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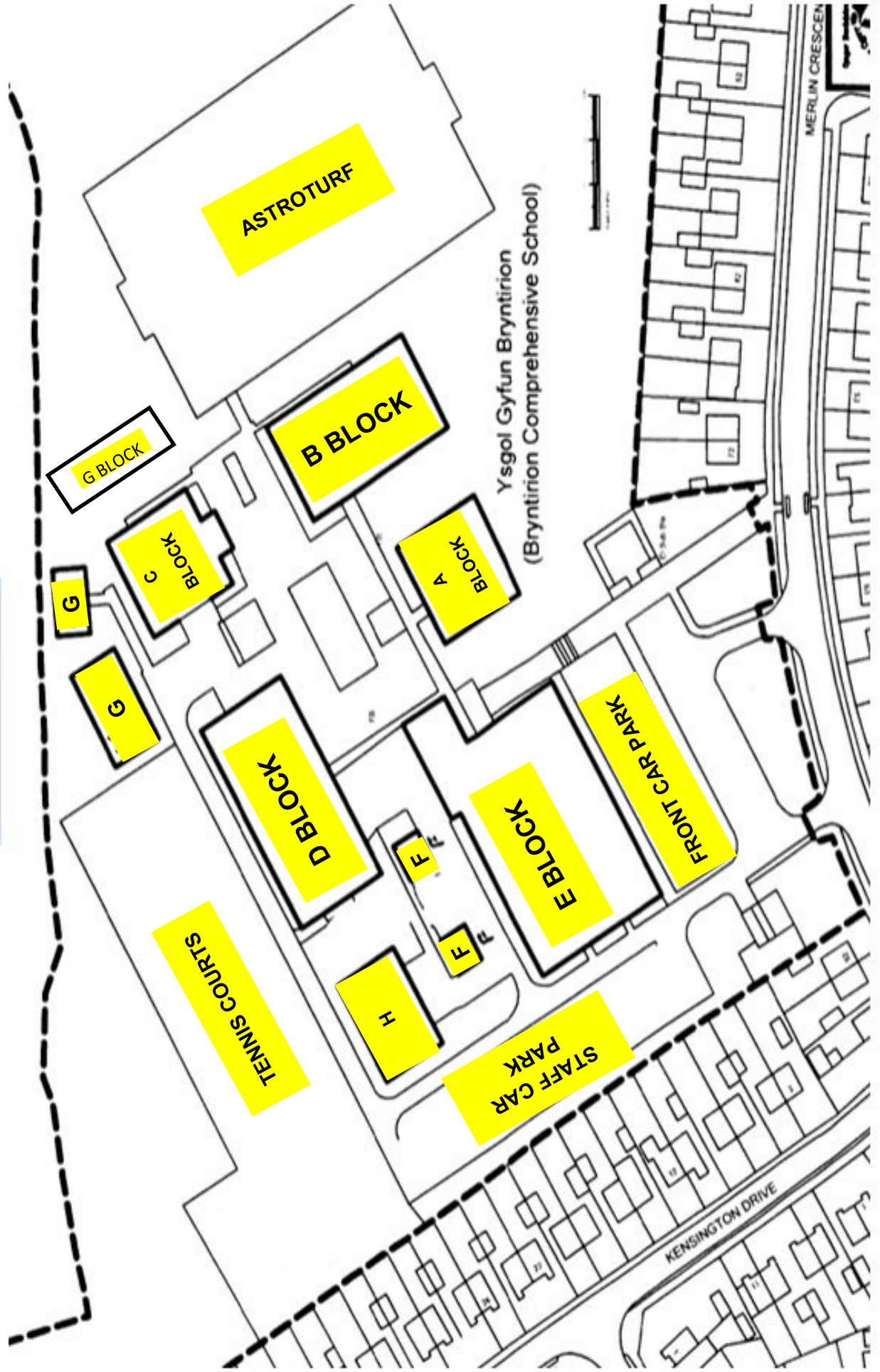
Bryntirion Comprehensive

OPEN EVENING NOSON AGORED 2026



Bryntirion Comprehensive School

A Sense of Place



HEADTEACHER - MR MEAD

I am delighted that you have joined us this evening to view the school and meet the staff at Bryntirion Comprehensive School.

I hope this booklet helps you find your way around to view the various departments and gives you an idea of the activities that your child could enjoy at the school.

There will be a welcome and introduction meeting in the Senior Hall with myself at 4.00pm, repeated at 5.00pm.



Bryntirion is a popular, successful and happy school where all young people have outstanding opportunities and experiences. We value everyone equally, and make it our mission to develop the skills and talents that all pupils undoubtedly have.

An application for a Year 7 place must be submitted by a parent/carer via the Local Education Authority. There is no automatic admission to any secondary school, regardless of the primary or junior school that a child currently attends.

APPLYING FOR A SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACE SEPTEMBER 2027

Bridgend County Borough Council will send the parents of each child, who is in Year 6 September 2026, information for applying online for secondary education for 2027.

Timetable for Year 7 secondary school admissions for September 2027:

The expected timetable for children born between 1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016, transferring from junior/primary school (Year 6) to secondary school (Year 7) in September 2027 is as follows:

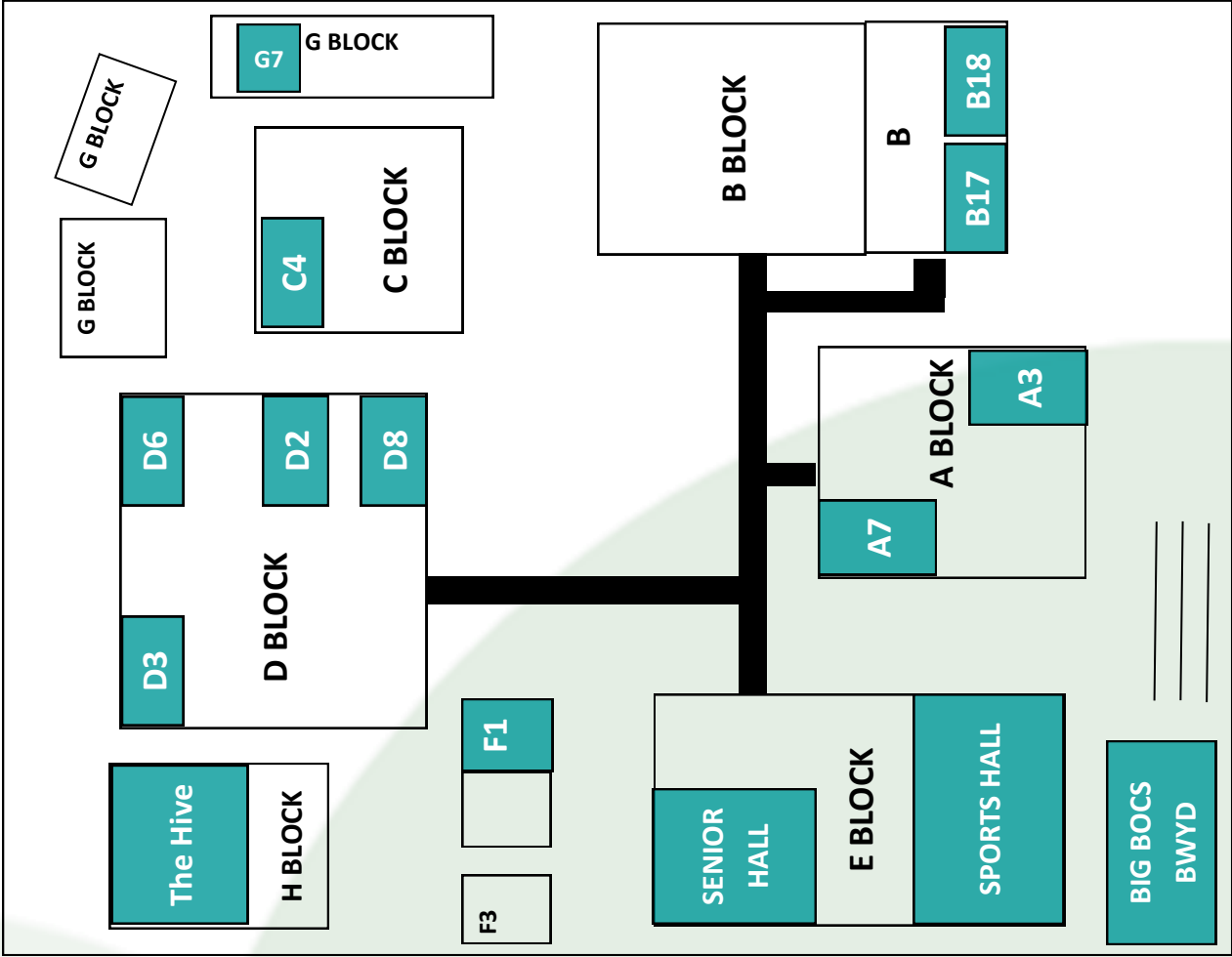
Action	Date
Opening date for submission of applications	10am - Monday, 14 September 2026
Closing date for receipt of applications by the local authority	4pm - Saturday, 31 October 2026
Notification to applications of offer or refusal of places (the 'offer date')	Monday, 1 March 2027
Parents to notify the local authority of acceptance or refusal of places offered	Monday, 15 March 2027
Closing date for parents/carers to submit an appeal	4pm - Monday, 5 April 2027

The quality of our relationships with parents and pupils is important to us, and we look forward to welcoming you and your child to the school.

SCHOOL MAP - GROUND FLOOR

ROOMS TO VISIT AND TICK AS YOU GO!

BLOCK	ROOM NUMBER	DEPARTMENT	VISITED
A	A3	HISTORY	
A	A7	GEOGRAPHY	
B	B17 & B18	SCIENCE	
C	C4	DESIGN TECHNOLOGY	
D	D2	HEALTH & WELLBEING	
D	D3	WELSH	
D	D6	CATERING	
D	D8	ART	
E	SPORTS HALL	PHYSICAL EDUCATION	
F	F1	RELIGION, VALUES AND ETHICS	
G	G7	ENGLISH	
H	THE HIVE	ALN	

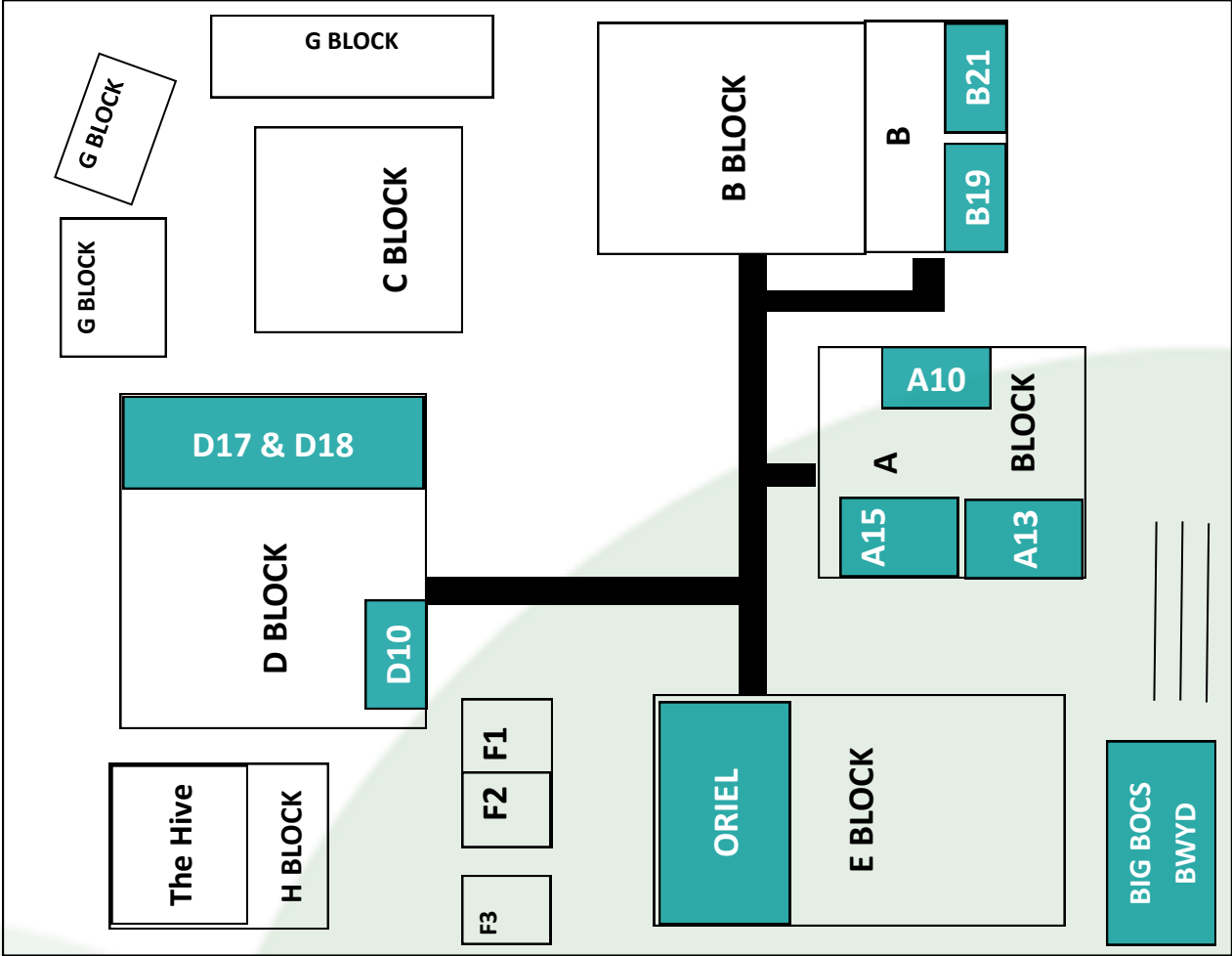


ENTRANCE STEPS

SCHOOL MAP - FIRST FLOOR

ROOMS TO VISIT AND TICK AS YOU GO!

BLOCK	ROOM NUMBER	DEPARTMENT	VISITED
B	A10	BUSINESS	
A	A13	DYSGU BYW & SKILLS	
A	A15	I.C.T.	
A	B19	HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE	
B	B21	MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES	
D	D10	MATHEMATICS	
D	D17 & D18	EXPRESSIVE ARTS	
E	ORIEL	SIXTH FORM STUDY CENTRE	



NATIONAL CURRICULUM FOR WALES

Four Purposes

The national Curriculum for Wales outlines its Four Purposes of Education, enabling learners to become: ambitious and capable learners; enterprising and creative contributors; ethical and informed citizens and healthy and confident individuals.

These Purposes inform the design of our own, bespoke curriculum, marrying them with the individual ambitions, interests and potential of every student at Bryntirion. We believe that our responsibility under the Four Purposes is to ensure that students acquire powerful knowledge, understanding and skills to become confident members of society. The curriculum supports our young people to become kind, hardworking individuals, who embody our school values.

Curriculum

At Bryntirion, pupils are taught in subjects. This is because subjects matter. They have an important body of knowledge and specific skills and belong to a rich tradition that is unique to them. For students to think critically and to form their own opinions, it is necessary to have something to think about. We therefore value a knowledge-rich approach, delivered by expert teaching staff. Our curriculum is broad and balanced, providing a wealth of learning across disciplinary subjects, and embraces all the mandatory elements: study of English and Welsh; the three Cross-Curricular Skills (numeracy, literacy, digital competency); Relationships & Sexuality Education; Religion, Values & Ethics; Careers and Work-Related Experiences. This is underpinned by a clear emphasis on developing pupils' integral skills.

Progression and Assessment

Our curriculum is structured to ensure that all pupils make progress in their learning as they move through the school, informed by the Principles of Progression. To support pupils' progress and monitor the effectiveness of our curriculum, we adopt a number of assessment practices. Ongoing '**formative**' assessment activities are those that arise as part of the learning experience in lessons. Teachers assess pupils' understanding and recall during lessons and adapt their teaching or future teaching plans to ensure progress for all. In addition, to identify progress over time and to enable us to evaluate our practice and curriculum, we conduct more infrequent, substantial '**summative**' style assessments through rich tasks.

Implementation & Review

Our curriculum is not fixed, it is subject to constant review and reiteration. Robust self-evaluation of our curriculum requires participation from not only our teaching staff, but also from parents/carers, governors and pupils. The curriculum will grow, as we endeavour to meet the needs of our pupils and the challenges that lie ahead of them.

ART & DESIGN

This is a subject that provides pupils with a wide range of learning experiences using a variety of mediums, materials and techniques to explore and produce pieces of art work. You will be introduced to different career pathways within the Creative Industry and learn how to work to commissioned briefs and become independent learners.



ENGLISH

You will read all kinds of stories, poems, plays and media articles. As well as this, you will develop your own skills as a young writer. You will have the chance to debate, analyse and create different literary masterpieces!



FRENCH

In the course of the year, pupils in Year 7 will learn about France and the French speaking world. You will engage in small playlets and conversations in French about yourselves, your families and friends. As they say in France - "Bienvenue à Bryntirion".



GEOGRAPHY

Our curriculum is focused on **enquiry learning** and interpreting the world in which they live. In Year 7 students investigate 'Sense of Place' in their local area before going onto a world investigation of their choice. They then go to develop their map skills where creativity and innovation will be tested.

HISTORY

History is delivered through enquiry-based learning. Our thematic enquiries encourage pupils to work as historical detectives, using a wide range of evidence to answer 'big questions'. 'History through Big Questions' enhances pupils' learning by deepening thinking and so develops critical thinking.



ICT/COMPUTER SCIENCE

In ICT/Computer Science you will learn how to use the Microsoft platform including Teams, One Drive, Outlook and the Microsoft Office apps. You will develop your digital competency to ensure that you use computers safely and efficiently - this will be of benefit to you in your other subjects and eventually the world of work. You will also be introduced to some of the important ideas related to Computer Science and will undertake projects to develop your skills and knowledge in this area.



MATHEMATICS

In this subject you will learn many new mathematical skills and develop ones you already have. As well as this, you will be taught to investigate and use I.T. to aid your understanding of mathematics. It will be hard work, but it will all add up to great fun!



EXPRESSIVE ARTS

In expressive arts you will develop performance skills holistically through playing and singing a variety of music. You will have the opportunity to enhance your skills in drama lessons with devising and acting tasks. You will learn to compose and you will listen to and discuss a variety of musical styles. There are opportunities to learn a new instrument, to sing in the school choir and to take part in our school show.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Physical Education in Bryntirion will transition from a game and activity centred approach to a more skills-based learning environment. Pupils will develop holistically to create healthy and confident individuals, providing positive and lifelong learning experiences, helping shape the health and wellbeing of an individual for life!. Physical Education impacts the learner long after they leave school. In partnership with the Active Young People Department (BCBC), there are opportunities for pupils to follow a Leadership Pathway to become Young Sports Leaders and go on to follow a Young Ambassador Program.



RELIGION, VALUES & ETHICS (RVE)

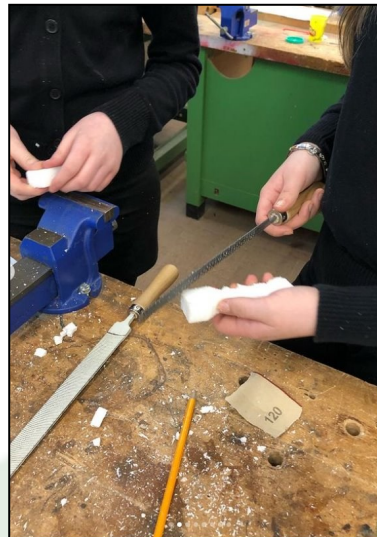
This is an exciting and relevant subject where you will investigate the World's faiths, cultures and how we integrate and work with people of different faiths. This is a life-long learning process.

HEALTH & WELLBEING

This subject provides an opportunity to discuss personal and social experiences from healthy relationships to healthy lifestyle choices.

TECHNOLOGY

In Year 7, you will be learning lots of new skills and technical language and developing your understanding of designing and making. In Year 8, you will use that knowledge to be more independent and develop critical thinking and problem solving skills. All these skills will be further developed in Year 9, ready for your choices at GCSE.



SCIENCE

The importance of science in our modern world cannot be overstated. Developments in these areas have always been drivers of change in society, underpinning innovation and impacting on everyone's lives economically, culturally and environmentally. As such, science will be increasingly relevant in the opportunities young people encounter and the life choices that they make. Pupils will learn how to enquire, investigate and develop an understanding of key scientific concepts throughout their time at Bryntirion"

WELSH - Croeso!

Year 7 will study the Welsh language including its history and literature. Learners will engage with languages and literature in order to help them develop, not only their own sense of identity, but also an understanding of their own culture and communities. Pupils should gain confidence using their language skills through a variety of reading, writing and oracy tasks. Pupils will have the opportunity to engage in educational visits to Llangrannog in Year 7 and perform in the School Eisteddfod. At Bryntirion, pupils should enjoy speaking Welsh and celebrate the many opportunities that the Welsh department has to offer. Joiwch!



SPORTS & GAMES

There are a number of sports available at Bryntirion Comprehensive School. During the Winter, rugby and football are the main sports for boys and netball and hockey are the main sports for girls. Matches are played against other schools. During the Summer, athletics and tennis are enjoyed by both boys and girls. Bryntirion also has its own swimming pool which is in regular use.



MY HEALTH CHALLENGE

The 'My Health' challenge has a focus on developing 'Healthy Confident Individuals' and takes place in the summer term. The challenge is cross-curricular in nature and involves multiple departments with the objective of producing a concept for a healthy drink. Pupils work in teams based on their school house and receive inputs from English, Maths, Science, PE, Art, Health & Wellbeing, Dysgu Byw and through year group assemblies. The challenge will involve pupils collating together cross-curricular knowledge and developing their skills through the decisions they make, teamwork and presentations.



FIRST GIVE

First Give is introduced in Year 8 during form time and the school has been running the programme for the last six years. The First Give programme inspires and empowers young people to take action to make a positive change in society. The main purpose of the Programme is to support our learners with the development of skills integral to the four purposes of the Curriculum for Wales. Groups have focused on respect for others, challenging prejudice and inclusion and working with locally based charities such as Show Racism the Red Card. Each form class selects a social issue and then works alongside a locally based charity for several months to plan and organise social action. The programme culminates in each form class presenting to a judging panel at the First Give School Final, which takes place in the summer term. At the school final, the winning form class is presented with a £1,000 grant for their class charity.



MY FUTURE, MY CHOICE CHALLENGE

Our My Future Challenge is completed by all pupils in Year 9 and is designed to help them explore future career opportunities and make informed choices during the Year 9 Options process.

Through a range of activities, pupils investigate careers that match their interests and strengths, learn about the qualifications and skills required for different jobs, and meet employers and careers professionals. They also complete the Careers Wales Buzz Quiz and undertake independent research into potential career pathways, whilst attending a Careers Fayre in our school Sports Hall.

The challenge helps pupils develop confidence, self-awareness and decision-making skills, ensuring they are well prepared to choose subjects that support their aspirations and future ambitions.



DYSGU BYW

Dysgu Byw is an experience in the Year 7 curriculum that translates to “learn to live”. It offers the opportunity to develop skills for life and work, alongside developing ICT skills. Themes include ‘My safety’, ‘My community’ and ‘My future’. During the course pupils will develop their learner effectiveness by completing tasks including the creation of a personal revision timetable, consideration of skills for future careers, learning sign language, developing a spreadsheet for financial planning and reflecting on and resetting targets for their learning and progress. Lessons are interactive, using a wide range of packages, introducing pupils to skills which will benefit them in other subjects and eventually the world of work.

'BE BRYNTIRION'

Ensuring we have the culture, support and provision needed to enable everyone to feel safe and secure in our school. Our aim is to further develop our systems to promote positive behaviour through appropriate support, sanctions and rewards. Developing the character and values of students through 'Be Bryntirion'.

B E B R Y N T I R I O N



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BE READY

Be punctual
With correct equipment
Wearing correct school uniform
Complete homework

BE RESPECTFUL

Yourself
Teachers
Peers
"One Voice" in the classroom
Follow instructions
Maintain focus and concentration

BE SAFE

Respect the school environment
Phone (not seen or heard)
No eating, only water
Never leave the classroom without permission
Use technology responsibly and safely

BE SUCCESSFUL

Positive activities for wellbeing
Demonstrate perseverance and resilience
Display confidence
Take responsibility
Maintain positive relationships



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No Mobile Devices



Devices and headphones must not be used
at any point during the school day.

The Policy Rules



Gate to 3:00 PM

The ban is in effect from the
school gate until the final bell.



Applies to All Times

This includes all lessons, form time,
break times, and lunch breaks.

Enforcement & Collection



"Seen or Heard" Rule

If a device is seen or heard, it will
be confiscated immediately.



Same-Day Confiscation

Confiscated devices will
be held by the school for
the remainder of the day.



Collection from RTL

Students may collect
their devices from RTL
after 3:00 PM.

School Uniform

AUTUMN & WINTER TERMS		
ITEM	DESCRIPTION	WHERE CAN IT BE PURCHASED?
White shirt	Plain white shirt (long or short sleeved) that is suitable for tucking into skirts or trousers.	Anywhere
School tie	Years 7-11 wear the same black, gold and teal tie but the sixth form have a distinctive one supplied by the school when they enter the sixth form.	Local uniform retailers
Black trousers or skirt	Plain black school trousers. Leggings, jeans, tracksuit bottoms or skin tight trousers are not permitted. Plain black school skirt. Skirts should not be too tight or short. The skirt must be an appropriate length. Skirts should always be worn with black opaque tights. Tights should be opaque and a least 80 denier. Only black socks to be worn with tights.	Anywhere
Black school jumper or cardigan	Years 7-11 – Plain Black school Jumper, ideally with school logo. (But no other logos) Years 12 & 13 - Black with sixth form ideally with school logo. (But no other logos).	Anywhere/ Local uniform retailers
Black shoes	Plain black, low heeled, covered footwear. (Ankle boots are allowed)	Anywhere
Coat	A practical all weather coat that can be worn over uniform.	Anywhere
<u>Sixth Form</u> As above but with the addition of:-		
Black blazer	Plain black tailored blazer with full length sleeves. It should be worn with the school enamel badge on the lapel. The blazer should be worn in addition to the school jumper.	Anywhere
<u>ALL ITEMS OF UNIFORM AND PROPERTY SHOULD BE CLEARLY MARKED WITH THE OWNER'S NAME</u>		

SUMMER TERM

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	WHERE CAN IT BE PURCHASED?
White school polo shirt	White polo shirt	Anywhere
Black tailored shorts	Plain black tailored approximately knee length shorts. Cycling shorts or very short shorts are not permitted. The shorts can be worn with black or white ankle socks but should still be worn with shoes, not trainers.	Anywhere

Physical Education

All students

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	WHERE CAN IT BE PURCHASED?
Green or black shorts or black leggings	Plain green or black sports shorts. Plain black leggings are also acceptable in cold weather (no logos)	Anywhere
School PE T-shirt	Green / black school PE T-shirt with school logo	Local uniform retailers
School PE hoody (optional)	Green school PE hoody with school logo	Local uniform retailers
Trainers	These can be any colour but should be designed for active wear	Anywhere
School sports socks	Green / gold sports socks	Local uniform retailers
Gum Shield (optional)	Advised for rugby and hockey	Anywhere

Girls

Black or Green skort	Black or Green skort (black will replace green eventually as cheaper option) needed for certain sports, e.g. netball	Local uniform retailers
One piece swimsuit	One piece swimsuit of any colour or design. Bikinis or two piece swimming suits are not allowed.	Anywhere

Boys

School rugby top	Green / gold school rugby top	Local uniform retailers
Football / rugby boots	Studded football / rugby boots	Anywhere
Swimming trunks / shorts	Swimming trunks / shorts (any colour)	Anywhere

Technology / Food

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	WHERE CAN IT BE PURCHASED?
Apron	Plain full length apron, any colour	Anywhere

Distinctive Clothing Awards

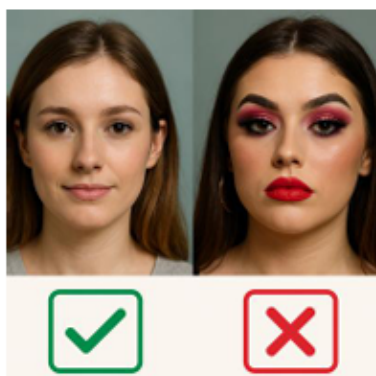
The school, through the Local Education Authority, makes financial allowances to some pupils attending school, subject to eligibility by assessment, towards the cost of distinctive school clothing.

Hair and General Appearance

- Pupil's hair must be a natural colour—examples of acceptable colours include shades of brown, black, blonde, or auburn. Unnatural colours such as bright blue, pink, green, or purple are not permitted.



- Pupils are permitted to wear natural or neutral make-up, pupils are not allowed to wear excessive make-up. (including - eye lashes/make up accessories).



- Nails should be of a neutral or non-bright colour, and must be kept at an appropriate length to ensure pupil safety.
- In line with school rules, long hair must be tied back during PE lessons and when in science laboratories and technology rooms to ensure pupil safety.

Jewellery

- Pupils may wear small plain studs in each ear lobe and one small stud in one side of the nose.
- All jewellery must be discreet and in keeping with the school's standards for appearance.
- Excessive jewellery, including large earrings, other facial piercings, or decorative facial jewellery, is not permitted.
- No Rings to be worn.
- All jewellery must be removed in any lesson or club where it poses a health & safety risk to the pupil.

Supplementary information

In order to assist parents and guardians when it comes to purchasing uniform, we have added a number of photographs to show our uniform as we would ideally like it to be worn. These will enable parents and guardians to make informed choices about trouser styles and acceptable skirt lengths.



Tailored black skirts with the length coming to just above the knee.



White shirt, school tie and jumper, with tie done up neatly.

Tailored trousers, not too tight, made of appropriate material.

Black, low heeled, polishable shoes.

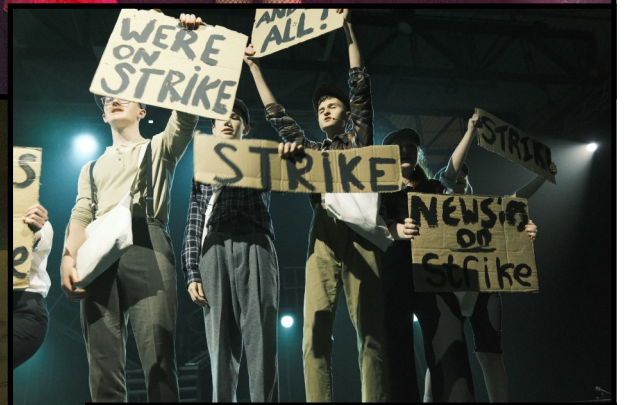


Suitable examples of shorts and skirts

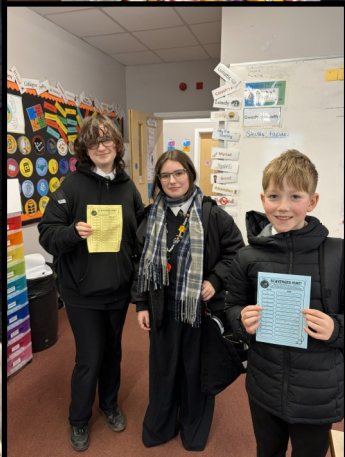
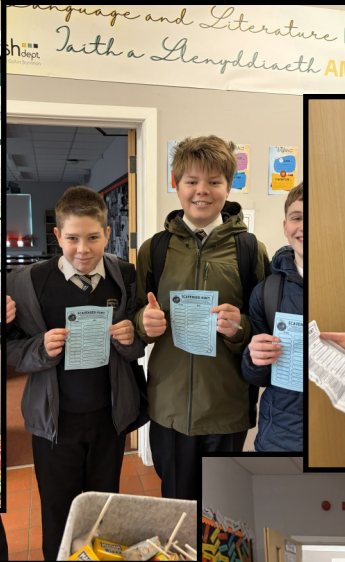




BRYNTIRION EVENTS & TRIPS



SCHOOL MUSICAL 2026
DISNEY 'NEWSIES JR'



**WELSH TRIP TO
URDD CAMP
LLANGRANNOG
2026**



JUNIOR SKI TRIP 2026





SPORTS AT BRYNTIRION

EISTEDDFOD 2026





YEAR 8 GRAFFITI ART PROJECT



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