

Ysgol Bro Gwaun

Pennaeth / Headteacher: Mr Paul Edwards



Dear Parents and Carers,

As I approach retirement at the end of this summer term, I wanted to take a moment to thank you all for your support over the past eight years. It's been a real privilege to serve as Headteacher of Ysgol Bro Gwaun, and I'm incredibly proud of everything we've achieved together.

My connection with the school goes back a long way—I first arrived in 1991 as Head of Physics and spent 18 very happy years here. Coming back in 2017 as Headteacher genuinely felt like coming home. Since then, it's been a pleasure to work alongside such dedicated staff, supportive families and fantastic pupils.

We've worked hard to make YBG a place where pupils feel safe, supported and challenged to be their best—both academically and as individuals. Alongside striving for strong results, we've focused on giving pupils experiences that stay with them and help them grow in confidence. That sense of "Family Bro Gwaun" has been at the heart of everything we do.

The school is in a strong position and ready for its next chapter. I have every confidence that our new Headteacher, Alana Finn, and her team will continue to move the school forward. With your continued support, I know they'll do a great job.

I'll leave with many fond memories (and perhaps one or two that were more of a challenge at the time!), but most of all, with huge pride in our pupils and the whole school community.

Thank you again, and I wish you all the very best for the future.

Warm regards,

Paul Edwards

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Key Information For 2025-26

Start of term arrangements:

- **Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd September- inset (staff training days – no pupils)**
- **Wednesday 3rd September- All pupils return to school.**

Other important dates:

- Half-term: Monday 27th October – Friday 31st October
- Last day of the Autumn term for pupils: Friday 19th December
- Monday 5th January – inset (staff training day)
- Pupils will return for the Spring term on Tuesday 6th January 2026.

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 21st 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.

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**.

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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'.

Shorts: Pupils will have the option of wearing tailored black shorts. No other variety will be accepted.

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.

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