Brass and lower strings

Thursday - Singing

Friday - Woodwind and upper strings

Pen Pal Club - Year 7

Tuesday lunchtime with Miss Ward in M1

Criw Celf / Art

Criw Celf every Wednesday 3-4pm in D8

GCSE workshops and catch-up sessions are every Tuesday and Thursday 3-4pm in D8.

Criw Cymreig - Monday 3 - 4pm in D1

Sports Extra-Curricular for the Spring Term

Monday

- Year 9 Rugby - after school

Tuesday

- Hockey - all year groups - after school
- Year 7 Netball - after school

Wednesday

- Girls Football for all year groups -after school
- Year 8 Football - after school
- Year 9 Football - after school
- Years 10 & 11 Netball - after school

Thursday

- Year 7 Football - after school
- Year 8 Rugby - after school
- Years 8 & 9 Netball - afterschool
- Year 10 Football - after school
- GCSE PE Swimming - after school

Friday

- Year 7 Rugby - after school

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