

Yn y Lwp!

("In the loop")

Ysgol Cwm Brombil's Weekly Bulletin

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Summer Term / Tymor y Haf

Half Term : Monday 26th May - Friday 30th May /
Hanner Tymor: Dydd Llun Mai 26 – Dydd Gwener Mai 30
 End / Diwedd: Friday 18th July 2025 / Dydd Gwener 18 Gorffennaf 2025

Week Beginning - Monday 16th June 2025 – Week 1

Monday	GCSE EXAMS	
Tuesday		Eco club - Green Earth Schools build Project
Wednesday		
Thursday		DTP & MenACWY Vaccinations Catch-Up (year 9)
Friday		Year 10 college taster day. Duke of Edinburgh practice weekend (Fri – Mon).

Week Beginning – Monday 23rd June 2025 – Week 2

Monday	GCSE Exams	Duke of Edinburgh practice weekend (Fri – Mon).
Tuesday		
Wednesday		RS visit to the Senedd. Brombil Barracks activity day at Ysgol Bae Baglan.
Thursday		
Friday		

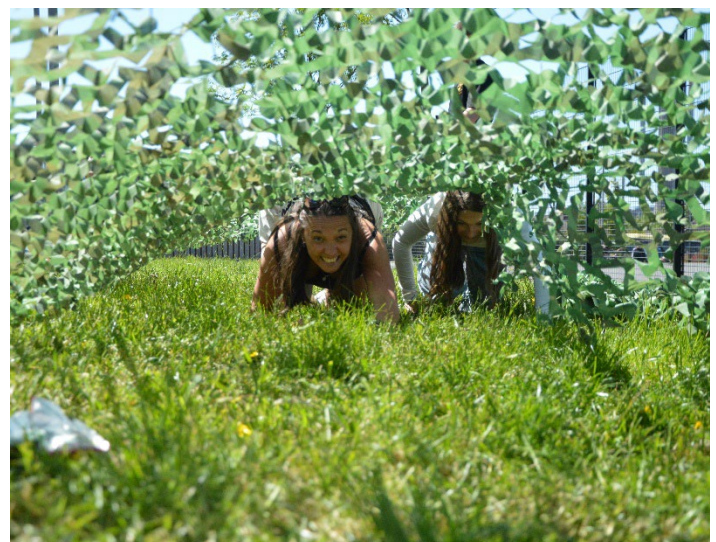


Year 11 GCSE Exam Timetable

Date	Start	Length	Component Code	Exam
Mon 16 Jun	09:00	01:45	3420U10-1	Physics Unit 1 Foundation: Written
Mon 16 Jun	09:00	01:45	3420UA0-1	Physics Unit 1 Higher: Written
Mon 16 Jun	09:00	01:15	3430U30-1	Science Double Unit 3 Foundation
Mon 16 Jun	09:00	01:15	3430UC0-1	Science Double Unit 3 Higher
Mon 16 Jun	13:00	01:00	3660U30-1	Music Unit 3 Appraising
Tue 17 Jun	09:00	01:15	3810U40-1	Spanish Unit 4 Foundation: Writing
Tue 17 Jun	09:00	01:30	3810UD0-1	Spanish Unit 4 Higher: Writing
Tue 17 Jun	09:00	02:30	95500001	Additional Maths Written Paper
Tue 17 Jun	13:00	01:30	3560UA0-1	Food & Nutrition Unit 1 Written
Wed 18 Jun	09:00	02:00	3603U10-1	D & T (Product design) UNIT1 D & T in 21st Cen

Non-Uniform Fundraiser

On Thursday 22nd May we held a Non-Uniform Fundraiser led by our Health Forum to enable us to purchase water fountains. Our Pupil leadership groups each run a stall with a different activity. We sold Fruit Kebabs, Milkshakes, Tea & Biscuits from around the world and Cakes. Thank you to those who contributed and took part. It was clear to see everyone enjoyed - especially throwing wet sponges and just plain water at the teachers! A huge thank you to Mrs Khan and Mrs Kingra who provided our BAME Network stall with a fantastic feast for everyone. Even PC Garlick got involved. All this helped us raise over £1000. We look forward to updating you when we launch our water fountains later in the term.





YCB Gardens



This week in Outdoor Learning, we've made fantastic progress in the garden. The lettuces are ready and being harvested alongside our thriving pak-choi and radishes. Our Year 9 pupils have been hard at work weeding and caring for their raised beds-showing real dedication to keeping the space tidy and productive.

Meanwhile, our Year 10s have been getting hands-on with their 'Plant Care' unit by brewing their own nutrient-rich nettle tea to feed the plants. Thanks to a perfect mix of rain and sunshine, the garden has absolutely flourished! The pupils have loved seeing the impact of their efforts- future horticulturist in the making!





A trip to Chateau du Broutel, France!

Our voyage to France was "tres bien!" An early start on Friday morning didn't dampen the spirits and we were all excited to go! For many of the pupils, this was their first time on a ferry and they discovered the variety of different things to do, including an arcade, a duty-free shop and various food options. Both bus journeys were way better than expected because there were things to keep us entertained and have a laugh. Our two drivers, Scott and Josh were great!

Arrival

When we got to Chateau de Broutel, we were welcomed by kind staff to give us a tour around the resort. Soon after we were given time to put our bags in the room and have a meal in the dining hall. Afterwards, we were given free time and taken to our first activity (chateau olympics).

Day 1

We woke up early to go down to have a French breakfast of Croissants or pain au chocolat. Afterwards we had a room inspection and got scores on how tidy/clean our rooms were. We went back on our coaches and went to the beach and the market, where we had an opportunity to spend some of our money buying food and souvenirs in French. There were many things to buy in the market such as clothing, food, accessories, and fresh fruit. When we got back to the coaches we had a picnic. When we arrived back at the chateau we got to participate in activities such as aero ball, low ropes, obstacle courses and more. Unfortunately, the rain came and took some of our outdoor time but the animators kept us entertained. After it cleared up, we did another activity that we all enjoyed very much.

Day 2

In the morning, we woke up for breakfast and the sun had returned. On that day we went to the lake and did canoeing and paddle boarding. Soon after, we went to Bagatelle theme park and were allowed to go on all the rides there. Then we went back to the chateau to do our last activities including French games around a campfire. Lastly, we had some food and free time, during the free time we did a dance off and some funny tik Toks. When we got back to our rooms, we packed our bags and had showers.

It was lovely to experience a different culture's cooking and we even got to try snails and frog legs! The rooms were honestly amazing, they were immaculate and able to fit all the people in our group and all our bags. The rooms were clean and tidy and with regular room inspections which became a competition, they stayed that way too!

The French trip was a magnifique experience and we all really enjoyed!! Merci to Miss Pereira Thomas and all the staff for taking us on a trip to remember!





To see more photos and videos, visit [YCB Mfl](#) on Instagram

Exciting Day at Techniquest!

Our pupils recently had the fantastic opportunity to visit Techniquest in Cardiff, a dynamic science and discovery centre. The day was filled with exciting activities that combined fun and learning, giving students a chance to explore the wonders of science, technology, and mathematics in a hands-on environment.



Wind Machine:

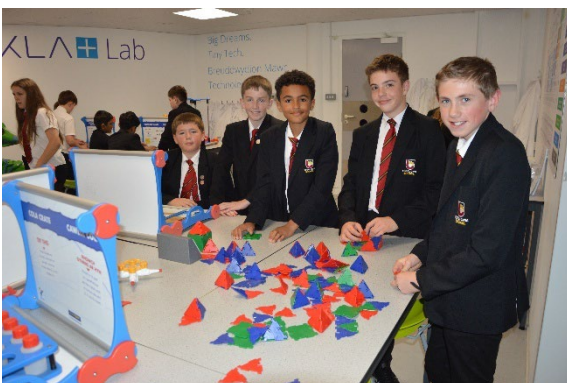
One of the first stops was the Wind Machine exhibit, where students learned about air pressure and wind dynamics. They experimented with controlling the flow of air and saw firsthand how different wind speeds can affect objects. It was a fun way to understand the science behind something we often take for granted—wind!

Earthquake Simulator:

The Earthquake Simulator was another highlight, providing a thrilling (and slightly nerve-wracking) experience as students felt what it's like to be in an earthquake. This activity gave them a deeper understanding of seismic activity, fault lines, and how engineers design buildings to withstand earthquakes.

Mathmagic Show:

Next, the pupils enjoyed the Mathmagic Show, a unique blend of magic and math. The performers amazed students with mind-bending tricks and puzzles, all rooted in mathematical principles. The show was a fun way to demonstrate how math can seem like magic when applied in clever ways!



Maths Workshops:

Throughout the day, students took part in several Maths Workshops, where they tackled interesting challenges and puzzles. These workshops allowed them to explore geometry, patterns, and problem-solving skills in a hands-on, interactive way, showing that math can be both practical and fun.

Overall, the trip to Techniquest was an engaging and inspiring experience that helped students see the real-world applications of science and mathematics. We would like to thank the team at Techniquest for their excellent support and guidance during the visit, and we look forward to more exciting learning opportunities in the future!

Ysgol Cwm Brombil Social Media Accounts

You can keep up to date with so many things that go on every day at Ysgol Cwm Brombil by following our school Instagram: We also have Instagram account of other departments and clubs in in our school. Why not follow some of our accounts and give them likes!



[Ysgolcwmbrombil](#)



[YCB Cymraeg](#)



[YCB DofE](#)

[YCB Garden](#)



[YCB Geography](#)



[YCB GivingClub](#)



[YCB HealthWell](#)

[YCB Internationclub](#)



[YCB Mfl](#)



[YCB PE](#)



[YCB Performingarts](#)

[YCB Primary](#)



[YCB Religiousstudies](#)



[YCB Science](#)



[YCB Skiing](#)

BENEFITS OF REGULAR PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

Aim for an average of at least 60 minutes of moderate or vigorous intensity physical activity a day across the week



BOOSTS COGNITIVE FUNCTION

improves memory, focus and enhances productivity and creativity

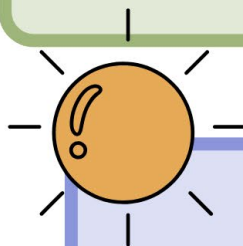
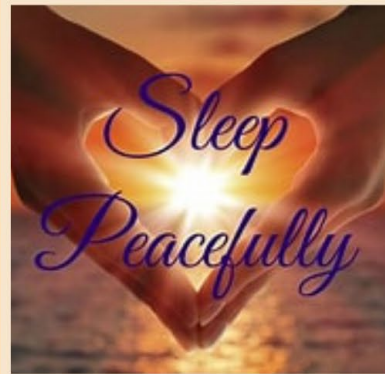


IMPROVES MOOD

Reduces stress and anxiety promoting mental well being

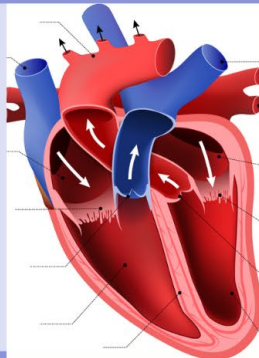


AIDS SLEEP QUALITY



ENHANCES PHYSICAL HEALTH

Strengthens bones and muscles; protects against osteoporosis and fractures



PROMOTES HEART HEALTH

Lowers the risk of heart disease; stroke and diabetes

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 your 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 to ensure that your 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	Tights are to be worn with skirts and 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.	Available from Bergoni. Jumpers are optional.
Shorts	Black tailored shorts.	Only for the summer term. Not PE shorts.
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.
Please note hoodies are <u>not</u> allowed in school. Any pupil who refuses to remove them during the day will have them confiscated.		
Physical Education		
Unisex T Shirt	Available exclusively from Bergoni	
Rugby Jersey	Available exclusively from Bergoni	
Shorts	Available exclusively from Bergoni	
Socks	Available exclusively from Bergoni	
Unisex ¼ zipped top	Optional item. Available exclusively from Bergoni	
Plain black tracksuit bottoms	Optional available at any retail store	
Skort or Legging (recommended to go a size bigger than your normal clothes size as they are smaller sizes.)	Available exclusively from Bergoni	
Please note, even on PE days, hoodies are not allowed in school. Pupils are expected to wear a long sleeve PE top when cold.		

For further information regarding our uniform expectations please see our [school website](#):

The Pantry

Our weekly food bank is open every Thursday from 3.15. This is available to anyone within our school community, no referral needed, please just drop in as and when needed.

We all need a little help sometimes. Entrance to the Food Bank – The Pantry is accessed via the pupil entrance in the senior phase school, inside the canteen area.

Refreshments will be provided for everyone waiting, we look forward to seeing you, please remember to bring your bags with you.



Donations

We are always grateful for any donations that you can provide towards our food bank, we always need the below items. There is a drop off trolley in reception:

- Tinned Goods:
 - Meats – hotdogs, minced beef, pies, meatballs, curries etc.
 - Beans
 - Beans and Sausage
 - Spaghetti
 - Tinned Veg
 - Potatoes,
 - carrots,
 - peas,
 - sweetcorn
 - Tuna
 - Tinned fruits
- Cereal
- UHT Milk
- Pasta – including sauces
- Toiletries
 - Shampoo,
 - Shower gel,
 - Conditioner,
 - Toothpaste
 - Toilet rolls

*Please NO sanitary products, we have lots in stock



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Brombil Barracks

Brombil Barracks is a welcoming support group at Ysgol Cwm Brombil for service children. Welsh Government define service children as:

A 'Service child' has parent(s) or person(s) exercising parental responsibility who is/are Service personnel serving:



- *In HM Regular or Reserve Armed Forces – Royal Navy and Royal Marines; British Army and Royal Air Force,*
- *Or- Is an Armed Forces Veteran who has been in Service within the past two years,*
- *Or - One of their parents died whilst serving in the Armed Forces and the learner has received a pension under the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme or the War Pensions Scheme.*

If your child falls into this category and we are not aware please contact the school to inform us so we can provide appropriate provisions. Please find useful links and tools below to support your service children at home. We would encourage you to share any future deployments with us and if deployed parents require communication from staff regarding pupil progress please contact us and we can accommodate this. Mrs Stanton (B12) and Mrs Sims (B14) are available for pupils drop ins at any time.



SSCE Monthly Bulletin:

[SSCE Cymru :: Monthly school bulletin](#)

SSCE Family Guide:

[SSCE Cymru Service family guide](#)

Little Troopers at home:

[Little Troopers at Home - Little Troopers](#)

Further support for service children with ALN:

Education Advisory Team (EAT)

X accounts:

@SSCECymru

@LittleTroopers

Future Military Opportunities:

[Motivational Preparation College for Training \(MPCT\)](#)

[The Reserve Forces' and Cadets' Association \(RFCA\) for Wales](#)

Term dates for 2024-25

Autumn Term, half term 1 2024-25	
Tuesday 3 rd September 2024	Year 7 & 11 attend school
Wednesday 4 th September 2024	All pupils attend school
Friday 25 th October 2024	Last Day of half term 1
Half Term holiday - Monday 28 th October 2024 – Friday 1 st November 2024	
Autumn Term, half term 2 2024-25	
Monday 6 th November 2024	Term starts
Friday 29 th November 2024	Staff INSET (Training) Day
Monday 2 nd December 2024	Staff INSET (Training) Day
Friday 20 th December 2024	Last Day of half term 2
Christmas Holiday – Monday 23 rd December 2024 – Friday 3 rd January 2025	
Spring Term, half term 3 2024-25	
Monday 6 th January 2025	Half term 3 Starts for all pupils
Monday 17 th February	Staff INSET (Training) Day
Friday 21 st February 2025	Last Day of half term 3
Half Term holiday - Monday 24 th February 2025 – Friday 28 th February 2025	
Spring Term, half term 4 2024-25	
Monday 3 rd March 2025	Term 4 Starts
Friday 11 th April 2025	Last Day of half term 4 for pupils
Easter holiday - Monday 14 th April 2025 - Friday 25 th April 2025	
Summer Term, half term 5 2024-25	
Monday 28 th April 2025	Term 5 Starts
Monday 5 th May 2025	May Day Bank Holiday
Thursday 22 nd May 2025	Last Day of half term 5
Friday 23 rd May 2025	Staff INSET (Training) Day
Half Term - Monday 26 th May 2025 - Friday 31 st May 2025	
Summer Term Half term 6 2024-25	
Monday 2 nd June 2025	Half term 6 Starts
Friday 18 th July 2025	Last Day of half term 6 & End of school Year

