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September 25th

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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 28th September - Week 1

Monday		
Tuesday		Primary and Year 11 Friendship photos
Wednesday	Year11 Food & Nutrition NEA	Open Evening
Thursday		
Friday		

Week Beginning - Monday 5th October- Week 2

Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday		Year 8 Science Techniquet
Thursday		Spanish, Art, Geography Trip to Barcelona
Friday		Spanish, Art, Geography Trip to Barcelona

Senedd News

Looking Ahead to the New Academic Year

The Senedd has been busy planning some exciting opportunities and challenges for the coming academic year! We are delighted to welcome Mrs Smitham, who has come on board to lead the KS3 Senedd. We look forward to working with her and the KS3 representatives to ensure that pupils have a strong voice and plenty of opportunities to share their ideas.

One of our main aims is to strengthen our inter-house competitions and give everyone more opportunities to get involved. We have launched the first competition last week - the food drive where we are bringing a competitive aspect to restocking Y-pantri, our onsite foodbank, with non-perishable items (see the poster on the next page).



We are considering holding more competitions throughout the year and would love to hear your ideas about activities we could include. Some possibilities could be quiz competitions, art and design challenges, sporting events, spelling bees, chess or board-game tournaments, creative writing competitions, talent shows and team challenges. We want our competitions to include as many pupils as possible, so we are especially interested in ideas that allow everyone to take part and contribute to their house. Our first House Meeting of the year will be held during week commencing October 5th, share your ideas with us then - we look forward to hearing from you!



Another exciting possibility is becoming a Rights Respecting School. We have already worked closely with the CRU and, as a result of our hard work promoting and understanding children's rights, we were awarded the title of Children's Rights Champions. We are very proud of this achievement and are now considering how we can build on it by working towards becoming a Rights Respecting School.

The Senedd would also like to hear your ideas for challenges and activities during the coming academic year. What would you like to see happening in school? Are there new competitions, campaigns, events or challenges that you think would make a difference?

Your ideas matter! Please share your suggestions with your Senedd representatives so that together we can make the coming year an exciting, inclusive and successful one for everyone.



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**



Pentre Natur Community garden

Parents • Carers • Community Members

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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Criw Cymraeg - Croeso Nôl!



We're really happy to be back in school and are already busy planning for the year ahead! We're also delighted to welcome a new teacher to the Welsh Department and our club - Miss Mordecai. Croeso cynnes!

We had a fantastic year last year, achieving the Silver Award, and this year we're aiming for Gold! We've already been helping with Year Ahead meetings and are looking forward to getting involved in our school Open Evening.



We've been working on our "Brawddeg yr Wythnos" - the Welsh Phrase of the Week. The phrase of the week is a simple Welsh sentence that pupils can use to respond to the register and gain positive points in the process. It is a way of learning vocabulary, practice pronunciation and learn a little about an aspect of Welsh culture.

This week, to celebrate European Day of Languages, and we're excited to introduce our brand-new Song of the Week which started with "Drwy Dy Lygaid Di, by Yws Gwynedd.

We will be publishing this in the newsletter each week (Next week's is below!) - so we can share it with the whole community.

We have loads of exciting ideas and activities planned to celebrate all things **Cymraeg** this year, so watch this space!

Dewch ymlaen, Criw Cymraeg! Let's make it another brilliant year! Pob lwc i bawb!

Welsh Phrase of the Week

Dw i'n cytuno.

Use this phrase when you agree with someone.

I agree.

Example:
Dw i'n cytuno - I agree.

Reminder:
★ Try using this phrase at least 3 times this week!



HOUSE CHALLENGE

On 1 September 1939, which Welsh-born poet, famous for his work Under Milk Wood, was born in Swansea?

Write your answer with your name, form and house on a piece of paper and post in the challenge box in C5.

Cân yr Wythnos

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Dawnsia – Fleur dy Lys





Our girls' football players have had a fantastic start to the season. With nearly 50 pupils training on Wednesdays after school its been fabulous to see the participation and enthusiasm so positive!



The Y7&8 team had a great first match against a strong Bro Dur side. Some skilful football was played and the players showed some real determination and character i what was the first match on a full size pitch for many of the squad. The team battled hard and came out winners, qualifying for the next round of the Welsh cup! Da iawn merched!

The Y9&10 team have also played their first match against a very strong Cwm Tawe team in a friendly. It was fantastic to see the players sporting their brand-new kit! Many thanks must go to **Trefelin Girls Centre**, **Ashleigh Ferrel Property** and **Sparkle Cleaning Services** for their generous support in buying the kit!

Diolch yn fawr!



The season has also started positively for the boy's rugby squads. With several games being played already! Ninety players have so far represented the school between years 7, 8, 9 and 10!

With high participation excellent enthusiasm and effort YCB PE & Sport goes from strength to strength!

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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Since last year, the Eco Committee has been working hard on creating a Swap Shop for Ysgol Cwm Brombil where old items of branded uniform are able to be swapped, donated, or bought at a smaller cost. We understand that the rising cost of school uniform can be a significant financial pressure for families, highlighting a need to make uniform affordable and accessible for all. Additionally, we recognise that regularly replacing uniform as pupils outgrow it can contribute to unnecessary waste and is, therefore, not very sustainable.

So, we came up with a solution! Our Swap Shop aims to reduce the number of branded items of uniform going to waste after they have become too small. It also aims to assist all families by reducing the cost of some important items of uniform that every pupil needs. At our Swap Shop, you can trade in your pre-loved blazers and PE tops for new sizes.

Even if you don't have any items to swap, you can purchase pre-loved blazers in excellent condition for £8, PE tops for £5, and brand-new ties for £6. We are open every school day during form time (8:30-8:50) and after school every Monday from 14:45 to 15:45, by the pupil entrance.

Uniform swaps and purchases can also be requested via our email - Swapshop@ysgolcwmbrmbil.npt.school We can't wait to see you!

Poppy Thomas (Year 10), on behalf of YCB Eco Committee



International Club

Getting Ready to Welcome Galicia!

The International Club has been getting ready to welcome 23 students from Galicia to Ysgol Cwm Brombil. They are coming to improve their language skills and will be fully immersed in school life for two weeks. They arrive on the 20th October and leave on the 6th November.



We have a buddy system, where members of the club will help the visitors to settle in, show them around and make sure they have the best experience possible. This exchange has been happening for many years, and lots of friendships have been made between students from YCB and Vigo in Galicia over the years.

Galicia is in the North west of Spain above Portugal. To prepare for their visit, we have been learning some key phrases and are creating a welcome board for them. We are also working on a booklet about the Celtic links between Wales and Galicia, looking at the similarities between our cultures and histories.



We're really looking forward to meeting everyone and hopefully making some new friendships along the way!

Here are some of the phrases that we are learning in club:

Croeso i Gymru! Benvidos a Gales!

Welcome to Our School! / Croeso i'n Hysgol! / Benvidos á Nosa Escola!

English	Welsh	Galician
Hello!	Helo!	Ola!
Good morning!	Bore da!	Bos días!
Welcome to our school!	Croeso i'n hysgol!	Benvidos á nosa escola!
Welcome to Wales!	Croeso i Gymru!	Benvidos a Gales!
How are you?	Sut wyt ti?	Como estás?
Nice to meet you!	Braf cwrdd â chi!	Encantado/a de coñecerte!
Thank you!	Diolch!	Grazas!
Have a good day!	Cael diwrnod da!	Que teñades un bo día!
Goodbye!	Hwyl fawr!	Abur!



Attendance - Everyday counts!

Being present for your future

WHERE ARE YOU ON THE ATTENDANCE LADDER?

It's not about perfection. It's about progress.

This week we are encouraging pupils and families to take a look at our **Attendance Ladder**.

The ladder shows different levels of attendance, from 100% through 98%, 95%, 93%, 90%, 85% and 80%.

But the most important message isn't simply "get to 100%."

It is: **Where are you now, and what is your next step?**

A pupil who has struggled with attendance may not be able to transform everything overnight. But they can aim to attend more regularly this week than last week.

A pupil who is already attending well can think about maintaining those positive habits.

And a pupil who is regularly in school can still think about another aspect of attendance — perhaps punctuality, engagement or making the most of every lesson.

This is **Ambition** in action.

Ambition isn't just about having big dreams for the future. It is about recognising where you are now and taking purposeful steps towards where you want to be.

Our **Aspiration** cornerstone encourages pupils to think about their future and believe in what they can achieve.

So don't simply ask:

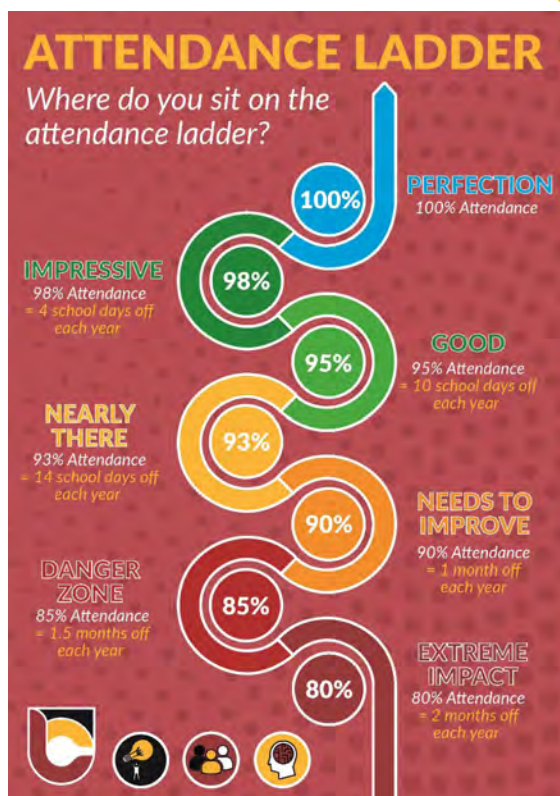
"What percentage am I on?"

Ask:

"What can I do to move forward?"

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.

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ATTENDANCE

AT YSGOL CWM BROMBIL

A SIMPLE GUIDE FOR FAMILIES • SEPTEMBER 2026



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).

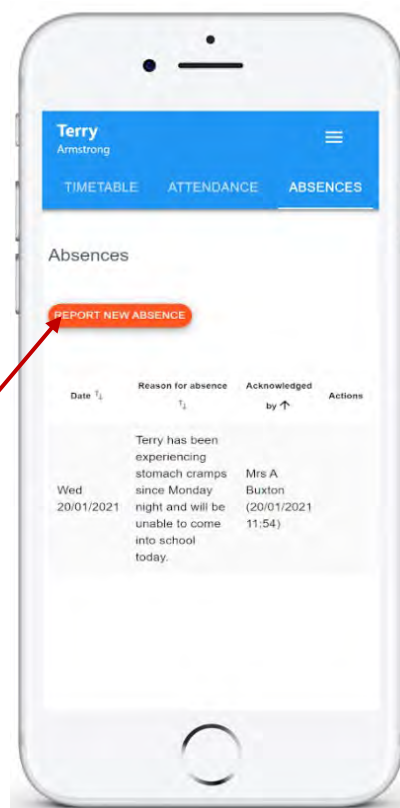
Selecting this tab will display a list of absences that you have reported, once you have reported them. This includes when the absence took place, the reason for the absence and who acknowledged your absence report.

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

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

Instagram links



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