

AGPM Report November 2024



1. The Governing Body 2023 - 2024

Chairperson: Mrs Wendy Raymond, c/o Ysgol Bro Gwaun

Director of Education: Mr Steven Richards-Downes, PCC, Haverfordwest.

Membership of the Governing Body 2023-24

<u>NAME:</u>	<u>STATUS</u>	<u>MEMBER UNTIL</u>
C. Cllr. M Bateman	L.E.A. N'nee	10.10.2025
Miss A Jenkins	L.E.A. N'nee	27.05.2025
Mr R Llewelin	L.E.A. N'nee	01.01.2028
Mrs W Raymond	L.E.A. N'nee	04.09.2028
Mr M Batty	Comm. Gov	07.12.2026
Mr E Griffiths	Comm. Gov	02.11.2024
Mr E Evans	Comm. Gov	07.06.2025
Mrs Olwen Thomas	Comm. Gov	03.03.2026
Mrs S Pugh	Parent	05.03.2027
Mr R Lerwill	Parent	20.10.2028
Ms G Cafolla	Parent	05.03.2025
Mrs Liz Backen	Parent	07.12.2026
Mr Wesley Spencer	Parent	22.02.2028
Mrs K Antonen	Staff	02.05.2027
Mrs V Currie	Teacher	23.05.2027
Miss D George	Teacher	10.10.2026
Mr P Edwards	Headteacher	

2. EXAMINATION RESULTS 2023 - 24

GCSE Results at Ysgol Bro Gwaun - August 2024

Ysgol Bro Gwaun Headteacher Paul Edwards is delighted with the school's outcomes.

“On behalf of the staff and governors of Ysgol Bro Gwaun, I would like to congratulate all pupils who are receiving their results today. We are very proud of their hard work and dedication, and of the outstanding results which they have achieved.”

He continued: "I would like to pay tribute to the determination and perseverance shown by our pupils and also to thank the teaching and support staff for their dedication in ensuring all learners achieve their best. As a school we are particularly proud of the fact that all learners received recognised qualifications that will enable them to follow their chosen career paths, be that in a sixth form, the college or work based training.”

Year 11 student Amy Hall (9A* and 2A) paid tribute to the school for the support both she and her year group received, saying: “We have faced quite a few challenges to get to this point and we would not have been able to achieve so well if it wasn't for the support we were given by the school in the lead up to the exams. The staff have been brilliant in preparing us and giving us the confidence to give our best; we cannot thank them enough.”

The staff and governors pass on their best wishes to all of year 11 as they take the next exciting steps on their life journey.

Key stage 4 (Year 11) attainment

From September 2024, GCSE outcomes and Key Performance Indicators can be accessed at “My Local School” via this link: <https://mylocalschool.gov.wales/School/6684031?lang=en>

The web page is regularly updated by Welsh Government.

KS3 – Year 9 (May 2024)

The figures show the percentage of Year 9 pupils achieving the various National Curriculum levels in 2024. There were 132 pupils eligible for Key Stage assessment in English, Mathematics and Science. There were 52 pupils eligible for assessment in Welsh 1st language.

- N** Pupils who have failed to register a level for reasons other than absence.
- D** Pupils who have been disapplied under sections 113-116 of the 2002 Education Act.
- NO1** National Curriculum Outcome 1
- NO2** National Curriculum Outcome 2
- NO3** National Curriculum Outcome 3
(NB NO1, NO2 & NO3 have replaced Level W in previous years)
- EP** Exceptional Performance
- EL** % achieving the expected level (L5+)

Percentage of Pupils Obtaining Level 5 or Above.

	Boys	Girls	All Pupils
English	88.9	95.1	91.7
Welsh First Language	95.7	93.1	94.2
Mathematics	86.1	88.5	87.2
Science	91.7	95.1	93.2
Core Subject Indicator School	83.3	88.5	85.7
Core Subject Indicator (National)	N/A	N/A	N/A

THE SCHOOL'S COMPARATIVE PERFORMANCE IN 2024

In line with Welsh Government Legislation, comparative performance data can be accessed via "My local School" by following this link: <https://mylocalschool.gov.wales/School/6684031?lang=en>

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Attendance

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<https://mylocalschool.gov.wales/School/6684031?lang=en>

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The number of school sessions in the academic year 2023/4 up to 24.05.24 was 314			
7 to 11 pupils; % of sessions missed	School	Pembs	Wales
Unauthorised absences	1.7%	4.0%	4.6%
All absences	9.0%	12.0%	12.0%
The number of school sessions in the academic year 2022/23 up to 28.05.23 was 320			
7 to 11 pupils; % of sessions missed	School	Pembs	Wales
Unauthorised absences	1.76%	3.7%	3.4%
All absences	8.43%	10.0%	10.5%
The number of school sessions in the academic year 2021/22 up to 28.05.22 was 320			
7 to 11 pupils; % of sessions missed	School	Pembs	Wales
Unauthorised absences	2.8%	Unknown at this time	Unknown at this time
All absences	11.2%	Unknown at this time	Unknown at this time
The number of school sessions in the academic year 2020/21 up to 28.05.21 was 290			
7 to 11 pupils; % of sessions missed	School	Pembs	Wales
Unauthorised absences	2.5%	Unknown at this time	Unknown at this time
All absences	10.5%	Unknown at this time	Unknown at this time

3.The School's Delegated Budget from Pembrokeshire County Council (Financial Statement 2023/2024)

(a) Allocated Funds	£
Formula Funding based on pupil numbers	3,919,844
Additional In-Year Funding	3,173
Other Funding	<u>34,673</u>
Sub-total	3,957,690
Committed balance brought forward @ 01.04.23	<u>394,423</u>
Total Funding Available 2023/2024	4,352,113
(b) <u>Expenditure</u>	
Employee Costs	3,622,864
Premises Costs	356,006

Services & Consumables	249,942
Other Costs	7,238
Service Level Agreements	<u>208,102</u>

Sub-total 4,444,152

(c) Income

Less:

Non-Grant Income	83,620
Grant Income	<u>280,574</u>
	364,194

Net Expenditure 4,079,958

Other Reserves - 20,530

Year End surplus carried forward to 2024/2024 Budget **£ 292,684**

3.1 Capital Fund

Utilised in its entirety by the LA towards cost of covered walkway during the financial year 2022/2023

Balance 0,000

3.2 Extra-Curricular Account: (financial year Aug 2022/Jul 2023).

Income: £ 130.00 Expenditure: £ 360.40
(Balance carried forward 01.08.2023: £ 1049.25)

3.3 Miscellaneous Account: (financial year Aug 2022/Jul 2023)

Income: £88,645.17 Expenditure: £59,908.81
(Balance carried forward 01.08.2023: £ 52,466.28)

This is the school's ordinary, private account, it is used to handle cash on a short-term basis, including all trip money.

3.4 Business Money Manager Account: (financial year Aug 2022/Jul 2023)

Income: £ 75.80 Expenditure: £ 0.00
(Balance carried forward 01.08.2023: £8,389.63)

This high-interest account is linked to the School's Miscellaneous Account

3.5 School Trust Account: (financial year Aug 2022/Jul 2023):

Income: £ 1,250.00 Expenditure: £ 812.00
(Balance carried forward 01.08.2023: £ 2,614.21)

3.6 Governors' Expenses:

No governors' expenses were claimed

3.7 Gifts to the School:

Mr and Mrs C Noott have again most generously financed the Tim Noott Memorial Scholarships and the Art Prize, which is included in the above monies.

YFC Cup



Thank you to Fishguard Young Farmers Club for their contribution of a cup to be awarded annually to the highest achieving pupil in Agriculture at GCSE level. The school is very grateful for the support it receives from the Young Farmers Club and many others in ensuring pupils get the best possible experiences in the world of Agriculture.

Fishguard Show NPFC



The school Agriculture Department was delighted to receive a Grass plate meter kindly donated by Fishguard Show NPFC. This generous gift will support pupils in their studies within Grass and Forage module of their BTec course. Thank you.

Kier Construction Limited



A huge thank you to Kier Construction Ltd for their generous donation of wood to our Technology Department here at Ysgol Bro Gwaun. As the main contractor for the new multi-storey car park in Haverfordwest, Kier's support will provide invaluable resources for our Key Stage 4 construction pupils. This donation is greatly appreciated and combined with further planned support, will play a key role in enhancing our students' hands-on learning experiences

4.1 Action as a result of any resolutions passed at last AGPM:

No requests were received to hold an AGPM

4.2 School Improvement Plan:

The School Improvement Plan (SIP) is based on the school's Self Evaluation Report and performance outcomes. The SIP aligns closely with the ESTYN inspection framework, and was updated in September following a review of the progress made against targets in the 2022-23 SIP.

The School Improvement Plan can be viewed on the school website or is available upon request.

Governors' Participation

Extra Ordinary Full Governing Body Meeting

In September, governors were invited to join a Microsoft Teams meeting to share further information on the school's situation following the external examinations results in August.

Governor Visits

During September, governors had the opportunity to re-engage with the school for some key messages, including safeguarding and whistleblowing updates, results feedback, and the school's priorities for the coming year.

Self-evaluation Reviews with Governors

In November, meetings took place between Heads of Department and Link Governors. The focus of the meetings were departmental self-evaluation outcomes, and it is hoped that following these meetings governors have a greater appreciation of the key developmental priorities of their link subject areas.

4.4 Summary of changes to School Prospectus.

A new School Prospectus was designed for the 2018-19 academic year, and is updated annually.

4.5 Review of School Policies

Policies were reviewed and updated during the academic year, as and when required.

4.6 Buildings and School Site

As part of an ongoing programme, work continues to be completed at the school – please refer to item 10.3 for further updates.

5 Dates for Pupils for 2023 - 2024

WINTER TERM

4th September 2023 – 21st December 2023

PLANNING DAY

Monday 1st September, 2023

PUPILS BEGIN

Monday 4th September, 2023

HALF-TERM

Monday 30th October to Friday 3rd November, 2023 (inclusive)

END OF TERM

Friday 22nd December, 2023

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Monday 25th December, 2023 to Friday 5th January, 2023 (inclusive)

SPRING TERM

8th January 2024 – 22nd March, 2024

INSET

Monday 8th January, 2023

PUPILS RETURN

Tuesday 9th January, 2024

HALF-TERM

Monday 12th to Friday 16th February, 2024, (inclusive)

END OF TERM

Friday 22nd March, 2024

EASTER HOLIDAYS

Monday 25th March to Friday 5th April, 2024 (inclusive)

SUMMER TERM

8th April 2024 – 19th July 2024

INSET

Monday 8th April, 2024

PUPILS RETURN

Tuesday 9th April, 2024

MAY BANK HOLIDAY	Monday 6 th May, 2024
HALF-TERM	Monday 27 th May to Friday 31 st May, 2024, (inclusive)
INSET	Friday 5 th July, 2024
INSET	Friday 19 th July, 2024
SUMMER HOLIDAYS	Monday 22 nd July to Friday 30 th August, 2024, (inclusive)

6 Charity Donations

During the 2023-24 academic year, many fundraising successes were achieved, as noted below –

Paul Sartori Foundation – £167.00

Christmas Wish fund - £532

Macmillan Cancer Care - £200.01

Children in Need – £1429.69

Diabetes UK - £167

7 KS2/3 and KS4/5 Transition Links

During 2023 — 2024 the school ran an extensive transition programme where Year 6 pupils from all of Ysgol Bro Gwaun' s cluster schools attended four 'taster' days at YBG throughout the year. Each of the days focused on a particular Area of Learning, such as Languages, Science and Technology, and Humanities. All pupils had the opportunity during the transition programme to experience life at a secondary school, and all felt that the programme provided a worthwhile preparation for moving to Ysgol Bro Gwaun. The school also ran an extensive transition programme from KS4 to KS5 at Pembrokeshire College.

7.1 Main aspects of work undertaken by the Language Unit during the Educational Year 2023-24 – Mrs Eiry Wyn Bellis

Within the Unit —

- teaching Welsh to KS2 latecomers from within the family of schools two days a week.
- teaching KS2 'follow on'/intermediate learners —one day a week.
- use puppets & video editing to help pupils gain confidence in oral situations
- create interactive language learning resources and continue to build the Language Centre website www.canolfaniaithbrogwaun.com

Liasing with staff of Welsh Department.

- arrange transition days through the medium of Welsh for Year 6 pupils who plan on attending Ysgol Bro Gwaun (last half term before Summer).
- teaching Welsh at junior schools within the family where need arises — under direction of Mrs Elin Fry, Welsh Challenge Advisor.
- preparing learning resources and aiding with holding courses for teachers from Welsh medium schools within the County.
- interactive & collaborative sessions with targeted pupils

Within KS3 in Ysgol Caer Elen and Ysgol Bro Preseli

- teach Welsh KS3 2 days a week

The Language Unit plays an essential role in developing the school's Cymreictod and in maintaining excellent links with the feeder schools, and its work is much appreciated.

8 Ffrindiau Bro Gwaun (PTA)

The Ffrindiau Bro Gwaun were able to meet every term during the 2023/24 academic year. Its contribution adds to the school's efforts to create a caring, friendly atmosphere; the committee meetings are enjoyable and relaxed, and all members contribute to ensuring that events run smoothly and successfully.

The Frindiau have organised fun, family-friendly events to raise money for the school for extra-curricular spending that benefits all pupils and their education as well as enhancing their school experiences. A successful Halloween and Easter Bingo were held during this academic year.

Officials: 2023-24

Chairperson: Mrs Sarah Pugh

Treasurer: Ms. Emma Bowen

Secretary: Miss. Alana Finn

President: Mr Paul Edwards.

During the year, Ffrindiau Bro Gwaun generously provide grants to several departments and have also supported the school with various activities, e.g., the school production, enrichment, end of term awards and prizes and various departmental activities, e.g. Diwrnod Shwmae and the Maths challenges. The school would like to thank the Ffrindiau for all their hard work. Diolch yn fawr iawn.

9 The Initial Teacher Training Partnership.

Initial Teacher Training and NQT induction

NQTs

Amy Robinson started Ysgol Bro Gwaun as an NQT in Sept 24. She has started to complete her Professional Learning Passport, setting 3 development targets for the year, as well as considering themes for her Professional Enquiry Project (PEP).

Tara Hale has also been registered to Ysgol Bro Gwaun as an NQT on short-term supply since she will most likely complete a large portion of her time on supply with us. The induction funding form has been sent to the NQT and Liz Hooper will be allocated as the External Mentor to guide her through this process.

In regard to the External Verification NQT process, Bethan Sturley continues to complete her NQT year in Broad Haven primary school. A joint observation has taken place and Bethan is on the trajectory to complete her NQT year in January.

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Aberteach+ Bro Gwaun Partnership

As a previous Lead Partner School for Aberystwyth University, 1 ITE student was placed in Ysgol Penrhyn Dewi for their 1st primary school placement, and 1 ITE student in Ysgol Bro Gwaun for the Science placement.

1 ITE student was placed in Haverfordwest High for their second teaching placement (Spanish) and 1 in Gelly Aur Golden Grove primary. All student teachers successfully completed their ITE training.

The Aberteach+ Partnership has not been re-accredited following the EWC re-accreditation process.

Swansea Partnership

No students were received from the Swansea Partnership during the last academic year.

Yr Athrofa Professional Learning Partnership (UWTSD)

1 student teacher has been placed in Ysgol Bro Gwaun for their current secondary Drama placement and is making good progress.

The Committees of the Governing Body

The work of the Committees 2023 - 2024

Each of the Committees – Staffing, Curriculum & Pupil Progress and Health, Wellbeing & Environment and Finance report to the termly meeting of the Full Governing Body. The Governors from each committee have the power to co-opt non-governors onto that committee. However, such persons do not become members of the Full Governing Body

10.1 Staffing, Curriculum & Pupil Progress Committee.

Chair: Mrs Wendy Raymond

Convenor: Mr Paul Edwards

The committee met three times during the 2023/24 academic year and had a wide remit. It considers all aspects related to staffing (including non-teaching staff), curriculum development at all levels and across all Areas of Learning, including vocational and GCSE subject areas, and the development of the School as a Learning Organisation (SLO) and its implications. The committee also considers all aspects related to Teaching and Learning, including outcomes from self-reviews and the consequences for Professional Development, training and action research. It also reviews assessment procedures and their impact on learner outcomes, including learners who progress to tertiary education at Pembrokeshire College.

10.2 Finance Committee

Chair: Mrs Wendy Raymond

Convenor: Mr Paul Edwards

The Finance committee met once every half-term during the academic year 2023/24.

A Finance Report including detailed budget explanation notes showing budgets and balances, and a Medium-Term Financial Plan is presented and discussed at each meeting. Expenditure is closely monitored to ensure school finances remain within budget and ensures provision of resources enabling effective teaching and learning throughout the school.

10.3 Health, Wellbeing & Environment Committee

Chair: Ms Alison Jenkins

Convenor: Mr Paul Edwards

This committee met three times during the academic year 2023/24 to consider all aspects related to the Health and Wellbeing of our learners, including all associated curriculum areas and programmes. It closely monitors and advises on the implementation of the Additional Learning Needs Act (2020), procedures related to safeguarding and policies related to behaviour, wellbeing, attendance and attitudes to learning. Transition arrangements are considered and statutory transition plans are monitored and approved. The committee also considers the wider school environment, including aspects related to school buildings, school grounds and health & safety.

11.1 INSET

Staff INSET is determined by the priorities set out in the School Self Evaluation, School Development Plan and staff requirements as identified via Performance Management. All Inset requests are submitted to CPD/Inset Manager for approval.

12 The Implementation of the Policy for Pupils with Additional Learning

The Additional Needs Policy is the New 2021 ALN Code.

The Additional Learning Needs Coordinator (ALNCo), Mrs Angharad Jones, is responsible for the day to day operation of the policy and co-ordination of the support.

1) The Success of the ALN Policy

The school's ALN policy / new ALN Code has ensured support for a number of pupils with general and specific difficulties, in a wide range of activities, and at all ability levels. We continue to be pleased this year with the progress into Further Education of a significant number of pupils with additional needs, and congratulate former pupils on their achievements. Once again, we are pleased by our successes at KS4 and KS3.

All pupils in Ysgol Bro Gwaun are valued and provided for. The school has provided a number of pupils with an alternative pathways to learning.

Our ALN bases, Harbwr LRC, Enfys, Corlan and Hendre have helped vulnerable students to access education. Many pupils accessing an Alternative Curriculum have progressed, succeeded, and have reached their full potential.

Regarding KS2/3 transition, for pupils whose Additional Learning Provision (ALP) had been identified via a Statement or via an IDP, our Additional Learning Needs Coordinator meets with the parents and primary school teaching staff in a formal review / Person Centred Practice meeting prior to secondary school entry. Information from primary schools about other pupils with Universal Learning Provision (ULP) have enabled us to plan our level of provision for these pupils. Similarly, information provided by the parents of new pupils at formal and informal meetings with our ALNCo, YPMs, School Inclusion Officer, and through County TAPPAS and SIR meetings allowed us to make the best preparations to receive new pupils. Regarding KS4/5 transition, for pupils whose ALP has been identified via an IDP, our ALNCo meets with pupils, parents, County specialists, careers and college to share information and to discuss the ALP. Pupils with a need that can be met in school under ULP are also discussed in transition meetings either through pupil-friendly PCP meetings and/or formal TAPPAS meetings.

Extra Transition visits were put in place for many ALN pupils. Pupils have been tracked, and identified early, to enable interventions to be put in place. These are now noted on SIMS, updated termly, and are accessible to all staff.

Universal Learning Provision, effective teaching and learning, differentiated teaching tools to meet the needs of individuals and groups of pupils, are becoming the norm in every classroom and in all areas of the curriculum. 'Reasonable adjustments' are evident in the daily teaching and learning.

Access arrangements are provided for pupils with specific difficulties during both internal and external assessments, by formal testing. These may take the form of extra time, the Claro Read app or a member of staff to act as a reader, or pupils using a laptop or scribe facilities, depending on their needs.

Our 'Harbwr' Learning Resource Centre Unit provides a differentiated and highly alternative curriculum for our most complex needs pupils. This has been identified as 'good practice' by the Local Authority, ERW, and Estyn. Some pupils integrate and access a few mainstream lessons for experience purposes, depending on their needs and abilities. The County's Panel places the pupils in Harbwr, due to their severe needs.

The 'Enfys' intervention class operates within the department, which enables an identified group of pupils to benefit from targeted support in a small setting.

Alongside this, support is offered within mainstream classes through a combination of Learning Support Assistants, and training and advice for mainstream teachers. As pupils progress to Year 9 and beyond, support tends to be within mainstream sets with withdrawal as needed to Corlan where pupils have a reduced curriculum, and/or through an extensive and ever-growing range of an alternative curriculum provision, and a combination of various learning pathways.

Pupils in Years 7 to 11, who are exempt from a specific subject follow an individual programme of curriculum enrichment in Hendre or Corlan. The Hendre nurture base also works as an intervention for pupils with emotionally based school avoidance, and/or pupils with anxiety. At KS4, we try to give further subject choices to these pupils to maintain a broad balanced curriculum, in addition to specific programmes occasionally delivered through the Youth Worker. A group of identified pupils follow an alternative curriculum at KS3 and KS4, and groups of pupils take advantage of the facilities offered through our alternative curriculum/pathway.

We are aware that the New ALN Reform 2021 will have an impact on the delivery and provision of ALN in schools. Education in Wales is changing, and there will be a change to the way a pupil with needs is supported in school. If a pupil has a disability or learning difficulty which requires 'additional learning

provision', then the pupil will be identified as having ALN. This new Act will help schools to identify needs as early as possible, to put the right support in place, and to empower pupils to overcome any barriers to learning. All pupils with ALN (on 'Stage 3 and 4' of Ysgol Bro Gwaun's 'Graduated Approach') will have an IDP which will set out in detail the support and the targets. All pupils with a need, but not needing 'additional learning provision' and therefore not having an IDP, will have an 'universal learning provision' ('Stages 1 and 2' of Ysgol Bro Gwaun's 'Graduated Approach'). These changes — in line with the new ALN Reform — have been highlighted to parents/carers from January 2022 onwards. The pupils' needs and/or History of Needs will be highlighted on SIMS. Pupils' voice, parents' views, and when needed support from Parent Partnership will be part of the decision and transition process. The ALN/Support Department operates a monitoring and record keeping policy.

A pupil's ALN is being updated on SIMS as having a School IDP or a LA IDP, with a History of Need being added (including for pupils without ALN who are on Universal provision).

All year groups are by now on the New ALN 2021 Code, with annual Reviews for all on the ALN Register, and with pupils having 'new and emerging' needs being brought onto the new system as required during the academic year. By August 2025 the whole transition programme will be completed including the update recording on SIMS, but pupils having 'new and emerging' needs will remain the same procedure, as will the Reviewing of the ULP/ALP and pupils' IDPs.

The new code has moved from Action, Action Plus and Statement to a GRADUATED APPROACH. Ysgol Bro Gwaun has a stage 1 and 2 Universal Learning Provision, and stage 3 and 4 Additional Learning Provision (copies available through the ALNCo where pupils have a school based IDP or a LA based IDP.

2) Consultation

Extensive use has been made of a number of agencies, such as the Educational Psychology Service, Speech and Language Therapy, Advisory Teachers for Hearing and Visual Impairment and Autistic Spectrum Disorder, EAL, CAMHS, Careers Wales, Action for Children and Family Support / Teen Parenting. TAPPAS (combined with SASP) meetings are held every term with the County professionals.

We gratefully acknowledge the support work of internal and external agencies. We also liaise with other LRCs, Neyland PLC, Stepping Stones and Really Pro for some pupils who are dual-registered.

We are grateful for the support of organizations which have enabled pupils to take part in other activities such as Disability Sports competitions.

During the year, our work in behaviour modification has continued, and can be seen to have had an impact on pupils with significant difficulties. During the year the department has worked extensively to support procedures such as Ready to Learn Plans with SLT, YPMs and the RRS, and has Pastoral Support Programmes for young people with behavioural and/or emotional difficulties who find it difficult to access a full timetable.

We also support mainstream teaching staff in offering advice and guidelines on how to support various pupils, and how to meet their needs in a mainstream environment.

Finally, we are in constant discussions with parents / carers, and the ALNCo has regular discussions and/or meetings with caregivers to discuss and provide practical support. The support offered through Parent Partnership is also highlighted to parents/carers.

3) Resources.

The school's delegated budget provided the resources for the education of pupils with needs.

4) Pupils with Disabilities

Ysgol Bro Gwaun has an open entry policy. We are a community school and welcome all pupils from the catchment area, who wish to study, learn and develop here. We seek to ensure that all pupils have an equal opportunity to access both a balanced curriculum, and all school facilities. The Disability Equality Plan and Access Plans are in place, and updated accordingly.

Our successful provision ensures inclusion for all pupils at all levels and ages, making Ysgol Bro Gwaun a truly comprehensive school where all pupils are welcomed, respected, cared and provided for

13 THE DESTINATIONS OF LEAVERS: 2023 - 24

<u>Destination</u>	<u>Year 11 pupils</u>
Sixth Form	11
Entered Further Education (College)	91
Apprenticeships	5
Entered Employment	6
Other	1 (focus on Health)

LEARNING, CULTURAL, SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS AND EVENTS, 2023 - 24

The pupils' achievements and activities were reported in the local press and on the school's social media platforms. However, we would like to draw your attention to the following items, which will give you an idea of the full range of activities that our pupils, supported by school staff and members of the community, enjoy and benefit from.

14 Pupils' Achievements



Head Prefects – 2023-24

Head Prefects - Sian Watts, Henry Backen
and Lucie Smith-Hanna

Deputy Head Prefects - Daya Kinver, Meagan Peters,
Reuben Lerwill and Niamh Jones

Ysgol Bro Gwaun was pleased to present its new Head Prefects for the academic year 2023 - 24. This team of seven were elected to their positions after undergoing a rigorous application, short-listing and formal interview process. Staff and pupils of the school passed on their best wishes to them in their new roles.

Certificate Evening

Ysgol Bro Gwaun's annual Certificate Evening took place on Wednesday 20th of March 2024. Past and present pupils were awarded with Certificates and monetary prizes/vouchers in recognition of their achievements. We were delighted to welcome guest speaker and past pupil Miss Carys Hughes (National Triathlon winner and member of the Welsh Ironman Team) who gave an amazing presentation on the merits of hard work and dedication no matter what path pupils may take in life.

Once again, The School would like to take this opportunity to thank governors for their generosity.



Behaviour Merit Shields were awarded at certificate evening for the 2023 -24.academic year. Merit shields are awarded to pupils in recognition of their positive contributions to the work of the school. Pupils are rewarded for their special efforts in terms of attitude to work, attendance and contribution to school life. Pupils who were awarded Merit Shields for the 2023-24 academic year were: -

- Year 7 – The Western Telegraph Shield – Callum Stoker & Michael Evans
- Year 8 – Mrs Janet Bennet-Howell Shield – Kelsey James & Caleb James
- Year 9 – Mr Joe D'Cruz Shield – Aeron James & Lyra Foster
- Year 10 – The County Echo Shield – Cameron Miles & Cosmo Karenin
- Year 11 – Y Llien Gwyn' Shield – Beatrice Hole & Mia Warlow

Tim Noott Memorial Scholarship Awards 2023 - 24

The Tim Noott Memorial Scholarship Award was established some 30+ years ago. Tim's family have continued to support the young people of Bro Gwaun by generously providing funding to support their development and progress.

Pupils of all ages are encouraged to apply for a scholarship award, and the applications are judged by Mr and Mrs Noott, in conjunction with the school's Senior Leadership Team.

The main scholarship for 2023-24 was awarded to Fabian Fells, Year 8. Fabian's sponsorship will be used to purchase a system which will allow him to practice trombone and Cornet silently, and for sheet music and other items to further his proficiency in playing brass instruments.

Ada Woodman was also commended for her application. The school was very impressed by the diversity and quality of the applications, which made the awarding decisions very difficult. Both recipients are wished every success for the future.

School Production December 2023



During December 2023 Ysgol Bro Gwaun proudly presented their annual production – Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour dreamcoat. The months of hard work put in by both pupils and staff who were

involved shone through during performances, which were very well supported and received. Well done cast and crew!

St Marys Church Concert



During December a large group of students performed at St Marys Church annual Carol Concert along with members of Goodwick Brass Band and Côr Abergwaun. The concert was incredibly well supported by the community.

Valero Secondary Schools Music Competition

Congratulations to our Ysgol Bro Gwaun musicians who gained fantastic success at this year's Pembrokeshire Valero Secondary Schools Music festival. Pictured are:

- Tilly – 1st place flute (Grade 3)
- Elwyn - 1st place brass (Grade 3 and 4)
- Brooke – 1st place strings (grade 3)
- Cosmo – 1st place piano (Grade 6) and 2nd place strings (Grade 5)
- Sam – 2nd place drums (Grade 3-6)
- Lewis – 1st place guitar (Grade 3-5)





Scarletts Young Ambassador

Huge congratulations to Year 8 pupil Betsi on her role as a Young Ambassador for the Scarletts Rugby Club. Betsi is the youngest person to be appointed as an Ambassador and in this role she helps on match days to welcome supporters to the ground, and with other pre match activities such as face-painting and helping supporters to their seats.



Year 9 Netball Tournament

Well done to our year 9 netball side who came away as champions in their January Tournament. What a fantastic achievement, you have made us very proud.

YPD - 5-1

Redhill - 8-3

Greenhill- 5-4

Preseli -5-4

Semi Final: Haverfordwest - 5-1

Final: Pembroke - 9-5

Scarletts Success



Huge congratulations to Kian Ladd who has been selected for the Scarletts West Team. We wish you all the best Kian, from all at YBG!

Urdd Dance Eisteddfod



We enjoyed two fantastic days of dance in February, on Wednesday, we took part in the county Urdd dance Eisteddfod and experienced lots of success!

Folk dancing 2nd
Creative dance 1st
Solo street dance -
1st Isabelle Boswell
2nd Charlotte Bojanawski
Duo/trio street dance-
1st Charlotte & Heidi
2nd Isabelle & Lilly



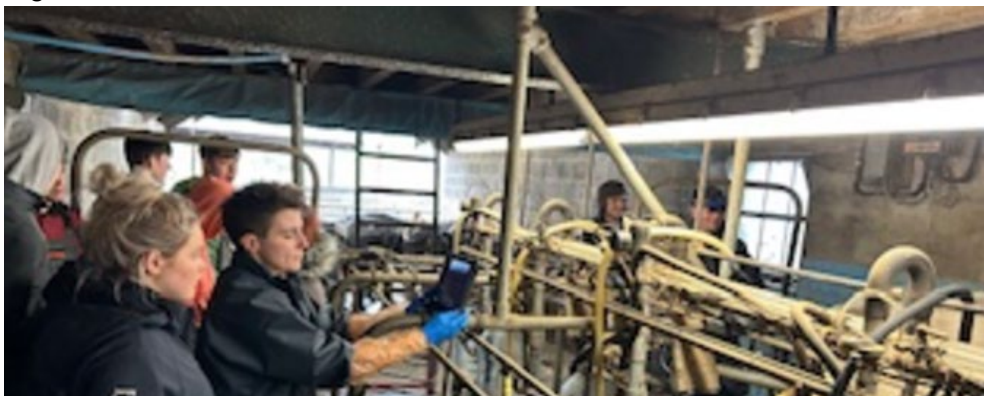
3rd Ruby, Lili & Maisie. On Thursday we competed in the Pembrokeshire schools dance competition and were placed 1st in every style category. Success also in the lyrical solo with Charlotte placing 4th and Isabelle 3rd, lyrical duo 6th for Charlotte and Heidi and a 2nd for Isabelle in the freestyle solo.

Crime Time



On Wednesday 21st of February, year 8 took part in the 'Crime Time' workshops supported by the Police, Magistrates, Fire Service, Youth Offending Team and given information on the dangers of substance misuse. A fantastic performance was also given by pupils of Harri Tudur.

Agriculture Practical Sessions



Agriculture students took part in an excellent practical session with The Cattle Vet this during the spring term. Learning about early pregnancy scanning and cow management, as well as having a question and answer session about Cow and Calf health matters. Thanks to Vets Richard & Levinia and host farmer Gareth.



Y9 Urdd Rugby



Year 9 performed outstandingly at the Urdd 7s in Cardiff in April. They won... 3 out of 3 matches convincingly before being defeated in the last 16 of the cup competition. The boys showed great attitude on and off the field

Gardening Enrichment



The gardening enrichment groups are busy planning their new garden areas. Last week the group had a great time digging out an old bed, turning it into our new 'herb garden' and staining the wood to give it that professional finish! Many thanks to our grant from Transition Bro Gwaun which enabled us to buy some new trowels and gardening gloves – modelled here by pupils in year 7



Insport Disability Swimming Gala

A huge well done and congratulations to Harbwr LRC pupils who represented Ysgol Bro Gwaun at the insport disability swimming gala at Fishguard leisure centre on Tuesday 30th April. The pupils put in great effort to every race and their behaviour was exemplary. Llongyfarchiadau!



Urdd Eisteddfod

Congratulations to Isabelle, Charlotte, Heidi & Rhys who competed at the Urdd Eisteddfod in May. All did themselves and the school proud in very tough competitions - well done

Enrichment Field Trip



As part of our enrichment programme, pupils from year 8 took part in a Freshwater river sampling field trip near the Bishops Palace in St David's with the Darwin Centre. Pupils had the opportunity to broaden their understanding of species life cycles and adaptations. Using data collected during the field trip, pupils calculated the health of the river using a biotic index and



learnt about types and sources of water pollutants in local rivers. A huge thank you to Sam and Amy from the Darwin Centre for organising such a fun and engaging trip. In the upcoming sessions, pupils will learn about black holes and how stars are formed and carry out some push netting in the shallows on Newport Sands.

Athletics Competition



Well done to all our pupils who competed at the NASUWT athletics competition today in Carmarthen. Your attitude and effort throughout the day was excellent. Da lawn

Lantern Workshop



Our Year 9 GCSE Art students had the incredible opportunity to take part in a series of Lantern making workshops led by Small World Theatre this term. The theme for these workshops was 'Biodiversity,' which allowed our students to explore and celebrate



the rich variety of life in our local area.

Students began by conducting thorough research on local biodiversity, delving into the fascinating worlds of plankton, pollen, pollinators, and both marine and land mammals, among others. This research served as the foundation for their creative designs, which they then translated into stunning 3D willow sculptures. The workshop culminated in the selection of winning designs that will be proudly showcased in a lantern parade. The chosen designs include a fish, a snail, a jellyfish, plankton, a bee, and a red kite, each representing different aspects of our diverse ecosystem.

Duke of Edinburgh



Congratulations to the boys group, who have successfully completed their practice Bronze expedition for the DOFE in the month of September.

Health & Social Care

During September our Year 11 pupils studying GCSE Health & Social Care, and Childcare had an amazing opportunity to attend a Health & Social Care Speed Networking event at Haverfordwest High VC School. They had the chance to connect with a variety of professionals working in the health, social care, and childcare sectors, learning about different job roles and exploring exciting career opportunities! This experience helped broaden their knowledge and support their GCSE course



Danescastle School Visit



In October we welcomed our friends from Danescastle school Ireland on their annual visit to Wales. We enjoyed a great afternoon of music from both sides of the Irish Sea with pupils from both schools performing a wide variety of pieces. Congratulations to all for a fantastic afternoon's concert and we wish Danescastle a successful and enjoyable time in Wales.

Conservation Visit



During October as part of our enrichment programme, Krystal from the Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust, in partnership with Alex from the The British Bird of Prey Centre (located in the National Botanic Gardens of Wales) brought Aquarius, a two-year-old White-Tailed Sea Eagle to meet learners in year 8 and 9. Pupils learnt a number of interesting facts about the White-Tailed Sea Eagle, and had the opportunity to ask questions of their own to Krystal and Alex to further their own understanding of this magnificent bird.

Food Technology



Our Food and Nutrition pupils completed their GCSE practical examinations during the A, and we couldn't be prouder! The range of outcomes has been absolutely fantastic, showcasing creativity, skill, and dedication.

STEM Faraday Challenge Success



A group of year 8 girls recently took part in the Girls in STEM Faraday Challenge Day at Pembrokeshire College, hosted by the Darwin Science Trust and in association with UKRI's Faraday® Battery Challenge. 5 teams from various schools competed in a race against the clock to solve a real-life engineering problem, putting their engineering and technology skills to the test. The girls had a fantastic day and YBG teams took home the trophy! Congratulations girls; an outstanding performance by all!

Language Charter Success



We are delighted to announce that we have been successful in attaining the Welsh language Charter Bronze award. Pictured is Ada Woodman (Head prefect) receiving the award from one of the judges, Miss Catrin Phillips. A huge thank you to everyone involved in preparing for the assessment and especially to Miss Donna George for her hard work to ensure a successful outcome. Onwards towards the Silver award!!

Information about new statutory guidance relating to Governing Body meetings with parents

Effective from 4th May, 2013, there is no longer a requirement for governing bodies to hold an Annual Parents' Meeting.

New statutory guidance has been issued by the Welsh Government to this effect (104/2013).

Parents now have the right to request up to three meetings per year with the governing body to discuss issues which concern them. The purpose must be to discuss issues which relate to the school. It cannot be about individual pupil progress, or to air grievances against members of staff or the governing body.

Details of the above can be found on the school website www.ysgolbrogwaun.com

Annex B – Your right to request a meeting with the school's governing body.

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