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

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Spring Term / Tymor y Gwanwyn

Half Term : Monday 24th February - Friday 28th February /

Hanner Tymor: Dydd Llun Chwefror 24 - Dydd Gwener Chwefror 28

End / Diwedd: Friday 11th April 2025 / Dydd Gwener 11 Ebrill 2025

Week Beginning - Monday 10th March 2025

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| Monday | | |
| Tuesday | | |
| Wednesday | | Year 11 Visit to Cambridge University |
| Thursday | | |
| Friday | | Year 8 Trip to Swansea University |

Week Beginning - Monday 17th March 2025

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| Monday | | |
| Tuesday | | Welsh Orals Unit 1 - Year 10 Year 9 Oxford University, Shakespeare performance - Romeo & Juliet Year 10 Parents Evening (15:25 - 18:30) |
| Wednesday | | Welsh Orals Unit 1 - Year 10 |
| Thursday | | Welsh Orals Unit 1 - Year 10 |
| Friday | | |

Our exciting program of Enrichment is available on our website:
[Ysgol Cwm Brombil Enrichment Programme](#)





YSGOL CWM BROMBIL

PROUDLY PRESENTS

SHREK

THE MUSICAL

*Based on the DreamWorks Animation Motion Picture
and the Book by Williams Steig*

*Book and Lyrics by
David Lindsay-Abaire*

*Music by
Jeanine Tesori*

Ysgol Cwm Brombil
Bertha Road
Margam
Port Talbot
SA13 2AN

Wednesday 26th March
Thursday 27th March
Friday 28th March
Doors open 6:30 pm
Performance starts at 7pm

£10 per ticket

To book tickets telephone - 01639 760110 or book via ParentPay

*Originally produced on Broadway by DreamWorks Theatricals and Neal Street Productions
This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Music Theatre International
All authorised performance materials are also supplied by MTI*

Ysgol Cwm Brombil Social Media Accounts

We are glad to announce that we have created our very own Ysgol Cwm Brombil Instagram account. We also have Instagram account of other departments in our school. Why not follow some of our accounts.



Ysgolcwmbrombil



YCB_Garden



YCB_PE



YCB_Mfl



YCB_Science



YCB_Performingarts



YCB_Primary



YCB_GivingClub



YCB_Geography

SLEEP HYGIENE

Five effective tips to establish a healthy sleeping habits

Stay clear of stimulants late in the day.



Avoid drinks and foods that contain caffeine

Regular Activity



Regular exercise routine can help contribute to improved sleep. At least 1 hour a day

Stick to a consistent sleep schedule.



Going to bed and waking up at the same time every day

Create a relaxing bedtime/pre-bedtime routine.



A relaxing activity about an hour before bed helps creates a smoother transition.

Unplug an hour before bed.

Keep screen use to a minimum, switch off at least an hour before bed,



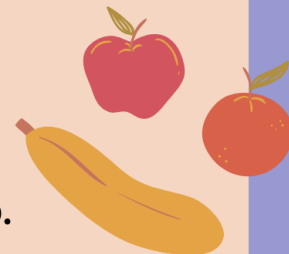
Keep your room cool and comfortable.

Ideal for sleeping is cool, quiet, and dark.



Avoid eating high sugar/fatty foods late that may disrupt sleep.

Laying down right after a big meal, your digestive juices are still working



YCB Gardens

From cut flowers to pancake making, soil testing to seed sowing what an awesome week in Outdoor Learning!

Amazing what a bit of rest and sunshine can do for our truly incredible pupils. Proud of their hard work, curiosity, and enthusiasm!



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 | | |
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| 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](#):

Sporting News & Success

Swimming

Eva in year 8, Carys in year 7 and Jasmine in year 10 all qualified and swam in the long course, West Wales regionals in Swansea National Pool. They represented their club Afan Valley Swimming Club.

The girls swam 20 races between them from the 7th-9th of February, getting many personal bests and some top 10 finishes.

The girls are now working hard to qualify for the Swim Wales Summer Nationals in July.

Furthermore, during half term, they swam in the last swimming competition of Llanelli pool, gaining 10 medals between them. Afan Valley managed an all top 3 finish in the girls 13-14 year old 100 freestyle. Now, this weekend, Jasmine, Carys and Eva have qualified and will compete in the Level 1 meet in Swansea National pool. All the best girls!



Basketball

Well done to the Yr7/8 basketball team in the Welsh Schools Regional Finals yesterday. We came up against some tough opposition throughout the day but didn't stop working and giving 100%.



Netball

Congratulations to the Year 9 Netball team in making the NPT&Swansea Netball finals – The girls played so well and showed excellent team-work, enthusiasm and motivation. Da iawn merched!



Badminton

A great day was had at the @badmintonwales regional finals this week with our 9/10 team. A big learning experience for all the players. The year 9's will be ready to go again next year. A big thankyou to Mr Mann for leading the Badminton club and for taking the team to the finals.



Sports Fixtures

Monday

Yr 8 Rugby Away vs Bro Dur

Tuesday

Yr 7 Rugby Away vs Pencoed

Wednesday

Yr 9 Rugby home vs Bryntirion

Brombil Barracks Announcement

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

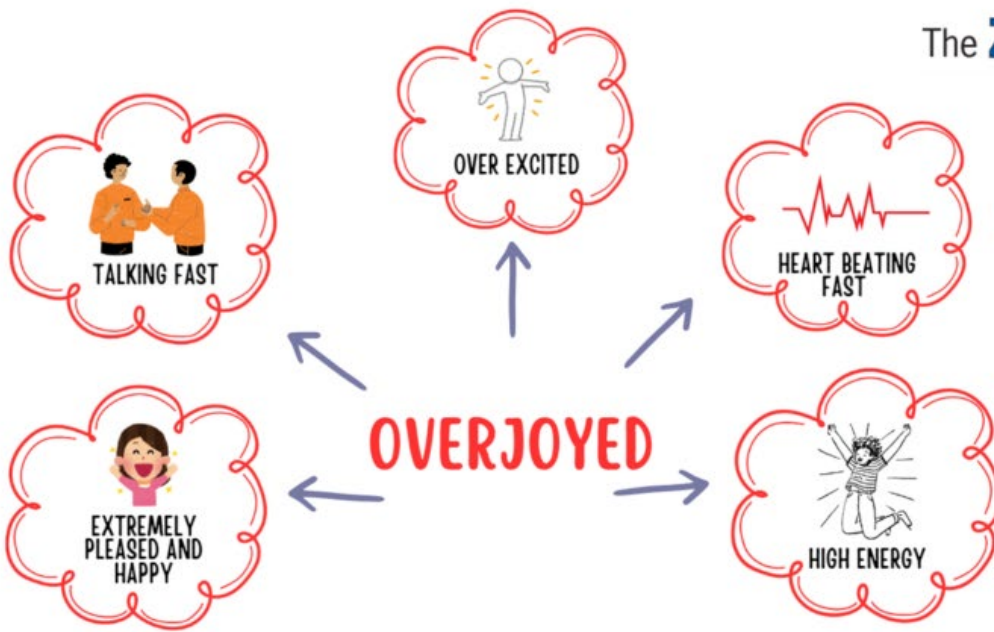
Future Military Opportunities:

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

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

SSCE
CYMRU

The ZONES of Regulation™



WHAT I MIGHT LOOK OR ACT LIKE:

- BLUSHING OR RED FACE
- LOTS OF ENERGY
- HYPER
- TALKING LOTS
- FIDGETING
- TALKING FAST

STRATEGIES I COULD TRY:

- STOP WHAT YOU ARE DOING
- ASK FOR A BREAK
- TENSE AND RELAX

EMOTION OF THE WEEK

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

Term dates for 2024-25

| Autumn Term, half term 1 2024-25 | |
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| 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 |

