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A WORD FROM THE HEADMASTER

Here we are again at the beginning of the final term of the school year - doesn't time fly!

There is a busy season of exams and assessments ahead - further details can be found in the bulletin.

If you would like to discuss any matter then do not hesitate to pick up the phone (01758) 730220 or email:

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Thank you,

Dylan Minnice

SOME IMPORTANT DATES

Here are some important dates for your diaries:

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| 18-19 April | GCSE Welsh Literature Oral Examination Yr 11 (Final)* |
| 16 & 23 April | GCSE Welsh Second Language Oral Examinations Yr 10/11 (Final)* |
| 30 April | Year 10 Parents' Meeting |
| 6 May | May Day Bank Holiday - No School |
| 7 May - 26 Mehefin | Final External Examinations Yr 10 and 11 * |
| 14 May | Year 9 Parents' meeting—Yr 10 Options |
| 25 May - 2 June | Half Term Holidays |
| 11 June | School Sports Day (to be confirmed) |
| 18 June - 5 July | Year 7, 8, 9 Examinations |
| 18 July | Last day of Term for pupils |
| 19 July | Training Day—No school for pupils |
| 22 August | GCSE Results |
| 4 September | School reopens for pupils |

*Final means that the assessment/exam mark counts towards the final GCSE grade.

Further information about exams on pages 2 and 3 of this bulletin.

THURSDAY, JULY 18 WILL BE THE LAST DAY OF THE SUMMER TERM FOR PUPILS

INTERIM REPORTS YEARS 7 – 11

You should have received your son's / daughter's Interim Report before Easter. The main focus is on pupils effort and progress in lessons. The vast majority of pupils work conscientiously in all subjects. A few pupils have had a grade 'C' or 'D' for lack of effort in some subjects. Staff will be monitoring such lack of effort. As parents I hope you will support us and encourage your son/daughter to work harder and get a better grade for effort in the end of year Summer Report. Please contact the school if you wish to discuss the report.

ATTENDANCE

Good attendance remains a priority at the School. Attendance for the majority of pupils in the school continues to be good. **Thank you so much for your support once again this year.**

But the constant absence of some pupils is troubling to us as it has an impact on the pupil's academic success and social development.

90% attendance sounds good, but over 5 years of school this would result in a pupil missing almost 500 lessons. High attendance is required to take full advantage of the education offered in school and to develop social skills.

We sympathise with pupils who are ill, but some pupils miss school for unacceptable reasons.

If your child's attendance is becoming concerning, you may get a call from Mrs Carys Hughes, our Attendance and Wellbeing Officer, to discuss the way forward. Please also feel free to get in touch if you would like to arrange a chat with Mrs Hughes.

“Every pupil counts—Every day counts”

EXAMINATIONS

YEAR 11

It is an extremely busy time of the year for pupils in Year 11. Pupils must be in school **every day**. The work for each syllabus must be completed in all subjects, coursework completed and proper / thorough revision undertaken.

We will be adapting the timetable in order to arrange some revision periods before some exams.

Year 11 pupils are expected to be in school all day, every day until half-term. Teachers will be revising with the pupils. Pupils must bring their revision work with them to school to benefit fully from the intense study periods.

It is a stressful time for Year 11 pupils and the staff aim to help and encourage the pupils to reach their full potential.

Should your son / daughter face difficulties with school work or revision during this important period, please contact the school.

Best wishes and good luck to all in Year 11 at this key time.

To succeed in the Summer pupils must prepare and work hard **“Fail to prepare, prepare to fail”** remains a popular mantra in Botwnnog at this time of year.

We look forward to seeing happy faces on results day - **THURSDAY, AUGUST 22nd**.

Individual timetables have been shared with year 11 this week and you should also have received a personal copy via email.

EXTERNAL EXAMINATIONS - YEAR 10

Three external GCSE Science exams will be sat by all year 10 pupils during June. **This will be the only opportunity for pupils to sit these exams and they count 45% towards the final GCSE grade.**

There are also external exams, which count towards the final grades, in units in some other subjects - you have already received your son/daughter's personal timetable. Here is a copy of the complete timetable:

| Dyddiad / Date | | Bore / Morning | Prynhawn / Afternoon |
|--------------------------------------|------------|--|---|
| Lefel Mynediad / Entry Level | | | |
| Maw/Tue | 7 Mai/May | Cymraeg – LEFEL MYNEDIAD <i>Welsh – ENTRY LEVEL</i> | Mathemateg – LEFEL MYNEDIAD <i>Mathematics – ENTRY LEVEL</i> |
| Mer/Wed | 8 Mai/May | Saesneg – LEFEL MYNEDIAD <i>English – ENTRY LEVEL</i> | |
| TGAU a BTEC / GCSE & BTEC | | | |
| Mer/Wed | 15 Mai/May | Hanes - Uned 1C Dirwasgiad, rhyfel ac adferiad <i>History - Unit 1C Depression, war ac recovery</i> | BTEC Cyfryngau Uned 1 <i>BTEC Media Unit 1</i> |
| Iau/Thu | 16 Mai/May | | Astudiaethau Crefyddol - Uned 1A <i>Religious Studies - Unit 1A</i> |
| Llun/Mon | 20 Mai/May | Saesneg Llên – Uned 2 Drama & Rhyddiaith <i>English Literature – Unit 2 Drama & Prose</i> | Iechyd a Gofal Cymdeithasol - Uned 1 <i>Health and Social Care - Unit 1</i> |
| Mer/Wed | 22 Mai/May | Cymraeg Ail Iaith – U3 <i>Welsh 2nd Language – U3</i> | |
| Iau/Thu | 23 Mai/May | | |
| HANNER TYMOR / HALF TERM | | | |
| Llun/Mon | 3 Meh/Jun | | Sbaeneg - Unedau 2 (Gwranddo) a 3 (Darllen) <i>Spanish - Units 2 (Listening) & 3 (Reading)</i> |
| Maw/Tue | 4 Meh/Jun | Cymraeg Ail Iaith – U4 <i>Welsh 2nd Language – U4</i> | Hanes – Uned 2C (Almaen mewn cyfnod o newid) <i>History – Unit 2C (Germany in transition)</i> |
| Iau/Thu | 6 Meh/Jun | | SESIWN WRTH GEFN CONTINGENCY SESSION |
| Gwe/Fri | 7 Meh/Jun | | Cymraeg Llên – Uned 2 (Nofel) <i>Welsh Literature – Unit 2 (Novel)</i> |
| Llun/Mon | 10 Meh/Jun | Biolog 1 <i>Biology 1</i> | Sbaeneg – Uned 4 (Ysgrifennu) <i>Spanish – Unit 4 (Writing)</i> |
| Iau/Thu | 13 Meh/Jun | Cemeg 1 <i>Chemistry 1</i> | SESIWN WRTH GEFN CONTINGENCY SESSION |
| Llun/Mon | 17 Meh/Jun | Ffiseg 1 <i>Physics 1</i> | |

It is essential that the pupils are present for their exams on the following dates:-

INTERNAL EXAMINATIONS - YEARS 7 - 9

YEARS 7 - 9 - The school's end of year examinations for years 7 - 9 will take place at the end of this term: **18 June - 5 July**. It is important to ensure good results in these exams. Departments will use these results along with the rest of the year's marks to decide which sets the pupils are in next term.

Your son/daughter should be starting to revise for these exams during this term.

EQUIPMENT REQUIRED FOR SCHOOL AND EXAMS

It is important that your child has the correct equipment for the exams:

- Black biro (not Gel pens), pencils, ruler, compass, protractor, eraser in a see-through pencil case (available from school for £2)
- Colour pencils, etc for certain subjects.
- Calculator (available from school for £6.50 / £10)

We appreciate your support with this to ensure that your child is fully equipped for the exams.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

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| CRYS CHWYS SWEAT SHIRT | DU Gwddw crwn gyda bathodyn yr ysgol* | BLACK Round neck sweatshirt with school badge* |
| CRYS POLO POLO SHIRT | GWYN NEU DDU Plaen neu gyda logo'r ysgol wedi ei wnïo arno* | WHITE OR BLACK Plain or with school logo embroidered*. |
| TROWSUS TROUSERS | TROWSUS DU PLAEN NID yw denim, cords, gwaelod 'track suit', 'leggings', 'jeggings' na throwsus combat yn dderbyniol. Nid yw trowsusau sydd wedi colli eu lliw neu wedi eu rhwygo yn dderbyniol. | PLAIN BLACK TROUSERS NO Denims, cords, track suit bottoms, 'leggings' 'jeggings' or combat trousers. Faded and ripped trousers are not acceptable. |
| SGERT SKIRT | DU PLAEN Sgert ysgol rhesymol o hyd gyda theits duon. | PLAIN BLACK School skirt of a reasonable length with black tights |
| ESGIDIAU SHOES | DU PLAEN – gweler isod Esgidiau / trainers unlliw (Fflat) - dim ysgrifen/logos gwyn/llwyd/lliw. DIM BOOTS | PLAIN BLACK – see below Shoes/trainers (Flat) - no white/grey/coloured logos/writing. NO BOOTS |
| COTIAU, HWDIS, AYYB COATS, HOODIES, ETC | Nid oes rheol ar gyfer y math/lliw o gôt a chaniateir - ond ni ddylid ei gwisgo tu fewn i'r ysgol - Gellir eu cadw yn y loceri neu yn eu bagiau yn ystod y dydd. | There is no rule regarding type/colour of coat allowed - but it may not be worn inside school - they can be placed in lockers or bags during the day. |
| GEMWAITH JEWELLERY | Caniateir un pâr o 'studs' bach clust ac UN fodrwy (ar fys) yn unig. Dim mwclis na breichledau. Gallwn ofyn i ddisgyblion dynnu unrhyw emwaith arall. | One pair of small studs may be worn in the ears or ONE ring (worn on a finger) only. No necklaces or bracelets. Pupils can be asked to remove any other jewellery. |
| DILLAD AC OFFER YMARFER CORFF P.E. KIT AND EQUIPMENT | Crys-T MELYN plaen neu gyda logo'r ysgol wedi ei wnïo arno**, siorts du plaen neu gyda logo'r ysgol wedi ei wnïo arno**, sanau pen-glin duon. Trainers ac esgidiau pêl droed/blades Gellir gwisgo gwisg trac lliw tywyll yn ystod y Gaeaf. Bydd cyfle i archebu hwdi ymarfer corff gydag enw'r disgybl arno yn ystod y tymor cyntaf pe dymunir. Offer diogelwch personol: Gorfodol: 'Shin Pads' – gorfodol ar gyfer hoci a phêl droed. Dymunol: Cap sgrym ar gyfer rygbi a tharian ceg ar gyfer hoci a rygbi. RHAID TYNNU gemwaith yn ystod gweithgareddau ymarfer corff am resymau iechyd a diogelwch. | YELLOW T-shirt - plain or with embroidered school logo**, black shorts - plain or with embroidered school logo**, black knee length socks. Trainers and football boots/blades, A dark coloured track suit may be worn during the winter. There will be an opportunity to order a physical education hoodie with the pupil's name on it during the first term, if so desired. Personal Protective Equipment: Compulsory: 'Shin Pads' – compulsory for hockey or football Desirable: Scrum cap for rugby & gum shield for hockey and rugby All Jewellery MUST BE REMOVED during physical education activities for health and safety reasons. |
| GWISG YR HAF SUMMER UNIFORM | Rhoddir caniatad i wisgo shorts du plaen yn ystod cyfnodau o dywydd poeth - cewch fwy o wybodaeth yn ystod tymor y Pasg. | Permission is given to wear shorts during hot weather - further information about this will be given during Easter term. |

*ar werth yn yr ysgol am £15

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Can I also remind you of the rule for school shoes. Any shoes or trainers must be entirely black only. Writing, logos, laces and soles that aren't black (NOT GREY!) are not allowed.



HOT WEATHER - PROTECTING FROM SUNBURN

Cases of skin cancer have increased steadily over recent years. Exposure to sunlight is the main cause of the disease. **Pupils should ensure that they apply a suitable sunscreen** when the weather is hot, particularly between 11.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. so that they don't burn - even when cloudy there is still a risk of burning.

It is important therefore, that pupils apply sunscreen when participating in any outdoor activities - P.E. lessons, sports day, etc. If they forget their own sunscreen they should ask their teachers.

HOT WEATHER - SCHOOL UNIFORM

Gan obeithio y byddwn yn blasu tywydd braf rydym wedi rhoi caniatâd i ddisgyblion wisgo **SIORTS DU PLAEN O HYD RHESYMOL** gyda **SANNAU DUON NEU GWYNIION** yn ystod cyfnodau o dywydd poeth. Disgwylir i ddisgyblion wisgo gweddill y wisg ysgol (topiau, sgidiau ac ati) yn ôl y rheolau arferol.

Bydd y polisi yma yn weithredol ar gyfer y cyfnod rhwng **GWYLIAU HANNER TYMOR Y SULGWYN A'R HAF**.

*In the hope that we get some warm weather we have given permission for pupils to wear **PLAIN BLACK SHORTS OF A REASONABLE LENGTH** with **BLACK OR WHITE SOCKS** during periods of hot weather. Pupils are expected to wear the rest of the school uniform (tops, shoes, etc) as normal.*

*This policy will be active in the period between **WHITSUN HALF-TERM AND SUMMER HOLIDAYS***

Byddwn yn caniatáu'r canlynol / Acceptable



SIORTS WEDI TEILWRA
TAILORED SHORTS



SHORTS CHWARAEON DU
HOLLLOL PLAEN - DIM
PATRWWM NA LOGOS
PLAIN BLACK SPORT
SHORTS - NO
PATTERN/LOGOS



CULOTTES



SKORT

Ni fyddwn yn caniatáu / Not acceptable:



LYCRA TYNN GAN GYNNWYS SIORTS
SEICLO
TIGHT LYCRA INCLUDING CYCLING
SHORTS



SIORTS CHWARAEON
GYDA LOGOS, AYYB
SPORTS SHORTS WITH
LOGOS, ETC



COMBATS



SIORTS
DENIM/CUTOFFS
SHORTS

HYD RHESYMOL = AT Y PEN-GLIN
REASONABLE LENGTH = TO THE KNEE

