

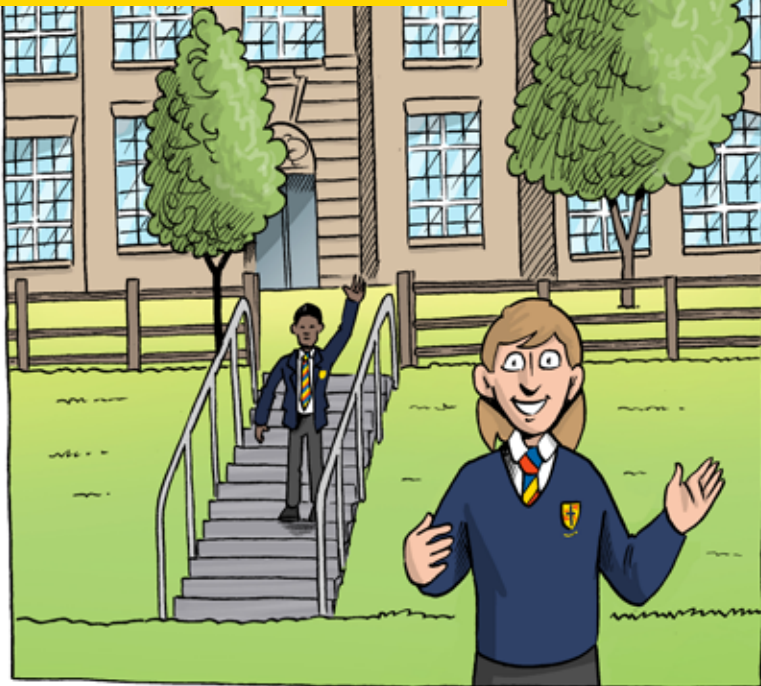


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# Brynteg School

## Your Pocket Guide

Community, Independence, Kindness, Respect



# Welcome to Brynteg School



We would like to welcome you as one of our new Year 7 students. We are looking forward to getting to know you and we have many exciting experiences planned for you.

We understand that you may be feeling a mixture of excitement and nervousness at starting your secondary school journey, but don't worry, everyone is very friendly, helpful, and most new students will be feeling the same way! There are lots of people here to support you and lots of activities that you can take part in to make new friends.

## What is expected of you?

We have very high expectations for what you can achieve and we expect you to work hard and always try your best, both at school and at home.

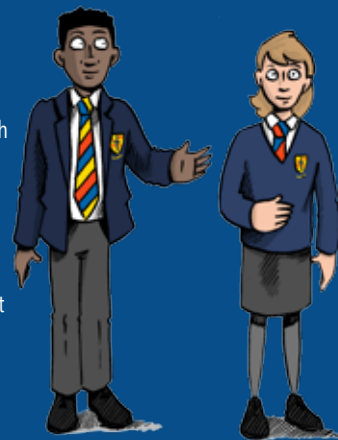
We have four Brynteg Values which we expect all our students to follow and embrace. These are:

**Community Independence Kindness Respect**

## What do I wear for my first day?

- Shirt - plain white
- Blazer (optional)
- Jumper - navy V-neck with school badge
- Tie
- Trousers - plain mid/dark grey, full length and no denim/jean type material
- Skirts - trousers are strongly recommended. Skirts if worn should be grey and no more than 5cm above the knee
- Shoes - plain black, leather/leather effect or plain black leather trainers
- A coat with a hood; there is lots of walking at Brynteg!

**'Hoodies' are not acceptable as an outside coat and should not be worn.**



You will also need the following equipment on your first day:

- Pencil case
- Pens (black, blue, red)
- Pencils
- Ruler
- Sharpener
- A bag, which can also store your iPad safely (most pupils bring a rucksack as this is easier when walking around school)

You will also need a school PE kit - but don't worry, you don't need to bring this on your first day.

We will give you Maths and Art packs.

## What happens on my first day?



You will start the day with your form, getting to know your new Form Tutor and fellow classmates. Your Year Leader and Assistant Year Leader will also visit to check everything is going well.

You will be given your timetable, so you will see all your teachers, subjects and clusters (more on this later). Your Form Tutor will also tell you all about our exciting Expedition Days.

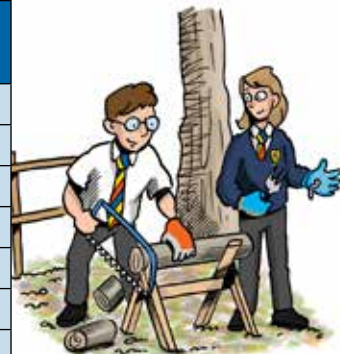
You will have a tour of the school site visiting the cluster areas, canteens, sports facilities and Wellbeing block. You will also have your individual and year group photo and see how big the year group is!

After a long morning break in the canteen, you will start a series of induction activities, followed by lunch. You will end the day with 'check-out,' leaving school happy with your first experience of life in our fantastic school.

## What does the school day look like?

The school doors open at 8.00am. Check-in is at 8.45am, where you will be expected to be in your form room for registration. You have five lessons every day, as below:

Activity	Time (Monday to Thursday)	Time (Friday)
Pupils arrive on site	8.00 - 8.45	8.00 - 8.45
Check in	8.45 - 9.00	8.45 - 9.00
Movement time	9.00 - 9.05	9.00 - 9.05
Lesson 1	9.05 - 10.05	9.05 - 10.00
Movement time	10.05 - 10.10	10.00 - 10.05
Lesson 2	10.10 - 11.10	10.05 - 11.00
Break	11.10 - 11.30	11.00 - 11.25
Lesson 3	11.30 - 12.30	11.25 - 12.20
Movement time	12.30 - 12.35	12.20 - 12.25
Lesson 4	12.35 - 1.35	12.25 - 1.20
Lunch	1.35 - 2.20	1.20 - 2.00
Lesson 5	2.20 - 3.20 (end of day)	2.20 - 2.55
Check out		2.55 - 3.20



At lunchtime, you can bring a packed lunch, or you can enjoy something delicious and healthy from our school canteen or coffee shop. You don't need to worry about bringing money to school, as we operate a cashless system.

Both the canteen and coffee shop are open from 8.00am to serve breakfast and then re-open at morning break and lunchtime.

# What will learning look like at Brynteg?

Your learning is divided into six areas or clusters, as we call them at Brynteg:

1. **Expressive Arts (Drama, Art, Music and Textiles)**
2. **Health and Wellbeing (PE, Food and Nutrition, PSE and Skills)**
3. **Languages, Literacy and Communication (English, Welsh, French and Spanish)**
4. **Humanities (History, Geography and Religious Education)**
5. **Maths and Computer Science (Maths and IT)**
6. **Science and Technology (Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Design Technology)**

Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday you will take part in an exciting and engaging Cluster Expedition Day, where you will work on different projects independently and with other students. Guest speakers and trips will also enrich your learning.

On Tuesdays and Thursdays you will have a series of one-hour lessons to support your learning.

We will provide you with a curriculum that gives you the opportunity to be creative and ambitious, while having lots of fun!



You will also receive your own iPad to document your learning journey.

You will move around the school for different lessons, and have different teachers for each subject.

Don't worry about getting lost. There are plenty of people to ask for help.

You will also have regular homework to complete.

# What else can I do at Brynteg School?

We hold enrichment sessions for the whole school every alternate Wednesday afternoon.

Activities we have run in the past include: **go-kart building, fire cadets, hair and beauty, darts, golf, crafting, music for beginners, Mandarin, Swedish, netball, dance, script writing, film, fun science, running, walking, climbing, cake decorating, Indian cookery and much more.**

There are also lots of clubs at lunchtime and after school, including film club, IT club, Welsh club and football.

Our clubs are a great way of trying something different and making new friends.



# What if I do well at school?

Rewarding pupils is important to us. We recognise positive behaviour with praise and 'Teggies' (our reward points). Teggies can earn you prizes through ClassCharts, our online system.

They can be awarded for positive behaviours such as excellent attendance, classwork and homework, a positive attitude, being a good role model and lots more!

# What our previous Year 7 students are saying...



“I have settled in really well in Brynteg, and I have made lots of new friends. The teachers are very supportive and encourage you to be the best you can be. I love taking part in after-school clubs, especially netball and hockey, and representing the school.” **Lily Thomas 7L**

“In Brynteg, it is still quite like my Primary School because there is good support and there are always people to help you. Lessons are set out in a way to make them fun.” **Haneen 7R**

“I enjoy my time in Brynteg. I have made new friends and enjoy the exciting tasks we do in both lessons and enrichment.” **Seren Hughes 7G**

“I love our school as it allows me to express my opinions freely and I really like the Art expeditions, especially doing textiles, and this has inspired me to use this in life outside school.” **Hana Hassan**

## Who can I speak to if I am upset or worried about anything, or just need to talk?

If you don't feel safe or you are worried about a friend or another student, our safeguarding team is always here to help and you can speak to them anytime.

You can speak to Miss Slade, Mr Davies, Mrs Lewis or Mrs Mackie.



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