

CYLCHLYTHYR BLWYDDYN 9 YEAR 9 NEWSLETTER



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Croeso i rifyn cyntaf ein Cylchlythyr Blwyddyn 9. Wrth i ni gyrraedd diwedd ein tymor cyntaf yn Ysgol Calon Cymru, rydym mor falch o weld ein disgyblion Blwyddyn 7 newydd yn setlo i fywyd yn yr ysgol uwchradd. Mae'r cylchlythyr hwn yn rhoi gwybodaeth am y gweithgareddau allgyrsiol yr ydym yn eu cynnig, yn ogystal â rhywfaint o wybodaeth am yr hyn y bydd y disgyblion yn ei ddysgu yn ystod yr hanner tymor nesaf. Bydd yr hanner tymor newydd yn dechrau ar Dachwedd 7fed; gobeithio y cewch chi hanner tymor bendigedig.

Welcome to our first edition of our Year 9 Newsletter. As we reach the end of our first term in year 9 at Ysgol Calon Cymru, we are pleased to see that the pupils have had their first Progress Point and that they have had the chance to learn about options as they prepare for year 10. This newsletter gives information about some of the extra-curricular activities we offer, as well as some information about what the pupils will be learning next half-term. The new half-term will start on January 9th on week 2. We hope you have a wonderful Christmas break.

Mrs C Ealey-Fitzgerald and the Year 9 Team

It's been another busy term at Ysgol Calon Cymru and we are delighted to be able to share with you our last Newsletter of the year. We really are proud of our pupils here at Ysgol Calon Cymru and I am pleased to see so many of them flourishing. As you will see, there are a wide range of activities taking place across our school, both in and out of our classrooms. On a daily basis I am struck by the talent and skills of our pupils in so many areas.

Of course, getting the best out of our pupils would not be possible without your support, and I would like to thank you for working with us to make our school the best it can be. I hope you all enjoy the festive season and get that chance to spend some quality time with family and friends.

Nadolig Llawen - Dr. R Jones

Presenoldeb / Attendance

Llongyfarchiadau i 9B am y presenoldeb gorau'r tymor hwn.

Congratulations to 9B for the highest attendance this term.

100% all term - Congratulations to the following: Kyran Swabey 9A, Shannon Coe 9B and J Geere 9C

Credydau / Credits

Llongyfarchiadau i 9C am credydau uchaf y tymor hwn.

Congratulations to 9C for achieving the highest credits this term.



CWRDD A'R TIM LLES

MEET THE WELLBEING TEAM

PWY ALL EICH CEFNOGI?

WHO CAN SUPPORT YOU?



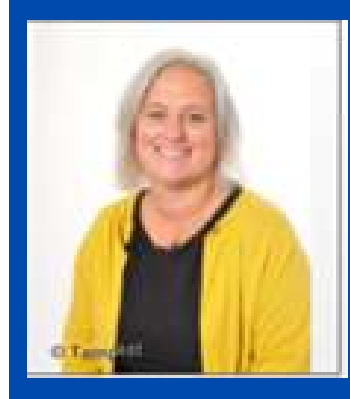
Ms Rhys-Jones

**Head of Campus
Designated
Safeguarding Officer**



Mrs V. Phillips

**Associate Assistant Headteacher
Deputy
Safeguarding Officer**



Mrs. J. Hilliard
Pastoral Officer



Mr T. Martin
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**Hoffem longyfarch y disgyblion canlynol
a bleidleisiwyd yn Gapten ac Is-gapten.
Hoffem hefyd ddiolch i bawb a
ymgeisiodd am y rôl.**

**We would like to congratulate the
following pupils who were voted or
chosen as Form Captens.**

**9A - Ella Dadson and Tom Jones
9B - Mackenzie Rimmer-Khan, Robert
Lewis and Ruby Vermeire
9C - Ali Khalaf and J Geere
9D - Seren Morgan and Jonny Avenell**



Amser Tiwtor



TUTOR TIME *Year 9*

MONDAY	<p>Start of the week welcome & catch up</p> <p>Online whole school Assembly or KS3 Assembly in the Hall</p>
TUESDAY	<p>Collective worship or Cymreictod</p> <p>Form Time Sorted – News hub/Newsround</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Thought of the Week <input type="checkbox"/> News Quiz <input type="checkbox"/> Fact of the Day <input type="checkbox"/> Videos
WEDNESDAY	<p>Wellbeing Wednesday</p> <p>Collective worship or Cymreictod</p> <p>Form Time Sorted – Literacy</p> <p>Form Time Sorted – Numeracy</p>
THURSDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Year Group Assembly 8:55am in Drama Studio
FRIDAY	<p>Collective worship or Cymreictod</p> <p>Go4schools – Behaviour/Credits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Star of the Week – Postcard

Sut i ofyn am gymorth Lles?
How to request wellbeing support?

WELLBEING SUPPORT CEFNOGAETH LLES

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO REQUEST WELLBEING SUPPORT PLEASE COMPLETE THE FORM BELOW OR SCAN THE QR CODE:

OS HOFFECH WNEUD CAIS AM GYMORTH LLESIAINT, LLENWCH Y FFURFLEN ISOD NEU SGANIWCH Y COD QR:

A MEMBER OF THE WELLBEING TEAM WILL BE IN TOUCH SHORTLY.
BYDD AELOD O'R TÎM LLES MEWN CYSYLLTIAD YN FUAN.

Uniform and Equipment check throughout the week

Every week in form pupils are able to access Cymreictod slides to learn about current and historic events in Wales and to hear relevant and new vocabulary



Rhagfyr – Wythnos 3



Nadolig Llawn!



Blwyddyn 9

Allgyrsiol a llwyddiannau ysgolion

Year 9

Extra curricular and school successes



Under 14's Boys Football



Under 14's Netball team



Under 14's Rugby Team

9A

Thirza Currie – Cook of the month and Choir, Fiona Montana - South Powys Hockey league, Conor Walby (4th overall), Kyran Swabey and Lucas Malin - Cross country, Reuben Baker and Conor Walby – Football Welsh Cup, Luke Morgan Rogers, Reuben Baker, Charlie Bufton, Kyran Swabey, James Thomas and Wesley Spencer-Green – Under 14s Rugby, Reuben Baker and Luke Morgan Rogers – South Powys training, Annabelle Ealey-Fitzgerald – Choir and Reader in YCC Carol Service and Cogurdd (1st round winner and 2nd in regional round Brycheiniog a Maesyfed), Evie Gray – Netball team

9B

Caitlin Wallace – South Powys Hockey team, Matthew Spacey, Robert Lewis, Leo Pegg, Tristan James, Jacob Oldham and Liam Young – Cross Country, Ruby Vermiere and Caitlin Wallace – Netball and Football teams, Abigail Roantree – Football team, Robert Lewis – Swimming gala

9D

Seren Morgan – Choir in YCC Carol Service, Alex Hallam 6th in Cross Country, Harrison Powell, Jonny Avenell and Jack Hughes – Cross country, Harrison Powell and Sam Bevan – Rugby team and South Powys training, Jayden Evans – Cook of the month, Aoife-Mae Harrison – Netball team



Jayden Evans who was cook of the month in October, Annabelle Ealey-Fitzgerald for winning the first round and coming second in the regional round of the Cogurdd in November and Thirza Currie – cook of the month in November

Cyflawniadau personol Blwyddyn 9

Year 9 personal achievements

With Year 9 thinking about their options and potential career choices, interests will become a big part of their lives. In the future some employers may ask about what our youngsters do outside of school.

We are keen to celebrate the interests and activities that our pupils participate in. Here are a selection of achievements from each tutor group and we are proud to say that we have a really aspirational bunch of young people

9A

Evie Gray – Purple Belt (Builth Shushokan Karate), Annabelle Ealey-Fitzgerald – Brown Belt 2nd Dan (Builth Shushokan Karate) and Chorus in Brecon Festival Ballet production of ‘The Nutcracker’, Tomos Bolland and Thirza Currie acting in MPYT production of ‘Little Timmy fell down a big hole’, Luke Morgan-Rogers, James Thomas and Charlie Bufton – Joint 3rd in YFC Stock Judging, Elin Lewis – qualified for Aintree races (12-15yr category) in January, Mia Rawsthorne – Builth Army Cadets, Conor Walby – Pontypridd Panthers Basketball team – South Wales league and Cyclo-cross series Builth Bulls, Luke Morgan-Rogers, Reuben Baker, Charlie Bufton, James Thomas, Lloyd Morgan and Kelvin – Builth Bulls Rugby, Qianaat Munir – St. John Cadets Adventure Badge

9B

Liam Young – Llandrindod Wells theatre company Summer Season ‘Ritz and Glitz’, Robert Lewis – Welsh cyclo-cross series (8th Under 14s), Jacob Oldham – Army Cadets, Robert Lewis – Air Cadets, Caitlin Wallace and Emily Forkins – Llandrindod girls football team, Abigail Roantree, Liam Young, Tristan James and Ruby Vermiere – Penybont football teams

9C

Sophie Stuart – Astronomy photos published on britastro.org, Katy Billingham – First horse riding badge, Sam Light – Winner of the Skate Park video competition, Iraklis Mavratzotis and Mckenzie Lee – Army Cadets, Evan Morris – Green Belt (Llandrindod Shushokan Karate), Rachel Edwards – Silver Award (Grand Prior) St. John Cadets, Daisy Clegg – Russian language skills and Aerial Hoop skills

9D

Jonny Avenell – Explorers (laid wreath on Remembrance Day), Casey Rees – Junior Public Speaking competition winner YFC, Archie Morton – 1st Junior reading competition winner YFC, Sam Bevan – winner YFC 3D mats, Harrison Powell – ‘Best Speaker’ of the Day YFC

Photos of the Santa Run, Christmas Jumper Day and the results of the World Cup decorations and the Best Festive form room will be posted as soon as we have them

Dewisiadau Blwyddyn 9

Year 9 options

Thursday 8th December saw a very well attended Options Evening with nearly 70% of the year group coming along with parents and carers to talk to our staff about the subjects that we offer in school at GCSE and BTEC. Our Career's advisor Yvonne Owen-Newns was on hand to chat and the evening culminated in a presentation on the next steps.

In the Spring term we will be sending out the 'straw poll' where year 9 pupils will make their provisional choices after which option blocks will be produced and they make their final 4 or 3 options (should a college course be taken).

The college open evenings will start in the new year so check out NPTC Group of Colleges for details.

The school prospectus is on our website so scan the QR code to access the document and find out further information on the subjects we offer.

From now, pupils should be logging onto Careers Wales to complete an interest checker which suggests a number of different job or career choices. They can then find out more information about the subjects they are interested in taking at KS4.



What now?

Find out more about the courses that you would like to take next year

Ask a teacher, go to WJEC or NPTC webpages

Beth yw'r broses? What is the process?

Spring Term

- Parents' Evening – March 2nd
- The chance for students to do more research and Career's Advisor in PSE
- "Straw poll" completed by students and used to compile Option Blocks (a best fit approach)
- Option Blocks issued to students to take home – has to be returned with parental signature
- The final choices are made

Summer Term – start Year 10 before the holidays - TBC

Pethau i'w hystyried Things to consider

- Your ability in the subject
- Your interest in the subject
- Your learning style
- Potential career choices
- The balance of the whole package of subjects that you are taking

Free, bilingual, impartial careers information, advice and guidance
<http://www.careerswales.com>

College courses Visit <https://www.nctpgroup.ac.uk>

WJEC Examination board Visit <https://www.wjec.co.uk>

Pynciau ar gyfer yr hanner tymor nesaf

Topics for the next half term

Celfyddydau Mynegiannol Expressive Arts

Art: Constructing 3Dimensional wire sculptures influenced by the artist Giacometti and featuring action poses inspired by their own hobbies and interests.

Drama: Buggy Work - Gangs

Music: Brit Pop Band work, Little Kids Rock and Eisteddfod work

Y Dyniaethau Humanities

Geography: Map skills

History: Sir Thomas Plcton and Life during WW1

RE: The 'Big question - Philosophy

Gwyddoniaeth & Thechnoleg Science & Technology

DT: Completion of working with Polymers

ICT: Adobe Animate

Science: Waves, Health and Hygiene and transitions

Iechyd a Lles Health and Wellbeing

Bwyd / food: Nutrition and Diet Through Life; making Chow Mein and Creating their own dish suitable for a particular group of people (athletes).

PE: TBC

Rhifedd a Mathemateg Mathematics and Numeracy

Maths: Starting of GCSE learning prior to Year 10

Lythrennedd, leithoedd, a Chysylltiadau Literacy, Language and Communication

English: Making waves, imaginative writing, WW1 texts and bedrock learning

Cymraeg/ Welsh: Eisteddfod preparation and Entertainment

Ffrangeg/ French: Parts of the body. Transitions, jobs, future plans and careers

Llythrennedd CA3/ KS3 Literacy

The school have recently invested in a digital literacy platform: Bedrock Learning. Pupils complete a series of fortnightly lessons and homework tasks as part of a timetabled literacy intervention programme. These lessons are arranged and led by the English Department. The aim of the software is to teach students the tier two academic vocabulary they need to access the curriculum and succeed in school. As pupils progress through the curriculum, they will study hundreds of words, whilst reading fiction and non-fiction texts regularly. Early next half term we will send out guardian access codes so you can view their knowledge organiser and receive weekly progress reports on your child's progress (via email when you create your Bedrock account).

Criw Cymraeg - Dydd Shwmae



"We had a really successful Diwrnod Shwmae on the 14th of October, with a cake stall in the hall at break We raised money towards activities that will help improve Welsh language skills and develop awareness of history and culture. It was really successful and we managed to raise over £150! Pupils had a discount if they asked for a cake in Welsh!"

Conor Walby and Annabelle Ealey-Fitzgerald

"Ga i cacen?"