

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

A warm welcome back at the start of a new school year and a special welcome to new parents and guardians.

External Exam Results 2023

Huge congratulations to learners on their excellent GCSE and A level results, which are the culmination of hard work by learners and staff. School results are again amongst the best in the County and are higher than the national figures. Gŵyr therefore continues to be an excellent school in terms of academic outcomes, which should be to the credit of all school stakeholders. Thank you so much as parents and guardians for your willingness to work with the school to support our young learners. We are VERY PROUD of them.

| GCSE 2023 | % |
|---|-----|
| 5+ GCSE A*-A | 39% |
| 5+ GCSE A*-C | 84% |
| 5+ GCSEs A*-C including Welsh/English and Mathematics | 75% |
| 5+ GCSE A*-G | 96% |
| Capped points scored | 395 |
| A-levels 2023 | |
| A*-A | 37% |
| A*-C | 85% |
| A*-E | 99% |

Learner Numbers

204 new learners were welcomed to Year 7 and 97 students returned to join the Sixth Form and the Gŵyr / Bryn Tawe Sixth Partnership. The total school population therefore for 2023-24 is 1,211 learners.

Staff News

We warmly welcome new teachers to the school, namely Laura Hughes (Welsh), Dawn Evans, Kate Smith, Lowri Paynter (English), Amber Prosser (Religious Studies), Carwen George, Sian Wynne (Music), Heledd Rees (Spanish) and Shan Samuel Thomas (Art). In addition, Cadi Hutchings and Sali Nicholls join the team of learning assistants. We wish them all well.

Parental Questionnaires 2022-23

There was a very positive response to the parental questionnaires during the last school year and your constructive comments are appreciated. Based on the results, a high percentage of parents note that they are happy with the school. We will work hard to respond to suggestions you have given. If you have specific questions or queries about your child, you can contact the relevant Head of Year:

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In addition, you can contact the Head of Years' learning and wellbeing officer, Siwan Davies, via School reception (01792 872403) who will also be able to assist you.

School Equipment

Would you be so kind as to ensure that your child carries a pencil case to school which contains the necessary resources such as pens, pencils, rulers, highlighters, and rubbers. **There were several learners during the last school year who didn't possess writing pens in lessons which obviously caused problems.** Mathematics equipment is also necessary, which includes a scientific calculator, protractor, and compass.

School Uniform and Property

Compliance with the official school uniform is important – black trousers or skirt (not *jeans, leggings*), black shoes, black sweater with school badge (not a *hoody*), blue polo shirt with school badge. Would you be so kind as to place names on school uniform so that we can return lost property immediately to the owner. **I would truly be grateful if all parents were able to ensure that their children comply with our dress code.** (During the present unseasonably hot weather, loose plain black shorts are permitted to be worn by learners if they so wish).

Mobile Phones Policy

Learners are given permission to bring a mobile phone to school for safety reasons. However, it should not be used during the day except in the canteen at lunch/break to check a food order. If a phone is used without permission, the phone will be taken from the learner by the teacher and held safely before being returned, usually before the end of the day. The mobile phone should not be used to take photographs on school premises on any account.

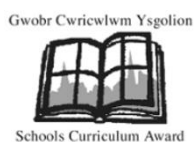
Attendance

95%+ is the target for everyone. Missing one day of school for no very good reason is needlessly disrupting your child's education. We ask for your support to ensure your child aims to be present for every day from September to July.

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School Holidays and INSET Days for 2023-24

Below are details of the holidays and INSET days for the next academic year to help you with your planning.

| Holidays 2023-24 | |
|--------------------|---|
| Half Term Break 1 | Monday 30 October - Friday 3 November 2023 |
| Christmas Holidays | Monday 25 December 2023 - Friday 5 January 2024 |
| Half Term Break 2 | Monday 12 February - Friday 16 February 2024 |
| Easter Holidays | Monday 25 March - Friday 5 April 2024 |
| Bank Holiday | Monday 6 May 2024 |
| Half Term Break 3 | Monday 27 May - Friday 31 May 2024 |
| Summer Holidays | School finishes on Friday, 19 July 2024 |

| INSET Days 2023-24 |
|---------------------------------|
| INSET 1 Friday 1 September 2023 |
| INSET 2 Monday 4 September 2023 |
| INSET 3 Monday 20 November 2023 |
| INSET 4 Friday 22 December 2023 |
| INSET 5 Friday 9 February 2024 |
| INSET 6 Wednesday 3 July 2024 |

We as a school will benefit from your support and cooperation throughout the year ahead. We aim to continue to maintain the highest standards. We look forward to working closely with you as parents and guardians.

Yours sincerely,

Headmaster

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