



July 4th, 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

End of Term – July 2025

As we approach the end of the academic year, I would like to thank you for your continued support throughout what has been a busy year. Your partnership, generosity, and encouragement have been deeply valued, and we are grateful to work together in support of our pupils' success.

This summer term finishes for pupils on **Friday 18th July at the earlier time of 1.30 p.m.**

A – Start of Term Arrangements

There will be **six INSET days** in the 2025–26 academic year:

INSET 1 – Monday 1st September

INSET 2 – Tuesday 2nd September

INSET 3 – Friday 5th December

INSET 4 – Monday 23rd March

INSET 5 – Friday 22nd May

INSET 6 – Monday 20th July (Twilight INSET)

The first day of term for all pupils in **Years 7 to 13** will be **Wednesday 3rd September**.

- Pupils in Years 8–11 and Year 13 should go directly to their form classrooms for registration at 8.40 a.m.
- Pupils in **Year 7** should assemble in the Sports Hall for registration at **8.40 a.m.**
- Year 12 pupils will receive information about induction following GCSE results day.

The daily timetable will remain as follows:

Registration/Wellbeing/Assembly	8.40 - 9.00
Lesson 1	9.00 - 10.00
Lesson 2	10.00 - 11.00
Break	11.00 - 11.20
Lesson 3	11.20 - 12.20
Lesson 4	12.20 - 1.20
Lunch	1.20 - 2.00
Lesson 5	2.00 - 3.00
Extra – Curricular programme	3.00

A **Year Ahead meeting** for parents of pupils in **Year 7** will be held on **Thursday 4th September at 5.00 p.m.** in the Senior Hall.

We will write to all parents at the start of next term to share full details of parents' meetings and key calendar events for 2025-26.



From 2025 to 2027, there will be a phased introduction of a new national qualifications framework to align with the Curriculum for Wales. Pupils in Years 10 and 11 will study reformed and legacy qualifications. By 2027, a full suite of new qualifications will be available to pupils in Years 7 and 8. We will keep parents fully informed about these changes and what they mean for your child's education. A meeting for the parents Year 10 pupils will take place at 5.00 p.m. on **Thursday 11th September**.

B – Results Days

- **Thursday 14th August:** Years 12 and 13
- **Thursday 21st August:** Years 10 and 11

Students may collect results in person from **8.30 a.m.** Results will be emailed to all pupils at 10.00 a.m.

C – Uniform, Jewellery and Mobile Devices

We ask for your support in ensuring pupils return in correct uniform, including appropriate footwear and hair colour, in line with our policy. **Hoodies and leggings are not permitted.** The official Bryntirion badged item is the school jumper. Plain white polo shirts may be worn as part of the summer uniform; otherwise, pupils should return in Autumn/Winter uniform.

A **uniform recycling and exchange scheme** is now available. To enquire about second-hand items, please contact:

Mrs Alison Markey: Alison.MARKEY@bryntirioncs.bridgend.cymru

Mrs Eloise Lowry: Eloise.LOWRY@bryntirioncs.bridgend.cymru

Please remember:

- Only one small plain stud in each ear is permitted.
- No other body jewellery or piercings are allowed for safety reasons.
- Phones must be silent and stored in bags during lessons.
- Phones may be used at break and lunch for school platforms (e.g. Teams, Classcharts).
- Personal headphones are not allowed during the school day.

More details:

<https://www.bryntirioncs.bridgend.sch.uk/content/school-uniform>

D – Be Ready for School

Please ensure your child is well-equipped for learning in September with the following items:

- Black ballpoint pen
- Pencils & coloured pencils
- Ruler, sharpener, eraser
- Maths set (compass, protractor, etc.)
- Scientific calculator



E – Farewell to Staff

We say a fond farewell to several colleagues at the end of this term:

- Mrs Jane Walker – History / Head of Year
- Mr Craig Jones – Art / IT
- Mrs Wenna Gregory – Biology
- Mrs Jen Bentley – Mathematics
- Mrs Sue Vaughan – Finance Officer

Each of them has made a lasting contribution to our school community, and we thank them for their dedication and service.

A Personal Farewell

As this academic year draws to a close, I will also be stepping down from my role as Headteacher after seven truly memorable years at Bryntirion. It has been a privilege to serve this wonderful school and its community. Working with our talented staff, supportive parents, and inspiring pupils has brought me deep professional and personal fulfilment. I want to express my heartfelt thanks to you, as parents and carers, for your trust, encouragement and commitment to your children's education. The strength of this school lies in the values we share and the community we belong to. It has been an honour to lead Bryntirion Comprehensive School.

Mr Derek Mead will be taking up the post of Headteacher in September. I wish him every success and happiness in his new role. I am confident that under his leadership, the school will continue to thrive and flourish.

Finally, I wish you and your family a relaxing and enjoyable summer break. Thank you, once again, for your generous support.

With warmest wishes,

Yours sincerely



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