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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 31th March 2025

Monday		Music GCSE Practical
Tuesday		Year 9 Parents Evening (15:25 - 18:30)
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		

Week Beginning - Monday 24th March 2025

Monday		Year 10 Home Cooking Practical Exam
Tuesday		Welsh Orals Unit 2 (Year 11)
Wednesday		Welsh Orals Unit 2 (Year 11) School Production (18:30)
Thursday		Welsh Orals Unit 2 (Year 11) School Production (18:30)
Friday		School Production (18:30)

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.



[Ysgolcwmbrambil](#)



[YCB Garden](#)



[YCB PE](#)



[YCB Mfl](#)



[YCB Science](#)



[YCB Performingarts](#)



[YCB Primary](#)



[YCB GivingClub](#)



[YCB Geography](#)



[YCB Religiousstudies](#)



[YCB HealthWell](#)

YCB Gardens

Busy Week in Outdoor Learning!

Our Year 9s have been learning the importance of soil preparation, ensuring their beds are ready for planting up.

Year 10s have been refining their seed sowing techniques, planting early potatoes, carrots, and radishes—exciting times ahead!

Our Nurture group has been hard at work maintaining the garden, keeping everything watered and making sure our feathered friends are well-fed.

Meanwhile, Intervention groups have been getting creative with den building, and our after-school club tried their hand at making delicious dandelion fritters!

The polytunnel is filling with seedlings, and the mammoth task of potting on begins next week.



Healthy Eating *Tips* Vegetables



Consume colourful vegetables. They provide essential vitamins and minerals.



Leafy **Green** veg are a powerhouse of minerals; vitamins and fibre



Red coloured veg contain anti oxidants - help fight infections and reduce the risk of heart disease



Garlic - good source of Manganese; Vitamin C & B6 - boosts immune system -helps protect against common cold

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 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**.



Trips & Events



On Wednesday 12th March, a group of year 10 pupils made the ten hour round trip to the University of Cambridge to take part in an outreach event at Churchill College. The pupils found out about what university can offer; gained an insight into student life at Cambridge; and sampled the delights of the College's dining facilities. The pupils represented the school superbly; making friends with students from schools across the bridge and even teaching them a bit of Welsh! The highlight was definitely winning the scavenger hunt competition and devouring the chocolates that they received as their prize. There wasn't a single complaint about the 5am start and the late finish (apart from the one by Mrs. Sotero who was

subjected to bus karaoke for the entire journey!) Well done to the pupils for being such good ambassadors for our school.

On Tuesday March 18th, an Iftar event was held at The New Plaza in Port Talbot to bring the community together and promote an understanding of Ramadan (a highly important event for Muslims). The event aimed to educate the community in Port Talbot about the significance of fasting in Islam, whilst promoting diversity and encouraging cultural awareness and appreciation. Several students from Ysgol Cwm Brombil volunteered their time to help organise, serve food, and ensure the evening ran smoothly. Their efforts were met with strong support from their teachers - Mrs Sotero, Mrs Tompkins, Miss Harris, Mrs Morgan-Doyle, Ms Stead and Mrs Pereira-Thomas, who attended to show their interest, respect and support for their students' culture. The event included a shared iftaar meal after sunset, allowing guests, families, community leaders, and educators, to engage in meaningful conversations about faith, tradition, and unity. The gathering was a success, (as over 130 people attended) strengthening community bonds and emphasising the importance of cultural differences. (By Nasreen Rahaman, year 11)



On Tuesday 18th March, following a successful performance of Romeo and Juliet to year 9 pupils, students from Oxford University offered up their time to speak with some of our 11s about university life and what it is like to be a student at Oxford. Our pupils asked some fantastic questions of the students and were complimented for how mature and polite they were during the session. Many of the year 11 pupils commented on how useful they had found the event, with some pupils now able to decide what A Level subjects they need to take as a result of their conversations. Thank you to all of those involved who made the event so successful.

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](#):

Sporting News & Success

Rugby

Our Year 9 Girls rugby continue to go from strength to strength. A great match vs Cynffig comprehensive took place on Wednesday, which they won. They showed great determination and hard work but, according to Mr Davies their coach, the best part of the performance was their positive spirit, encouraging each other and even the opposition. Well done girls!



Netball

We had the pleasure of hosting the ANT year 8 netball tournament this week – 12 schools competed and the sun shone down on a fantastic day of netball. Our year 8 girls performed exceptionally against some high calibre opposition reaching a very creditable 3rd place. A big thankyou to Miss Curran for organising and for our year 10 GCSE PE girls for supporting.



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

FRIDAY MARCH 28TH
5PM - 6PM
GROESWEN PLAYING FIELDS,
SA13 2DT



GIRLS FOOTBALL



MARGAM FC JUNIORS RECRUITMENT

FROM AGES 6
TO 11 YEARS
OLD

CONTACT INFO:

RHYS BURGESS — 07494783688

OR THROUGH ANY OF OUR SOCIAL
MEDIA PLATFORMS...



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	
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

