

# 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 13<sup>th</sup> October – Week 1

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

### Week Beginning - Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October – Week 2

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| Monday    |  |           |
| Tuesday   |  |           |
| Wednesday |  |           |
| Thursday  |  |           |
| Friday    |  | Inset Day |

# 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](#)

## Year 10 visit to BBC Cymru



This week, selected students from my year group had the exciting opportunity to visit the BBC headquarters in Cardiff. It was an informative and inspiring trip that gave us a real insight into how a major broadcasting company operates.

When we arrived, we were greeted by Abi, who made us feel very welcome. She began by giving us a guided tour of the building and explaining how the different departments work together to produce television, radio, and online content. One of the highlights of the tour was visiting the newsroom, where we saw how journalists and producers

work on the live stories. It was fascinating to see how information is gathered, checked, and shared with the public. We also saw the real costumes used in the series Doctor Who, The Tardis and a Dalek!

After the tour, we were given the chance to speak with several BBC apprentices. We took part in a conversation with each group of apprentices, who told us about their roles, experiences, and how they got started at the BBC. Each apprentice worked in a different area such as production, editing, digital media, and journalism so we got to learn about a wide range of careers within the broadcasting industry.



The apprentices were very open and friendly, and they gave us great advice about possible future career paths and the skills needed to work for the BBC and in media in general. It was really inspiring to hear from people who had recently started their own journeys at the BBC.





Overall, the trip was a fantastic experience. We learned so much about how the BBC operates and what it's like to work in broadcasting. It gave many of us new ideas about possible careers for the future. Many thanks to the BBC staff in Cardiff for such a warm welcome and to Careers Wales for making this opportunity happen.

Riley Cerasuolo Y10



## School Show News!

Congratulations to all pupils who attended this weeks auditions for our next school production – the little shop of horrors. We were impressed with the 84 creative and talented pupils demonstrating their theatrical skills.

Rehearsals will begin Wednesday 3pm – 5pm

# AUDITIONS

Love to act, dance, or sing?  
Come and audition!

Date: Wednesday 1st October

Where: Drama Theatre

Time: Starts 2:45 pm  
(after school)

Dancers/Ensemble:

Finish at 4:00 pm

Actors/Singers:

Prepare a musical  
theatre song (no pop!)

Finish at 5:00 pm



If you have any questions, please come and see Miss Michael or Mrs Razzell.



# Sporting Success

## Football

A fantastic effort from our Under 13s team today in their match against a strong Cwmtawe side. The team displayed great skill, teamwork, and sportsmanship throughout the game, rising to the challenge against tough opposition.

Well done to all involved – an excellent performance.



Our Year 8 girls football **team** enjoyed a fantastic afternoon of sport in the autumn sunshine. The team demonstrated excellent teamwork, communication, and enthusiasm throughout their matches, showcasing real progress and passion for the game. It was wonderful to see such great effort and positivity on the pitch – a brilliant performance from all involved. Well done, girls!



## Netball

Our Year 8 and Year 10 netball teams put in fantastic performances yesterday, displaying excellent skill, teamwork, and determination on the court. Both teams played with great energy and communication, producing some impressive passes and feeds into the circle. It was a pleasure to see their hard work in training reflected in such confident and competitive play. Well done to all players involved!



Well done to our Year 11 team who put in a fantastic performance! The players demonstrated great teamwork, communication, and passages of play throughout the match, showing real composure and cooperation on the field. It was a strong display of skill and team spirit – a credit to all involved. Congratulations, Year 11!





## Rugby

Some excellent rugby played by Year 7 this week against Ystalyfera. Lots of positives to take from the game with good off-loading in the contact and running rugby from deep. Still, plenty of opportunities for pupils to join the squad with training after school on a Monday.



### NEXT WEEK SPORTING FIXTURES



#### **Tuesday**

Yr 8- 10 Mixed Football side v Bryn Castell Home  
Yr 9 Rugby v St Jo's Away

#### **Wednesday**

Under 15s Girls Football v Cwmtawe Away  
Yr 10 Football v YBB Home  
Yr 11 Football v Croesyseiliog Away

#### **Thursday**

Yr 7 Football v YBB away  
Yr 7 Netball v Dwr y Felin Home  
Yr 8 Grils Football v Cwmtawe Home  
Yr 10 Rugby v St Jo's Home





**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<br>(until further notice) | 7 AND 8           | 3G                   |
|                                    | NETBALL                         | 7 AND 8           | SPORTS HALL          |
|                                    | STRENGTH AND<br>CONDITIONING    | 9, 10, 11         | BACK<br>GYM/MULITGYM |
| <b>TUESDAY</b>                     | NETBALL                         | 9, 10, 11         | SPORTSHALL           |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b>                   | BADMINTON                       | ALL YEARS         | SPORTS HALL          |
|                                    | GIRLS FOOTBALL                  | ALL YEARS         | 3G/GRASS             |
| <b>THURSDAY</b>                    | STRENGTH AND<br>CONDITIONING    | ALL YEARS         | BACK<br>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.*

# 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 (links in the logos) and give them likes!





# Eco Committee



This week, YCB's Eco Committee have been busy working on a brand new initiative that we're really excited about! It's all about helping our school community be more eco-friendly *and* save money at the same time. We can't reveal too much just yet—but let's just say it could be the perfect solution for when your child's blazer suddenly feels a little too small...

Stay tuned for our next newsletter to find out exactly what we've been up to and how you can get involved! 🌱👀



## 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 ✓

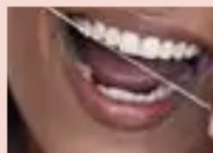
Brush for at least two minutes twice a day ✓



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

### EVERY DAY COUNTS

School and future **success** starts with good **attendance**!



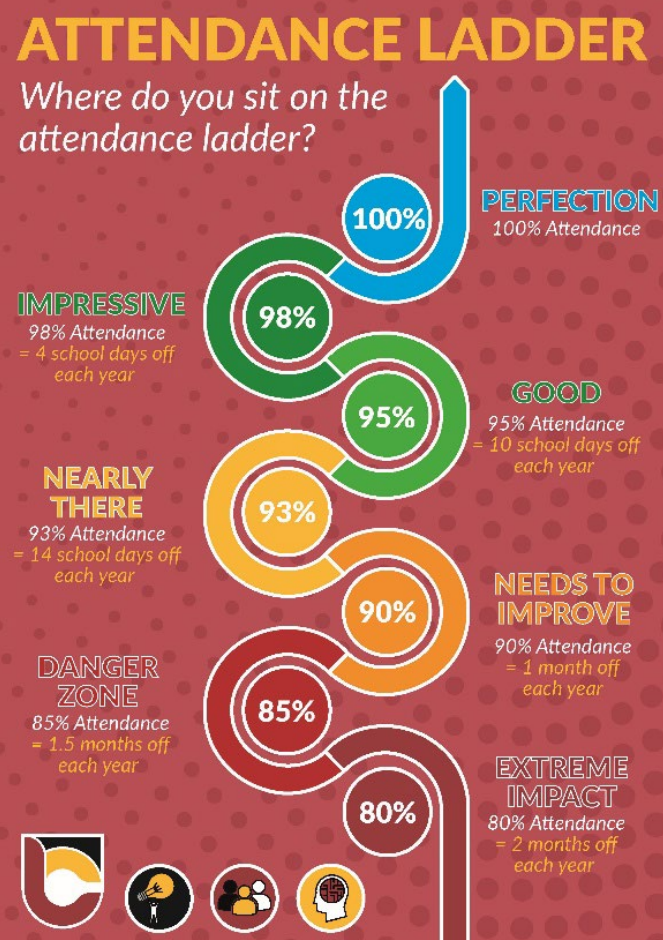
Our attendance target for all students is 100% and our **minimum expectation is 95%**. The infographic above shows the impact of days missed and minutes late can have on a child's learning.

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**.





## 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



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## Aspire Business Network



Let's collaborate, connect, & support the growth of our local business community.

### This weeks business in the spotlight:

Mollam Wealth is a local Financial Planning Practice who specialises in pension & investment planning, as well as giving advice on mortgages and life insurance.

Navigating the world of finance in this day and age can be a minefield but having an expert adviser on your side can help you make those important decisions with confidence.

The team at Mollam Wealth can help you understand what your pension benefits actually mean. They can help you decide whether bringing various pension together is right thing to do, and if you're self-employed and haven't started your pension savings yet, they can help you with that. Paul and the team at Mollam Wealth are always happy to have a no obligation conversation about your individual needs.



Contact us: 07909602890 email - [paul.phillips@sjpp.co.uk](mailto:paul.phillips@sjpp.co.uk)

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## 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 2026 |                                                  |
| 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 5                          |
| 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 |

