

Cylchgrawn Bryntirion

Bryntirion Journal

Rhifyn Tymor yr Hydref

Autumn Term Edition

Shwmae!

Welcome to the Bryntirion Journal! This is the first edition of the resurrected school newspaper after the last edition in 2018.

Together we hope to keep the newspaper up and running, with a new edition every half-term, including the latest school news, seasonal activities and advice from your fellow students.

We've made it through our first half term of this academic year and are all looking to a well-deserved break over the Halloween period.

In this issue we give some of our own Halloween recommendations as well as an interview with our newly appointed head boy and girl, introduce the Big Bocs Bwyd, give the opportunity to win a prize and much more.

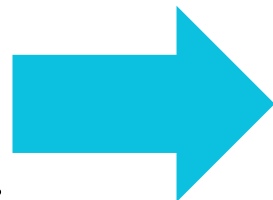
Caitlin Richards, Maisie Shanahan,
Faye Hughes.



In this issue of the newspaper, we were able to catch up with our newly appointed head boy and girl, Sam Thomas and Chlöe David and find out a bit about them, including their roles as head boy and girl as well as some more personal information to get to know the pair.

Meet our Head Boy and Head Girl!

Full interview with Sam and Chlöe on page 1.



Interview with Sam Thomas and Chlöe David:

Q: What was the process in becoming head boy/girl?

S: You had to send in a letter of application to Mrs Allinson and Miss Bailey, including your visions for the role and why you would be good at it. We were then interviewed for the role and I got the opportunity to speak to SLT about how I would go about changing things in the school.

C: Just adding on to Sam, it was the same for me, but the teachers also had a vote on who they believed would be the best suited for each role.

Q: What made you want to become head boy/girl?

S: I wanted to make a change in the school. Since Covid, the school hasn't had the opportunity to make as much change; becoming head boy will give me the opportunity to make changes, especially in STEM subjects and Eco Club. I want to give the school the opportunity to get the Green Flag award, because we are one of the only schools who doesn't have this, and I thought it would be beneficial that the school had this.

C: For me, being head girl was something that I've always thought about. I've been in the school council since I joined [school]. As Sam said, it means that I get to make a change for the better, given that I have a younger brother in the school - it means that I can hopefully impact his school life, as well as many others.

Q: What are your key roles as head boy and girl?

C: We take charge of school council meetings, as well as becoming governors, so we sit in on more formal meetings, with people who are outside of the school community.

S: Also, we run any new projects the school implement. For example, we run the new mentor programme for the prefects, Big Bocs Bwyd etc. The school mentor project is where two prefects



sit in every year group, and they act as student liaisons to the students.

Q: On a lighter note, do you have any funny or favourite school memories?

C: I think most recently, the Eisteddfod. Everyone who participated had a great time; it was great fun and we all became a bit competitive - which is for the best.

S: We went on a beach clean in year 9 and that was fun - we joked around a lot.

Q: What are your aspirations for the future?

C: For me, I would love to become a lawyer. I'm applying to university now, so I start next September, and I want to become a criminal prosecutor and eventually barrister.

S: My UCAS application has already gone in, and I would like to go and study zoology at university, and I want to become a conservationist when I'm older.

Q: Where do you see yourself in ten years?

C: I would like to have passed the bar by then, and would be on my way, in a large law firm.

S: I would like to be studying my PHD, but I'd want to do it in Australia.

Q: Any last words?

S: Live laugh love Bryntirion.



Performing Arts:



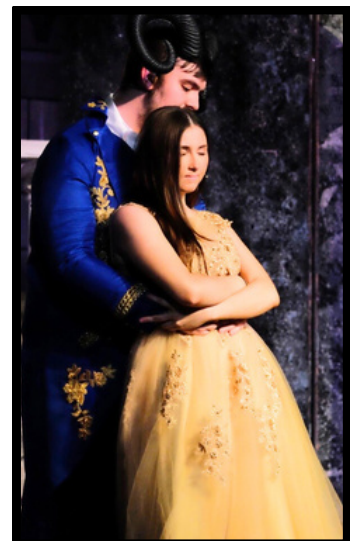
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch	-Production Club -Dynion, boys choir (yr 10+)	Orchestra		Arias (girls yr 10+)	
After School		KS3 Drama	Drama	Choir	Pantomime rehearsals (sixth form)

Charlotte Richards, Year 10

Performing has always been a big part of my life, and I love to do it. The performing arts department has given me, and everyone who attends, the opportunity to shine. It's the highlight of my week.

Madi Morris, Year 13

I've been a part of the drama department since year 7 and I've loved every minute of it. The department has always been an inclusive and safe space for so many people. We produce shows to the top standard and rehearsals are the perfect place to make memories.



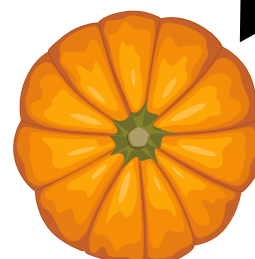
Performing Arts at a glance



Halloween Word Search

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The first person to complete both Halloween activities and find all the pumpkins throughout this paper wins a prize from Mrs Thomas and **The Journal** team! Please take your completed edition to H5 and receive your prize!



Afraid
 Boo
 Coffin
 Frankenstein
 Halloween
 Mummies
 RIP
 Trick or Treat

Bats
 Broomstick
 Dracula
 Ghosts
 Haunted House
 October
 Skeleton
 Vampire

Beware
 Candy
 Eyeballs
 Goblins
 Hocus Pocus
 Poltergeist
 Spells
 Warlock

Bewitched
 Clowns
 Fangs
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Black Cat
 Cobwebs
 Fog
 Grim Reaper
 Monsters
 Pumpkins
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 Witches

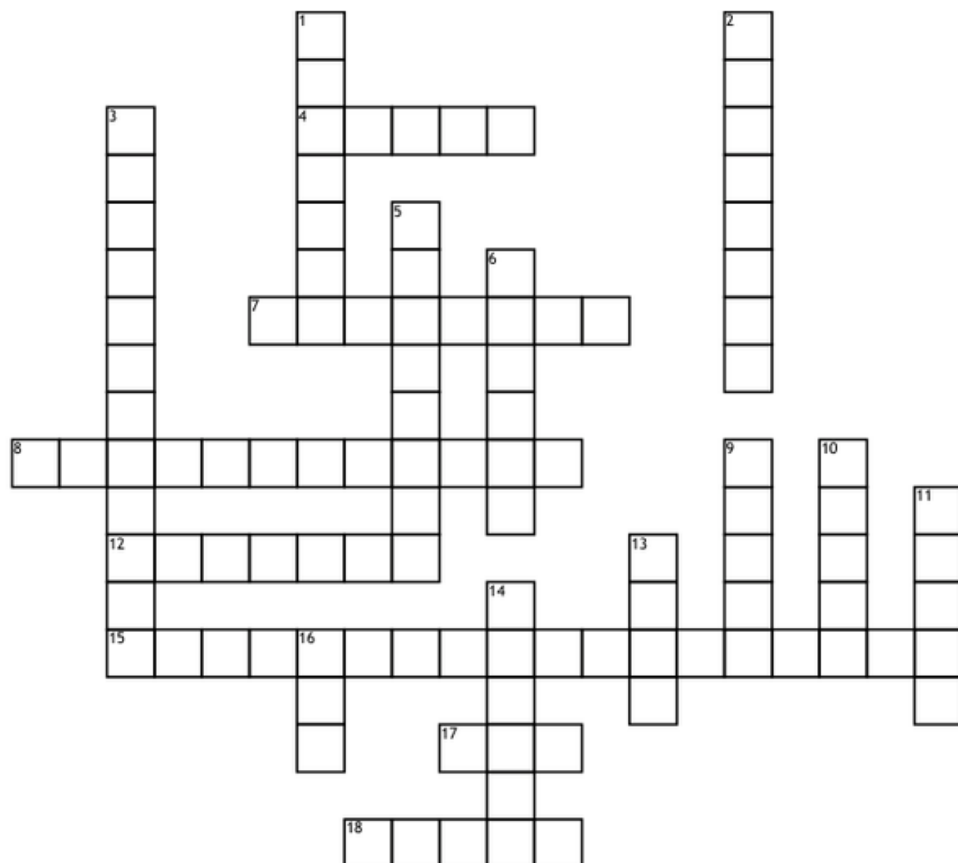
During this spooky season, if you're looking to get cosy with a warm drink and blanket, these films are the perfect thing to accompany you!

Top 5 Spooky Films

- 1: Corpse Bride
- 2: Hocus Pocus
- 3: Beetlejuice
- 4: Coraline
- 5: Casper



Halloween Crossword



Best Halloween songs

Monster Mash-
Bobby Pickett

Thriller-
Michael Jackson

Ghostbusters-
Ray Parker Jr.

Psycho Killer-
Talking Heads

Ghost Town-
The Specials

Scary Monsters-
David Bowie

The best halloween
songs for your party
playlist this year!

Across

4. This monster is wrapped in toilet paper or cloth.

7. Changes at the sight of the full moon.

8. This monster was made with lightning by a crazy scientist.

12. What you carve on Halloween.

15. This man has scissor for hands.

17. This small flying creature was thought to turn into a vampire.

18. What you get on Halloween.

Down

1. Drinks blood.

2. Witches make their brew in this.

3. This sticky treat is normally served on a stick.

5. Has no flesh is just bones.

6. Also known as the living dead.

9. Rides a broom.

10. Has a red nose and sometimes curly hair with bright colors.

11. Also known as spirits.

13. Scary black bird.

14. Has a staff and usually a beard and a pointy hat.

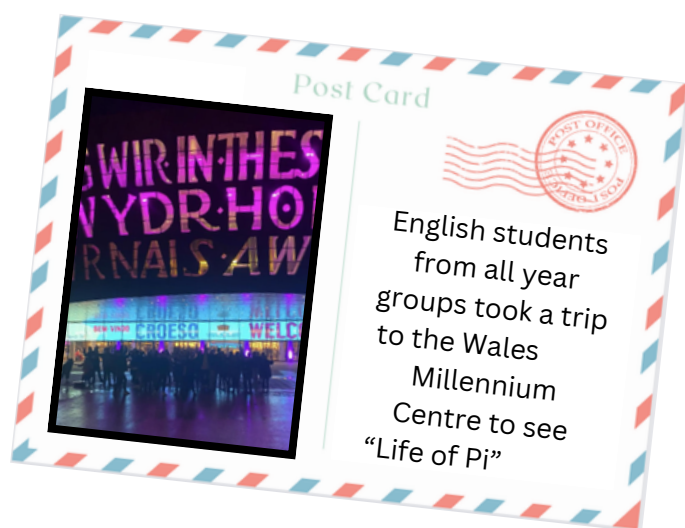
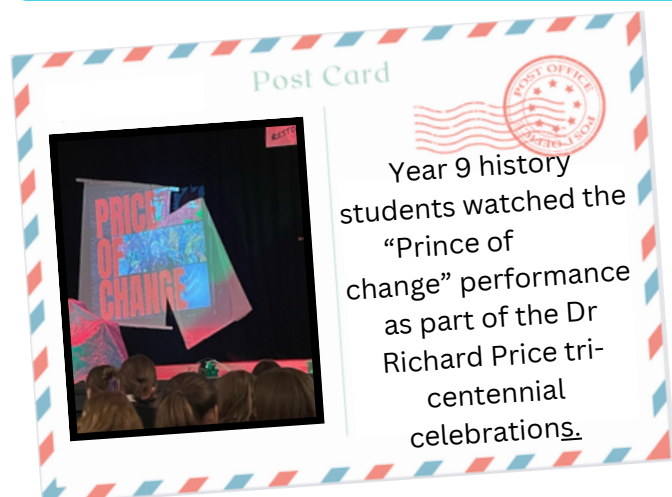
16. This little rodent likes to hangout in a witches house.

If you've got some free
time this half term,
these activities will be
perfect for you!

Things to do in half term

1. Halo- Fun Activities (dance, dodgeball, football etc), Free, Ages 8-12
2. Porthcawl Pumpkin Picking Patch, Free entry
3. Margum Park Outdoor Cinema, from £15.50

Postcards from Bryntirion:



Outstanding! The visuals, the acting ... all such an outstanding performance!

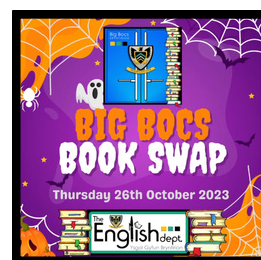
Layla Cook, Year 7

For me, 'Life of Pi' was an eye-opening experience in the world of performance art. The production was so beautifully orchestrated, emotional, and whimsical; it was captivating from start to finish!

Annabel Shattcock, Year 12

Big Bocs Bryntirion:

The Opening: As you may have seen, the new shipping container, also known as the Bryntirion Big Bocs, is placed at the front of the school. The Bocs opened for the first time on Thursday the 12th October. It is currently being used for the redistribution of uniform. Upon opening, the Bocs managed to re-home donated uniform and sports equipment and was an ultimate success. We encourage all of the school pupils to get involved with the Bocs and donate any old uniform or PE kits they may not have a use for anymore. If you do have any items you wish to donate, please bring them into school and deliver them to Mr Herbert in B19. **2000 Food Drive:** Recently, the Bocs has attempted to collect over 2000 long life items such as tins, packets, and hygiene items to help those most in need within the community. Thank you to everyone who contributed towards the Bryntirion Big Bocs 2000 Food Drive as we surpassed this initial target and those who donated have been overwhelmingly generous. **Raffle:** As a result of succeeding our target, the school has entered all students into the raffle free of charge. The winners will receive a full "bag for life" of donated items. The raffle will be held on Monday 23rd October and the winners will be notified. Any winners will be able to collect their prize on 24th, 25th and 26th October when the Bocs will be open from 15:30-16:30. **Book Swap:** The next event that will be taking place in the Bocs is a book swap! This will take place on the 26th October and starts at 15:30. **Overall Aim:** The overall aim for the Bocs is for it to become a pay as you feel snack and coffee shop, helping to reduce the waste from big businesses.



Critic's corner:



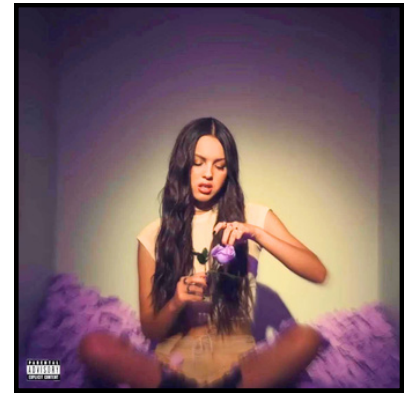
Here at the journal we like to keep abreast of the latest music, films, books and trends! Every edition we'll be giving you our honest reviews of what's new in the world of media, so that you can make an informed choice!

Also, if you feel like you're a budding reporter and want to write a review of your own, send it to Mrs Thomas in H5 and we'll give you a feature in the next edition!

'Guts' - Olivia Rodrigo:

'Guts' by Olivia Rodrigo was released September 8th, 2023, with lead single "Vampire" being streamed almost 450 million times on Spotify. The album perfectly sums up the experience of a teenage girl going through the struggles of being a young adult and heartbreak. All 12 songs make it almost impossible to not feel like you're living her life, from angry revenge songs like "Get Him Back!" and "Ballad of a Homeschooled Girl" to the heart felt songs of sadness and isolation like "Making the Bed" and "Teenage Dream."

Like most albums, all listeners want to find out the true meaning behind the songs, but her infamous relationship with serial celebrity dater Zach Bia seems to give us all the information we need. However, with the main theme of her song "Lacy" listeners are met with the hurtful truth of jealousy and inferiority when comparing yourself to your friends. This ideology has been carried through from her debut album 'Sour' with her song "Jealousy Jealousy" which shows her audience that even though she's a gorgeous, rich pop star, she still goes through the same struggles as the rest of us.



While 'Sour' was very commercially successful, with lead single "Drivers' Licence" being streamed 1.933 billion times on Spotify, her entire fanbase agrees that 'Guts' surpassed all expectations and is practically incomparable to her earlier album, giving us a mature development in her lyrics and gut-wrenching moments throughout.

'Guts' will easily be one of the most influential albums for teenage girls around the globe for years to come. The recent demand in ticket sales for Rodrigo's latest tour says it all!

Haunted Mansion:

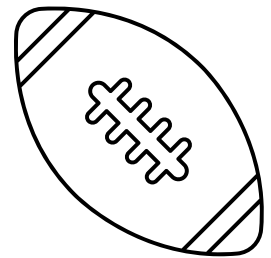
Disney's most recent version of 'Haunted Mansion' was released July 28th 2023, and stars huge names such as LaKeith Stanfield, Danny DeVito, Owen Wilson, Tiffany Haddish, and Rosario Dawson.

While this film adaptation of the classic theme park ride is made at a new level in comparison to the 2003, Eddie Murphy version, this shouldn't be seen as a critically acclaimed phenomenon. The CGI is excellent, and some of the celebrity guest appearances are amusing, but the storyline lacks consistency, and can get quite confusing if you're not paying all your attention to the screen. Overall, this film is great for young teens who are looking for a slightly scary comedy to fill some time, but maybe not for fans of Jamie Lee Curtis, who did not act as though she has recently won an Oscar.



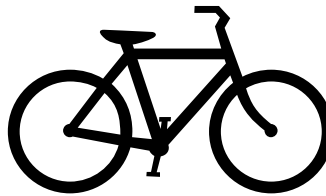
Bryntirion Sports Round-up:

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Our Athletes:

Ryu Roberts-Hayamizu



Ryu has been representing our country in youth cycling for 11 years. His dedication to cycling has been proven time and time again, and we've been lucky enough to get a small insight into his world of cycling with an interview. As friends of Ryu, it's easy to see that all the time and effort he puts into this sport doesn't affect the time and effort he puts into being a model student and great friend.



Q: When did you first get into cycling?

R: I watched cycling in the 2012 Olympics, and my dad and I decided to go down to the local velodrome and that sparked it all. Going fast is fun, and you definitely go fast.

Q: What has driven you to get this far?

R: Achieving. Racing with so much adrenaline really puts you in a vulnerable position, there's no feeling like it.

Q: Do you see this being a hobby or career in the future?

R: I want to make it to the world tour, it's like the pinnacle of racing, and it's all I've wanted to do since I can remember.

Q: What's the biggest race you've won?

R: Maybe the Northwest Youth Tour, it's probably the biggest race in the UK youth calendar, and to win it against a stacked field was pretty memorable.

Q: What's your favourite moment regarding cycling?

R: My first international race at 'The Next Generation' at Apeldoorn, where I represented Wales on the big stage. I was so so nervous but achieving those results made everything worth it.

Q: What's on your pre-race playlist?

R: There's a range on there, but my go to is 'The Man' by Taylor Swift. Banger.



From left, clockwise.

Joe Major: Football

Hannah Gardener:
Swimming

Thomas Bimson:
National Young
Ambassador,
NexGen



Here are some of our other sporting successes! If you want to find out more about our local superstars, you can follow the PE department on 'X' and 'Instagram'!

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