

# Yn y Lwp!

("In the loop")

## Ysgol Cwm Brombil's Weekly Bulletin

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### Autumn Term / Tymor y Hydref

Half Term : Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October - Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October /  
*Hanner Tymor:* Dydd Llun Hydref 27 – Dydd Gwener Hydref 31  
End / Diwedd: Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025 / Dydd Gwener 19 Rhagfyr 2025

#### Week Beginning - Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October – Week 2

|           |  |  |
|-----------|--|--|
| Monday    |  |  |
| Tuesday   |  |  |
| Wednesday |  |  |
| Thursday  |  |  |
| Friday    |  |  |

#### Week Beginning - Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October – Week 1

|           |  |  |
|-----------|--|--|
| Monday    |  |  |
| Tuesday   |  |  |
| Wednesday |  |  |
| Thursday  |  |  |
| Friday    |  |  |

# Autumn Term 2025



Programme of activities and opportunities with this issue!  
Link to Enrichment Timetable - [Ysgol Cwm Brombil](#)

## School Photographs

We are delighted to announce that the school photograph of your child is available to purchase from Orion photography. The team were very complimentary of our students and have produced some extremely professional portraits.



**ORION**  
PHOTOGRAPHY

To access your child's portrait, follow the link or the QR code on the card your child brought home and enter their personal code. The website is:

[Orion Photography](#)

## Health Club

Fantastic turn out for Primary health club. We love learning how to keep ourselves fit and healthy. We learnt about free sugar and the effects it has on our overall health. Our homework was to do a Breakfast Swap to help us start the day smart.





# Sporting Success

## Football

Last week, our Year 9 and 10 girls football team gave an incredible performance in the Welsh Cup, showcasing skill, determination, and team spirit every step of the way. The match was intense and competitive, ultimately being decided by a nail-biting penalty shootout. Although the final result didn't go our way, the girls made us all proud with their outstanding effort and sportsmanship. Well done to the whole team



## Netball

Last week marked a memorable milestone as our Year 7s played their very first game for YCB — and what a performance it was! Full of energy and enthusiasm, they showed incredible teamwork and skill, making their debut truly epic. A big shoutout also goes to the Year 8s, who put on a fantastic game themselves. Well done to both teams for representing YCB with pride and passion!



Last week, our Year 9 and Year 11 netball teams took to the court with fantastic energy and determination. Both teams displayed great skill, especially in their strong defensive plays that kept their opponents on their toes. It was a pleasure to watch such committed and spirited matches—well done to all players involved!





## NEXT WEEK SPORTING FIXTURES



**Monday**  
Yr 7 rugby away v Ystalfera  
Yr 11 football home

**Tuesday**  
Yr 7 girls football away v Cwmtawe  
Yr 8 rugby away v Cwmtawe  
Yr 10 football home v Cefn Saeson

**Wednesday**  
Under 13s girls football fixture v St Jo's home  
Yr 11 football away v YBB

**Thursday**  
Yr 8 rugby fixture TBC  
Yr 9 football home v YBB



## YCB Gardens

Our Year 11 students recently completed a memorable expedition to Margam Park, demonstrating resilience, independence, and teamwork throughout the experience.

The group walked an impressive 10 miles from school to Margam Park and back, before setting up camp for the night. Students pitched their own tents, prepared and cooked both dinner and breakfast, and enjoyed time together around the campfire. The evening was filled with conversation, music, and laughter, with just a few tired legs the following morning.

This expedition was the culmination of two years of Outdoor Learning, where pupils have developed a wide range of practical and transferable skills. From planning routes and writing risk assessments to cooking on camp stoves and working effectively as a team, they were able to put their learning into practice in a real-world setting.

We are extremely proud of their achievement. The expedition not only marked an important milestone in their Outdoor Learning journey but also created lasting memories to carry with them into the future.









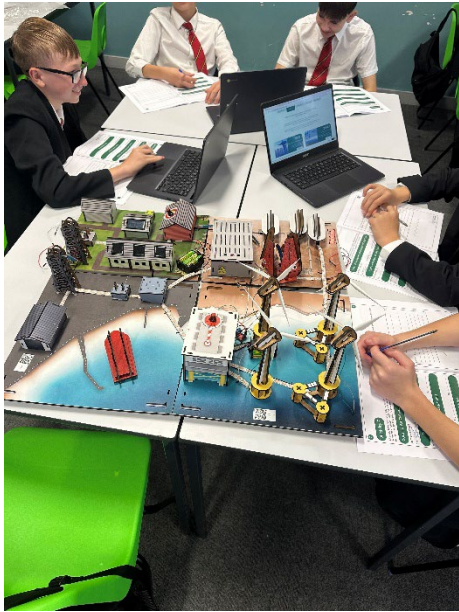
# Kings Trust

This week some of our Year 10 King's Trust pupils took part in the *Renewable Horizons* project with Rewise Learning, which focused on teamwork, renewable energy, and future careers. On the first day, pupils worked in teams to design and build their own model towns and wired them up to provide energy, learning how power is generated and shared.

On the second day, pupils explored the growing job opportunities in the green industry in South Wales, discovering careers in areas like engineering, construction, and environmental science. The project gave hands-on experience with renewable energy and showed them how the skills we learn in school connect to real-world challenges and future careers.









**YSGOL CWM BROMBIL EXTRA CURRICULAR PROGRAMME – AUTUM TERM 2024**  
**MONDAY 8<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER 12<sup>th</sup>**

**PLEASE NOTE!! – AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS AND TRAINING WILL FINISH BY 4PM AND PUPILS HAVE TO FIND THEIR OWN TRANSPORT HOME.**

**ALL CLUBS ARE SUBJECT TO CANCELLATION AS FIXTURES WILL TAKE PRIORITY**

**FOR SPORTS FIXTURES PLEASE LOOK AT THE FIXTURE BOARD ON FRIDAY FOR MATCHES THE FOLLOWING WEEK. THE COMPLETION TIMES OF THESE FIXTURES WILL VARY AND WILL BE COMMUNICATED WITH YOU.**

| <b>WEEK 1 and 2 (AFTER SCHOOL)</b> |                              |                        |                         |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>DAY</b>                         | <b>ACTIVITY</b>              | <b>YEAR GROUP</b>      | <b>VENUE</b>            |
| <b>MONDAY</b>                      | RUGBY (until further notice) | 7 AND 8                | 3G                      |
|                                    | NETBALL                      | 7 AND 8                | SPORTS HALL             |
|                                    | STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING    | 9, 10, 11              | BACK GYM/MULITGYM       |
| <b>TUESDAY</b>                     | NETBALL                      | 9, 10, 11              | SPORTSHALL              |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b>                   | BADMINTON<br>GIRLS FOOTBALL  | ALL YEARS<br>ALL YEARS | SPORTS HALL<br>3G/GRASS |
| <b>THURSDAY</b>                    | STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING    | ALL YEARS              | BACK GYM/MULITGYM       |

| <b>WEEK 1 and 2 (LUNCH TIME)</b> |                      |                   |                    |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| <b>DAY</b>                       | <b>ACTIVITY</b>      | <b>YEAR GROUP</b> | <b>VENUE</b>       |
| <b>MONDAY</b>                    | S+C                  | 9, 10, 11         | BACK GYM           |
| <b>TUESDAY (WEEK 2 ONLY)</b>     | BADMINTON/PICKLEBALL | 7 AND 8           | SPORTSHALL         |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b>                 | BADMINTON/S+C        | 9,10,11           | SPORTSHALL/BACKGYM |
| <b>THURSDAY</b>                  | BASKETBALL           | 7 AND 8           | SPORTSHALL         |

*For lunchtime activities pupils can wear school uniform or GET CHANGED if they choose.*

*Pupils do not wear PE kit to school unless they have a practical PE lesson on the same day.*

*All clubs are also subject to cancellation when other school commitments are required priority.*



# ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS HERE!

ON THE 3G PITCH AT YSGOL CWM BROMBIL



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Ysgol Cwm Brombil, Port Talbot

**CONTACT US TODAY** For more information  
[office@ysgolcwmbrombil.npt.school](mailto:office@ysgolcwmbrombil.npt.school)

## 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!





MAINTAIN DENTAL AND ORAL HEALTH

# Dental Care



Electric toothbrush better for plaque removal ✓

Medium-bristled brush best for removing plaque and debris ✓

Replace toothbrush every 3 months ✓

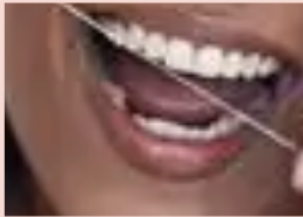
Brush for at least two minutes twice a day ✓



Pea sized amount of toothpaste ✓

Do not rinse mouth after brushings ✓

Toothpaste should contain at least 1,350 parts per million fluoride ✓



Regular flossing reduces gum disease, tooth decay and bad breath ✓

Use a fluoride mouthwash at a different time to brushing your teeth ✓



Have a healthy lifestyle, including eating well, not smoking and limiting your alcohol and sugar intake. It's good for your whole body, including your teeth, gums and mouth.

## Attendance Information



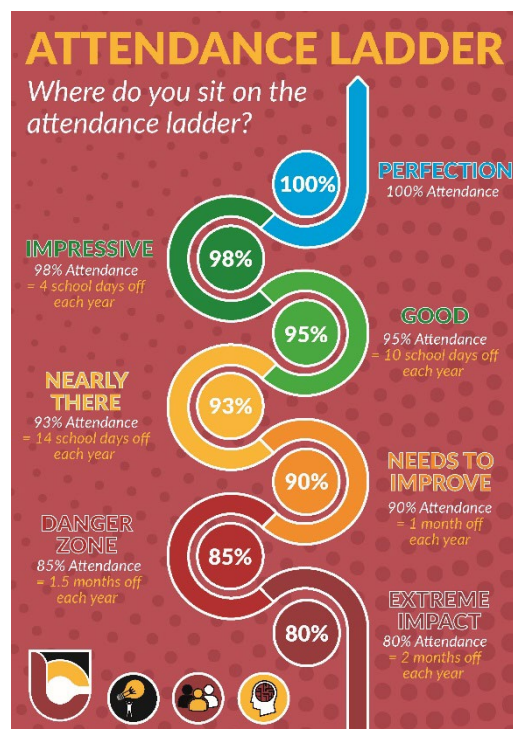
Our attendance target for all students is 100% and our **minimum expectation is 95%**. The infographic above shows the impact of days missed and minutes late can have on a child's learning.

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 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.<br>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.<br>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 2025-26

| Autumn Term, half term 1 2024-25   |  |
|--|--|
| Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2025   | Year 7 & 11 attend school                        |
| Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2025   | All pupils attend school                         |
| Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2025   | Last Day of half term 1 for pupils               |
| Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October 2025   | Staff INSET (Training) Day                       |
| Half Term holiday - Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> October 2025 – Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2025    |  |
| Autumn Term, half term 2 2025-26   |  |
| Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November 2025   | Term starts                                      |
| Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> November 2025  | Staff INSET (Training) Day                       |
| Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> December 2025   | Staff INSET (Training) Day                       |
| Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2025  | Last Day of half term 2                          |
| Christmas Holiday – Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December 2025 – Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January 2026    |  |
| Spring Term, half term 3 2025-26   |  |
| Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2026  | Staff INSET (Training) Day                       |
| Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2026   | Half term 3 Starts for all pupils                |
| Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February 2026  | Last Day of half term 3                          |
| Half Term holiday - Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> February 2026 – Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> February 20256 |  |
| Spring Term, half term 4 2025-26   |  |
| Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February 2026  | Term 4 Starts                                    |
| Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2026   | Last Day of half term 4 for pupils               |
| Easter holiday - Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March 2026 - Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> April 2026           |  |
| Summer Term, half term 5 2025-26   |  |
| Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April 2026   | Term 5 Starts                                    |
| Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May 2026  | May Day Bank Holiday                             |
| Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2026   | Last Day of half term 3                          |
| Half Term - Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2025 - Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May 2026                    |  |
| Summer Term Half term 6 2025-26  |  |
| Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2026   | Half term 6 Starts                               |
| Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2026  | Last Day of half term 6 & end of the school Year |

