

Ysgol Bro Gwaun

Pennaeth / Headteacher: Mr Paul Edwards



Dear parent/carer

As we reach the end of the academic year I write to thank you for your continued support. I also congratulate our pupils for their hard work in the classroom and for their extra-curricular contributions to the life of the school. Years 10 and 11 in particular have worked hard to prepare themselves for their GCSEs and we wish them every success on results day in August. I would also like to thank the staff for their hard work and dedication in ensuring our pupils get the very best experience both inside and out of the classroom. Please take a moment to read the Summer term Bro-Gwaun Bulletin which gives a fuller account of our pupils' activities, and other useful information.

Start of term arrangements:

- **Monday 2nd September- inset (staff training day – no pupils)**
- **Tuesday 3rd September – New Year 7 only to attend. School transport will run as normal**
- **Wednesday 4th September- All pupils return to school.**

Other important dates:

- Half-term: Monday 28th October – Friday 1st November
- Last day of the Autumn term for pupils: Friday 20th December
- Monday 6th January – inset (staff training day)
- Pupils will return for the Spring term on Tuesday 7th January 2025.

Further dates will follow, along with a copy of the full year's term-time dates and staff training days as they apply to Ysgol Bro Gwaun.

Please subscribe to our live calendar- details on the new school website.

GCSE Results day – Thursday 22nd August.

Results will be available for **Year 11** pupils to collect from **9:00am** onwards.

Results will be available for **Year 10** pupils to collect from **10:00am** onwards.

Reminders will be sent prior to the results day.

Attendance.

It is important that your child attends school regularly throughout the year in order to gain the maximum benefit from the education provided. At Ysgol Bro Gwaun we are proud of our attendance record. Pupils, in general, attend well and our GCSE outcomes reflect closely our good attendance rates. Please support us in ensuring your child(ren) make every effort to attend school.

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Keeping Safe Online.

It is unfortunate that schools are seeing an increased number of safeguarding concerns with pupils accessing unsuitable material online, along with incidents of grooming which target young and vulnerable pupils. It is no different at Ysgol Bro Gwaun. We ask you therefore to be extra vigilant over the summer holidays and monitor closely your child(ren)'s online activities.

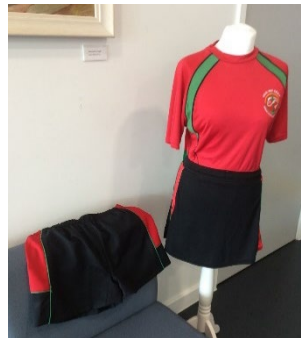
The following link provides additional guidance for parents/carers:

<https://hwb.gov.wales/news/articles/2e50d757-433f-44b3-b6a2-89533827607d>

Should you have any immediate safeguarding concerns please contact the Childcare Assessment Team (CCAT) on (01437) 776444 or 03003 332222 (out of hours). Alternatively, please contact the police on 101.

Uniform code:

In September, all pupils will be expected to wear shirt, tie and school jumper as shown. Our PE Kit showing the training top and skort and shorts is also shown. PE jogging trousers and all black leggings/tracksuit bottoms are alternatives to the skort/shorts. Further PE items such as the rugby top, sports coat and hoodie can also be purchased **but are optional**.



Trousers: Black tailored trousers of appropriate length - no denim/no skinny jeans/no leggings are allowed, i.e. trousers which are tight at the calf and ankle. Trousers should be straight-leg or bootleg from the knee. The following brand is acceptable – 'Banner trimly senior trouser'.

Skirts: Skirts should be knee length. Acceptable brand is 'David Luke 969'.

Shirt: Long sleeve plain white shirt or blouse.

Tie: Year 7, 8 and 9 – Red & green tie. Year 10 and 11 – Jade & black tie

Footwear: Plain black footwear.

Nails: Suitable/appropriate length of nails is required.

Hair: Appropriate hair colour. Unnatural hair colour dyes are not permitted.

Make up: Natural/appropriate make up.

Piercings: Only clear nose stud allowed, no rings permitted. No other facial piercings are permitted.

Jewellery: Pupils can wear a watch and one signet ring (optional). Earrings - one stud in each ear is allowed.

Please note the information regarding jewellery, make-up and hair. These requirements will be strictly enforced from September and we kindly ask for your support in ensuring that all of our pupils adhere to these standards.

Please contact the school if you require any further information about the school uniform.

Mobile device Policy

In response to growing concerns regarding the use of mobile devices in schools and in light of advice and guidance from the local authority, we have updated our 'use of mobile devices' policy. The details of this policy have been drawn up in consultation with pupils, staff and governors. The link below will take you to the draft version of the policy.

<https://tinyurl.com/2sk4b7h3>

We would welcome any comments you may have regarding this draft policy- please contact us on office@ysgolbrogwaun.com if you wish to comment.

The policy will be effective from September.

I hope you and your family enjoy a relaxing and safe summer and we look forward to seeing your child(ren) in September.

Yours sincerely

Mr Paul Edwards
Headteacher