

Ysgol Bro Gwaun

Pennaeth / Headteacher: Mr Paul Edwards
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Dear parent/carer.

I write to share with you some key information and important dates as we move towards Christmas. As a reminder, the messages below are shared on our social media pages- please join us on facebook and X (previously twitter).

Key Dates:

Thursday 14th December – Christmas dinner day.

Monday 18th December – YBG Christmas Carol Concert at St Mary's Church, 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

Wednesday 20th December – End of term reward trips.

Thursday 21st December – Last day of term.

Monday 8th January – INSET day (no school for pupils).

Tuesday 9th January – All pupils return to school.

Parental Consultation Evenings (progress evenings).

We look forward to welcoming Year 9 parents and carers to the parental consultation evening later today, starting at 3:30pm. Other upcoming parental consultation evenings are:

Year 11 – Wednesday 24th January

Year 8 – Wednesday 31st January

Information regarding these evenings will be shared in due course.

Year 9 Options process.

This is an exciting time for pupils in Year 9 as they start the process of choosing subject options for GCSEs. A significant amount of information and advice will be shared with year 9 and parents/carers over the next few weeks, culminating in a Year 9 options evening on Wednesday 21st February. This will be held in the school where you will be able to ask questions directly to subject teachers.

Examinations.

Well done to Year 11 and year 8 who have just completed their examinations. Year 9 will begin their exams on the 11th of January with the outcomes from these helping to inform their decision-making when choosing options for next year.

Christmas Dinner.

The canteen staff will be serving Christmas Dinner on Thursday 14th December with a vegetarian alternative being available. There is no additional charge and pupils who are eligible for free school meals will be able to receive their lunch as usual.

The Spond app.

If your child(ren) take part in extra-curricular sports activities and represent the school in such sports as netball, hockey, rugby and football, please ensure you download and register for this app. The app provides real time information about fixtures and training, including any cancellations and re-arrangements. Please contact Lewis.watts@ysgolbrogwaun for further information.

Attendance.

Please remember that if there are reasons why your child is missing school then keep the school informed. The school target is to return to our pre-pandemic attendance level of 95%. Our current attendance is just over 91% with many absences being attributed to in-term holidays and absences which we have not been informed about. There is a direct and proven correlation between school attendance and learning outcomes, with pupils whose attendance falls below 95% frequently

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performing less well than expected. Please bear in mind that an attendance of 90% may sound very impressive, but actually is the equivalent of one absence every 10 days.

On behalf of all the staff and governors I would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thank you for your continued support.

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