Dear Parents, Guardians and Pupils

As we approach the Christmas break after an exciting and busy term, I would like to thank staff, pupils, parents and governors for your continued support in everything we do.

As always there have been a huge variety of school events and activities for our pupils during the course of this term. It is encouraging that so many pupils here choose to get involved in these opportunities, all of which rely heavily on the goodwill of so many members of staff. There is plenty to celebrate at Bryntirion Comprehensive School, with students of all abilities and talents achieving well and enjoying their experience of school life. We hope that everyone enjoys the activities and trips in the final week of term and wish you all a pleasant Christmas holiday.

The Autumn Term will end for all pupils on **Friday 20th December** at 3.00 p.m. Pupils and staff are invited to wear a Christmas jumper on the last day in aid of the School Council nominated charities (Velindre Hospital and Action for Children). The Spring Term begins for all pupils on **Tuesday 7th January**.

We have three further INSET days planned for 2019:

- **Monday 6th January**
- **Friday 20th March**
- **Monday 20th July**

Finally, we hope you all enjoy a peaceful Christmas and a very happy New Year, and look forward to seeing all our pupils return refreshed and ready for a new school term on Tuesday 7th January 2020.

Nadolig Llawen a Blwyddyn Newydd da!

RK Pawar - Headteacher
Whole School Events

**Christmas Fayre**

The Christmas Fayre was a great success with a variety of festive gifts & treats on offer. Lots of money raised was for Prostate Cancer Cymru, Velindre Hospital and Action for Children in the process too! A big thanks to all staff, pupils, parents and outside businesses who made the event such a success.
Pupils and staff performed beautifully at St Mary’s Church Nolton in the annual Christmas Carol Service. It was a full house and encapsulated the festive spirit fantastically. A big thank you to Mrs Hawkes and the Music Department for all their hard work and planning.
Sport

Megan Webb – Rugby

Well done to former pupil Megan Webb who recently made her home international debut for Wales against the Barbarians in rugby.

Anais Rose - Gymnastics

Anais has recently been shortlisted for a Welsh Gymnastics Award to be held in January in the Emerging Talent 2019 Awards. She also competed in the Welsh Championships and got bronze in 13-16 synchro, a silver in trampoline elite girls 9-12 and a gold in elite girls 11-12 on double mini trampoline. Her success has meant she has won the 9-12 age group ‘all around’ champion. It has been an incredible year for Anais getting into the Welsh squad, competing for her country and competing in British finals for DMT.
James Crole - Football

Congratulations to Year 11 pupil James Crole, who has received a scholarship from Cardiff City FC. A fantastic achievement, well done James!
Pupil Achievement

Well done to Olivia Coughlan, Taya Pritchard, Izzy Roach & Aaliyah Colton in Year 10 who interviewed with the University of South Wales for prospective school nurses!

Pupils attending the University of South Wales Nursing and Midwifery event.
Science Club

Science club members have recently been looking at crystal formations and different structures created from a variety of materials. Pupils have also investigated light prisms and refraction.
Year 10 Seren Foundation pupils gaining valuable revision skills in a fun way from the Positively Mad workshop in Porthcawl.

Art & Design – Mia Thomas

Well done to Year 13 Art & Design student Mia Thomas who was recently presented with the Endeavour and Achievement in Art – Against all the Odds Award.
Year 10 Dragons Den

Year 10 pupils have been presenting business concepts to a panel of employers in a ‘Dragons Den’ style this month as part of their Welsh Bac studies. All money raised will be donated to the charity Velindre.
A & S Animal Encounters

Representatives from A & S Animal Encounters visited Bryntirion to widen knowledge and understanding of animals to some of our Year 7 & 8 pupils. This experience also developed pupils’ social interaction and communication skills whilst learning about the natural environment.