



Ysgol Gyfun Bryntirion |     
Bryntirion Comprehensive

# YEAR 7 WELCOME BOOKLET



"Pupils have exceptionally positive attitudes to their learning". Estyn

## **Croeso i Ysgol Gyfun Bryntirion**

This booklet has been designed to help you when you start school at Bryntirion. After reading this booklet, we are sure that you will know a lot more about the school and will be looking forward to starting here in September 2021.



### **HEADTEACHER - MR PAWAR**

I am delighted that you will be joining Bryntirion in September.

I realise that you have not had many opportunities to visit the school, as previous year groups have. We hope this booklet will answer any questions you may have and gives you an idea of the activities that I hope you will enjoy at the school.

Enjoy the Summer holidays and prepare yourself for a busy time at Bryntirion.

### **HEAD OF YEAR 7 - MISS SIMPSON**

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to Bryntirion Comprehensive School.

I hope that you are looking forward to joining us in September. I am sure that you will enjoy the exciting and varied school days at Bryntirion. We work hard at all times and enjoy the rewards that come with it.

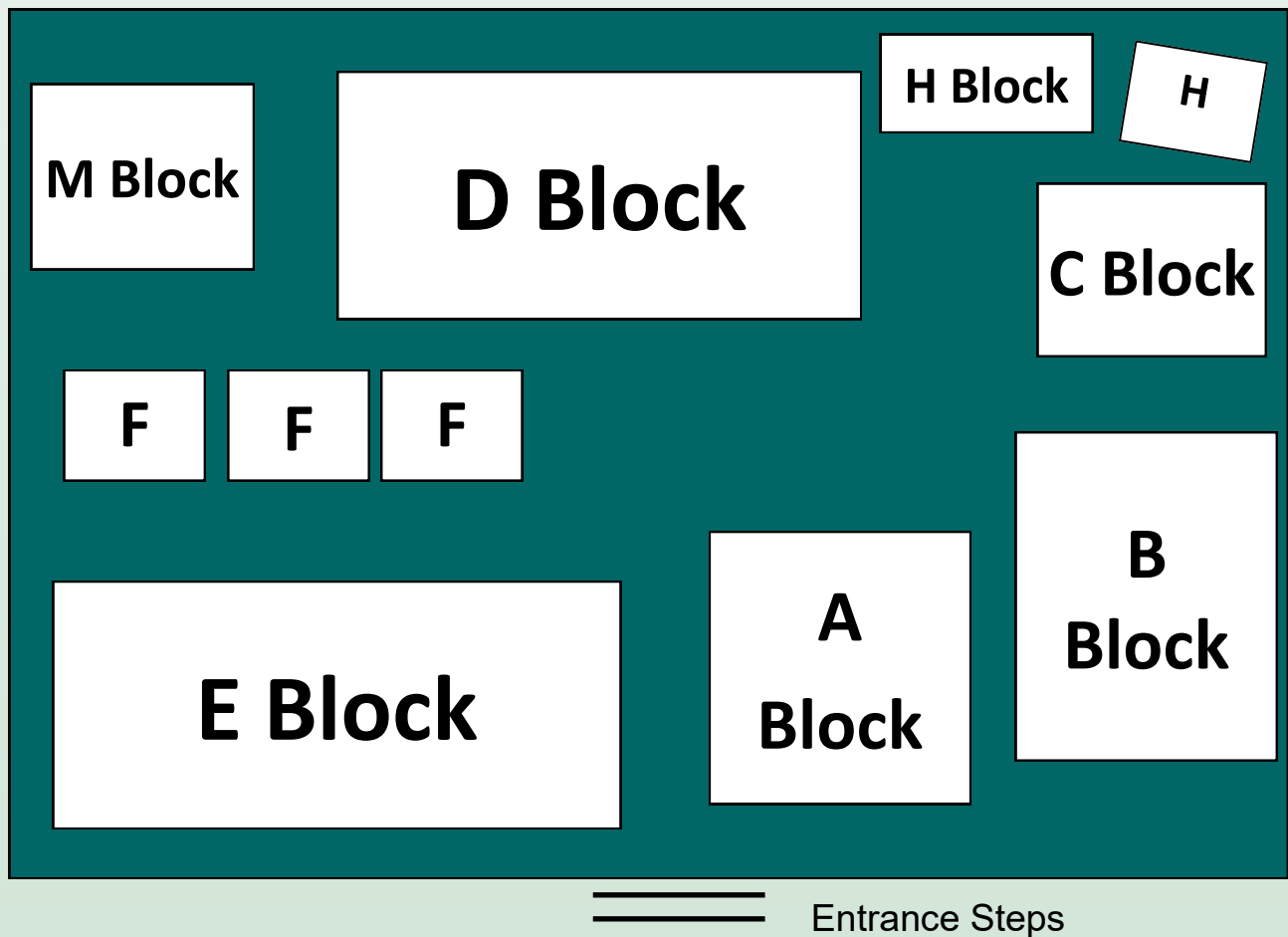
This booklet has been prepared to help you and hopefully answer any questions which you might have before you start in September.



**Remember I am always here to help you.**

# Map of the School Site

The school will probably look huge when you first come to visit, you might even think that you will never find your way around, but after a few days you will get to know the place. Just in case you need it, we have included a map of the school. Every room is clearly labelled with the block you are in and then the room number, e.g. D5. Your timetable will tell you the room you will have your lesson in.



## MOVEMENT AROUND THE SCHOOL

You will be moving classrooms 5 times a day. At Bryntirion, we expect sensible, safe and considerate movement around the school.

- Always keep to the left
- Walk at all times, never run
- Be courteous to staff and other pupils
- Always get to lessons on time
- The bells are to indicate the start and end of a lesson



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## **B E R E A D Y ...**

On time  
With correct equipment  
In correct uniform  
With the correct attitude

## **B E R E S P E C T F U L ...**

To yourself  
To adults  
To peers  
Of the environment  
'One voice in the classroom'

## **B E S A F E ...**

Physically  
Emotionally  
In lesson  
In corridors  
At break / lunchtime  
Online

**B E B R Y N T I R I O N**





# CLASSROOM CODE OF CONDUCT



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## BE READY

Be punctual

Remove your coat

Follow your teacher's instructions when entering the classroom

Always bring to school pens, pencils, ruler, books and any other equipment required for specific lessons

Always wear the correct school uniform

Always meet homework deadlines

Be ready to learn

## BE RESPECTFUL

Sit where the teacher tells you

Put your hand up when you need to speak to the teacher

Listen to your teacher when he/she is talking (one voice)

Follow your teacher's instructions the first time you are asked

Be polite and be considerate towards your teacher and classmates

Never shout out in class, argue with the teacher or use inappropriate language

Always work with focus and concentration, completing tasks to the best of your ability

Never distract or stop others from working

## BE SAFE

Keep the classroom tidy and respect the equipment

Ensure your phone is safely away in your bag

Never eat / chew in class

Drink only water in class (but no drinks in labs)

Never make hurtful or unkind comments

Never leave a classroom without permission

Use technology responsibly

# School Distinctive Dress

## AUTUMN & WINTER TERMS

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	WHERE CAN IT BE PURCHASED?
White shirt	Plain white shirt (long or short sleeved) that is suitable for tucking into skirts or trousers.	Anywhere
School tie	Years 7-11 wear the same black, gold and teal tie but the sixth form have a distinctive one supplied by the school when they enter the sixth form.	Local uniform retailers
Black trousers or skirt	<p>Plain black tailored trousers. <b>Leggings, jeans or skin tight trousers are not permitted.</b></p> <p>Plain black tailored skirt. Straight, pleated or swing skirts are acceptable as long as they are tailored and hemmed properly; no dipped or uneven hems, chiffon or unusual material or decorations.</p> <p>Skirts should not be too tight or short. The skirt should be approximately knee length. Skirts should always be worn with black opaque tights.</p>	Anywhere
Black school jumper or cardigan with school logo	<p>Years 7-11 - Black with school logo.</p> <p>Years 12 &amp; 13 - Black with sixth form school logo.</p>	Local uniform retailers
Black school shoes	Plain black, low heeled shoes. Trainers/sports shoes are not permitted at any time of the year.	Anywhere
Black socks or opaque tights	Socks and tights should be black. Tights should be opaque and a least 80 denier.	Anywhere
Coat	A smart, practical all weather coat that can be worn over uniform. Hooded, fleece style tops, obvious logos, denim or leather coats are not permitted.	Anywhere
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Sixth Form</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">As above but with the addition of:-</p>		
Black blazer	Plain black tailored blazer with full length sleeves. It should be worn with the school enamel badge on the lapel. The blazer should be worn in addition to the school jumper.	Anywhere

**ALL ITEMS OF UNIFORM AND PROPERTY SHOULD BE CLEARLY MARKED WITH THE OWNER'S NAME**

**SUMMER TERM**

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	WHERE CAN IT BE PURCHASED?
White school polo shirt	White polo shirt with school logo	Local uniform retailers
Black tailored shorts	Plain black tailored approximately knee length shorts. Cycling shorts or very short shorts are not permitted. The shorts can be worn with black or white ankle socks but should still be worn with shoes, not trainers.	Anywhere

**Physical Education**

All students

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	WHERE CAN IT BE PURCHASED?
Green or black shorts or black leggings	Plain green or black sports shorts. Plain black leggings are also acceptable in cold weather (no logos)	Anywhere
School PE T-shirt	Green / black school PE T-shirt with school logo	Local uniform retailers
School PE hoody (optional)	Green school PE hoody with school logo	Local uniform retailers
Trainers	These can be any colour but should be designed for active wear	Anywhere
School sports socks	Green / gold sports socks	Local uniform retailers
Gum Shield (optional)	Advised for rugby and hockey	Anywhere

**Girls**

Green skort	Green skort needed for certain sports, e.g. netball	Local uniform retailers
One piece swimsuit	One piece swimsuit of any colour or design. Bikinis or two piece swimming suits are not allowed.	Anywhere

**Boys**

School rugby top	Green / gold school rugby top	Local uniform retailers
Football / rugby boots	Studded football / rugby boots	Anywhere
Swimming trunks / shorts	Swimming trunks / shorts (any colour)	Anywhere

**Technology / Food**

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	WHERE CAN IT BE PURCHASED?
Apron	Plain full length apron, any colour	Anywhere

## **DISTINCTIVE CLOTHING AWARDS**

The school, through the local Education Department, makes allowances to some pupils attending school, subject to eligibility by assessment, towards the cost of distinctive school clothing.

Parents seeking further advice on this matter may contact the school.

## **HAIR AND GENERAL APPEARANCE**

Parents are expected to encourage pupils to observe acceptable standards in dress and appearance. Hair should be a sensible length, style and colour (no unnatural hair colouring is allowed). Vision must not be impeded by hair.

Make-up must not be worn in school, and neither should hair cosmetics be used, especially in the Science Laboratories and Technology Workshops.

## **JEWELLERY**

The only jewellery which may be worn in school is one small plain stud in the lobe of each ear. Pupils are not allowed to wear any other form of body jewellery in the interests of their own health and safety.

## **VALUABLES**

It should be clearly understood that all items of personal property are brought on to the school premises at the owner's risk. The school cannot be held responsible for any losses incurred and no claims for reimbursement for any losses sustained will be entertained.

## **MOBILE PHONES**

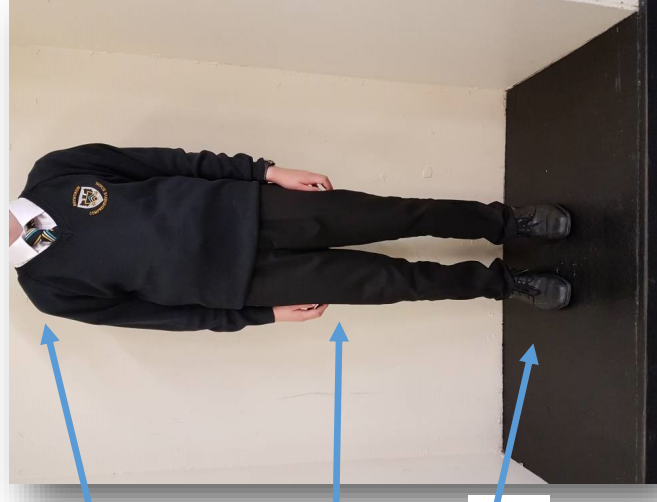
It is strongly recommended that mobile phones be left at home. The school cannot accept responsibility for the loss or damage to such equipment.

## **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

In order to assist parents and guardians when it comes to purchasing uniform, we have added a number of photographs to show our uniform as we would ideally like it to be worn. These will enable parents and guardians to make informed choices about trouser styles and acceptable skirt lengths.



Tailored black skirts with the length coming to just above the knee.

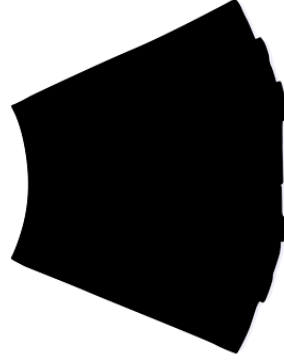


White shirt, school tie and jumper, with tie done up neatly.

Tailored trousers, not too tight, made of appropriate material.

Black, low heeled, polishable shoes.

Suitable examples of shorts and skirts



# THE SCHOOL DAY

08:40 - 09:00	Registration/Tutor Time
09:00 - 10:00	Lesson 1
10:00 - 11:00	Lesson 2
11:00 - 11:20	Break Time
11:20 - 12:20	Lesson 3
12:20 - 13:20	Lesson 4
13:20 - 14:00	Lunch
14:00 - 15:00	Lesson 5

It is advised that pupils strive to be in school for 8.30am to attend registration at 8.40am. The above school day structure is correct at the time of publication but is subject to change should the need arise in the current climate.

## YOUR FIRST DAY

Your first day will be spent as follows:-

- Meet with Head of Year at 8.40am in the Sports Hall in block E.
- Your Form Tutor will then take you to your form class to prepare you for the week ahead. You will be given your personal timetable and your Form Tutor will answer any questions that you may have.

## THE YEAR SYSTEM

The school consists of year groups and each year group has a Head of Year.

YEAR	HEAD OF YEAR
7	Miss Simpson
8	Mrs Walker
9	Ms Herbert
10	Mrs Poole
11	Mr Walters
12/13	Mrs Allinson



# QUESTIONS & ANSWERS



Here are answers to some of the questions that you might have about joining Bryntirion in September.

***What do I bring on the first day?***

You will need a bag, pencils, pens, rubber, sharpener and ruler. You will also need sandwiches or dinner money loaded onto the cashless catering system.

***Do I need any books?***

No, you will not need any books. Your subject teacher will give you the books that you need.

***What happens if I lose my things or forget my dinner money?***

Go to your Head of Year and they will help you.

***Will I be in the same class as my friends?***

You might not be in the same class as all your friends, but you will certainly be with some of your friends.

***What if I get lost?***

Any teacher or older pupil that passes you will be pleased to help. There is also a map in this booklet.

***What if I have to leave school for an appointment?***

Ask your mum/dad/guardian to write a note for you. Show it to your Form Tutor and you will receive an exeat form, to be signed by your Head of Year. You then hand in this form to the school office (downstairs in E block) on leaving.

***What if I feel ill during school?***

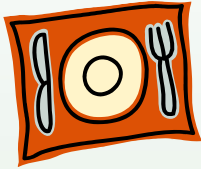
If this happens during lesson time, tell the teacher who is taking your lesson and they will call for a duty officer. If this happens during break or lunch go to see your Head of Year.

***What if I am unhappy in school?***

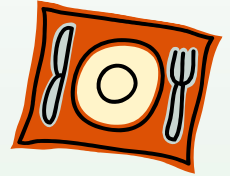
Speak to your Form Teacher or your Head of Year who will be happy to help you.

***What do I do if I am absent?***

- Ask someone at home to let us know on the **FIRST** day
- It is very important that you copy up all the work that you have missed as soon as possible.



# SCHOOL MEALS



## DINNER LADIES

Our school has many helpful and friendly dinner ladies who work during the lunch break.

## THE FOOD

Lunchtime, the canteen offers three types of meals:-

- Main Track (main meals)
- Fast Track (fast food)
- Green Track (salads sandwiches etc)



The prices are reasonable. We use a cashless catering system which your parent/ guardian will be invited to join before you start. Alternatively, you can bring your own packed lunch. This can be eaten outside or in the canteen.

## BREAKFAST BAR

In addition to lunch, there is a breakfast bar at break time. This offers a variety of snacks. These bars are in D and E block canteens.





# SUBJECTS

## ART & DESIGN

This is a subject that provides pupils with a variety of experiences in using different materials to produce pieces of art work.



## ENGLISH

You will read all kinds of stories, poems, plays and media articles. As well as this, you will develop your own skills as a young writer. You will have the chance to debate, recite and take part in school plays.



## FRENCH

In the course of the year, pupils in Year 7 will learn about France and the French speaking world. You will engage in small playlets and conversations in French about yourselves, your families and friends.



## GEOGRAPHY

An introduction to the world, its environment and the way man has made an impact are just some of the topics covered in this subject.



## HISTORY

This course aims to promote an understanding of the nature of change in history. Pupils are encouraged to act like detectives and use clues to build up a picture of the past. They progress to evaluate evidence and acquire historical skills.



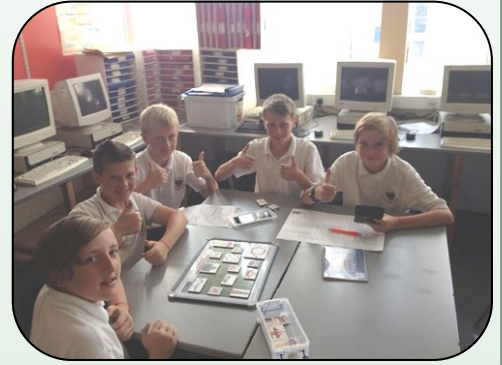
## I.T.

In this subject, you will learn new I.T. skills and develop ones that you already have. You will learn about databases, spreadsheets, desktop publishing as well as using the Internet. Lessons are interactive using a wide range of packages, introducing you to skills which will benefit you in other subjects and eventually the world of work.

# SUBJECTS

## MATHEMATICS

In this subject you will learn many new mathematical skills and develop ones you already have. As well as this, you will be taught to investigate and use I.T. to aid your understanding of mathematics. It will be hard work, but it will all add up to great fun!



## MUSIC

In Music you will learn to play and sing a variety of music. You will also learn to compose and you will listen to and discuss a variety of musical styles. There may be an opportunity to learn a new instrument, to sing in the school choir and to take part in the school show.

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION

To look good is to feel good. PE is for everyone. Experience all activities available and find out what you enjoy doing during your first year.

## HEALTH & WELLBEING

An opportunity to discuss personal and social experiences. A lifelong process.



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

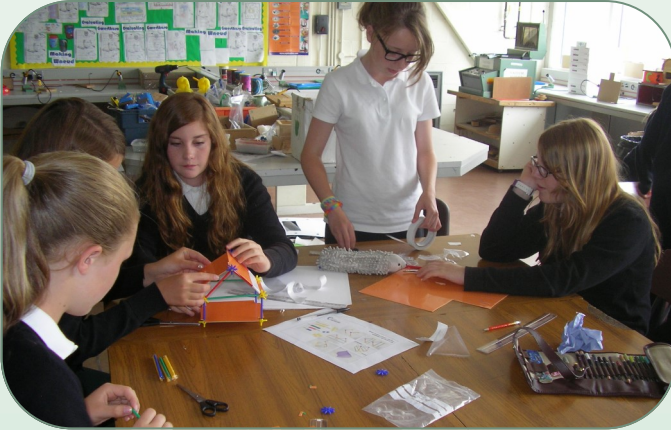
This is an exciting and relevant subject where you will investigate the World's faiths, cultures and how we integrate and work with people of different faiths. This is a life-long learning process.



# SUBJECTS

## SCIENCE

During Science lessons, you will spend a lot of time planning and carrying out experiments which will help you to understand and enjoy Science.



## TECHNOLOGY

Here you will have the opportunity to investigate, design and evaluate using the following materials: food, metal, plastics, textiles and wood.

## WELSH

There is always a lot going on in this department. You will talk, read, write and sing in Welsh, join their educational visits and take part in all the activities going on.



# SPORTS & GAMES



There are a number of sports available at Bryntirion Comprehensive School. During the Winter, rugby is the main sport for boys and netball the main sport for girls. Matches are played against other schools. During the Summer, athletics and tennis are enjoyed by both boys and girls. Bryntirion also has its own swimming pool which is in regular use.



# TEACHING STAFF

					
Mr Pawar Headteacher	Mr Beard Deputy Headteacher	Mr Allinson Assistant Headteacher	Mr Williams Assistant Headteacher	Mrs Owen Assistant Headteacher	Mrs Hawkes Assistant Headteacher






					
Miss Simpson Head of Year 7	Mrs Walker Head of Year 8	Ms Herbert Head of Year 9	Mrs Poole Head of Year 10	Mr Walters Head of Year 11	Mrs Allinson Head of Sixth Form

				
Mr Ashford Mathematics	Miss Bailey Science	Mrs Bees Welsh	Mrs Bentley Mathematics	Miss Bevan English





				
Miss Cartlidge RE	Ms Cavill DT	Mrs Clement Science	Miss Cole PE	Mr Curtis English








# TEACHING STAFF

				
Mr Davies Science	Mrs Davies Music	Mr Edry Mathematics	Miss Evans PE	Miss Evans Art

				
Mr Evans Mathematics	Mrs Finselbach DT	Mr Gray History	Mrs Gregory Science	Mrs Griffiths DT

				
Mr Harris ICT	Mr Herbert Business	Ms Hopkins Mathematics	Mrs Hunt Mathematics	Mr James Science

				
Mr Jones Science	Mr Jones ICT	Mr Jones Geography	Mrs Jones English/Health & Social Care	Mr Kinsella DT

# TEACHING STAFF



Mrs Le Goudiveze  
French



Miss Lewis  
Geography



Mrs Lowry  
English



Mr Mahoney  
PE



Mrs Markey  
English



Mrs Matthews  
RE



Mrs McNaught  
Welsh



Mr Penn  
ICT



Miss Perry  
Art



Dr Preece  
Health &  
Wellbeing



Miss Pritchard  
Science



Mr Redmore  
Mathematics



Miss Rees  
Welsh



Mrs Richards  
ALN



Miss Rimmer  
English



Mr Rowe  
Skills Challenge



Miss Rowe  
History



Mr Rubery  
Geography



Mr Shell  
History



Mr Spratt  
Art



# TEACHING STAFF



Miss Stewart  
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Miss Sullivan  
English



Miss Thomas  
English



Mrs Thomas  
English



Mr Thomas  
PE



Mrs Thomas  
Mathematics



Mr Vaughan  
English



Ms Wear  
Mathematics



Mrs Williams  
Welsh



Miss Williams  
RE



Mrs Workman  
Science



# EDUCATIONAL VISITS & EVENTS



**SCHOOL  
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## A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM 2020





WELSH TRIP TO  
URDD CAMP  
LLANGRANNOG  
2020





HISTORY TRIP  
FRANCE/  
BELGIUM  
2020







HAVE A GREAT SUMMER HOLIDAY.  
WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOU JOINING US  
IN SEPTEMBER.



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