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(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 12st May 2025 – Week 1

Monday	GCSE EXAMS	
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		

Week Beginning - Monday 19th May 2025 – Week 2

Monday	GCSE EXAMS	
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		INSET DAY



Year 11 GCSE Exam Timetable

Date	Start	Length	Component Code	Exam
Tue 06 May	09:00	01:00	6300QCL-1	Entry Level Mathematics-Numeracy 1
Thu 08 May	09:00	01:30	3310U10-1	Maths-Num UNIT1 Found Noncalculator
Thu 08 May	09:00	01:45	3310U50-1	Maths-Num UNIT1 Higher Noncalculator
Thu 08 May	09:00	01:45	3310U30-1	Maths-Num UNIT1 Intermediate Noncalculator
Fri 09 May	09:00	01:30	3690U30-1	Drama Unit 3 Interpreting Theatre
Fri 09 May	13:00	02:00	3510U10-1	Business Unit 1 Business World
Mon 12 May	09:00	02:00	3720U10-1	Eng Lit Unit 1 Foundation: Written
Mon 12 May	09:00	02:00	3720UA0-1	Eng Lit Unit 1 Higher: Written
Mon 12 May	13:00	01:45	3500U10-1	Comp Science Unit 1 Understanding
Tue 13 May	09:00	01:30	3110U10-1	Geography Unit 1
Tue 13 May	13:00	01:45	3400U20-1	Biology Unit 2 Foundation: Written
Tue 13 May	13:00	01:45	3400UB0-1	Biology Unit 2 Higher: Written
Tue 13 May	13:00	01:15	3430U40-1	Science Double Unit 4 Foundation
Tue 13 May	13:00	01:15	3430UD0-1	Science Double Unit 4 Higher
Wed 14 May	09:00	01:30	3020U30-1	Welsh Second Language UNIT3: Written
Thu 15 May	09:00	01:30	3300U10-1	Maths UNIT1 Foundation Noncalculator
Thu 15 May	09:00	01:45	3300U50-1	Maths UNIT1 Higher Noncalculator
Thu 15 May	09:00	01:45	3300U30-1	Maths UNIT1 Intermediate Noncalculator
Fri 16 May	09:00	01:00	3100UC0-1	History Unit 1C: Written
Fri 16 May	13:00	01:30	3510U20-1	Business Unit 2 Business Perceptions
Mon 19 May	09:00	01:45	3410U20-1	Chemistry Unit 2 Foundation: Written
Mon 19 May	09:00	01:45	3410UB0-1	Chemistry Unit 2 Higher: Written
Mon 19 May	09:00	01:15	3430U50-1	Science Double Unit 5 Foundation
Mon 19 May	09:00	01:15	3430UE0-1	Science Double Unit 5 Higher
Mon 19 May	13:00	02:00	3550U10-1	PE Unit 1 Intro to PE
Tue 20 May	09:00	02:00	3720U20-1	Eng Lit Unit 2A Foundation: Written
Tue 20 May	09:00	02:00	3720UB0-1	Eng Lit Unit 2A Higher: Written
Tue 20 May	13:00	02:00	3500U20-1	Comp Science Unit 2 Comp Thinking
Wed 21 May	09:00	00:35	3800U20-1	French Unit 2 Foundation: Listening
Wed 21 May	09:00	01:00	3800U30-1	French Unit 3 Foundation: Reading
Wed 21 May	09:00	00:45	3800UB0-1	French Unit 2 Higher: Listening
Wed 21 May	09:00	01:15	3800UC0-1	French Unit 3 Higher: Reading
Wed 21 May	13:00	02:00	3120UB0-1	Religious Studies Unit 1B: Written
Thu 22 May	09:00	01:45	3420U20-1	Physics Unit 2 Foundation: Written
Thu 22 May	09:00	01:45	3420UB0-1	Physics Unit 2 Higher: Written
Thu 22 May	09:00	01:15	3430U60-1	Science Double Unit 6 Foundation
Fri 23 May	09:00	02:00	3700U20-1	English Language Unit 2 Description
Mon 02 Jun	09:00	01:30	3020U40-1	Welsh Second Language UNIT4: Written

Mon 02 Jun	13:00	01:30	3570UB0-1	Hsc and Childcare Unit 1 Paper
Tue 03 Jun	09:00	01:30	3540U10-1	Digital Tech Unit 1 Digital World
Tue 03 Jun	09:00	00:45	1RU0 1H	Russian Listening (H)
Tue 03 Jun	09:00	01:05	1RU0 3H	Russian Reading (H)
Wed 04 Jun	09:00	01:30	3310U20-1	Maths-Num UNIT2 Foundation Calculator
Wed 04 Jun	09:00	01:45	3310U60-1	Maths-Num UNIT2 Higher Calculator
Wed 04 Jun	09:00	01:45	3310U40-1	Maths-Num UNIT2 Intermediate Calculator
Wed 04 Jun	13:00	02:00	3120U20-1	Religious Studies Unit 2B: Written
Thu 05 Jun	09:00	01:00	3100UF0-1	History Unit 2B: Written
Thu 05 Jun	13:00	01:15	3800U40-1	French Unit 4 Foundation: Writing
Thu 05 Jun	13:00	01:30	3800UD0-1	French Unit 4 Higher: Writing
Fri 06 Jun	09:00	02:00	3700U30-1	English Language UNIT3 Argumentation
Fri 06 Jun	13:00	01:30	3110U20-1	Geography Unit 2
Mon 09 Jun	09:00	01:45	3400U10-1	Biology Unit 1 Foundation: Written
Mon 09 Jun	09:00	01:45	3400UA0-1	Biology Unit 1 Higher: Written
Mon 09 Jun	09:00	01:15	3430U10-1	Science Double Unit 1 Foundation
Mon 09 Jun	09:00	01:15	3430UA0-1	Science Double Unit 1 Higher
Mon 09 Jun	13:00	01:00	98110001	Constructing Built Environment Unit 1
Tue 10 Jun	09:00	00:35	3810U20-1	Spanish Unit 2 Foundation: Listening
Tue 10 Jun	09:00	01:00	3810U30-1	Spanish Unit 3 Foundation: Reading
Tue 10 Jun	09:00	00:45	3810UB0-1	Spanish Unit 2 Higher: Listening
Tue 10 Jun	09:00	01:15	3810UC0-1	Spanish Unit 3 Higher: Reading
Tue 10 Jun	09:00	01:20	5259UB0-1	Sport & Coaching Unit 1: Paper
Tue 10 Jun	13:00	01:15	3100UJ0-1	History Unit 3A: Written
Wed 11 Jun	09:00	01:30	3300U20-1	Maths UNIT2 Foundation Calculator
Wed 11 Jun	09:00	01:45	3300U60-1	Maths UNIT2 Higher Calculator
Wed 11 Jun	09:00	01:45	3300U40-1	Maths UNIT2 Intermediate Calculator
Thu 12 Jun	13:00	01:20	5409UB0-1	Hosp & Catering Unit 1: Paper
Thu 12 Jun	13:00	01:25	1RU0 4H	Russian Writing (H)
Fri 13 Jun	09:00	01:45	3410U10-1	Chemistry Unit 1 Foundation: Written
Fri 13 Jun	09:00	01:45	3410UA0-1	Chemistry Unit 1 Higher: Written
Fri 13 Jun	09:00	01:15	3430U20-1	Science Double Unit 2 Foundation
Fri 13 Jun	09:00	01:15	3430UB0-1	Science Double Unit 2 Higher
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

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](#)



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[YCB_HealthWell](#)

SHREK 2025

Thank you to everyone who helped make our Shrek school production such a tremendous success! From the talented cast and hardworking crew to the supportive staff, volunteers, and enthusiastic audience members. Your energy, creativity, and dedication brought the story to life in the most magical way. We couldn't have done it without each and every one of you.







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

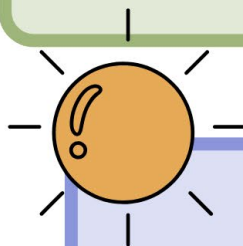
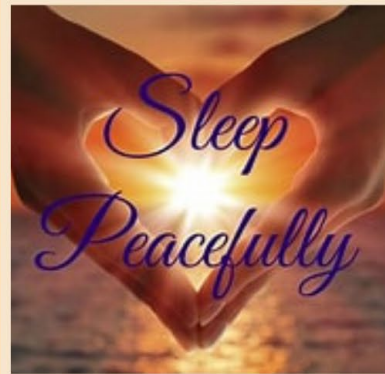


IMPROVES MOOD

Reduces stress and anxiety promoting mental well being

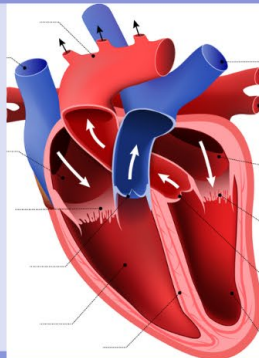


AIDS SLEEP QUALITY



ENHANCES PHYSICAL HEALTH

Strengthens bones and muscles; protects against osteoporosis and fractures



PROMOTES HEART HEALTH

Lowers the risk of heart disease; stroke and diabetes

International Club – Trip to Finland



The International club were kindly invited to visit Matti Lohen Koulu School in Rautalampi, Finland. We left school at 3am to travel to London and that was just the start of our travels. 2 buses and 2 flights later, we arrived at Törmälän matkailukeskus, a holiday and course centre at 7pm. We were very tired but excited. The food at Törmälän was delicious, the staff were friendly and the location was idyllic!

On the first day, the school welcomed us, and we gave a presentation about Wales, Port Talbot and Ysgol Cwm Brombil. This was nerve-wracking but we all felt very proud once it was over. Next, pupils from the school taught us some Finnish phrases and we taught them Welsh. We then split into groups and completed a scavenger hunt. This gave us an opportunity to form bonds with the students and to tour the school. Lastly, we became Finnish students for the afternoon and attended classes. This was a great experience!

In the afternoon, we played frisbee golf in the woods with our new friends and explored the local museum where we learned some of the History of Finland and Rautalampi. We finished the day with a delicious meal at Ravintola Nuapuri Restaurant. Rautalampi is such a small place that the headteacher had arranged for the restaurant to be open just for us.



On the second day, we returned to the school and participated in their lessons again. We attended a cookery class and we baked and tasted a sweet pie together. We also tried their homemade mead (the non-alcoholic version) that is very popular in Finland. There were mixed reviews on this.

In the afternoon we explored the village of Rautalampi and the teachers had set challenges for us to complete along the way. We saw many attractions; including a library, a sports field, and two churches, one of which we were able to ring the bells. After that, we said goodbye to the Finnish pupils for the day and ate at Rautalampi Grilli Pizzeria. We spent the evenings relaxing at Törmälän.

On the third day, we went on a hike with the school to the National Park and after a 5km hike we grilled sausages and competed in a series of challenges in the forest. We had to solve puzzles and try to place a ribbon at the highest point of a tree. This was another great experience. All too soon



though, our time with the students had come to an end. We swapped social media details and promised to stay in touch. For our evening meal, Sirpia (our host) had prepared traditional meatballs and munkki (Finnish donuts) and had also bought us some traditional sweets to try. Liquorice is very popular in Finland! She also told us about how they celebrate May Day and then gave us a tour of the church and the sauna which is at Törmälän. This was a lovely way to end our last day there.

On the final day, we left Törmälän in the morning then spent the afternoon at Matkus Shopping Centre waiting for our flight. Everyone ate at Burger King and bought a toy panda to remember the trip. The visit was amazing, such a fun and memorable experience!

Carys Jones 10T



This trip was funded by TAIH and has given pupils at YCB the opportunity to travel and experience life in a different country, culture and language. I would like to thank Mr Evanson for giving his time to make this trip possible. I would also like to congratulate the 17 pupils that were chosen to travel. They were an absolute pleasure to spend the week with and I am very proud of the way that they conducted themselves throughout the visit. They were true ambassadors for the school. They have taken themselves out of their comfort zones and made memories that will last a lifetime! Diolch yn fawr! Kiitos!

My last word is to wish Lexie Service all the best for her GCSEs as her time at the International Club comes to an end. Lexie is our longest serving member as she joined when still in Year 6. I have watched her grow in confidence over the years and I was delighted that she was able to join us on the trip to Finland! Pob Lwc in the exams Lexie, we will miss you!!

Mrs Stead



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**.



Skiing 2025

We are thrilled to share the highlights of our two recent school ski trips to the beautiful resort of Alpendorf, Austria. Both trips were truly unforgettable experiences, filled with adventure, laughter, and impressive achievements on the slopes.

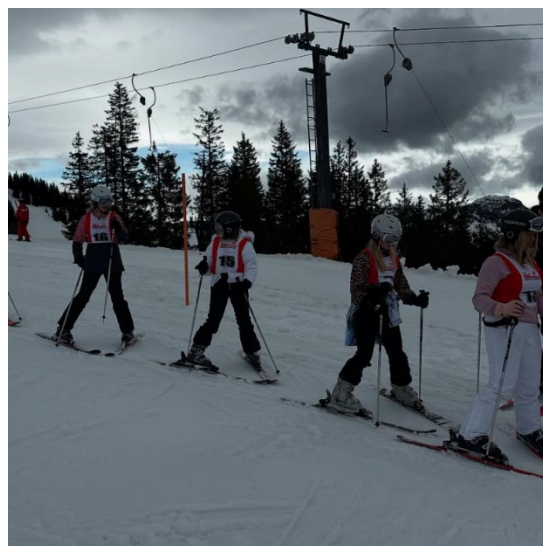
The pupils embraced every moment, from early morning lessons to exploring the scenic alpine runs, all under fantastic skiing conditions. The snow was excellent, the sun shone often, and the resort provided the perfect setting for students of all abilities to develop their skiing skills, build confidence, and enjoy the breathtaking mountain scenery.



What made these trips even more special was the outstanding behaviour and attitude of our pupils. Throughout both visits, they were consistently complimented by ski instructors, hotel staff, and members of the public for their politeness, enthusiasm, teamwork, and respect for others. Whether helping each other on the slopes, engaging positively with staff, or simply representing the school with pride, they truly embodied the values we encourage every day.

Beyond the skiing, pupils enjoyed a rich programme of evening activities, including bowling, swimming, and social time, which helped strengthen friendships and create wonderful memories.

We are incredibly proud of all the students who took part in these trips and grateful to the staff who accompanied and supported them throughout. It was a fantastic opportunity for personal growth, skill development, and unforgettable fun in the snow – and we're already looking forward to our trips next year!





Sporting News & Success

Swimming

During Easter half term, year 8 pupil Eva Davies competed in the Swim Wales National Championships 2025 at Swansea National pool. She qualified for two races, 50 metre butterfly on the 25th of April and 50 metre backstroke on the 27th of April. It was a great opportunity for Eva to gain experience at a national level and to compete against some of the best young, Welsh swimmers.

Eva was also the first-ever swimmer from Afan Valley Swimming Club to qualify and compete in the championships. The support from her coaches and teammates played a big part in her swimming journey to nationals.

Currently, Eva's also working hard to qualify for the summer nationals in Cardiff.

Great job Eva! We look forward to see what competitions Afan Valley will compete in next.



Our Outdoor Learning Committee are out EVERYDAY this week with their plant sale!

You'll find them just outside the primary entrance 3PM-3.45PM- come say hello and check out the fantastic plants grown by our Outdoor Learning pupils.

On the table we have:

Cucumbers
Courgettes
Tomatoes
Peppers
Chilli Peppers
Kale
Chard
Lupins
Cosmos
....and more!

Also for sale:

Homemade dandelion lip balm and plantain healing balm - made by our after-school club.

Also, pick up your seeds and pot to join our Sunflower growing competition organised by our year 8 Nurture pupils.

All plants are just £1!

Lip balm/healing balm £1

Competition entry £1

Come along, grab a bargain, and support our young growers!



YCB Commemorates VE Day

Pupils in YCB have been learning about the significance of VE Day and VJ Day. Pupils participated in assemblies and observed two minutes of silence in honour of those who served. As part of our celebration, pupils were invited to design a bunting flag to help create a school set of flags which are currently being created into a display by the History Department. Some of our pupils shared family stories and created tributes to those family members. Theo in 7I created a flag that celebrated his Great Grandfather's time in the RAF. Jawad in 7B shared the story of his Grandfather who served more than one conflict, including the Bengali Liberation War. Phoebe in 7L created a timeline for her Great Grandfather who served in North Africa and Italy during the Second World War. It has been a real privilege to hear these stories and see the pride you have in your ancestors.



School Uniform Expectations

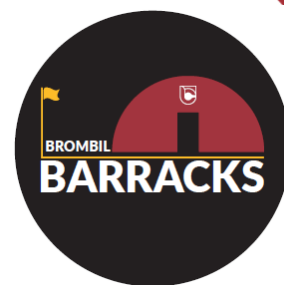
All students are expected to wear school uniform throughout the school day.
Below are uniform guidelines for both boys and girls, as well as PE Kit:

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](#):

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 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

