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(In the loop - Ysgol Cwm Brombil's Weekly Bulletin)

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- Mathemagic at Techniquet;
- Year 10 Drama perform to hundreds of primary school children;
- An amazing football opportunity with Paris St Germain!

Summer Term / TYMOR Y HAF

Half Term : Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May /

Hanner Tymor: Dydd Llun Mai 27 - Dydd Gwener Mai 31

End / Diwedd: Friday 19th July 2024 / Dydd Gwener Gorffennaf 22

Upcoming activities:

Week Beginning -	Monday 15 th July 2024	
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday	Sports Day	
Friday		

Week Beginning -	Monday 22 nd July 2024	
Monday	SUMMER HOLIDAYS	
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		





PARIS
SAINT-GERMAIN
ACADEMY

EXCITING NEWS

We are thrilled to announce our new partnership with Ysgol Cwm Brombil offering the students a chance to play the Parisian way!

Our Player Development Programme (PDP) is open to boys and girls of all levels from beginners to advanced players. The PDP has been created to allow all players aged 8-16 to develop their game both physically and mentally.

Paris Saint-Germain Academy Wales Player Development Programme includes:

- Development Programme set across 10 weeks
- Sessions designed by Paris Saint-Germain: Play the Parisian way!
- Coaching delivered by PSG Academy UK Coaches (Coach ratio of 1:15 players)
- Each player will receive a Paris Saint-Germain Academy Wales kit
- Testing on arrival
- Player Mentoring
- Full Player report at the end of the block
- End-of-block certificate
- Discounted merchandise for all Academy Players

The sessions will be held after school on Mondays on the following dates:

Block 1 (10 sessions): September 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th, October 7th, 14th, 21st, November 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th.

Players will also learn about the importance of nutrition, fitness, and conditioning to highlight the importance of maintaining a healthy lifestyle on and off the training ground.

Our trained Paris Saint-Germain Academy coaches offer guidance throughout each session and ensure that every player has individual mentoring during the session.

Paris Saint-Germain Academy Wales Player Development Programme cost:

- £36.00 (incl. VAT) registration fee (one-off payment for the season)
- £7.80 (incl. VAT) per session (booked as a 10-week block)

If your child is interested in being part of the Paris Saint-Germain Academy Wales at Ysgol Cwm Brombil, please register using the following link: <https://www.psgacademyuk.com/pdp-booking-form/>

If you have any questions, please contact: lowri@psgacademyuk.com

We look forward to training the players and welcoming them into the Paris Saint-Germain Academy Wales family.

Kind regards,

Lowri Hunt

Head Coach for Wales

Paris Saint-Germain Academy UK



Summer Soccer Camp in Port Talbot!

We are thrilled to partner with Ysgol Cwm Brombil in Port Talbot this Summer.

We will be offering a Summer Camp at the school with the following dates available:

 19th August – 23rd August

Individual day bookings @ £25.00

****Special offer - 5 days @ £100.00****

Optional PSG Academy Wales kit @ £45.00

(Select as many or as few days as you are available)

****Prices are inclusive of VAT****

Come and train the Parisian way this Summer!

Training sessions designed, developed and delivered by Paris Saint-Germain Head Coaches.

Delivered by FA qualified coaching staff to ensure that players have fun and develop their skills across each day of the camp.

Open to Boys & Girls aged 8-16.

All abilities welcome!

Camp Discount Code:

For YCB students booking onto the camp, there is a discount code: CWMBROMBIL24
Please use this when booking via our website for your 10% discount.

Extra Curricular Timetable

There are lots of lunchtime and after school activities to suit a variety of tastes.
Unfortunately, due to financial constraints, we are currently unable to offer transport home currently.
Pupils who attend after school clubs must make their own arrangements for transport home.

***Please note that clubs that normally run in the indoor Sports facilities will not be running over the exam period.**

Day	Lunch Time	Room + Staff	After School	Room + Staff
Monday	Library (Yrs 9, 10, 11)	B15 – Miss Collins	Homework & Catch up Club Young Carers First Aid Club (all years) Touch Rugby (Mixed)	Learning Centre B36 – Miss Leahy B20 - Mrs Jerwood & Mrs Thomas 3G/Grass Pitch – Pe Staff
Tuesday	Library (Yrs 7 & 8) Chess Club	B15 – Miss Collins C29 – Mr McDaid (Yrs 9, 10, 11)	Homework & Catch up Club Tennis Club Cricket	Learning Centre Muga/Sports Hall – PE Staff Muga/Sports Hall -PE Staff (Yr 7 & 8)
Wednesday	Library (Yrs 7 & 8) Strength & Conditioning (Yrs 9-11) Junior Safeguarding Board	B15 – Miss Collins Back Gym C6 – Mrs Pereira-Thomas	Homework & Catch up Club Badminton (Yrs 7 - 11) Book Club (Yrs 7 ,8 & 9) Science Club (Yrs 7 & 8) GCSE History Revision & Catch up Rounders Cooking Club	Learning Centre Sports Hall Library – Mrs Sherlock C9 – Miss Woodington B21 – Mrs Sims (Yrs 9, 10, 11) 3G – PE Staff A17 – Mrs Monck/Mrs Leach
Thursday	Library (Yrs 7 & 8)	B15 – Miss Collins	Homework & Catch up Club Debate Club Eco Club Male Choir Crochet Club Strength & Conditioning Creative Writing Club Athletics Club Art Club Cricket Club	Learning Centre B3 – Miss Harris (Week 2 Only) B25 – Mr Westrop A3 – Mr Murray B11 – Mrs Jones Back Gym/Multi-Gym (Yrs 9, 10, 11) B30 – Miss Evans (Week 1 Only) 3G/Sports Hall/MUGA – PE Staff B11 – Miss Parry-Jones 3G/Sports Hall – PE Staff
Friday	Strength & Conditioning (Yrs 9, 10, 11)	Back Gym		

'Mathmagic' Trip to Techniquest

At the end of June, the Maths department took a group of Year 7 pupils on an enrichment trip to Techniquest in Cardiff Bay. As well as being able to explore the wonderful exhibits and learn some fascinating mathematics facts, pupils also took part in the interactive "Mathemagic" show and workshop. Here the pupils learned about mathematics through magic and how mathematics can be used in everyday life to help them solve problems and confuse their friends! Everyone learnt something new and no doubt also had a really enjoyable time.



Primary Woodwork

The year 4 children visited the woodwork department recently and created their own bird boxes to place in their eco gardens. They wanted to create some spaces that wildlife could use around our school environment. They worked closely with Mr Faulkner and his team to work on skills such as sawing and cutting as well how to use hammers and vices safely. The children loved creating these and look forward to developing these skills further as they make their way through the primary phase, moving on to secondary.



TIE ASBO Project: Crucial Crew July 2024

Last week, Year 10 GCSE Drama pupils participated in a TIE Performance as part of Crucial Crew, Safer Neath and Port Talbot Community Safety. The event was held in Margam Castle and truly was a great week! Year 10 performed to over 1,000 primary school pupils, educating them on the effects and consequences of Anti-Social Behaviour. We have been lucky enough to be involved in this project for many, many years and it is a privilege to be asked year after year to come back. This is a credit to our wonderful pupils and their excellent performances and the great working relationships built up over time with Crucial Crew. I'm extremely proud of my year 10 GCSE class, they showed enthusiasm and commitment throughout rehearsals and the performance week. We all had a great week and would like to thank Lisa Potterton and her fantastic team at Crucial Crew for all their hard work and for our delicious lunch from Mama's Cwtych on Friday!!





Visiting The Children's Commissioners office



This week I have been privileged to spend a week with the school-based nurses as my work experience, where they strongly believe in the Rights of the Child, also known as the UNCRC. By having nurses in school, article 24 is carried out to support students "Children have the right to the best health care possible, clean water to drink, healthy food and a clean and safe environment to live in". With thanks to the staff at the children's commissioner's office, the deputy children's commissioner, Mrs Jerwood and Mrs Williams, a handful of students were invited to a meet and greet in the Children's Commissioners Office in Port Talbot where I was able to tag along. We were welcomed to the office by an amazing team of staff, where we carried out activities such as talking with new people to introduce them to the group with information we learnt from them, which promoted communication to people we may not have spoken to beforehand which was a very interesting experience for everyone. Afterwards, the deputy commissioner allowed students to ask questions about her job role where she included everyone and answered each question with great detail. The experience was a wonderful insight of the background and roles of working within the commissioner's office and what goes on to promote the rights children deserve.

Grace Wintle Yr 10

Sporting Achievements

Our County Athletics team went toe-to-toe with some very experienced and gifted pupils from all over the County. Some amazing individual performances and our Middle Boys team very unlucky not to qualify for the National finals. Well done to all pupils who took part.

Notable Performances

Junior Girls

Lola Richards 3rd in Javelin
Mimi Kneath, Kara Williams shot put
Ivy Ma High jump and hurdles,
Sienna 5th & Lana 8th in 100m final

Junior Boys

Charlie, Alfie, Tristan Byrne, Henry, Kian all placing
Cameron Evans 1st Place – Discus

Middle Girls

Sienna Hurley 1500m,
Emily Waters 3rd in 800m
Ella Jones 7th in final

Middle Boys

Emerald Robert 100m
Shane Williams 6th in 200m
Tom Davies 2nd in 300m
Lewys Lambourne 2nd in Shot Put
Zac Middleton 800m,
Tai Wellington 3rd in High Jump
Jayden Colley 3rd in Hurdles 4th in Triple Jump - 11 POINT TOTAL
Bailey 5th in Javelin
Macsen Warren 6th in 1500m
Zac Mizen 1st in Discus

Attendance Information

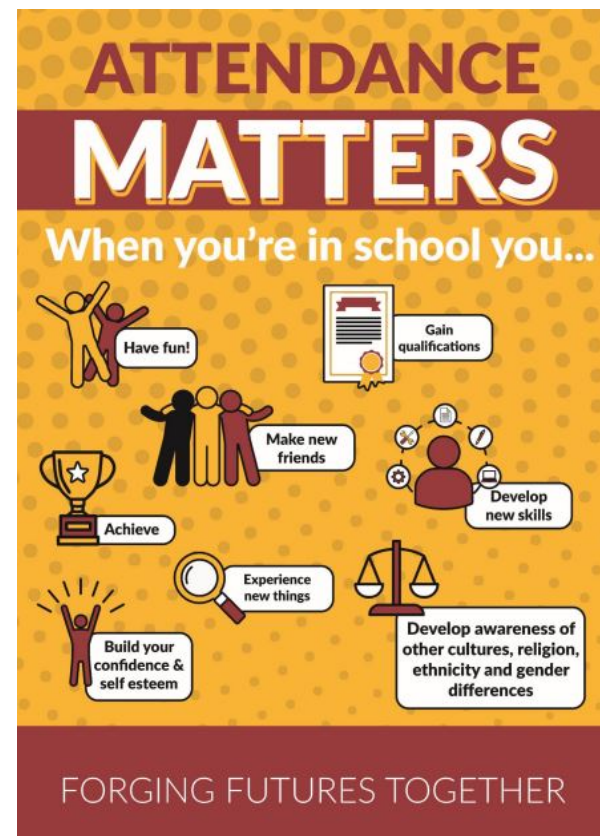


Our attendance target for all students is 100% and our **minimum expectation is 95%**. The infographic above shows the impact of days missed and minutes late can have on a child's learning.

For example:

- If a child is **late to school just 5 minutes** each day, throughout the year that equates to **3 days lost to learning (15 hours)**.
- Attendances of **97%** allows for one day of absence per half term and results in **30 hours lost to learning**
- **Important Reminders:**

1. Parents **MUST** contact school to report any absences on **01639 760110 before 8.30 am**.
2. Parents should contact the school **each day** that a pupil is not attending.
3. If the school are not notified, then **you will be contacted** by a member of the Attendance team to find out why your child is not in school.
4. If you child is not notified of the reason for the absence it will be recorded as **unauthorised absence**.
5. If there are three unauthorised absences in a row, the Safeguarding Lead and Education Welfare Officer will be made aware in order to ensure that you child is safe.
6. You will be required to produce medical evidence if you state that your child is ill for 3 or more consecutive days.
7. We will ask the school Healthcare Professional to contact you if there is an absence of more than 2 weeks.
8. Term time leave will only be granted by the headteacher on request.
9. Where possible, **all appointments should be made outside of the school day**.



School Uniform Expectations

All students are expected to wear school uniform throughout the school day. Below are uniform guidelines for both boys and girls, as well as PE Kit:

All pupils Year 7 to 11

Blazer	Black school blazer	Available from Bergoni. Blazers must be brought to school and worn every day.
Shirt	White shirt with collar.	Can be purchased from any retailer.
Trousers	Plain black tailored uniform style trousers.	Jean style, corduroys, skinny or casual trousers are not permitted.
Skirt *	Plain black school uniform style skirt.	Skirts should be an appropriate length.
Tights	Plain black tights	Can be purchased from any retailer.
Shoes	Black shoes with black laces.	Available from any retailer. Black leather converse shoes are permitted. NO TRAINERS
Tie	School tie.	Available from Bergoni.
Jumper	Black with badge and claret trim around the collar.	Available from Bergoni. Jumpers are optional.
Shorts	Black tailored shorts.	Optional for the summer term.
Outdoor coat/Jacket	Coats should be waterproof and black in colour.	Available from any retailer.
Socks (only if not wearing tights)	Ankle height, plain black or white.	Available from any retailer.

For further information regarding our uniform expectations please see our school website:

<https://ysgolcwmbrombil.npted.org/uniform.html>

Vaping/ e-cigarettes

Information regarding e-cigarettes / vaping

We want to bring to your attention the worrying trend amongst a few peoples in school. We are taking this issue very seriously due to the negative health effects vaping can have and the negative affect it can have on a pupil's learning. This letter aims to:

- Inform you of the issue;
- Give you access to information and resources;
- Alert you to the consequences if your child vaping on school property

What is vaping?

Vaping is the act of inhaling a vapour produced by an e cigarette or electronic vaporiser (vape). The vapour that is inhaled usually contain nicotine, which is highly addictive, and many other chemicals which are potentially harmful. Some vapes even contain cannabis oil! The liquids that are inhaled are often flavoured and can even smell fruity. Some vapes are marketed with sweet like names and come in attractive colours.

Health concerns

The aerosol from e-cigarettes can be damaging to a person's health, particularly the developing bodies of adolescents. It can contain harmful chemicals, including nicotine; ultrafine particles that can be inhaled deep into the lungs; flavourings such as diacetyl, a chemical linked to lung disease; volatile organic compounds such as Benzene which is also found in car exhaust fumes and heavy metals such as nickel, tin and lead which can build up to toxic levels in the body over time.

There has been a significant increase in underage vaping over the last couple of years.

Vaping is illegal to under 18's. Research shows that the adolescent brain is far more susceptible to addictive substances and this ultimately leads to an unnecessary and potentially harmful distraction from the child's learning.

Our first and foremost concern is pupil health and safety. Pupils who are using these devices are inhaling nicotine and other harmful chemicals thinking it is safe. Pupils purchasing and using these vapes, particularly those from the internet, risk inhaling higher levels of nicotine than cigarettes. Nicotine is addictive and can harm brain development in adolescents. There is also the risk of other illegal substances and even more dangerous substances in some of these vapes.

How the school has responded,

There has been a significant amount of publicity about the concerns with underage vaping. At Ysgol Cwm Brombil we have installed vape alarms as a deterrent in toilets around the school. These allow us to identify pupils that are vaping and impose consequences as well as provide support for what is, essentially, an addiction to nicotine.

Consequences for a child found vaping on school site and / or bringing a vape onto the school site.

Smoking (including the smoking of e-cigarettes / vapes) is against the law for young people under the age of 18, and, as our policy states, smoking is prohibited throughout the school premises. This includes school buses.

Pupils caught vaping will receive an afterschool detention in the first instance, an internal exclusion if they are caught a second time and a third time will result in an external exclusion from school.

The e-cigarette / vape will be confiscated and the child's parent / carer informed. The parent / carer may collect the e-cigarette / vape in the following week. Under no circumstance will they be returned to the child themselves. If the e-cigarette / vape is not collected within a week it will be safely disposed of.

HARMFUL EFFECTS OF VAPING



BRAIN

- Nicotine addiction
- Headaches
- Dizziness
- Seizures
- Tremors
- Anxiety
- Restlessness
- Confusion
- Attention problem
- Learning and mood disorders

EYES

- Irritation
- Blurry Vision

MOUTH

- Irritation
- Can cause gum disease

THROAT

- Sore throat

LUNGS

- Rapid, shallow breathing
- Coughing
- Wheezing
- Permanent lung damage from diacetyl, a flavoring chemical, which scars tiny air sacs making airways thick and narrow

HEART

- Increased risk of heart attack and stroke
- Chest pain

STOMACH & INTESTINES

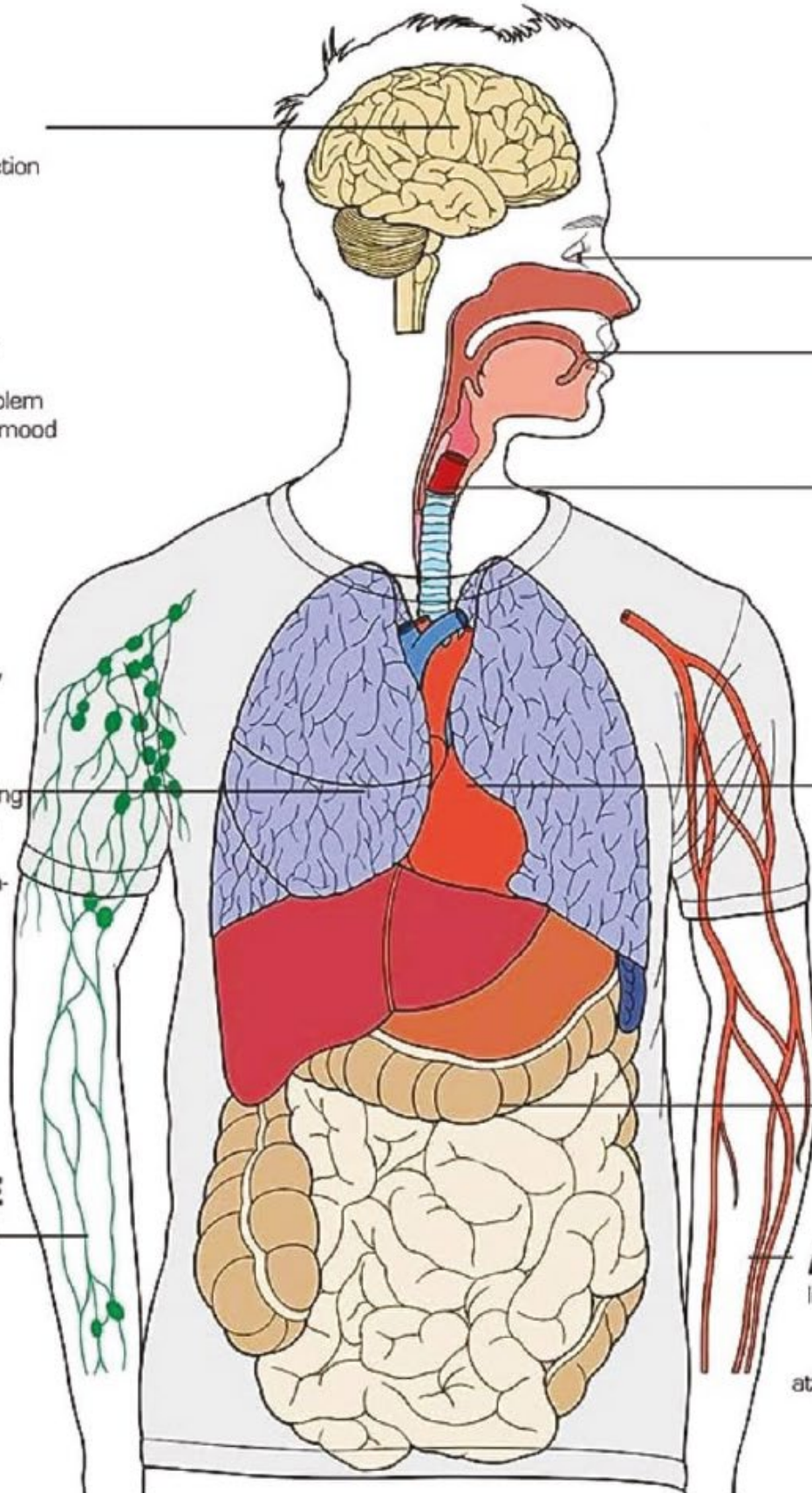
- Vomiting
- Nausea
- Abdominal pain

IMMUNE SYSTEM

- Can harm your immune system increasing your risk of illnesses

ARTERIES

- Increases blood pressure and risk of heart attack and stroke



Term dates for 2023-24

Autumn Term, half term 1 2023-24	
Monday 4 th September 2023	Year 7 & 11 attend school
Tuesday 5 th September 2023	Years 8,9 & 10 attend school
Friday 27 th October 2023	Last Day of half term 1
Half Term holiday - Monday 30 th October 2023 – Friday 3 rd November 2023	
Autumn Term, half term 2 2023-24	
Monday 6 th November 2023	Term starts
Friday 1 st December 2023	Staff INSET (Training) Day
Monday 4 th December 2023	Staff INSET (Training) Day
Friday 22 nd December 2023	Last Day of half term 2
Christmas Holiday – Monday 25 th December 2023 – Friday 5 th January 2024	
Spring Term, half term 3 2023-24	
Monday 8 th January 2024	Staff INSET (Training) Day
Tuesday 9 th January 2024	Half term 3 Starts for all pupils
Friday 9 th February 2024	Last Day of half term 3
Half Term holiday - Monday 12 th February 2024 – Friday 16 th February 2024	
Spring Term, half term 4 2023-24	
Monday 19 th February 2024	Term 4 Starts
Thursday 21 st 2024	Last Day of half term 4 for pupils
Friday 22 nd March 2024	Staff INSET (Training) Day
Easter holiday - Monday 25 th March 2024 - Friday 5 th April 2024	
Summer Term, half term 5 2023-24	
Monday 8 th April 2024	Term 5 Starts
Monday 6 th May 2024	May Day Bank Holiday
Monday 20 th May 2024	Staff INSET Day Year 10 & 11 GCSE English Exam
Friday 24 th May 2024	Last Day of half term 5
Half Term - Monday 27 th May 2024 - Friday 31 st May 2024	
Summer Term Half term 6 2023-24	
Monday 3 rd June 2024	Half term 6 Starts
Friday 19 th July 2024	Last Day of half term 6 & End of school Year

