

Yn y Lwp!

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

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Autumn Term / Tymor y Gaeaf

Half Term : Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November /
Hanner Tymor: Dydd Llun Hydref 28 – Dydd Gwener Tachwedd 1
 End / Diwedd: Friday 20th December 2024 / Dydd Gwener Rhagfyr 2024

Week Beginning - Monday 11th November 2024

Monday		Year 7 Techniquet Workshop
Tuesday	Yr 11 English NEA Task 2	
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		

Week Beginning - Monday 18th November 2024

Monday		Year 6 Humanities Transition day
Tuesday		Year 6 Humanities Transition day
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		

Our exciting program of Enrichment is out and available on our website:

[Ysgol Cwm Brombil Enrichment Programme](#)

Attendance Information

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

IN ONE SCHOOL YEAR

95% = 10 *days off*
attendance

= 50 *hours of learning lost*

Icons: School logo, person with lightbulb, group of people, brain.

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**.

PUNCTUALITY MATTERS

IN ONE SCHOOL YEAR

5 MINUTES
late each day

= 3 *days off*

Icon: Stopwatch.

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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.
<p>Please note hoodies are <u>not</u> allowed in school. Any pupil who refuses to remove them during the day will have them confiscated.</p>		
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
<p>Please note, even on PE days, hoodies are not allowed in school. Pupils are expected to wear a long sleeve PE top when cold.</p>		

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

Sporting News & Success

Netball

It has been a feast of Netball this week with our year 10 and 7 netball teams competing against Ysgol Cwm Tawe on Tuesday. The year 10's gave a brilliant performance whilst year 7's strength in depth meant that some of the girls were playing their first match against a strong Cwmtawe team.



Our year 9 & 11 girls produced some great performances versus Ysgol Bro Dur. Excellent games were played with huge talent on show for Neath Port Talbot!



Year 7&8 Girls Football

A good performance was seen from the Under 13s on Wednesday in the Welsh Cup against Bishop Gore. The girls battled hard but came up against a strong team. We look forward to the next few years with these talented players.



Next Week's Sporting Fixtures:

Tuesday November 12th

- Yr 7 rugby festival @ St Josephs (It is not possible for parents to watch at this event)
- Yr 7 Rugby home Grass pitch, 3.15 until 4.30 p.m.
- Yr 9/10 girls football vs Ystalyfera, away, back at school 5 p.m. estimated

Wednesday November 13th

- Yr 9,10,11 girls football away vs Cwmtawe away
- Yr 8 boys rugby away Llangynwd 2.30 - 4.45 p.m. back at school 5 p.m. estimated
- Yr 9 Boys football home 3:00 – 4:30

Thursday November 14th

- Yr 11 Football Welsh cup, home, k.o. 2.30
- Yr 8 Rugby away - Cwmtawe 2.30 away back at school 5 p.m. estimated

Be smart Drink water

A guide for school principals
in restricting the sale and marketing
of sugary drinks in and around schools



YCB Gardens

What a wonderful end to half term. Our year 9's finishing up their Harvest unit by carving pumpkins



Eco Club

Are you passionate about the environment and want to make a difference in our school and community? If so, it's time to join YCB's Eco Committee!

As a member, you'll have the chance to lead on projects that promote sustainability and make our school a greener place. You'll work with like-minded peers, gain valuable skills in leadership and teamwork, and even have your ideas put into action!

We're inviting pupils from year 7-11 to join! If interested, application forms can be collected from Miss Henson in room B19

Join YCB's
ECO-COMMITTEE

TOGETHER, WE CAN MAKE OUR SCHOOL
GREENER!



IF INTERESTED, COME AND SEE MISS HENSON FOR AN APPLICATION FORM IN ROOM B19.

SMALL CHANGES, BIG IMPACT:
EVERY ACTION COUNTS!



YCB Community

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

CHRISTMAS @ YSGOL CWM BROMBIL

We will be holding our first Christmas Fayre at Ysgol Cwm Brombil on Thursday 28th November 3.30 -7pm. It would be fantastic to see as many of you including your family and friends attending in support of our Christmas Child Appeal 2024. We have lots of exciting things for children and adults.

We have lots of amazing stalls from people within the community along with Santa, Storytelling with Mrs Claus, Elf letter writing, Wreath making in our Christmas themed garden. We have music from local bands along with our school choir, to get everyone in the festive mood.

Entry to the Fayre is free, with some bookable activities.

If you would like a stall on the night please complete the link below



<https://forms.office.com/e/8PAy4FAPuD>

CHRISTMAS CHILD APPEAL 2024



We have launched our Christmas Child Appeal 2024; this is our 7th Year supporting those most in need at Christmas time. Ensuring Santa visits all children.

Supporting children and families within the community. We are expecting to support between 250 - 300 children, with clothes, gifts, etc

If you would like to support our Christmas Child appeal please could you drop off any gifts to our reception area.

If you would like to make a financial donation please follow the link or scan the QR Code

https://paypal.me/ycbcommunity?country.x=GB&locale.x=en_GB



If you would like us to provide you with support at Christmas, please click the link below

<https://forms.office.com/e/M7h8Uz9R4k>

If you have any questions please contact us Community@ysgolcwmbrombil.co.uk or visits us on Facebook- YCB Community

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
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 21 st March 2025	Staff INSET (Training) Day
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

