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Bryntirion Comprehensive

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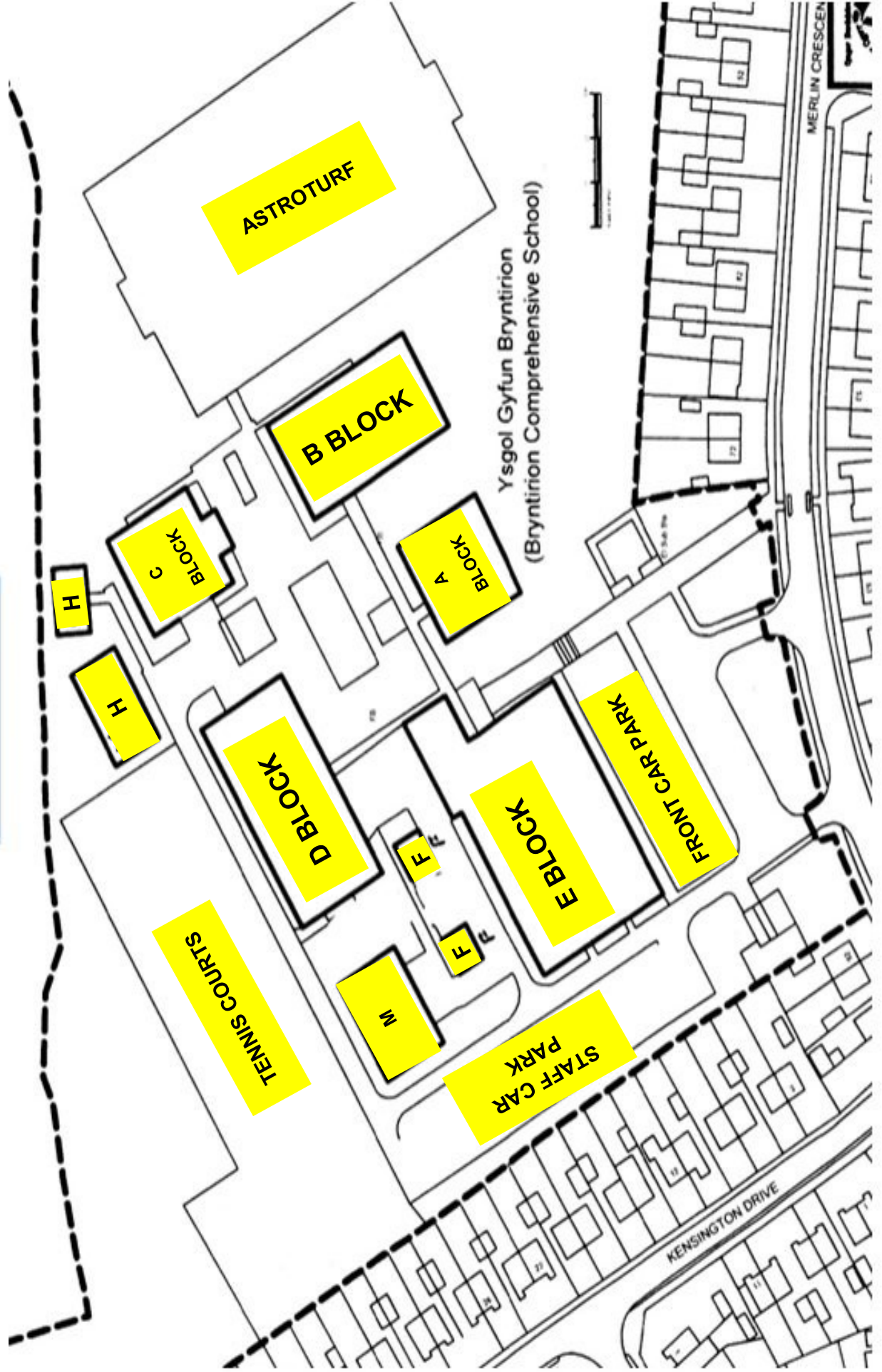
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2023



Bryntirion Comprehensive School

A Sense of Place



HEADTEACHER - MR PAWAR

I am delighted that you have joined us this evening to view the school and meet the staff at Bryntirion Comprehensive School.

I hope this booklet helps you find your way around to view the various departments and gives you an idea of the activities that your child could enjoy at the school.

There will be a welcome and introduction meeting in the Senior Hall with myself at 5.00pm, repeated at 6.00pm.

Bryntirion is a popular, successful and happy school where all young people have outstanding opportunities and experiences. We value everyone equally, and make it our mission to develop the skills and talents that all pupils undoubtedly have.

An application for a Year 7 place must be submitted by a parent/guardian via the Local Education Authority. There is no automatic admission to any secondary school, regardless of the primary or junior school that a child currently attends.

The Local Education Authority (LEA) will open the online secondary school application site for pupils transferring from junior/primary school (Year 6) to secondary school (Year 7) in September 2024 as follows:



APPLYING FOR A SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACE SEPTEMBER 2024

Bridgend County Borough Council will send the parents of each child, who is in Year 6 September 2023, information for applying online for secondary education for 2024. Timetable for Year 7 secondary school admissions for September 2024:

The expected timetable for children born between 1 September 2012 and 31 August 2013, transferring from junior/primary school (Year 6) to secondary school (Year 7) in September 2024 is as follows:

Action	Date
Opening date for submission of applications	10am - Monday, 16 October 2023
Closing date for receipt of applications by the local authority	4pm - Friday, 19 January 2024
Notification to applications of offer or refusal of places (the 'offer date')	Friday, 1 March 2024
Closing date for parents/carers to submit an appeal	4pm - Friday 29 March 2024

If you fail to submit an online application your child will not be allocated to a secondary school for September 2024.

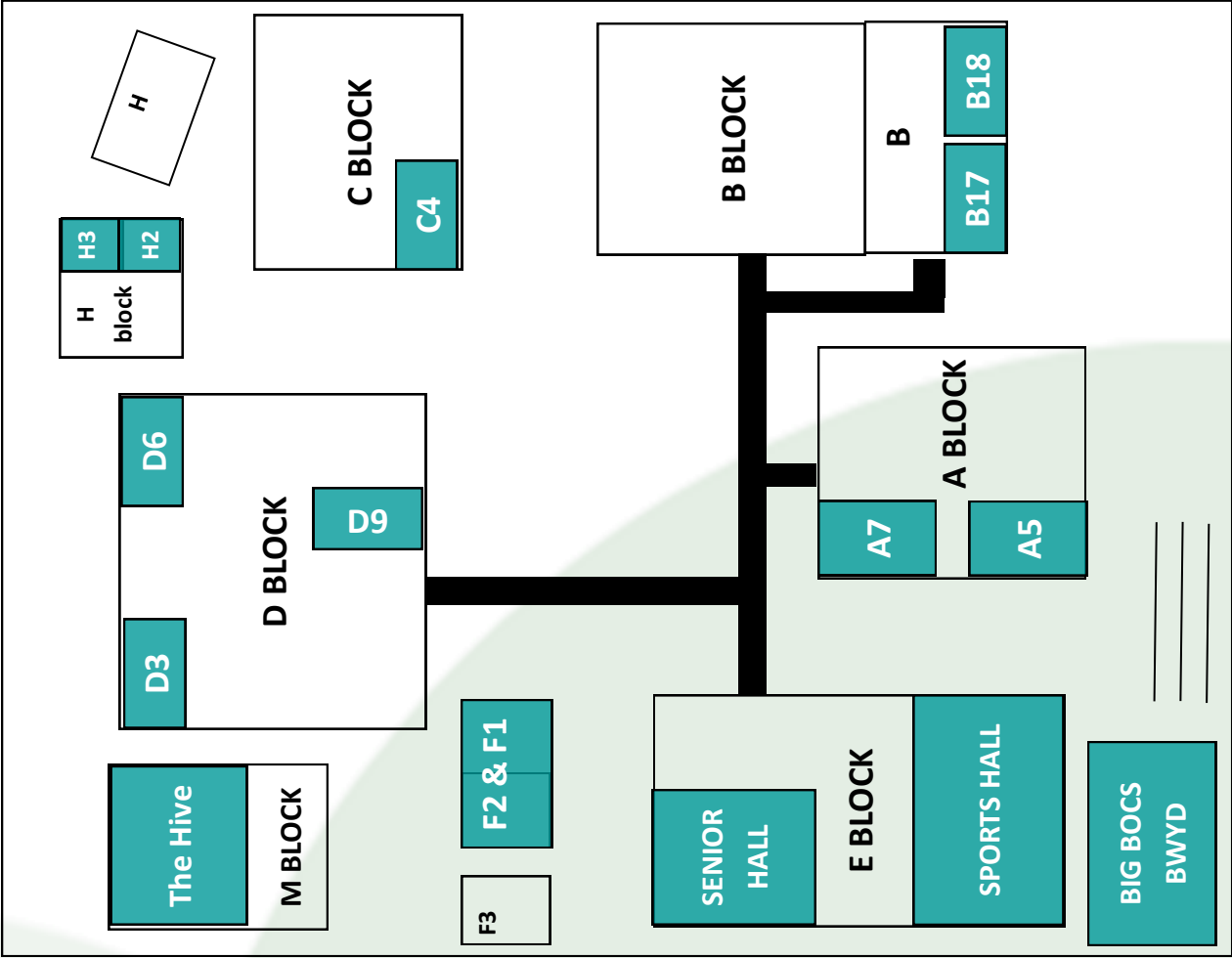
The quality of our relationships with parents and pupils is important to us, and we look forward to welcoming you and your child September 2024/September 2025.

SCHOOL MAP - GROUND FLOOR

ROOMS TO VISIT AND TICK AS YOU GO!

BLOCK	ROOM NUMBER	DEPARTMENT	VISITED
A	A5	HISTORY	
A	A7	GEOGRAPHY	
B	B17 & B18	SCIENCE	
C	C4	DESIGN TECHNOLOGY	
D	D3	WELSH	
D	D6	FOOD TECHNOLOGY	
D	D9	ART	
E	SPORTS HALL	PHYSICAL EDUCATION	
F	F1 & F2	RELIGION, VALUES AND ETHICS	
H	H2 & H3	ENGLISH	
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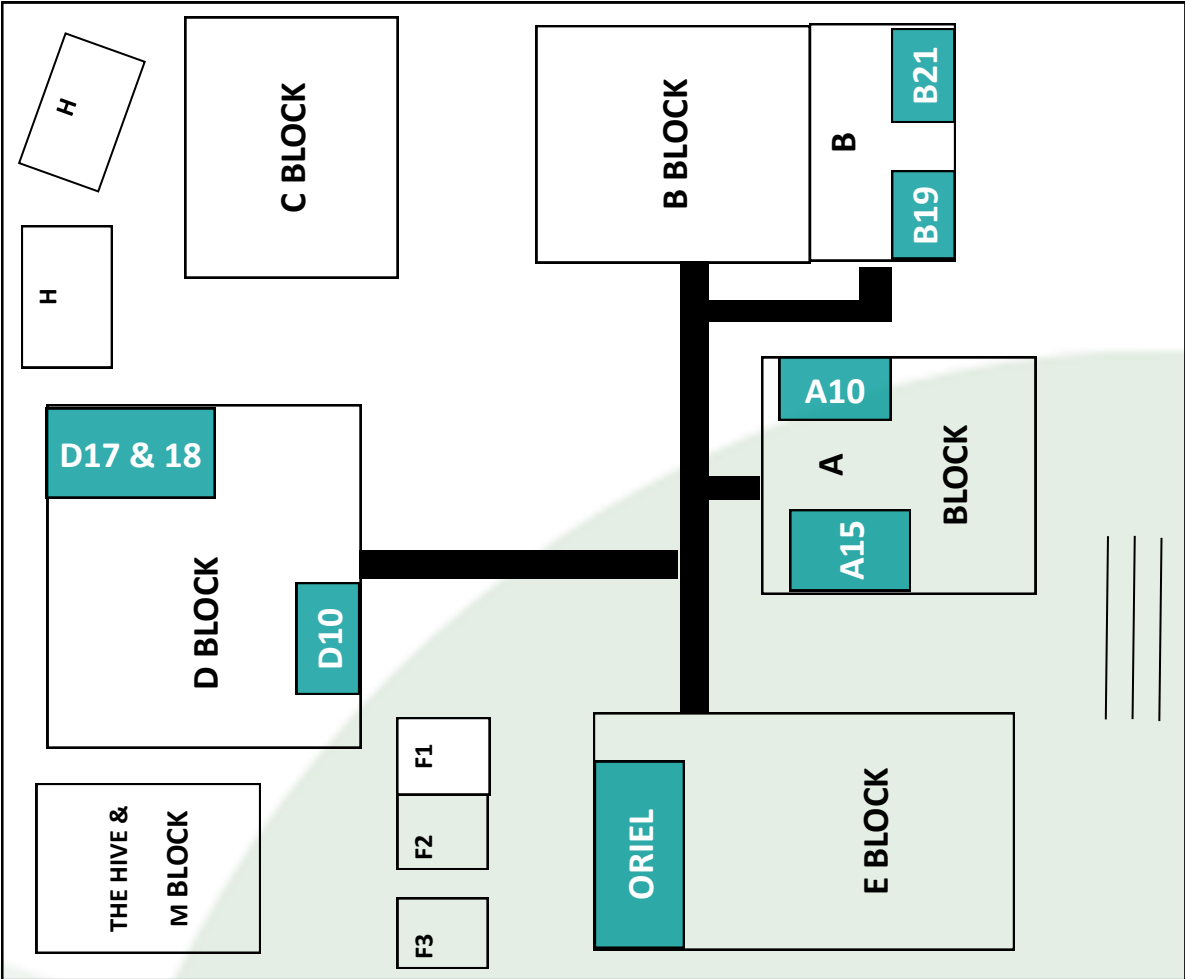
VISIT BIG BOCS BWYD - PRE-LOVED UNIFORM - CAN BE FOUND NEAR THE ENTRANCE STEPS TO THE SCHOOL



SCHOOL MAP - FIRST FLOOR

ROOMS TO VISIT AND TICK AS YOU GO!

BLOCK	ROOM NUMBER	DEPARTMENT	VISITED
A	A10	HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE	
A	A15	I.C.T.	
B	B19	BUSINESS	
B	B21	MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES	
D	D10	MATHEMATICS	
D	D17 & D18	EXPRESSIVE ARTS	
E	ORIEL	SIXTH FORM STUDY CENTRE	



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

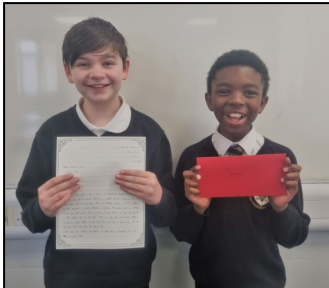
Our curriculum is structured to ensure that all pupils make progress in their learning as they move through the school, informed by the national Principles of Progression. To support pupils' progress and monitor the effectiveness of our curriculum, we adopt a number of assessment practices. Ongoing '**formative**' 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.

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.



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)

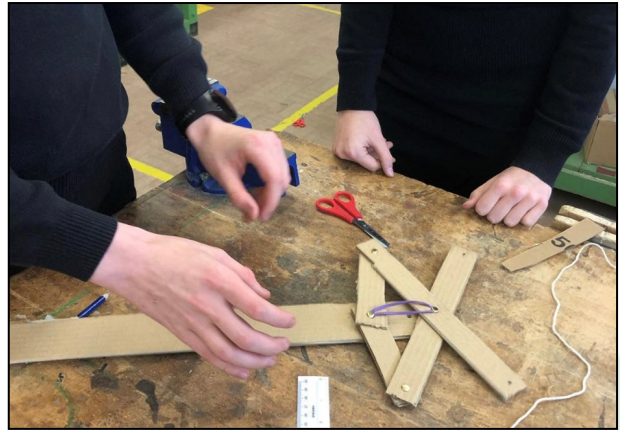
This is an exciting and relevant subject where you will investigate the World's faiths, cultures and how we integrate and work with people of different faiths. This is a life-long learning process.

HEALTH & WELLBEING

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

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.



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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	Plain black tailored trousers. Leggings, jeans or skin tight trousers are not permitted. 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. Skirts should not be too tight or short. The skirt should be approximately knee length. Skirts should always be worn with black opaque tights.	Anywhere
Black school jumper or cardigan with school logo	Years 7-11 - Black with school logo. Years 12 & 13 - Black with sixth form school logo.	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
<u>Sixth Form</u>		
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

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

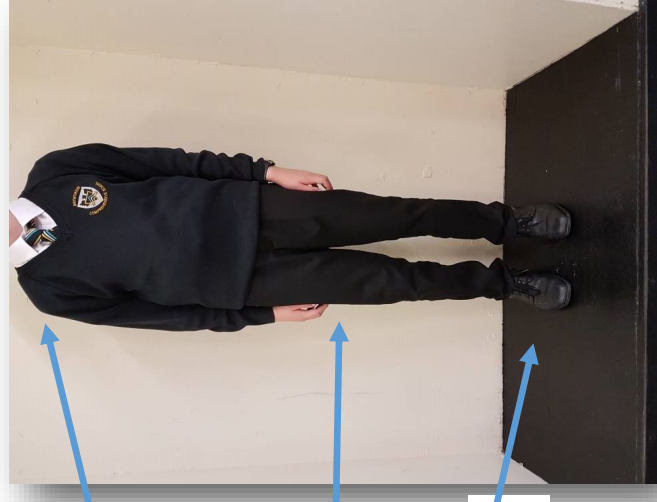
It is strongly recommended that mobile phones be left at home. The school cannot accept responsibility for the loss or damage to such equipment.

- 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.

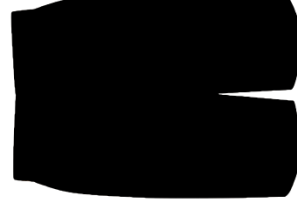
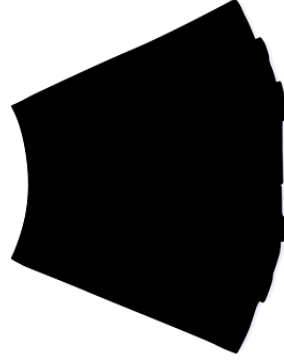


White shirt, school tie and jumper, with tie done up neatly.

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

Black, low heeled, polishable shoes.

Suitable examples of shorts and skirts



BIG BOCS BWYD

Bryntirion Comprehensive School has a range of pre-loved school uniform available in our Big Bocs Bwyd, located next to the school car park. There is no charge for uniform items, although any voluntary donations will be re-invested into the scheme so that we can continue to offer support to our school community. The Bocs is open this evening for you to browse our selection of uniform items, including shirts, jumpers, PE kits and a limited range of coats. We hope to offer this service at regular intervals throughout the school term. Any donations of good quality pre-loved uniform is always welcome, and this can be left at Reception at any time during school hours.



SCHOOL MEALS

DINNER LADIES

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

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.

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 parents/guardians will be invited to join. Alternatively, you can bring your own packed lunch. This can be eaten outside or in the canteen.

EDUCATIONAL VISITS & EVENTS



**BEAUTY
AND
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WELSH TRIP TO
URDD CAMP
LLANGRANNOG
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