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Tymor yr Hydref – Autumn term

Start / Dechrau: Wednesday September 2nd 2026 / Dydd Mercher Medi 2^{il} 2026

Half term October 26th – 30th / Hanner tymor Hydref 26^{ain} – 30^{ain}

End / Diwedd: Friday 18th December 2026 / Dydd Gwener 18^{fed} Rhagfyr

Week Beginning - Monday 19th October– Week 2

Monday	Students from Galicia (Spain) visiting.	
Tuesday		Transition Day - Languages
Wednesday		• Primary and Secondary Sibling Photographs • Transition Day - Languages
Thursday		
Friday		• Year 10 ART & Photography Trip- Cardiff • Cake Sale

Week Beginning - Monday 26th October – Half Term

Monday	Half Term!	
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		



Years 10 & 11 visit Barcelona

October the 8th saw the departure of the first ever YCB trip to Barcelona! This was a cross curricular adventure organised for Spanish, Art and Geography students in years 10 & 11. We had such an amazing time with a jam-packed schedule. We left YCB in the early hours of the morning on Thursday and didn't get to the hotel until half past five that evening, we were all shattered that first day!

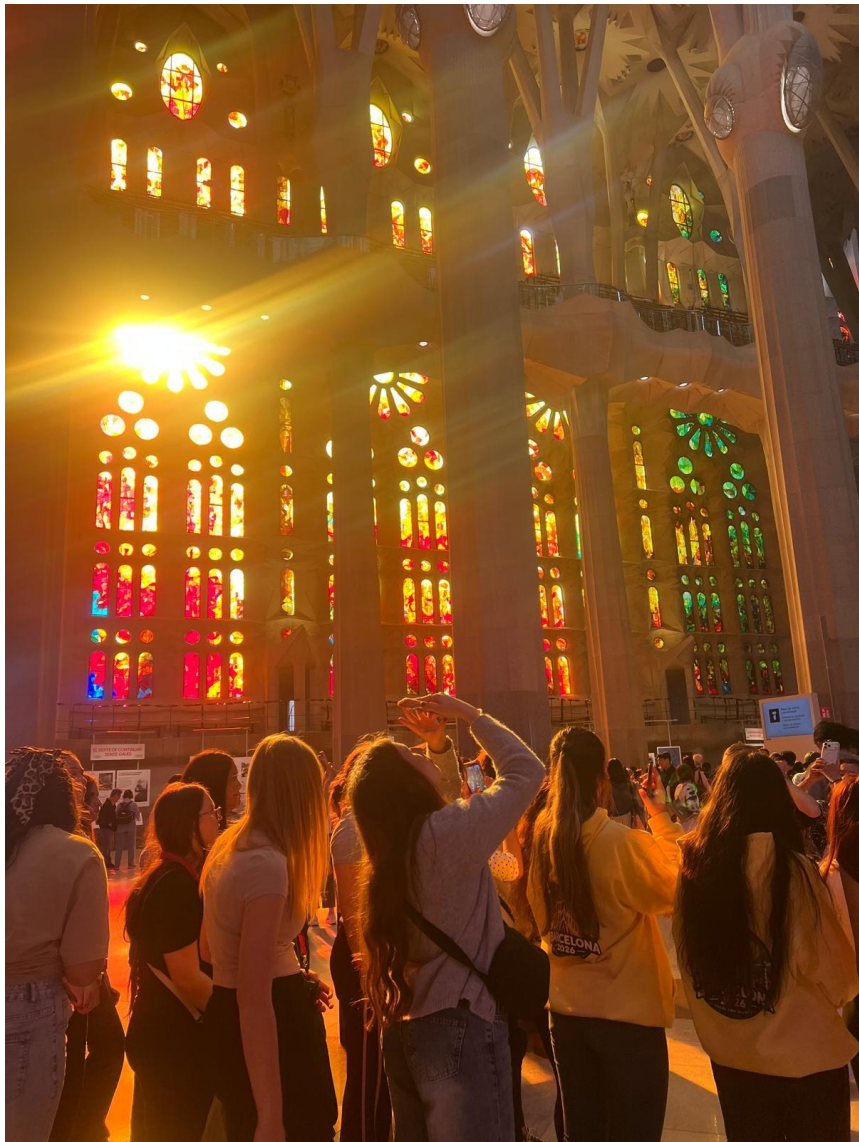
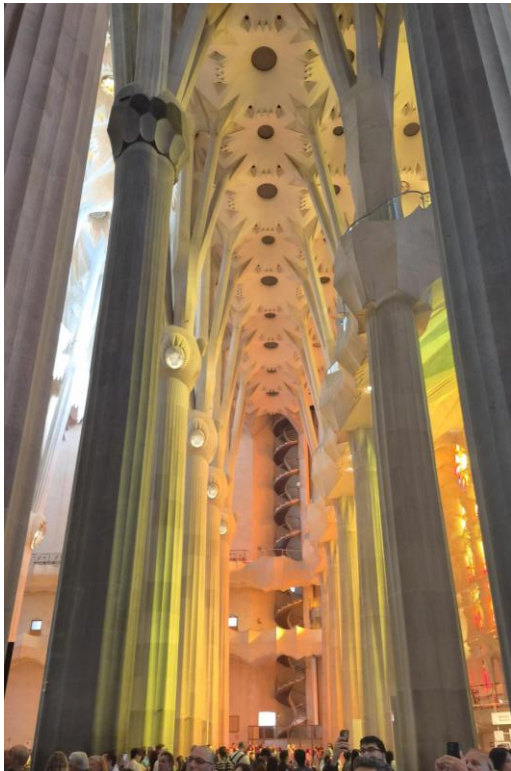


We experienced so many different elements of Barcelona there were genuinely too many to mention but some of the real highlights were La Boqueria the food market where some of us were brave enough to try new and strange foods such as octopus, dragon fruit and even sea urchin! Las Ramblas a really busy but pretty street with several human statues, the harbour & marina with the giant statue of Christopher Columbus.



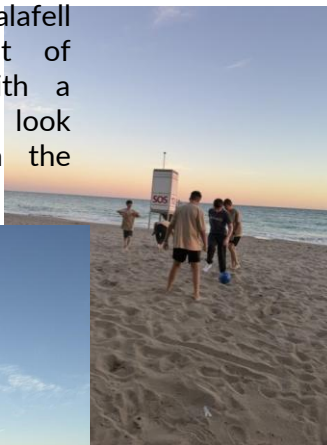


The highlight for many was the world famous La Sagrada Familia which is still being finished but is now the tallest church in the world at almost 180 metres!. The stain glass windows were stunning with the sun shining through the red, orange and yellow panes, lighting up the church with colour it was truly breathtaking.





The hotel was in Calafell a little way out of Barcelona but with a beautiful beach to look at the Sunset in the evenings.



The hotel staff were amazing, allowing us to try traditional Spanish foods like a tortilla Espanola, churros, traditional ham and even a tapas night!

Everyone in Spain was so welcoming from our amazing tour guide Reuben, the hotel staff who fed us amazingly well and the many bus drivers we had who took us everywhere. Although we were constantly moving, we had such an unforgettable experience because of the multitude of sights we were able to experience.



The Saturday saw us visiting the old capital of eastern Spain, a Roman city of Tarragona where we saw ancient ruins including an amphitheatre! In the afternoon it was off to Port Aventura theme park which was some of the pupils' favourite parts of the trip because it had so much to offer including the fastest rollercoaster in Europe!



The plane journey there and back was a first experience for some people, but we all made it and everyone loved spending money on jelly cats in Heathrow Airport as well as Duty Free! Everybody returned having spent the majority of their euros on souvenirs and food but thanks to Ruben none of us got pickpocketed which we see as an achievement. Thank you so much to all of the teachers for giving us such an incredible experience and we hope that this trip will continue for many years.

Emma & Ellie Y11

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Year 8 STEM visit to

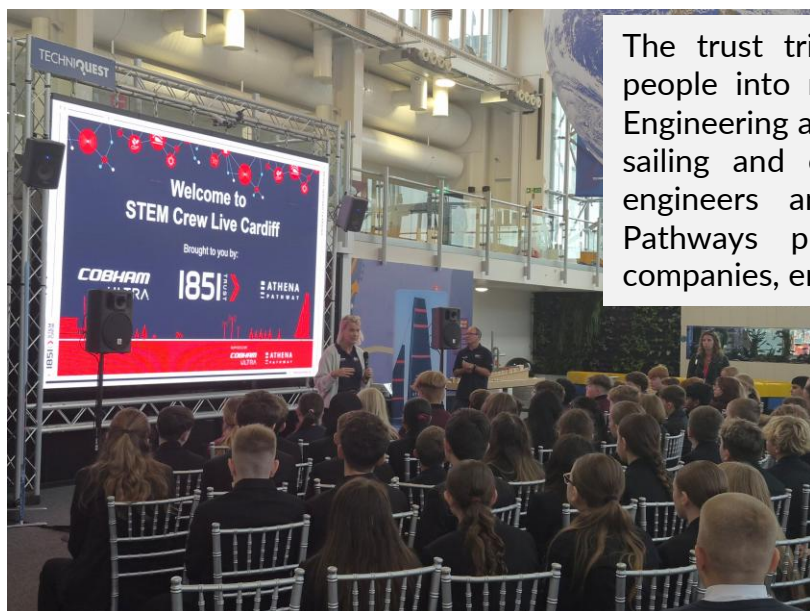
TECHNIQUEST



On Wednesday, forty pupils from year 8 pupils went to Cardiff Bay to visit Techniquest. This trip was a reward for their excellent efforts in the summer term with their science investigation challenge. So, we had some intrepid scientists from each of the nine classes present!

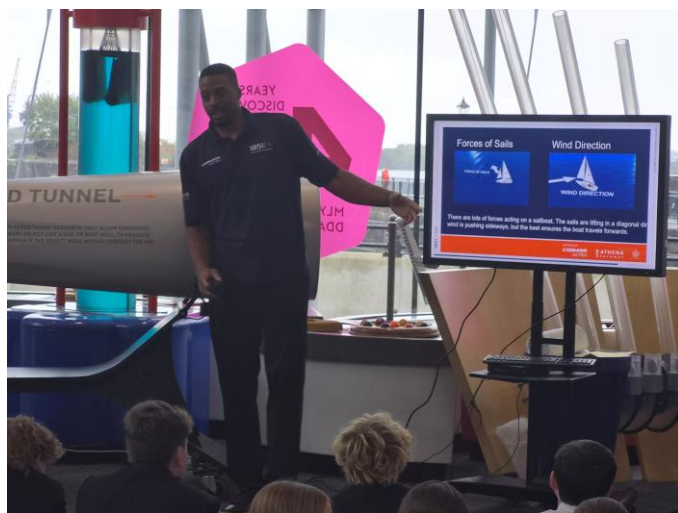


Techniquest was taken over for the week by the 1851 Trust a STEM charity linked to the British Yacht racing team Athena that hopes to be the first British team to ever win the Americas cup sailing race.



The trust tries to attract the next generation of people into multiple kinds of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) fields that are linked to sailing and other sports. Pupils talked with real engineers and elite athletes from the Athena Pathways programme as well as local STEM companies, engaging in many different activities.

Our first station was the Aerodynamics station; pupils experimented with the physics of flight and sailing by making their own mini yacht sails. Only using 2 pieces of paper, 2 wooden sticks and masking tape. They tested theses mini yacht sailing boats inside an interactive wind tunnel, modifying their design to improve the efficiency through the air.

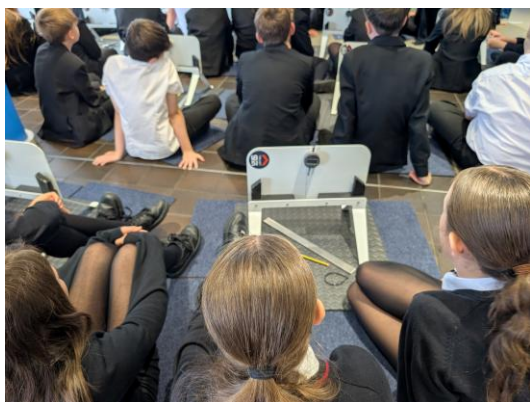


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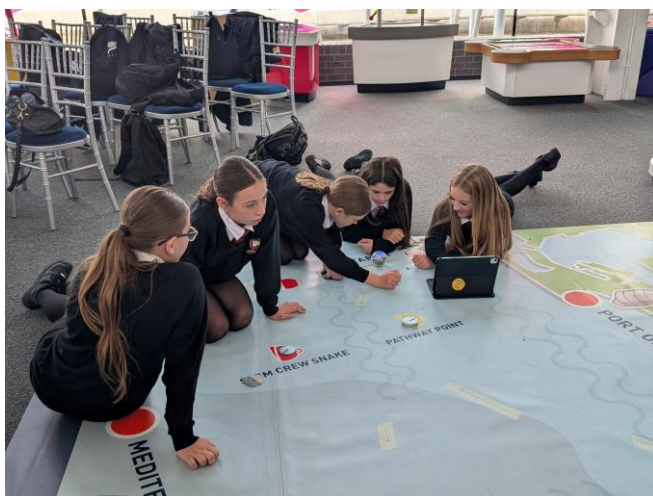


On the Careers Speed Networking, they did mini stations where pupils sat face to face with professional engineers, innovators and elite athletes from the Athena Pathways Programme. They had a chance to ask them about their jobs to help them with their subject pathways if they are interested. One of the mini stations had a race car that pupils could control on their phone. Another one had a sailor that actually competed in the Americas cup! They talked about the AC75 and AC40 the boats that they used and what jobs the crew do on the boat.



The next station was the Materials science station, this station was where pupils got to discover and even touch the range of materials used to make some of the America Cup's elite, high-performance race boats. They tested the malleability of steel, carbon fibre and both carbon fibre and steel together, how they tested it by adding 200g each time starting from 100g to 1kg. The most malleable was the steel with the carbon steel hybrid showing the least bend.

The final station was Coding & Tech station; a digital gaming challenge were pupils' program and code Sphero robots using the Sphero Edu App. They had to use different angles and degrees to perfectly get around the course, they had to put the perfect duration to make turns. The main challenge was to get around the course in the fastest time possible, four of our pupils got second place getting around it in only 5.7 seconds and only being 0.1 off from first! This is amazing achievement competing with over 150 pupils on the day!



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Teaching and Learning Pupil Leadership:

You said, we're listening



At our recent Teaching and Learning Pupil Leadership meeting, pupils shared their views on feedback, equipment packs and celebrating excellent learning.

Pupils told us that their equipment packs are really helpful and that whiteboards help them share answers and check their understanding during lessons. They also suggested an Equipment Shop where pupils could replenish supplies before the school day starts, helping everyone arrive ready to learn. Thanks to their suggestion, an Equipment Shop now runs in the canteen every day! A special thank you to Jess Evans and Reese Wigley, who run the shop as members of the group.



Pupils also shared thoughtful ideas for our proposed Aspiration Day, exploring how we can celebrate excellent work in ways that feel rewarding and comfortable for everyone.

A special mention goes to our Year 11 pupils, who gathered feedback and led discussions during the session – you were fantastic!

Thank you to everyone who contributed. Your views are helping us improve learning at Ysgol Cwm Bromptil.



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Equipment Shop



Open every morning in the canteen.

Use points or money to replace missing items

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Senedd News

Meet the senedd members!

Written by Eva Davies, Carys Evans and Poppy Thomas



Josh Parsons – Year 10

What house are you in?- Macsen

How long have you been in the Senedd?- Since year 7

What's your favourite part about being in the Senedd?- Having the ability to give input into school decisions

What aspirations do you have for the future?- To become a senior prefect



Riley Ayres – Year 10

What house are you in?- Glyndwr

How long have you been in the Senedd?- Since year 9

What's your favourite part about being in the Senedd?- Organising inter-house competitions

What aspirations do you have for the future?- To pursue a career in computing/ ICT.



One of our main aims is to strengthen our inter-house competitions and give everyone more opportunities to get involved. The Senedd would also like to hear your ideas for challenges and activities during the coming academic year. What would you like to see happening in school? Are there new competitions, campaigns, events or challenges that you think would make a difference?



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Your ideas matter! Please share your suggestions with your Senedd representatives so that together we can make the coming year an exciting, inclusive and successful one for everyone.

We've been working on our "Brawddeg yr Wytnos" - the Welsh Phrase of the Week. The phrase of the week is a simple Welsh sentence that pupils can use to respond to the register and gain positive points in the process. It is a way of learning vocabulary, practice pronunciation and learn a little about an aspect of Welsh culture. This year we've added a weekly house challenge and a Welsh song of the week too!

HOUSE CHALLENGE

Welsh National History

October is often associated with the **Welsh national flag and symbols**. Which legendary Welsh creature appears on the national flag?

Write your answer with your name, form and house on a piece of paper and post in the challenge box in C5.



Cân yr Wythnos

[Swnami - Gwreiddiau \(Fideo Swyddogol "Ochr 1" Official Video\)](#)



Welsh Phrase of the Week **Calan Gaeaf**

Calan Gaeaf hapus!

(Calan Gaeaf hapus!)

Happy Halloween!

Example:

Calan Gaeaf hapus i bawb!
Happy Halloween to everyone!

This week:
Try using this phrase at least 3 times in your week!



Llangrannog Trip Reminder

A reminder that applications for the Year 7 & 8 Llangrannog trip, taking place from 15th-17th January, will remain open until Friday 23rd October. No further applications will be accepted after this date, so please make sure your application is submitted before the deadline. Diolch!

We have loads of exciting ideas and activities planned to celebrate all things **Cymraeg** this year, so watch this space!

Dewch ymlaen, Criw Cymraeg! Let's make it another brilliant year! Pob lwc i bawb!

Library - Newsletter

Writing Competition : Ghost Stories



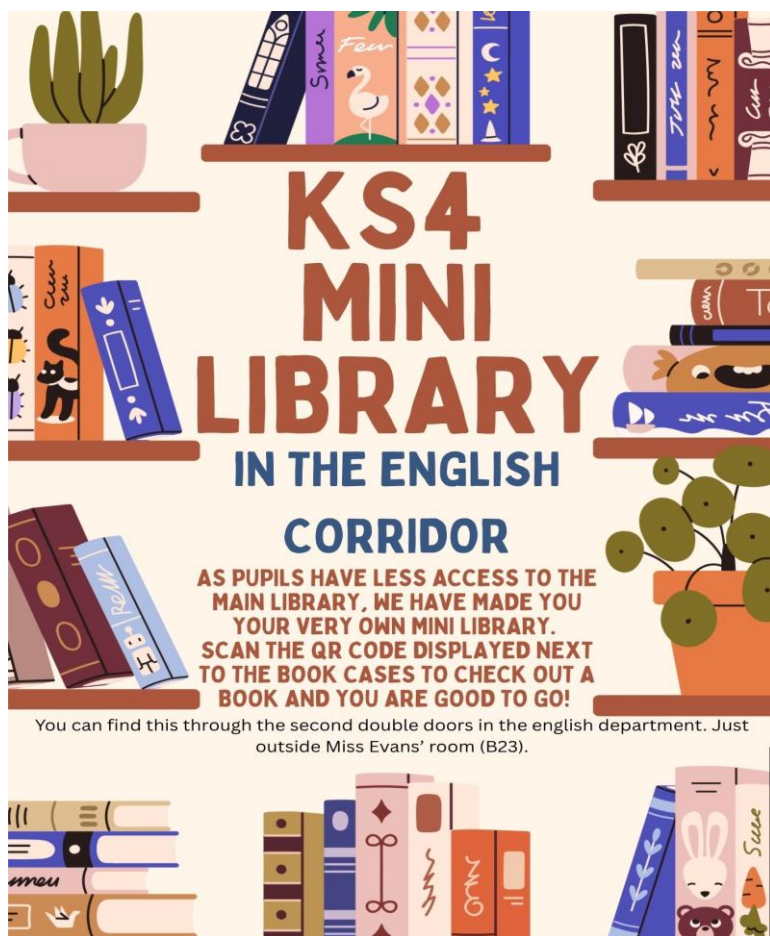
Closing date : 6th November 2026

What lurks in your pupils' imaginations...? Get them involved today in this ghost story writing competition for writers aged 5-18 years!

Everyone loves a ghost story! A little bit of a scare, that nervous laugh, the suspense... We're inviting young writers of all ages to write their own spook-tacular short story in up to 250 words.

Prize : £25 cinema voucher and a free copy of your work in a published book

Please come to the Library if you have any questions!



Poetry Competition : Unite

Closing date : 23rd October 2026

What matters to your students?

Their friends. Their family. Their community. A team they belong to. Something they love. Something they'd change. A cause they believe in. A place that matters. A hope for the future. Unite is an open-themed poetry competition, so every student can start with something that matters to them.

They can take Unite at face value and write about connection, teamwork, or bringing people together, but they don't have to... Their poem could be personal, funny, thoughtful, hopeful, angry, or powerful. It could explore a tiny moment in their own life or something happening in the wider world.

There are no restrictions on style or theme. Poems can be up to 80 lines.

Prize : FOR STUDENTS

1ST PRIZE	Beats headphones £100 Amazon voucher
2 × 2ND PRIZES	Kindles
3 × 3RD PRIZES	£50 cinema vouchers

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OCTOBER
WRITING
COMPETITION

GHOST STORIES

WHAT LURKS IN YOUR IMAGINATION?

Everyone loves a ghost story.
A little bit of a scare.
That nervous laugh.
The feeling that something isn't quite right.
The moment you realise you're not alone...

THE CHALLENGE

Write your own spook-tacular
short story.

UP TO
250
WORDS

PRIZES

SCHOOL PRIZES

- Amazon vouchers
- Chocolate

YOUNG WRITERS UK PRIZES

- £25 cinema vouchers
- A copy of your story
in a published book

CLOSING DATE

6 NOVEMBER 2026

ENTER:

B28 (Mr John)

or

johnr203@hwbcymru.net



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SWAP SHOP



Since last year, the Eco Committee has been working hard on creating a Swap Shop for Ysgol Cwm Brombil where old items of branded uniform are able to be swapped, donated, or bought at a smaller cost. We understand that the rising cost of school uniform can be a significant financial pressure for families, highlighting a need to make uniform affordable and accessible for all. Additionally, we recognise that regularly replacing uniform as pupils outgrow it can contribute to unnecessary waste and is, therefore, not very sustainable.



Open Monday 19th
October!
14:45 to 15:45

So, we came up with a solution! Our Swap Shop aims to reduce the number of branded items of uniform going to waste after they have become too small. It also aims to assist all families by reducing the cost of some important items of uniform that every pupil needs. At our Swap Shop, you can trade in your pre-loved blazers and PE tops for new sizes.

Even if you don't have any items to swap, you can purchase pre-loved blazers in excellent condition for £8, PE tops for £5, and brand-new ties for £6.

We are open every school day during form time (8:30-8:50) and after school every Monday from 14:45 to 15:45, by the pupil entrance.

Uniform swaps and purchases can also be requested via our email - Swapshop@ysgolcwmbrimbil.npt.school

We can't wait to see you!

Poppy Thomas (Year 10), on behalf of YCB Eco Committee

Our first week was a roaring success. We hope to see more people call in next Monday!

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Swansea Science Festival's tenth anniversary programme is bursting with low-cost family fun, from spectacular science shows to hands-on workshops and free drop-in activities.

Highlights include:

- ***Confessions of a Traitor*** – two of Wales most memorable contestants from The Traitors, Fiona and Amanda, and Swansea University psychologist Dr Alex Jones, will explore the science of deception, trust and human behaviour.
- ***Grace's Amazing Machines*** – Visit the CBeebies presenter's electrical workshop
- The Science of Harry Potter – satisfy the curious spirits of muggles everywhere
- ***Bath Bombs*** – make a splash in our colourful workshop
- ***Quick Fire Science*** – how real-life Swansea Scientists are changing the world

With show tickets from just £1 per person (under 2s free), plus a huge programme of FREE exhibitions and activities, it's the perfect low-cost family day out this half-term.

Prifysgol
Abertawe
Swansea
University

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30.10.26 | 31.10.26
Amgueddfa Genedlaethol y Glannau
DEGAWD O DDARGANFOD

GŴYL WYDDONIAETH ABERTAWE
SWANSEA SCIENCE FESTIVAL

A DECADE OF DISCOVERY
30.10.26 | 31.10.26
National Waterfront Museum



GCSE Year 10 – Shakespeare Schools Festival 2026

Our GCSE Year 10 Drama pupils will be performing **Macbeth** as part of the **Shakespeare Schools Festival 2026**.

Performance: Macbeth

Date: Tuesday 3rd November 2026

Venue: Gwyn Hall, Neath

Tickets are currently on sale from the **Gwyn Hall Box Office**. It would be fantastic to see you there supporting our GCSE Year 10 pupils as they take to the stage and perform **Macbeth**!

Gwyn Hall Box Office: 03003656677

International Club

Getting Ready to Welcome Galicia!

The International Club has been getting ready to welcome 23 students from Galicia to Ysgol Cwm Brombil. They are coming to improve their language skills and will be fully immersed in school life for two weeks. They arrive on the 20th October and leave on the 6th November.



We have a buddy system, where members of the club will help the visitors to settle in, show them around and make sure they have the best experience possible. This exchange has been happening for many years, and lots of friendships have been made between students from YCB and Vigo in Galicia over the years.

Galicia is in the North west of Spain above Portugal. To prepare for their visit, we have been learning some key phrases and are creating a welcome board for them. We are also working on a booklet about the Celtic links between Wales and Galicia, looking at the similarities between our cultures and histories.



We're really looking forward to meeting everyone and hopefully making some new friendships along the way!

Here are some of the phrases that we are learning in club:

Croeso i Gymru! Benvidos a Gales!

Welcome to Our School! / Croeso i'n Hysgol! / Benvidos á Nosa Escola!

English	Welsh	Galician
Hello!	Helo!	Ola!
Good morning!	Bore da!	Bos días!
Welcome to our school!	Croeso i'n hysgol!	Benvidos á nosa escola!
Welcome to Wales!	Croeso i Gymru!	Benvidos a Gales!
How are you?	Sut wyt ti?	Como estás?
Nice to meet you!	Braf cwrdd â chi!	Encantado/a de coñecerte!
Thank you!	Diolch!	Grazas!
Have a good day!	Cael diwrnod da!	Que teñades un bo día!
Goodbye!	Hwyl fawr!	Abur!



Pentre Natur

Community garden

Parents • Carers • Community Members

HAVE YOUR SAY!

We're developing Pentre Natur, our community garden at Ysgol Cwm Brombil, and we'd love your input.

Please take a moment to tell us what you'd like to see happening in the gardens, and how the space could support local children, families our wider community.

Scan the QR code to complete our short survey.



Thank you for helping us shape Pentre Natur together.

We'd really love to hear from our parents, carers and wider community as we continue to grow our plans for Pentre Natur.

We want this to be a space that genuinely works for the people who use it, so your ideas and feedback are important to us. We've put together a short survey to find out what you'd love to see happening in the gardens, what opportunities would be useful for local families, and how we can make the space something the whole community can enjoy and benefit from.

It only takes a few minutes to complete, and every response will help us shape what Pentre Natur becomes.

👉 Have your say here: <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/5K5NsEJ0Ju?origin=lprLink>

You can also scan the QR code above.

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PUPIL LEADERSHIP

*Pupil Leadership within Ysgol Cwm Brombil is about empowering our pupils to become confident, capable leaders of the future. Rooted in our cornerstones of Aspiration, Belonging, and Character, Pupil Leadership gives pupils the chance to shape the culture of our school, create meaningful opportunities, and unite communities. Through our Pupil Leadership Groups, students are encouraged to make a real difference and leave a lasting impact, developing skills such as teamwork, communication, and responsibility. As an **ACE School of Character**, pupil Leadership plays a vital role in inspiring others, fostering a sense of pride and belonging, and ensuring that every voice contributes to the continued growth and success of our school.*



Active School Champions
Mr Davies (PE)



Bame
Mrs Tomkins



Belonging+
Mrs White



Brombil Barracks
Mrs Sims & Mrs Stanton



CLA
Miss Mason



Criw Cymraeg
Miss Mordecai



Eco Committee
Miss Henson



Health
Gemma, Jude & Lorraine



Giving Club
Mrs Poulton-Rogers



Inclusion
Mrs Thompson



International Club
Mrs Stead



Junior Safeguarding Board
Mrs Pereira-Thomas



Mental Health
Mr Hopkins



Peer Mentoring
Mr Davies (Welsh)



Promotion Team
Mr Hopkins



Rangers
Miss Thompson



Senedd
Mrs Morgan-Doyle
& Mrs Smitham



Seren
Mrs Sotero



Teaching & Learning
Mrs Taylor



Young Carers
Mrs Healey

BLWYDDYN YEAR 7 & 8



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Breaktime				
Lunchtime				
Choir A4 Mrs Razzell Chess Club C30 Mr McDaid International Club C5 Mrs Stead WEEK 2 ONLY! Brombil Book Worms Library Mrs Sherlock	Belonging+ A1 Mrs White WEEK 1 ONLY!	Young Carers A5 The Forge Mrs Healey Badminton Sports Hall WEEK 1 ONLY! Criw Cymraeg C2 Miss Mordecai	MFL Club C6 Mrs Mansell Senedd C4 Mrs Smitham Basketball Sports Hall WEEK 1 ONLY!	
Afterschool				
Young Carers A5 The Forge Mrs Healey Rugby 3G Netball Sports Hall/MUGA Rangers Outdoor learning Garden Mrs Thompson		Science Club C19 Miss Woodington Ukulele Club C14 Mrs Mitchell Creative Writing Club B28 Mr John School Production Drama Theatre Miss Michael START DATE TBC Girls Football 3G/Grass Pitch	Dungeons & Dragons Club Library Mr Ford Orchestra A4 Mrs Razzell Strength & Conditioning Back Gym/Multi Gym	
Pupil Leadership Groups & Enrichment Clubs Meet on a Monthly/Termly Basis – Check with Staff for Meeting Times etc.				
Promotion Team		Mr Hopkins		
Teaching & Learning		Mrs Taylor		
Brombil Barracks		Mrs Sims & Mrs Stanton		
Literacy Leaders		Miss Evans		

BLWYDDYN YEAR 9, 10 & 11



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Break Time				
Junior Safeguarding Board C8 Mrs Pereira-Thomas		Beyblade Club C1 Mr Phillips		
Lunchtime				
Choir A4 Mrs Razzell	Chess Club C30 Mr McDaid	Young Carers A5 The Forge Mrs Healey		Basketball Sports Hall
Strength & Conditioning Back Gym/Multi Gym	Belonging+ A1 Mrs White WEEK 2 ONLY!	International Club C5 Mrs Stead		
	Criw Cymraeg C2 Miss Mordecai			
	Strength & Conditioning Back Gym/Multi Gym			
	Badminton Sports Hall			
Afterschool				
Young Carers A5 The Forge Mrs Healey	Netball Sports Hall/MUGA	Graphic Design B13 Mr Hopkins	Graphic Design B13 Mr Hopkins	
Strength & Conditioning Back Gym/Multi Gym		Badminton Sports Hall	Dungeons & Dragons Club Library Mr Ford	
Rangers Outdoor learning Garden Mrs Thompson		Ukulele Club C14 Mrs Mitchell	Orchestra A4 Mrs Razzell	
		Creative Writing Club B28 Mr John	Strength & Conditioning Back Gym/Multi Gym	
		Girls Football 3G/Grass Pitch		

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Physical Education

Extra Curricular Timetable Winter term



Week 1 & 2 (AFTER SCHOOL)

Day	Activity	Year Group(s)	Venue
Monday	RUGBY (starting 14/9/26)	7 & 8	3G
	Netball	7 & 8	Sports Hall
	Strength & Conditioning	9, 10 & 11	Back gym / Multigym
Tuesday	Netball	9, 10 & 11	Sports Hall
Wednesday	Badminton	9, 10 & 11	Sports Hall
	Girl's Football	All years	3G / Grass pitch
Thursday	Strength & Conditioning	All Years	Back gym / Multigym

Week 1 & 2 (LUNCH TIME)

Day	Activity	Year Group(s)	Venue
Monday	Strength & Conditioning	9, 10 & 11	Back gym / Multigym
Tuesday	Badminton	9, 10 & 11	Sports Hall
	Strength & Conditioning	9, 10 & 11	Back gym / Multigym
Wednesday (Week 1 only)	Badminton / Pickleball	7 & 8	Sports Hall
Thursday (Week 1 only)	Basketball	7 & 8	Sports Hall
Friday	Basketball	9, 10 & 11	Sports Hall

Please note!! – Afterschool clubs and training will finish by 4pm and pupils have to find their own transport home.

All clubs are subject to cancellation as fixtures will take priority

For sports fixtures, please look at the fixture board on Friday for matches the following week.

The completion times of these fixtures will vary and will be communicated with you.

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Attendance - Everyday counts!

ATTENDANCE IS ABOUT MORE THAN A NUMBER

What are you gaining by being in school?

It's easy for attendance conversations to become about percentages.

But behind every percentage is a young person.

When pupils are in school, they have opportunities to:

- learn new knowledge;
- develop practical skills;
- receive feedback;
- prepare for assessments;
- build confidence;
- develop friendships;
- take part in school activities;
- develop new interests;
- gain qualifications;
- experience new things;
- develop their understanding of the wider world.



These opportunities connect directly to our three **Cornerstones**.

Aspiration

We want pupils to have the knowledge, skills and qualifications to pursue their ambitions.

Belonging

We want every pupil to feel that they are part of our school community.

Character

We want young people to develop the qualities they need to make positive choices and contribute to the world around them.

That means attendance isn't simply:

"How many days have I been here?"

It is also:

"How many opportunities have I given myself?"

Our six attributes — **Ambition, Integrity, Commitment, Responsibility, Kindness and Assertiveness** — are developed through everyday experiences.

And being present gives pupils more opportunities to practise them.

If attendance is proving difficult for your child, please talk to us. Our Attendance and Pastoral Teams are here to listen, understand the barriers and work with you to find the right support.

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ATTENDANCE

AT YSGOL CWM BROMBIL

A SIMPLE GUIDE FOR FAMILIES • SEPTEMBER 2026



OUR SHARED GOAL:
**AT LEAST 95%
ATTENDANCE.**



Parents should check attendance on ClassCharts. If your child cannot attend, contact school every **day** by phone, email or ClassCharts message and give the reason for the absence. Where possible, provide medical evidence.



We follow All Wales Guidance and Local Authority Policy on attendance.



**IF NO REASON
IS GIVEN**

By **8.30am** on the first day, if school has not received a reason, the Attendance Support Officer will make a phone call. Even when a reason is established, a further call is made on the **third day** of absence to check-in. Depending on the reason, a member of the Pastoral Team may also call.



**3-5 DAYS
WITH NO
CONTACT**

If school cannot make any contact after **3 days**, our Cynnydd worker will make a home visit. They may send a text to let you know. For support and safeguarding reasons, the Cynnydd worker will ask to see your child to speak with them and offer support.



**10 DAYS
WITH NO
CONTACT**

In line with the Local Authority safeguarding procedures, if school cannot make contact for **10 days**, we will ask the Education Welfare Service (EWO) to make a welfare visit. If they cannot make contact, they will arrange a joint visit with our Police Liaison Officer.

ATTENDANCE SUPPORT PATHWAY



**IF ATTENDANCE
DOES NOT
IMPROVE**

If a parent does not attend the meeting, or attendance continues to fall, the case will be referred to the Education Welfare Service. The Local Authority then takes ownership for managing attendance and may issue a warning letter.



FURTHER ACTION

If attendance continues to drop following EWO support, they may issue a Fixed Penalty Notice. If attendance does not improve within 15 days, a fine may be issued. The EWS may also consider court proceedings if deemed necessary.

HOLIDAYS



**HOLIDAY
REQUESTS**

In line with Local Authority guidance, the school cannot authorise holidays unless there are exceptional circumstances. A reminder of school processes will be sent to you following each holiday period. After the **third holiday** within the same academic year, the case will be referred to the EWO, who may issue a fine.

WHAT HAPPENS BEHIND THE SCENES?



**DAILY
MONITORING**

Your child's attendance is monitored daily by your child's Form Teacher, the Attendance Support Officer, Head of Year and wider pastoral team.



**FORTNIGHTLY
DISCUSSIONS**

Every two weeks, the Pastoral Team and EWS meet to discuss all pupils' attendance and agree actions.



REWARDS

Pupils receive attendance rewards every term and are entered into weekly prize draws based on their attendance.



OUR MESSAGE TO FAMILIES

We want to work with you early to support good attendance and help every pupil reach their potential. If there is a barrier affecting attendance, please contact us at school so we can work with you.



MORE INFORMATION AND ADVICE CAN BE FOUND ON THE SCHOOL AND LOCAL AUTHORITY WEBSITE.



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).

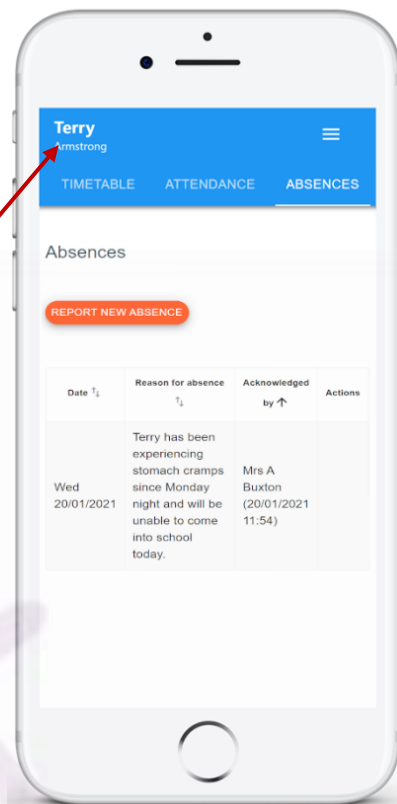
Selecting this tab will display a list of absences that you have reported, once you have reported them. This includes when the absence took place, the reason for the absence and who acknowledged your absence report.

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.

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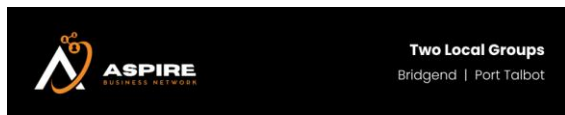
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School Uniform Expectations



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 <u>not</u> 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.		



Term Dates 2026 - 27

Autumn Term, half term 1 2026-27

Tuesday 1 st September 2026	Staff INSET day
Wednesday 2 nd September 2026	All pupils attend school
Friday 23 rd October 2026	Last Day of half term 1
Half Term holiday - Monday 26 th October 2026 – Friday 30 th October 2026	

Autumn Term, half term 2 2026-27

Monday 2 nd November 2026	Term starts
Friday 4 th December 2026	Staff INSET (Training) Day
Monday 7 th December 2026	Staff INSET (Training) Day
Friday 18 th December 2026	Last Day of half term 2
Christmas Holiday – Monday 21 st December 2026 – Friday 1 st January 2027	

Spring Term, half term 3 2026-27

Monday 4 th January 2027	Staff INSET (Training) Day
Tuesday 5 th January 2027	Half term 3 Starts for all pupils
Friday 5 th February 2027	Last Day of half term 3
Half Term holiday - Monday 8 th February 2027 – Friday 12 th February 2027	

Spring Term, half term 4 2026-27

Monday 15 th February 2027	Term 4 Starts
Friday 19 th March 2027	Last Day of half term 4
Easter holiday - Monday 22 nd March 2027 - Friday 2 nd April 2027	

Summer Term, half term 5 2026-27

Monday 5 th April 2027	Term 5 Starts
Monday 3 rd May 2027 - May Day Bank Holiday	
Thursday 28 th May 2027	Last Day of half term 5
Half Term - Monday 31 st May 2027 - Friday 4 th June 2027	

Summer Term Half term 6 2026-27

Monday 7 th June 2027	Half term 6 Starts
Monday 21 st June 2027	Staff INSET (Training) Day
Tuesday 22 nd June 2027	Staff INSET (Training) Day
Tuesday 20 th July 2027	Last Day of half term 6 & End of school Year