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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are pleased to share with you the outcome of our recent Estyn inspection, which took place in March 2025. The report is now available, and we are very proud of the findings, which reflect the dedication, commitment and daily efforts of our pupils, staff and wider school community.

Estyn recognises Bryntirion Comprehensive as a caring and inclusive school with strong relationships between staff and pupils, where learners feel safe, respected and supported. Inspectors praised our positive culture, high standards of behaviour, and the well-being provision, which is seen as a particular strength.

We are especially pleased that Estyn has asked us to write a national case study on our health and well-being curriculum and personal and social education – a real endorsement of our innovative and thoughtful work in this area. There are 'spotlights' on other areas of particularly innovative practices highlighted in the report. Other highlights include:

- High-quality teaching, leading to strong pupil engagement and secure progress.
- A broad and engaging curriculum with a rich range of opportunities at Key Stage 4 and sixth form.
- A strong focus on literacy, numeracy, digital competence and wider skills, well supported across the curriculum.
- Excellent pastoral care, particularly for pupils with additional learning needs, including those supported by 'The Hive'.
- An enthusiastic and effective pupil leadership structure that influences many aspects of school life.
- Improving attendance rates that compare well with similar schools.
- Strong and effective leadership across the school, with a clear vision and high expectations.

Estyn have made two recommendations: to improve the attendance of pupils eligible for free school meals, and to refine the Year 9 curriculum model to ensure even greater depth and continuity in a minority of subjects. These are already priorities within our current development plan.

We are so proud of this report. It reflects not just where we are now, but also the ambition we share for the future. Thank you to all parents and carers for your ongoing support.

You can read the full report here <u>Inspection report Bryntirion Comprehensive School</u> 2025.pdf

Yours sincerely,

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