

Yn y Lwp!

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

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- Amazing art skills,



School return in September:

Autumn term / Tymor yr Hydref

Start / Dechrau

Dydd Llun Medi 2 / Monday 2 September Staff INSET

Dydd Mawrth Medi 3 / Tuesday 3 September Year 7 and year 11 in school*

Dydd Mercher Medi 4 / Wednesday 4 September all pupils return

**pupils in years 8,9 and 10 will receive instructions on working from home*





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.

Sports Day We had a successful sports day on Thursday this week. The weather was lovely allowing a full day's competition. Many thanks to the PE department for organising the event so well and congratulations to Branwen house on winning!





Year 7 Welsh Landscape Artwork

Year 7 pupils have created their final pieces of work based on their own photographs of Welsh landscapes. They used a mix of oil pastels, watercolour paints and coloured pencils. They took inspiration from Welsh artist Catrin Williams for their mixed media pieces.



My School Experience

My name is Ninne Plumioën, I am a French student of 16 years, and I came to study here in Port Talbot here for one month and a half with students of year 10.

The school Ysgol Cwm Brombil is a good school with a lot of students, and which is welcoming, open, and caring for the exchange students.

Every student, teacher and educational team were very friendly, nice, and helped and followed me during my entire experience.

My partner helped me with my integration school; for example, with the actual language's vocabulary and for the discussions. In the beginning, it was hard to understand what they said because of the Welsh accent for me and the French accent for them, but with time we got used to it.

Many teachers added me to the class and cared about me, this also helped me for my comprehension of English.

The week of work experience week was a little complicated because the year 10 pupils were out of school, but I saw the other aspects of the school and of the teaching and that really helped me with my orientation for my future professional and personal life.

I loved this experience which helped me to discover the English education which was a surprise for me with all of differences with the French education. For example, this school's timetable allowed me to discover the culture and environment in Wales.

This experience, in same time, helped me for practice my English and for my future life. So now, I know that if one day there is another opportunity for me to do that again; I 'll take it without hesitation.

Thanks for everything,
Ninne PLUMIOËN

My name is Aina Estrada Tarongí, and I am a Spanish 16-year-old student who has been attending the school for the last three weeks.

Ysgol Cwm Brombil is an excellent and welcoming school and despite its massive number of students everything works well, and the good organization is evident.

The school is excessively big but thanks to my buddy I've managed to get to know everyone and everything very fast. The first day she introduced me to her friends, they welcomed me and immediately included me in their group of friends.

The staff were also very nice and most of them did not exclude me from their lessons. Even though some of them did, I know that this is an extremely complicated time of the school year, and they have a lot of work to do. However, I would recommend them to try to give me the same papers and exercises that they give to the rest of the students because if not some lessons can be a bit boring.

During the last week I have been here, year 10 was in work experience so I could not be in normal lessons and despite it being a busy and complicated week I have always been doing something and helping the teachers.

A lot of people have tried to teach me some words in Welsh, and I really appreciated that. The canteen staff were very nice, and they did not give me any problems when getting food every day.

At Ysgol Cwm Brombil I have learnt a lot, and I have discovered about the Welsh culture, traditions, food and language.

I have loved being at this school and I think that has helped me in many ways. My English has drastically improved in the last three weeks, and I have made some very good friends and memories that I will keep for the rest of my life.

I have had a lot of fun with the other students and with the little kids too.

Thank you very much for everything
Aina Estrada Tarongí

Sporting Success

Girls Cricket

Very proud of our U15s Girls cricket team once again for their performances in the National Finals day. Amazing attitude throughout. 4 wins and 1 loss. Happy team, smiling, positivity and friendship.



Attendance Information

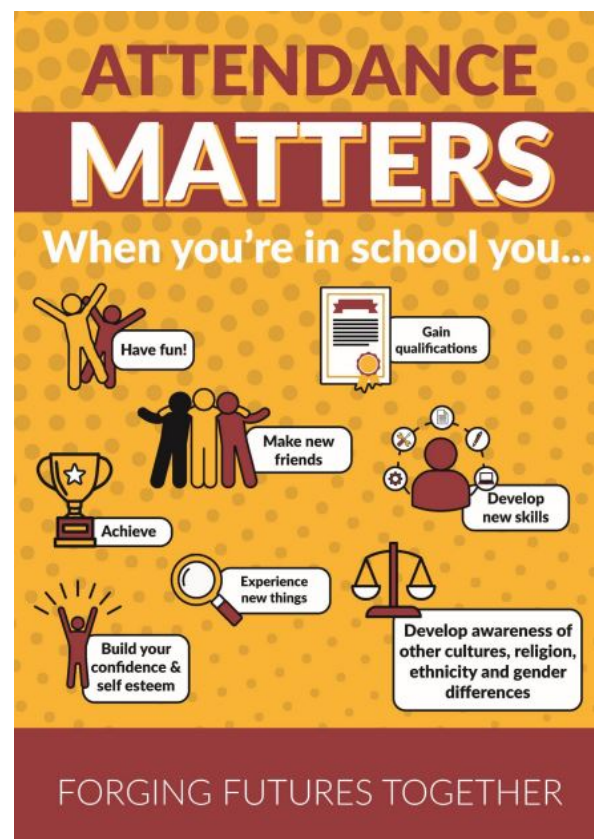


Our attendance target for all students is 100% and our **minimum expectation is 95%**. The infographic above shows the impact of days missed and minutes late can have on a child's learning.

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

