

Yn y Lwp!

("In the loop")

Ysgol Cwm Brombil's Weekly Bulletin

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Summer Term / TYMOR Y HAF

Start / Dechrau: Monday 13 April 2024 / Dydd Llun Ebrill 13 2026

Half Term : Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May /

Hanner Tymor : Dydd Llun Mai 25 – Dydd Gwener Mai 29

Summer Term / Tymor y Hâf

End / Diwedd: Friday 17th July 2025 / Dydd Gwener Gorffennaf 17

Week Beginning – Monday 11th May – Week 1

Monday	- Business unit 1 (pm)	
Tuesday	-Geography Unit 1 -Biology Unit 2 -Science Double Unit 4	
Wednesday	-Welsh Unit 3 -Computer Science Unit 1 Understanding -History Unit 1C	
Thursday	-Maths Unit 1 Non Calculator	
Friday	-English Language Unit 1 Written	

Week Beginning - Monday 18th May – Week 2

Monday	-Chemistry Unit 2 Foundation:Written -Science Double Unit 5	
Tuesday	-English Lit Unit 2B F & H: Written	
Wednesday	-French Listening & Reading -Religious Studies Unit 1	
Thursday	-English Language Unit 2 Description -Business Unit 2 Business Perceptions -Computer Science Unit 1 on-screen	
Friday	-Physics Unit 2 -Science Double Unit 6 -H&SC and Childcare Unit 1 Paper	

The Hidden Impact of “Just a Day Off”

It’s completely understandable to think that a day here or there won’t have a lasting impact. However, when these days begin to add up, the effect on learning can be more significant than expected.

Even a small number of absences can interrupt the flow of learning. Lessons are not standalone; they are connected. Missing one piece of the puzzle can make the next part feel more difficult, which can sometimes affect confidence and willingness to participate.

There is also the challenge of catching up. While teachers will always support pupils on their return, it can be difficult to fully recreate what has been missed - particularly discussions, practical activities or guided explanations.

Over time, regular attendance helps pupils to develop important habits such as commitment and responsibility. These habits don’t just support success in school; they prepare pupils for the expectations of further education and employment.

By encouraging attendance wherever possible, we are helping pupils to stay on track, feel confident and experience success.

PUNCTUALITY MATTERS

IN ONE SCHOOL YEAR
5 MINUTES
late each day
= 3 days off

The infographic features a large stopwatch icon on the right side, with a dark red segment indicating the time lost. At the bottom left, there are four circular icons: a stylized 'b' logo, a hand holding a pencil, a group of three people, and a brain with a gear inside.

If you are experiencing any challenges with getting your child to school, please contact us. Our attendance and pastoral teams are always ready to support.

BROMBIL BLOKES

DADS & KIDS OUTDOOR CLUB

Brombil Blokes is a relaxed outdoor group run by volunteer Tom for dads, grandads, male carers and their children. We get outdoors, try things like bushcraft, woodwork and building, and enjoy some fresh air together.



Fancy coming along?

Meet Tom outside the Cwtch Café at Ysgol Cwm Brombil School at 2pm.

We meet every second Saturday of the month - first session March 14th.

If you'd like more information, please don't hesitate to contact:

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VISION 2030

Sporting Success

Athletics



a brilliant day of athletics in the season opener today in Swansea. Some noteworthy performances and many top 5 finishes. Outstanding attitude and application and well done to the debutants who represented the school for the first time



SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

**MARCH
2027**



SOUTH AFRICA CAPE TOWN



YSGOL CWM BROMBIL EXTRA CURRICULAR PROGRAMME – SUMMER TERM 2025

MONDAY 20th APRIL – FRIDAY 3RD JULY

PLEASE NOTE!! – ALL CLUBS AND TRAINING WILL FINISH BY 4PM AND YOU WILL NEED TO FIND YOUR OWN WAY HOME. ALL ACTIVITIES ARE WEATHER DEPENDANT!

FOR SPORTS FIXTURES PLEASE LOOK AT THE FIXTURE BOARD ON FRIDAY FOR MATCHES THE FOLLOWING WEEK. TRANSPORTS ARRANGMENTS FOR THESE WILL BE GIVEN TO YOU.

WEEK 1 AND 2			
DAY	ACTIVITY	YEAR GROUP	VENUE
MONDAY	ATHLETICS (starting on the 27th April)	ALL	GRASS TRACK
TUESDAY	TENNIS	ALL	TENNIS COURTS
	TOUCH RUGBY	ALL	3G
	CRICKET	ALL	3G
	GCSE PE REVISION	YEAR 11	C11
WEDNESDAY	ROUNDERS	ALL	3G

Meet the Governors

We would like to make parents aware of who our governing body are,
This week we meet Mr Robert Jones and Mrs Natalie Lane

My name is Robert Jones, and I was born and have lived in the Port Talbot area all my life. I am married with 4 children and three grandchildren. For 33 years I worked for South Wales Police, I have lived in the Margam and Taibach area for 40 years and I am currently one of the local county borough councillors covering the Margam and Taibach ward.

I have been a school governor covering both the primary and secondary sectors of education for over 40 years, holding positions at Eastern, and Coed Hirwaun primary school as the Vice Chair of the governing body, the Vice Chair of Dyffryn comprehensive and more recently I have sat on the governing body of Ysgol Cwm Bombil school since it opened. I have a passion for education trying to ensure our children have the best possible start in life, hoping they achieve the best outcomes available to them, to meet their aspirations and career prospects in life.

I have a teaching degree in Education and Curriculum development. I have the general certificate IOSH qualification and hold the Tech IOSH designation. I have previously been a member of the Institute of Leadership and Management.



My name is Natalie, I am a parent governor who enjoys being involved in school life. I attend governors' meetings to talk through things like policies, new ideas, and how school money is spent. I'm also a special needs teacher, so I bring that experience to the role and care a lot about making sure all children feel supported and included.

Y Cwtsh – Your Community Eatery!

Y Cwtsh is a warm and welcoming space right at the heart of our community. Freshly cooked meals are served every day, whether you'd like to sit in and relax or grab something tasty to take away. We are open 7 days a week, serving delicious all-day breakfasts, hearty meals, and tempting sweet treats to suit everyone.

Opening Hours:

Monday – Friday: 8.00am – 7.00pm

Weekends: 8.30am – 3.30pm

Our sweet treats include luxury doughnuts, alongside other delicious goodies – perfect with a hot drink or as an after-school treat!

There's something extra special for our pupils too – all pupils receive 10% discount off everything on the menu. Just let us know you're from the school and enjoy your savings.

Feeling creative?

Try our popular Create Your Own Milkshake option! Simply choose your favourite chocolate bar and we'll blend it into a delicious, customised milkshake just for you.

We also offer daily specials, so be sure to ask our friendly staff for more information about what's available each day.



Y Cwtsh is open to everyone in the community and stays open throughout the school holidays, making it the perfect place to meet friends and family.

We are proud to provide a friendly, welcoming environment where everyone can enjoy great food at great prices. Whether you're stopping by for breakfast, lunch, a sweet treat, or a milkshake made just the way you like it, we look forward to seeing you at Y Cwtsh soon!

MAINTAIN DENTAL AND ORAL HEALTH

Dental Care



Electric toothbrush better for plaque removal ✓

Medium-bristled brush best for removing plaque and debris ✓

Replace toothbrush every 3 months ✓

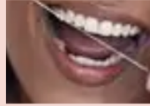
Brush for at least two minutes twice a day ✓



Pea sized amount of toothpaste ✓

Do not rinse mouth after brushings ✓

Toothpaste should contain at least 1,350 parts per million fluoride ✓



Regular flossing reduces gum disease, tooth decay and bad breath ✓

Use a fluoride mouthwash at a different time to brushing your teeth ✓



Have a healthy lifestyle, including eating well, not smoking and limiting your alcohol and sugar intake. It's good for your whole body, including your teeth, gums and mouth.

BENEFITS OF REGULAR PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

Aim for an average of at least 60 minutes of moderate or vigorous intensity physical activity a day across the week



BOOSTS COGNITIVE FUNCTION

improves memory, focus and enhances productivity and creativity

IMPROVES MOOD

Reduces stress and anxiety promoting mental well being

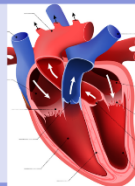


AIDS SLEEP QUALITY



ENHANCES PHYSICAL HEALTH

Strengthens bones and muscles; protects against osteoporosis and fractures



PROMOTES HEART HEALTH

Lowers the risk of heart disease; stroke and diabetes

Reporting your child's absence

In order to improve our efficiency tracking absences, we have enabled the reporting absence option on ClassCharts. When you go into the ClassCharts Parent app for your child, you will now see an absences tab on the top. (scroll across if it is not immediately visible).

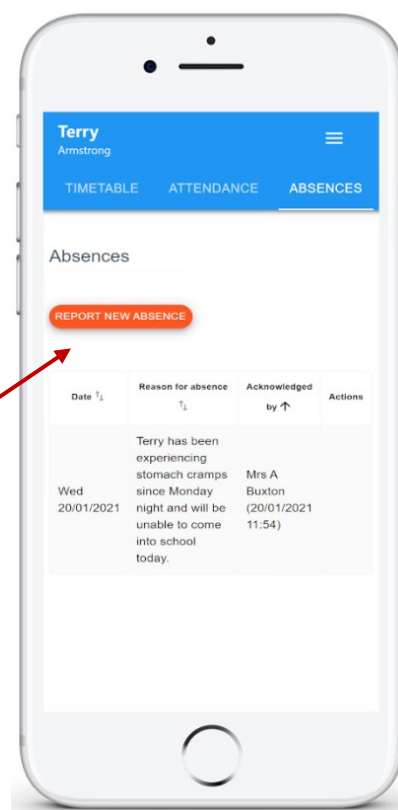
Selecting this tab will display a list of absences that you have reported, once you have reported them. This includes when the absence took place, the reason for the absence and who acknowledged your absence report.

To report an absence, click on the "Report new absence" button.

Next, enter the details of the reported absence into the form provided.

You can also include up to 5 files in your absence report as supporting evidence. To do this, click on the "Attach supporting Evidence" button and select the files of your choice.

Click on the Submit button to send your pupil's absence report to their school. The absence can be edited and deleted until it has been acknowledged by a member of staff.



Date of absence
26/01/2021

Reason for absence
Terry missed the bus today.

Please report your child's absences as soon as possible

Attachments
+ ATTACH SUPPORTING EVIDENCE

You can upload a maximum of 5 attachments, each up to 250mb in size.

SUBMIT CANCEL

Ysgol Cwm Brombil Social Media Accounts

You can keep up to date with so many things that go on every day at Ysgol Cwm Brombil by following our school Instagram: We also have Instagram account of other departments and clubs in in our school. Why not follow some of our accounts (links in the logos) and give them likes!



School Uniform Expectations

All students are expected to wear school uniform throughout the school day.
Below are uniform guidelines for both boys and girls, as well as PE Kit:

All pupils Year 7 to 11		
Blazer	Black school blazer	Available from Bergoni. Blazers must be brought to school and worn every day.
Shirt	White shirt with collar.	Can be purchased from any retailer.
Trousers	Plain black tailored uniform style trousers.	Jean style, corduroys, skinny or casual trousers are not permitted.
Skirt *	Plain black school uniform style skirt.	Skirts should be an appropriate length.
Tights	Plain black tights	Tights are to be worn with skirts and can be purchased from any retailer.
Shoes	Black shoes with black laces.	Available from any retailer. Black leather converse shoes are permitted. NO TRAINERS
Tie	School tie.	Available from Bergoni.
Jumper	Black with badge.	Available from Bergoni. Jumpers are optional.
Shorts	Black tailored shorts.	Only for the summer term. Not PE shorts.
Outdoor coat/Jacket	Coats should be waterproof and black in colour.	Available from any retailer.
Socks (only if not wearing tights)	Ankle height, plain black or white.	Available from any retailer.

**Please note hoodies are not allowed in school.
Any pupil who refuses to remove them during the day will have them confiscated.**

Physical Education

Unisex T Shirt	Available exclusively from Bergoni
Rugby Jersey	Available exclusively from Bergoni
Shorts	Available exclusively from Bergoni
Socks	Available exclusively from Bergoni
Unisex ¼ zipped top	Optional item. Available exclusively from Bergoni
Plain black tracksuit bottoms	Optional available at any retail store
Skort or Legging (recommended to go a size bigger than your normal clothes size as they are smaller sizes.)	Available exclusively from Bergoni

**Please note, even on PE days, hoodies are not allowed in school.
Pupils are expected to wear a long sleeve PE top when cold.**

For further information regarding our uniform expectations please see our [school website](#):

The Pantry

Our weekly food bank is open every Thursday from 3.15. This is available to anyone within our school community, no referral needed, please just drop in as and when needed.

We all need a little help sometimes. Entrance to the Food Bank – The Pantry is accessed via “Y Cwtch” our community Hub Café.

Refreshments will be provided for everyone waiting, we look forward to seeing you, please remember to bring your bags with you.



Donations

We are always grateful for any donations that you can provide towards our food bank, we always need the below items. There is a drop off trolley in reception:

- Tinned Goods:
 - Meats – hotdogs, minced beef, pies, meatballs, curries etc.
 - Beans
 - Beans and Sausage
 - Spaghetti
 - Tinned Veg
 - Potatoes,
 - carrots,
 - peas,
 - sweetcorn
 - Tuna
 - Tinned fruits
- Cereal
- UHT Milk
- Pasta – including sauces
- Toiletries
 - Shampoo,
 - Shower gel,
 - Conditioner,
 - Toothpaste
 - Toilet rolls

*Please NO sanitary products, we have lots in stock



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Term dates for 2025-26

Autumn Term, half term 1 2025-26	
Tuesday 2 nd September 2025	Year 7 & 11 attend school
Wednesday 3 rd September 2025	All pupils attend school
Thursday 23 rd October 2025	Last Day of half term 1 for pupils
Friday 24 th October 2025	Staff INSET (Training) Day
Half Term holiday - Monday 27 th October 2025 - Friday 31 st October 2025	
Autumn Term, half term 2 2025-26	
Monday 3 rd November 2025	Term starts
Friday 28 th November 2025	Staff INSET (Training) Day
Monday 1 st December 2025	Staff INSET (Training) Day
Friday 19 th December 2025	Last Day of half term 2
Christmas Holiday - Monday 22 nd December 2025 - Friday 2 nd January 2026	
Spring Term, half term 3 2025-26	
Monday 5 th January 2026	Staff INSET (Training) Day
Tuesday 6 th January 2026	Half term 3 Starts for all pupils
Friday 13 th February 2026	Last Day of half term 3
Half Term holiday - Monday 16 th February 2026 - Friday 20 th February 2026	
Spring Term, half term 4 2025-26	
Monday 23 rd February 2026	Term 4 Starts
Friday 27 th March 2026	Last Day of half term 4 for pupils
Easter holiday - Monday 30 th March 2026 - Friday 10 th April 2026	
Summer Term, half term 5 2025-26	
Monday 13 th April 2026	Term 5 Starts
Monday 4 th May 2026	May Day Bank Holiday
Friday 22 nd May 2026	Last Day of half term 3
Half Term - Monday 24 th May 2025 - Friday 29 th May 2026	
Summer Term Half term 6 2025-26	
Monday 1 st June 2026	Half term 6 Starts
Friday 17 th July 2026	Last Day of half term 6, end of the school Year

