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A WORD FROM THE HEADMASTER

Here we are again at the beginning of the final term of the school year - doesn't time fly!

There is a busy season of exams and assessments ahead - further details can be found in the bulletin.

If you would like to discuss any matter then do not hesitate to pick up the phone (01758) 730220 or email:

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Thank you,

Dylan Minnice

SOME IMPORTANT DATES

Here are some important dates for your diaries:

6 May	May Day Bank Holiday - No School
7 May - 18 Mehefin	GCSE examinations (Yr 10 and 11 - Final)
27 May - 31 May	Half Term Holidays
10 June	School Sports Day (to be confirmed)
17 -24 June	GCSE English Oral Examination Yr 10 (Final)
2-3 July	GCSE Welsh Literature Oral Examination Yr 10 (Final)
20 June	Yr 11 Prom
24 June - 5 July	Year 7, 8, 9 Examinations
18 July	Last day of Term for pupils
22 August	GCSE Results
4 September	School reopens for pupils

IMPORTANT: Final means that the assessment/exam mark counts towards the final GCSE grade.

Further information about exams on pages 2 and 3 of this bulletin.

LAST DAY OF SUMMER TERM FOR PUPILS

THURSDAY, JULY 18 WILL BE THE LAST DAY OF THE SUMMER TERM FOR PUPILS

INTERIM REPORTS YEARS 7 – 10

You have received your son's / daughter's Interim Report before Easter. The main focus is on pupils effort and progress 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 in some subjects. Staff will be monitoring such lack of effort. As parents I hope you will support us and encourage your son/daughter 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.

ATTENDANCE

Improving attendance is still one of our priorities. Missing school effects you child's education. The pupils' attendance remains good (95% on average so far this year). **Thank you for your co-operation.**

It has been proved that excellent attendance is one key to academic achievement.

Attendance of 95% sounds quite good. However, over a 5 year period a pupil with 95% attendance would have missed nearly 250 lessons!

Attendance	100%	99%	98%	97%	96%	95%	94%	93%	92%	91%	90%	89%	88%	87%	86%	85%
Number of lessons missed over a 5 year period	0	48	95	143	190	238	285	332	380	428	475	523	570	618	665	713

We sympathize with pupils who are truly ill. However, some pupils are absent for unacceptable reasons.

Regular school attendance is essential in order to take full advantage of the education offered in school.

“Every pupil counts—Every day counts”

EXAMINATIONS

YEAR 11

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 undertaken.

We will be adapting the timetable in order to arrange revision periods before some exams.

Year 11 pupils are expected to be in school every day. Teachers will be revising with the pupils. Pupils must bring their revision work with them to school to benefit fully from the intense study periods.

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 during this important period, please contact the school (for the attention of the Headmaster or Deputy - Mr Geraint Hughes).

Best wishes and good luck to all in Year 11 at this key time.

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

We look forward to seeing happy faces on results day - **THURSDAY, AUGUST 22nd**.

EXTERNAL EXAMINATIONS - YEAR 10

Three external GCSE Science exams will be sat by all year 10 pupils during June. **This will be the only opportunity for pupils to sit these exams and they count towards the final GCSE grade.**

There are also external exams, which count towards the final grades, in units in some other subjects - you have already received your son/daughter's personal timetable.

It is essential that the pupils are present for their exams on the following dates:-

Monday, 13 May	GCSE ICT - Unit 1
Monday, 13 May	GCSE Religious Studies
Tuesday, 14 May	BTEC Media
Thursday, 23 May.....	GCSE English Literature - Uned 2B
Friday, 7 June	GCSE Science - Biology
Wednesday, 12 June	GCSE Science - Chemistry
Thursday, 13 June	GCSE Welsh Literature - Unit 2
Friday, 14 June	GCSE Science - Physics

EXTERNAL EXAMINATION TIMETABLES - YEAR 10 & 11

All year 10 and 11 pupils have received personal timetables showing when they have exams.

Year 11 pupils have received a revised timetable this week which includes any changes.

There is a full timetable on the school website - <http://ysgolbotwnnog.org/eng/disgyblion.html>

NATIONAL READING AND NUMERACY TESTS - YEARS 7, 8 & 9

All pupils in years 7-9 will be sitting the national reading and numeracy tests.

These take place in Welsh, English and Mathematics lessons in the period **23 April - 15 May**.

You will receive a report on your son/daughter's performance in the summer report.

Further information is available about these tests on the Welsh Government website

<http://learning.wales.gov.uk/docs/learningwales/publications/140420-information-for-parents-carers-2-9-en.pdf>

INTERNAL EXAMINATIONS - YEARS 7 - 9

YEARS 7 - 9 - The school's end of year examinations for years 7 - 9 will take place at the end of this term: **24 June - 5 July**.

It is important to ensure good results in these exams. Departments will use these results along with the rest of the year's marks to decide which sets the pupils are in next term.

Your son/daughter should be starting to revise for these exams during this term.

HELPING YOUR SON / DAUGHTER TO REVISE

You can help you son/daughter to revise by:

- planning a specified time for revision every night - sessions of about an hour with short breaks between them tend to work well;
- helping them plan a revision timetable for every subject;
- ensuring that there is a quiet place for them to work;
- testing them on their work.

Further information on how to help your child to revise is available on websites like BBC Bitesize.

<https://www.bbc.com/bitesize>

YEAR 11 PROM

Year 11 will have the opportunity to relax after the exams at the Prom that the school has organised for them at Nant Gwrtheyrn. This will be a fun afternoon of dining, a disco and socialising in an idyllic location. This is the school's opportunity to reward year 11's effort and good behaviour - however, we reserve the right to refuse pupils who have shown a lack of effort, inappropriate behaviour or poor attendance during this period from attending.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

CRYS CHWYS SWEAT SHIRT	DU Gwddw crwn gyda bathodyn yr ysgol*	BLACK <i>Round neck sweatshirt with school badge*</i>
CRYS POLO POLO SHIRT	GWYN NEU DDU Plaen neu gyda logo'r ysgol wedi ei wnïo arno*	WHITE OR BLACK <i>Plain or with school logo embroidered*.</i>
TROSWUS TROUSERS	DU PLAEN NID yw denim, cords, gwaelod 'track suit', 'leggings', 'jeggings' na throwsus combat yn dderbyniol. Nid yw trowsusau sydd wedi colli eu lliw neu wedi eu rhwygo yn dderbyniol.	PLAIN BLACK <i>Denims, cords, track suit bottoms, 'leggings', 'jeggings' and combat trousers are NOT acceptable. Faded and ripped trousers are not acceptable.</i>
SGERT SKIRT	DU PLAEN Sgert ysgol rhesymol o hyd gyda theits duon.	PLAIN BLACK <i>School skirt of a reasonable length with black tights.</i>
ESGIDIAU SHOES	DU PLAEN Esgidiau / trainers unlliw (Fflat) - dim ysgrifen/logos gwyn/llwyd/lliw.	PLAIN BLACK <i>Shoes/trainers (Flat) - no white/grey/coloured logos/writing.</i>
COTIAU,HWDIS, AAYB COATS, HOODIES, ETC	Nid oes rheol ar gyfer y math/lliw o gôt a chaniateir - ond ni ddylid ei gwisgo tu fewn i'r ysgol - Gellir eu cadw yn y loceri neu yn eu bagiau yn ystod y dydd.	<i>There is no rule regarding type/colour of coat allowed - but it may not be worn inside school - they can be placed in lockers or bags during the day.</i>
GEMWAITH JEWELLERY	Caniateir un pâr o ' studs ' bach clust ac UN fodrwy (ar fys) yn unig. Dim mwclis na breichledau. Gallwn ofyn i ddisgyblion dynnu unrhyw emwaith arall.	One pair of small studs may be worn in the ears and ONE ring (worn on a finger) only. <i>No necklaces or bracelets. Pupils can be asked to remove any other jewellery.</i>
DILLAD AC OFFER YMARFER CORFF P.E. KIT AND EQUIPMENT	Crys polo MELYN (AUR) plaen neu gyda logo'r ysgol wedi ei wnïo arno*, siorts du, sanau pen-glin duon. Trainers (dim 'Vans') ac esgidiau pêl droed/blades Gellir gwisgo gwisg trac lliw tywyll yn ystod y Gaeaf. Bydd cyfle i archebu hwdi ymarfer corff gydag enw'r disgybl arno yn ystod y tymor cyntaf pe dymunir. Offer diogelwch personol: Gorfodol: 'Shin Pads' – gorfodol ar gyfer hoci a phêl droed. Dymunol: Cap sgrym ar gyfer rygbi a tharian ceg ar gyfer hoci a rygbi. RHAID TYNNU gemwaith yn ystod gweithgareddau ymarfer corff am resymau iechyd a diogelwch.	YELLOW (GOLD) polo shirt -plain or with embroidered school logo*, black shorts, black knee length socks. <i>Trainers (not 'Vans') and football boots/blades, A dark coloured track suit may be worn during the winter.</i> <i>There will be an opportunity to order a physical education hoodie with the pupil's name on it during the first term, is so desired.</i> Personal Protective Equipment: Compulsory: 'Shin Pads' – compulsory for hockey and football Desirable: Scrum cap for rugby & gum shield for hockey and rugby All Jewellery MUST BE REMOVED during physical education activities for health and safety reasons.
GWISG YR HAF SUMMER UNIFORM	Rhoddir caniatad i wisgo shorts du plaen yn ystod cyfnodau o dywydd poeth - cewch fwy o wybodaeth yn ystod tymor y Pasg.	<i>Permission is given to wear shorts during hot weather - further information about this will be given during Easter term.</i>

***ar werth yn yr ysgol am £15.00**

***available from school for £15.00**

Can I also remind you of the rule for school shoes. Any shoes or trainers must be entirely black only. Writing, logos, laces and soles that aren't black (NOT GREY!) are not allowed.



HOT WEATHER - PROTECTING FROM SUNBURN

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 a suitable sunscreen** when the weather is hot, particularly between 11.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. so that they don't burn - even when cloudy there is still a risk of burning.

It is important therefore, that pupils apply sunscreen when participating in any outdoor activities - P.E. lessons, sports day, etc. If they forget their own sunscreen they should ask their teachers.

HOT WEATHER - SCHOOL UNIFORM

You have already received the information below regarding the change to school uniform policy during hot weather. I would be glad of any comments you have on this policy.

Gan obeithio y byddwn yn blasu tywydd braf rydym wedi penderfynu rhoi caniatâd i ddisgyblion wisgo **SIORTS DU PLAEN O HYD RHESYMOL** gyda **SANNAU DUON NEU GWYNIION** yn ystod cyfnodau o dywydd poeth.

Bydd y polisi yma yn weithredol ar gyfer y cyfnod rhwng **GWYLIAU HANNER TYMOR Y SULGWYN A'R HAF**. Os byddwn yn penderfynu caniatâu gwisgo shorts cyn hynny, oherwydd tywydd poeth, yna byddwn yn eich hysbysu drwy e-bost.

*In the hope that we get some warm weather we have decided to allow pupils to wear **PLAIN BLACK SHORTS OF A REASONABLE LENGTH** with **BLACK OR WHITE SOCKS** during periods of hot weather.*

*This policy will be active in the period between **WHITSUN HALF-TERM AND SUMMER HOLIDAYS**. If we decide to allow the wearing of shorts sooner, due to hot weather, we will notify you by email.*

Byddwn yn caniatáu'r canlynol / Acceptable



SIORTS WEDI TEILWRA
TAILORED SHORTS



SHORTS CHWARAEON DU
HOLLLOL BLAEN - DIM
PATRWM NA LOGOS
PLAIN BLACK SPORT
SHORTS - NO
PATTERN/LOGOS



CULOTTES



SKORT

Ni fyddwn yn caniatáu / Not acceptable:



LYCRA TYNN GAN GYNNWYS SIORTS
SEICLO
TIGHT LYCRA INCLUDING CYCLING
SHORTS



SIORTS CHWARAEON
GYDA LOGOS, AYYB
SPORTS SHORTS WITH
LOGOS, ETC



COMBATS



SIORTS
DENIM/CUTOFFS
SHORTS

HYD RHESYMOL = AT Y PEN-GLIN
REASONABLE LENGTH = TO THE KNEE

