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September 18th

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Tymor yr Hydref - Autumn term

Start / Dechrau: Wednesday September 2nd 2026 / Dydd Mercher Medi 2^{il} 2026

Half term October 26th - 30th / Hanner tymor Hydref 26^{ain} - 30^{ain}

End / Diwedd: Friday 18th December 2026 / Dydd Gwener 18^{fed} Rhagfyr

Week Beginning - Monday 21st September - Week 2

Monday	Year 11 NEA Unit 5 (during lesson time)	
Tuesday		Yr 11 GCSE Food & Nutrition NEA
Wednesday		
Thursday		Year 5 cluster primaries PE Transition day
Friday		Year 6 cluster primaries PE Transition day Yr 11 Outdoor Learning Expedition and Camp out

Week Beginning - Monday 28th September - Week 1

Monday		
Tuesday		Primary and Year 11 Friendship photos
Wednesday		Open Evening
Thursday		
Friday		



Last weekend, we had an amazing time on our residential trip to the Urdd camp at Glan Llyn in North Wales. It was a brilliant opportunity to spend time with our friends, try lots of new activities and, most importantly, immerse ourselves in the Welsh language.



There was never a dull moment! We took part in a huge range of activities, including high ropes, the climbing wall, bushcraft, canoeing, paddleboarding and raft building. Some activities were definitely more challenging than others, but everyone encouraged each other and it was great seeing people trying things they had never done before.



Of course, not everything went exactly according to plan! There was plenty of fooling around, laughing and jumping in the lake. By the end of the weekend, quite a few of us were soaked — sometimes deliberately and sometimes not! The lake was definitely one of the most popular places to be!

One of the highlights was meeting the “Bird Man”, who brought along his owls and gave us a fascinating indoor display. It was amazing to see the birds up close and learn more about them. It was something completely different from the outdoor activities and made the weekend even more memorable.



Most importantly, everyone had a wonderful time. We made memories, spent time with our friends, challenged ourselves, got very wet and had lots of laughs along the way. It was a weekend that many of us will remember for a long time.



A special thank you to Mrs Stead and the Welsh Department for all their hard work organising the trip and for giving up their weekend to come with us.



Without them, this fantastic experience would not have been possible.

Diolch yn fawr!



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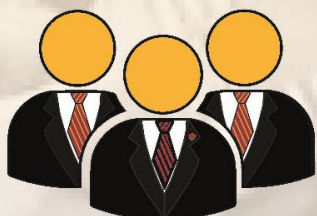
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FOOD DRIVE

Monday 21st September - Friday 2nd October

Pupils, Staff and our wider community can donate food and other essential items for our Food Bank – Y Pantri.



*Led and driven by
our Pupil Leadership
Groups*



*Helping to support
school families and
our local community
through Y Pantri*



*Pupils & Staff
will earn House Points
for every item donated*

If anyone wants to find out more information about Y Pantri,
please email - ycbpantri@ysgolcwmbrombil.npt.school



**PUPIL
LEADERSHIP**



**YSGOL CWM BROMBIL
COMMUNITY**

Physical Education

Extra Curricular Timetable Winter term



Week 1 & 2 (AFTER SCHOOL)

Day	Activity	Year Group(s)	Venue
Monday	RUGBY (starting 14/9/26)	7 & 8	3G
	Netball	7 & 8	Sports Hall
	Strength & Conditioning	9, 10 & 11	Back gym / Multigym
Tuesday	Netball	9, 10 & 11	Sports Hall
Wednesday	Badminton	9, 10 & 11	Sports Hall
	Girl's Football	All years	3G / Grass pitch
Thursday	Strength & Conditioning	All Years	Back gym / Multigym

Week 1 & 2 (LUNCH TIME)

Day	Activity	Year Group(s)	Venue
Monday	Strength & Conditioning	9, 10 & 11	Back gym / Multigym
Tuesday	Badminton	9, 10 & 11	Sports Hall
	Strength & Conditioning	9, 10 & 11	Back gym / Multigym
Wednesday (Week 1 only)	Badminton / Pickleball	7 & 8	Sports Hall
Thursday (Week 1 only)	Basketball	7 & 8	Sports Hall
Friday	Basketball	9, 10 & 11	Sports Hall

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.

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Pentre Natur Community garden

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HAVE YOUR SAY!

We're developing Pentre Natur, our community garden at Ysgol Cwm Brombil, and we'd love your input.

Please take a moment to tell us what you'd like to see happening in the gardens, and how the space could support local children, families our wider community.

Scan the QR code to complete our short survey.



Thank you for helping us shape Pentre Natur together.

We'd really love to hear from our parents, carers and wider community as we continue to grow our plans for Pentre Natur.

We want this to be a space that genuinely works for the people who use it, so your ideas and feedback are important to us. We've put together a short survey to find out what you'd love to see happening in the gardens, what opportunities would be useful for local families, and how we can make the space something the whole community can enjoy and benefit from.

It only takes a few minutes to complete, and every response will help us shape what Pentre Natur becomes.

👉 Have your say here: <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/5K5NsEJ0Ju?origin=lprLink>

You can also scan the QR code above.

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Attendance - Everyday counts!

Being present for your future



As we begin a new term, we want to remind our families of a simple message:

Every school day counts.

Attendance is about much more than a percentage on a screen. Being in school gives young people opportunities to learn, practise new skills, receive feedback, build friendships, take part in activities and develop the knowledge and confidence they need for their future.

Our **Aspiration** cornerstone is about encouraging every learner to think about what they can achieve and the future they want to create. Regular attendance is one part of helping make those opportunities possible.



It is also about **Commitment**.

There will be mornings when getting up and getting ready for school feels easy, and there will be mornings when it feels much harder. Developing the habit of turning up, getting involved and persevering is an important part of growing into a confident and responsible young adult.

Our current attendance campaign captures this perfectly:

"Attendance matters! Every school day counts!"

Of course, sometimes absence is unavoidable. Children become ill, families experience difficulties and circumstances can change. Our message is not about expecting perfection.

It is about making the most of every opportunity to be in school **wherever possible**.

This term, let's focus on three simple things:

Be here. Be on time. Be ready to learn.

If attendance is proving difficult for your child, please talk to us. Our Attendance and Pastoral Teams are here to listen, understand the barriers and work with you to find the right support.

NPT Youth Council

At the beginning of last year, pupils in years 9 and 10 were given the opportunity to apply for a position in the Neath Port Talbot Youth Council. To apply, we had to fill out an online form detailing why we should be selected to become a member of the Youth Council. One member from each of the two participating year groups were fortunate enough to be chosen, myself and Millie-May (Year 11). Recently, the Youth Council conducted the "Change Starts With You" survey, which aimed to collect the views of young people in NPT on what issues they would like to see the Youth Council work on this year. We received a total of 2,171 votes from schools, groups, and youth clubs across NPT, with pupils from YCB contributing. The 3 topics with the most votes were Mental Health, Bullying, and Drug addiction/nicotine and vaping.

The Youth Council meets up monthly to discuss a variety of topics ranging from AI to Relationships and Sex education (RSE). We often have guests in to talk about something going on in our community. We may be looking for new applicants soon, so keep an eye out as being part of the NPT Youth Council helps you develop highly valuable skills such as communication, teamwork, leadership, and empathy, along with creating chances for you to learn more about our community and help change things for the better. As well as amazing travel opportunities such as the one Millie-May experienced this summer!

Poppy Thomas (Year 10)



When I applied for the Neath Port Talbot Youth Council, the last thing I imagined was travelling to Germany for a 10-day youth exchange, flying on a plane for the first time without my family; this experience was one of a kind.

The youth exchange took place in Esslingen am Neckar, Germany and Lake Hopfensee. The goal of this European exchange was to unite countries and share cultural values, experiences, and differences, teaching us to embrace others' pathways through life as though they were our own. My initial reaction was excitement, as the day grew closer and closer. I must admit I did feel nervous but despite that, I was so ready to embrace everything Germany threw my way.

During 5 out of the 10 days in Germany, we camped next to the lake Hopfensee waking up bright and early every day, taking part in a range of activities such as hiking, swimming, and kayaking. One thing I found hilarious was how we were woken up every morning with loud music blasting outside of our tents. Many people found it annoying at first but that gradually grew into everyone enjoying the early morning starts filling the noise of the music with laughter and dancing, the Welsh group especially. One of the most memorable aspects of this trip was the international evenings, these took place from as early as 8 pm until as late as midnight. Before we arrived in Germany every country that was attended was given a day in which they would present their country and teach us about their language, culture, routines and especially their food. I found these amazing as they were all engaging and entertaining, leaving us all laughing, dancing, singing, and talking until late in the night.



If I had to pick my favourite thing about the exchange it would be meeting new people, it was so amazing to meet a range of different people with different backgrounds, stories, and many differences we were so similar in multitudes of ways. Many of whom I am still speaking to now because these are people that I shared such an amazing experience with and, if given the chance, I would do it again a 100 times over.

Millie-May Howells (Y11)

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ATTENDANCE

AT YSGOL CWM BROMBIL

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OUR SHARED GOAL:
**AT LEAST 95%
ATTENDANCE.**



Parents should check attendance on ClassCharts. If your child cannot attend, contact school every **day** by phone, email or ClassCharts message and give the reason for the absence. Where possible, provide medical evidence.



We follow All Wales Guidance and Local Authority Policy on attendance.



**IF NO REASON
IS GIVEN**

By **8.30am** on the first day, if school has not received a reason, the Attendance Support Officer will make a phone call. Even when a reason is established, a further call is made on the **third day** of absence to check-in. Depending on the reason, a member of the Pastoral Team may also call.



**3-5 DAYS
WITH NO
CONTACT**

If school cannot make any contact after **3 days**, our Cynnydd worker will make a home visit. They may send a text to let you know. For support and safeguarding reasons, the Cynnydd worker will ask to see your child to speak with them and offer support.



**10 DAYS
WITH NO
CONTACT**

In line with the Local Authority safeguarding procedures, if school cannot make contact for **10 days**, we will ask the Education Welfare Service (EWO) to make a welfare visit. If they cannot make contact, they will arrange a joint visit with our Police Liaison Officer.

ATTENDANCE SUPPORT PATHWAY



**IF ATTENDANCE
DOES NOT
IMPROVE**

If a parent does not attend the meeting, or attendance continues to fall, the case will be referred to the Education Welfare Service. The Local Authority then takes ownership for managing attendance and may issue a warning letter.



FURTHER ACTION

If attendance continues to drop following EWO support, they may issue a Fixed Penalty Notice. If attendance does not improve within 15 days, a fine may be issued. The EWS may also consider court proceedings if deemed necessary.

HOLIDAYS



**HOLIDAY
REQUESTS**

In line with Local Authority guidance, the school cannot authorise holidays unless there are exceptional circumstances. A reminder of school processes will be sent to you following each holiday period. After the **third holiday** within the same academic year, the case will be referred to the EWO, who may issue a fine.

WHAT HAPPENS BEHIND THE SCENES?



**DAILY
MONITORING**

Your child's attendance is monitored daily by your child's Form Teacher, the Attendance Support Officer, Head of Year and wider pastoral team.



**FORTNIGHTLY
DISCUSSIONS**

Every two weeks, the Pastoral Team and EWS meet to discuss all pupils' attendance and agree actions.



REWARDS

Pupils receive attendance rewards every term and are entered into weekly prize draws based on their attendance.



OUR MESSAGE TO FAMILIES

We want to work with you early to support good attendance and help every pupil reach their potential. If there is a barrier affecting attendance, please contact us at school so we can work with you.



MORE INFORMATION AND ADVICE CAN BE FOUND ON THE **SCHOOL** AND **LOCAL AUTHORITY** WEBSITE.



In order to improve our efficiency tracking absences, we have enabled the reporting absence option on ClassCharts. When you go into the ClassCharts Parent app for your child, you will now see an absences tab on the top. (scroll across if it is not immediately visible).

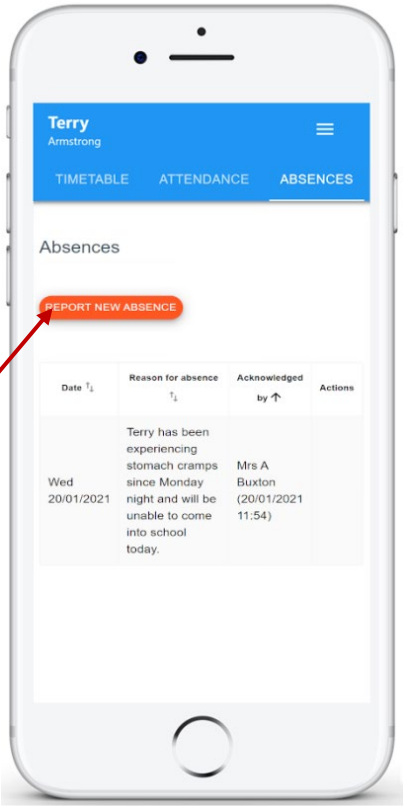
Selecting this tab will display a list of absences that you have reported, once you have reported them. This includes when the absence took place, the reason for the absence and who acknowledged your absence report.

To report an absence, click on the “Report new absence” button.

Next, enter the details of the reported absence into the form provided.

You can also include up to 5 files in your absence report as supporting evidence. To do this, click on the “Attach supporting Evidence” button and select the files of your choice.

Click on the Submit button to send your pupil’s absence report to their school. The absence can be edited and deleted until it has been acknowledged by a member of staff.



Date of absence

26/01/2021

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Reason for absence

Terry missed the bus today.

Please report your child's absences as soon as possible

Attachments

+ ATTACH SUPPORTING EVIDENCE

You can upload a maximum of 5 attachments, each up to 250mb in size.

SUBMIT

CANCEL



Bonjour!

My name is Anaëlle I am 16 years old and I live near Nantes in south Brittany, France. This summer I was lucky to spend three weeks at Ysgol Cwm Brombil. When I arrived, everyone was so welcoming. The students were so friendly and helped me to find my way in the school and discover it. I felt really included by my International Club buddies.

During those three weeks, I discovered a completely different way of school and saw what everyday life is like for students here. I really loved the fact that there are many clubs and that you can choose the subjects you want to study. It was really cool to see how different it is from my school in France.

I also had the chance to do a work experience in the nursery whilst year 10 did their work experience. This was a great experience. I discovered a lot of little things about the children's lives here, like their nursery songs. I was also surprised to and pleased to see that even the little children are already learning Welsh.

I would definitely recommend this experience to everyone. I was able to discover a new culture, and I also meet some amazing people. I have made really good friends, I had so many great moments with them, and I really hope we will stay friends for a long time.

Thank you so much for everything

Merci, Diolch!



Anaëlle with her buddies, who are pupil leaders in our International club.



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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.
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.		



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Terma Dates 2026 - 27

Autumn Term, half term 1 2026-27

Tuesday 1 st September 2026	Staff INSET day
Wednesday 2 nd September 2026	All pupils attend school
Friday 23 rd October 2026	Last Day of half term 1
Half Term holiday - Monday 26 th October 2026 – Friday 30 th October 2026	

Autumn Term, half term 2 2026-27

Monday 2 nd November 2026	Term starts
Friday 4 th December 2026	Staff INSET (Training) Day
Monday 7 th December 2026	Staff INSET (Training) Day
Friday 18 th December 2026	Last Day of half term 2
Christmas Holiday – Monday 21 st December 2026 – Friday 1 st January 2027	

Spring Term, half term 3 2026-27

Monday 4 th January 2027	Staff INSET (Training) Day
Tuesday 5 th January 2027	Half term 3 Starts for all pupils
Friday 5 th February 2027	Last Day of half term 3
Half Term holiday - Monday 8 th February 2027 – Friday 12 th February 2027	

Spring Term, half term 4 2026-27

Monday 15 th February 2027	Term 4 Starts
Friday 19 th March 2027	Last Day of half term 4
Easter holiday - Monday 22 nd March 2027 - Friday 2 nd April 2027	

Summer Term, half term 5 2026-27

Monday 5 th April 2027	Term 5 Starts
Monday 3 rd May 2027 - May Day Bank Holiday	
Thursday 28 th May 2027	Last Day of half term 5
Half Term - Monday 31 st May 2027 - Friday 4 th June 2027	

Summer Term Half term 6 2026-27

Monday 7 th June 2027	Half term 6 Starts
Monday 21 st June 2027	Staff INSET (Training) Day
Tuesday 22 nd June 2027	Staff INSET (Training) Day
Tuesday 20 th July 2027	Last Day of half term 6 & End of school Year