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A WORD FROM THE HEADMASTER



Mr Gareth T.M. Jones

IMPORTANT

Should you wish to discuss any matter regarding the school or have a query or complaint please contact the main office and ask for the Headmaster or Deputy Heads.

Thank you.

“EVERY PUPIL COUNTS, EVERY DAY COUNTS”

ATTENDANCE IN SCHOOL

School attendance has improved since the beginning of this campaign. (95% Summer 2013). Thank you for your co-operation.

Pupils should be in school every day.

The nature of lessons now make it difficult to ‘catch up’ if lessons are missed.

Miss a day from school

- = miss 5 hours of lessons and Homework
- = miss out on rugby, hockey practice
- = miss the teacher’s guidance
- = miss class discussions
- = miss opportunities to exchange ideas
- = miss explanation on notes
- = miss chances to improve reading, writing and oral skills
- = miss chances to grasp essential skills
- = miss chances to improve on Literacy and Numeracy
- = miss opportunities to reach full potential

Statistics show that being absent for 17 school days means going down a grade in GCSE. An attendance level of 90% may appear acceptable but it means being absent for a day every fortnight. Over 5 years it’s 90 days = absent for 18 weeks or one school term!!

High attendance is one key to academic achievement. The school awards good individual and class attendance.

Last year 20 pupils from years 7 – 11 had a record 100% attendance rate.

We sympathize with pupils who are ill. Some pupils are absent for a slight tummy upset / headache.

Regular school attendance is essential if one wants to take full advantage of the education offered in school.

“Every pupil counts—Every day counts”

SUMMER TERM – EXAMINATIONS TERM

IMPORTANT DATES

14 May, 2014	No School - Teacher Training Day
12 May, 2014	Start of GCSE examinations for Year 11 (for a month)
26 - 30 May	Half Term Holidays
3 June	Sports Day
23 - 27 June	Year 7, 8, 9, 10 Examinations
30 June – 4 July	Year 10 Work Experience
18 July	Last day of Summer Term
21 August	GCSE Results
2 September, 2014	Autumn Term

YEAR 11 EXAMINATIONS

It is an extremely busy time of the year for pupils in Year 11. Pupils must be in school **every day**. The work for each syllabus must be completed in **all** subjects, coursework completed and proper / thorough revision completed.

The Welsh Assembly Government do not allow pupils to have study leave from school.

Year 11 pupils are expected in school every day up to the start of examinations on Monday, 12th May **and to continue to come to school every day for examinations or revision after 12 May**. Pupils must bring their revision work with them to school to benefit fully from the intense study periods. A letter will be sent to the home to explain the new set up.

It is a stressful time for Year 11 pupils and the staff aim to help and encourage the pupils to reach their full potential.

Should your son / daughter face difficulties with school work or revision please contact the school (Headmaster or Deputies.)

Best wishes and good luck to all in Year 11.

To succeed in the Summer pupils must prepare and work hard “Fail to prepare, prepare to fail” remains a popular theme in Botwnnog at this time of year.

YEAR 10 EXTERNAL EXAMINATIONS

Three external GCSE Science exams will be held during June. This is a new arrangement and **this will be the only opportunity the pupils will have to sit the exam.** They will gain a GCSE qualification in Science at the end of Year 10. There are also external exams in units in some other subjects. **It is essential that the pupils are present on the following dates:-**

Monday, 12 May, 2014	Religious Studies
Friday, 16 May, 2014	History
Tuesday, 20 May, 2014	English Literature
Monday, 2 June, 2014	Business Studies
Wednesday, 4 June, 2014	Welsh Second Language
Thursday, 5 June, 2014	Electronics
Friday, 6 June, 2014	Welsh Second Language
Tuesday, 10 June, 2014	Biology
Thursday, 12 June, 2014	Chemistry
Monday, 16 June, 2014	Physics
Tuesday, 8 July, 2014	Child Care

INTERIM REPORTS YEARS 7 – 10

You have received your sons / daughters Interim Report. The main focus is on pupils effort in lessons. The vast majority of pupils work conscientiously in all subjects. A few pupils have had a grade 'C' or 'D' for lack of effort. Staff will monitor the underachievers. As parents I hope you will then support the staff and encourage the pupils to work harder and get a better grade for effort in the end of year Summer Report. Please contact the school if you wish to discuss the report.

SCHOOL RULES

- No cameras in school
- No mobile phones in school
- No chewing gum
- No smoking
- No drugs, no alcohol

School Uniform

- One pair of small studs may be worn in ears. No studs in the nose or jewellery / rings on nose or on face.
- One ring on finger
- **No beads or bracelets**
- Trainers or shoes must be black
- No jeans, cords, combat trousers or black cargo pants
- **Plain black school skirt of a reasonable length with black tights**
- Black round neck sweatshirt or jumper with school badge
- Belts must be black

School uniform on sale in school.

Pupils are allowed to use i pods during morning and lunch breaks only – not in lessons or on the corridors. **If this rule is not adhered to then the school may not allow the use of music players next term.**

HOT WEATHER

Cases of skin cancer have increased steadily over recent years. Exposure to sunlight is the main cause of the disease.

Pupils should ensure that they apply Factor 15+ sunscreen when the weather is hot, particularly between 11.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. so that they don't burn.

It is important therefore, that pupils apply sunscreen when participating in any outdoor activities, on sports day etc.



Yr 11 Drama Examination

Rhys Evans, Ella Devalle & Thomas Allman performing an excerpt from 'My Fair Lady' for their final acting assessment.



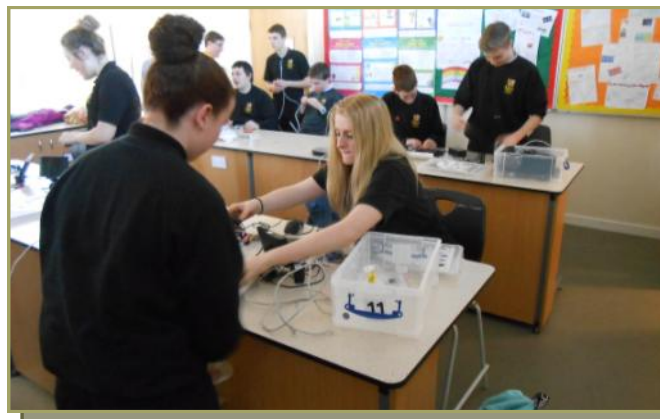
Girls' Rugby Team

Winners of the Plate in the Anglesey and Gwynedd Schools' Under 14s Girls' Rugby Tournament



Dry Stone Walling

Pupils receiving instruction on how to build dry stone walls



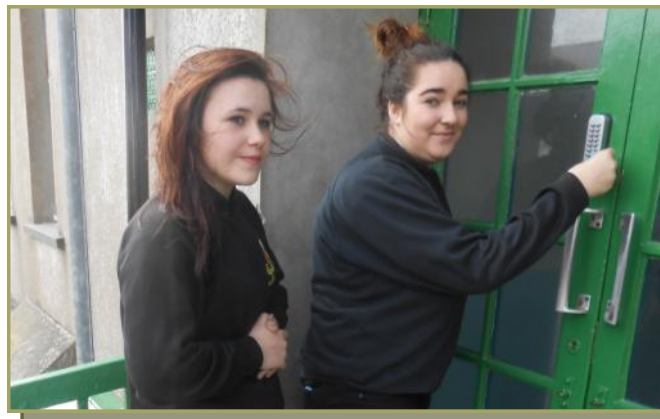
Computer Programming Workshops

The year 11 ICT class getting a taste of programming in sessions provided by TechnoCamps from Bangor University



'Egin Cegin' Launch Day

An exciting new initiative launched by Congl Meinciau Enterprise Centre—for further information about hiring the kitchen pod contact the Enterprise Centre in Botwnnog



Safety at School

In order to safeguard the pupils and staff, new combination locks have been fitted on all entrances to school buildings. All visitors should report to the main office on arrival to sign in.