

# 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 9fed; 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

## Presenoldeb / Attendance

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

Congratulations to 9A for the highest attendance this term.

100% all term - Congratulations Sam Burt 97%+

Emily Lewis, Harry Barrett and Anna Davies

## Credydau / Credits

Llongyfarchiadau i 9A am credydau uchaf y tymor hwn.

Congratulations to 9A for achieving the highest credits this term with Eds Edwards receiving the highest number of credits, with Eds and Freya Withington gaining a Bronze certificate for over 150 positives

After another busy terms work here at Ysgol Calon Cymru, I am pleased to be able to share with you our Autumn Term newsletter. Year 9 is an important year for our learners, it is the year that options are decided and futures start to take shape. It is an exciting year, where the challenge in learning increases and young people often find their future passions and aspirations.

Already, I am pleased to see so many of our learners enjoying their lessons and getting involved in the extra-curricular activities and clubs that we run. Our ambition is for every learner to be part of something, and I see on a daily basis, our Year 9 contributing and helping to shape our school and community.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for the support that you give us, as it is through working together, that we will get the best from all young people in our care. From all our staff at Ysgol Calon Cymru, we'd like to wish you all a peaceful and relaxing Christmas with your family and friends.

Nadolig Llawen - Dr. R Jones



# 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**



**Emma Procter**

**Family Liaison Officer**



**Mrs M. Payne**

**Behavioural Officer**

**Mrs C. Ealey-Fitzgerald**

**Year 9 Progress Leader**



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**Hoffem longyfarch y disgyblion canlynol  
a bleidleisiwyd yn Gaptan 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 - Eds Edwards and Poppy Ramsden  
9B - Ellis Yeo and Harvey Parker-Jones  
9C - Scott Powell and Connie James  
9D - Esme Wilson and Harry Barrett**






Hello, my name is Emma Procter and I am the Family Liaison Officer for the Llandrindod cluster.

I am based in Ysgol Calon Cymru Llandrindod, in the Oasis room.

I am here to offer support to you and your family.

Please call in, say hello or you can contact me on or 01597 826385 or [emma.procter@powys.gov.uk](mailto:emma.procter@powys.gov.uk)



There are lots of ways I can support you and your families, some of these include -


- Applying for Free Schools meals or Pupil essential grants
- Support with sourcing essential provisions such as clothes, uniform and food parcels
- Applying for school places
- Cost of living support
- School readiness and transitions
- Contacting agencies and advocating on your behalf
- Signposting to relevant organisations
- Support with engaging with school or external agencies
- 1-1 Targeted support sessions for students

Please get in touch to find out more about: -

- Family learning activities
- Positive parenting
- Cooking projects
- Food support schemes
- Team Around the Family
- Attendance
- Supporting your child in school
- Local parent groups

If there is anything you feel I may be able to support with, please get in touch

[www.powys.gov.uk](http://www.powys.gov.uk)  
01597 827460



### GWISG YSGOL / UNIFORM

Dylai disgyblion bliwyddyn 7-11 wisgo'r wisg ysgol. Rydym yn gosod ac yn ymdrechu i gynnal safonau uchel o wisg ysgol. Pupils in year 7-11 should wear the school uniform. We set and endeavour to maintain high uniform standards for all pupils.

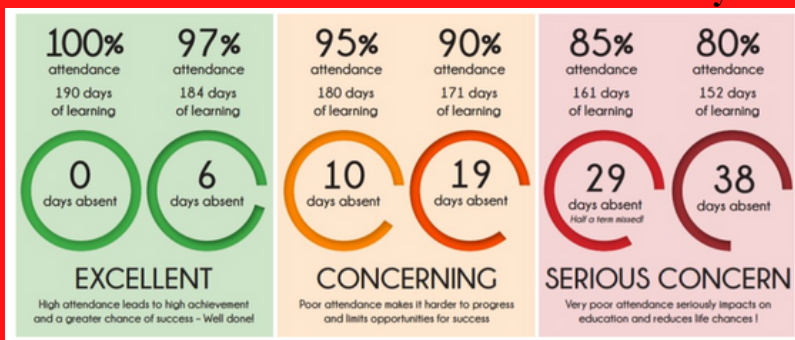


- Crys plaen llewys hir neu fyr. Long or short sleeved plain white shirt.
- Trowsus du neu glas tywyll (nid yw trowsus cargo, jîns neu jeggings yn dderbyniol) neu sgert du / glas tywyll smart/ teiwredig hyd at y penglin.
- Esgidiau du neu glas tywyll (nid yw esgidiau gyda logos / llw yn dderbyniol) Plain black footwear (coloured trim, laces and any printed designs/logos/symbols are not acceptable).
- Sgwrter ysgol neff gyda logo'r ysgol. Navy school jumper with school logo.
- Sonau tywyll Dark socks (black opaque tights may be worn)
- Yn ogystal, byddwn nawr yn caniatáu i'n disgyblion wisgo top cwffio yr ysgol os dymunant. In addition to this we will now be allowing our pupils to wear a school hooded top if they wish.

Mae lluniau mwy o'afaint o'r rhain or ein gwefon. Larger versions of these images are available on our website: [ysgolcalon.cymru/parents/school-uniform](http://ysgolcalon.cymru/parents/school-uniform)

<https://www.constructiv.co.uk/>

### Information about attendance across the whole year



It has been very pleasing to see so many of our year group showing their commitment towards good uniform this term. The credits system is rewarding their good standards and helping students to realise the importance and pride we have at Ysgol Calon Cymru. Please remember that leggings and track-suits are not school uniform.

If students are not in uniform their planners should be signed by parents/carers and shown to form tutors each day.

If anyone has any difficulties with uniform please get in touch with Emma our family liaison officer.





# Amser Tiwtor



## TUTOR TIME *Year 9*

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

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**  
Ed Halstead, Jonny Hughes,  
Joshua Jones and Alfie Davies



**Under 14's Girl's Rugby Team**  
Liv James, Connie James, Ellie Stuart-Lyon, Eleri Evans, Billi Chance, Evie Jones, Llinos Bayliss



**Under 14's Boy's Rugby Team**  
Reuben Ingram, Joshau Jones, Sam Burt



**Under 14's Netball team**  
Eleri Evans, Liv James, Connie  
James, Ellie Stuart-Lyon, Evie  
Jones, Llinos Bayliss



**Under 15's Basketball team**  
Alfie Bowman, Fletcher Stewart,  
James Coe



# Cyflawniadau personol Blwyddyn 9

## Year 9 personal achievements

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

**Llinos Bayliss - YCC U14's girls Rugby, Mid Wales Kites Rugby team, YCC U14's Netball**

**Sam Burt - YCC U14's Rugby and Builth Bulls teams, YCC U14's Football team, National U14 Boys Welsh Football Cup Match**

**Eds Edwards - Grade 6 Merit Piano, Keyboard 'string section' in Band for YCC BC Sister Act production, Piano and Choir for the Christmas Carol Concert, Eco-Committee**

**Eleri Evans - YCC U14's girls Rugby, Mid Wales Kites Rugby team, YCC U14's Netball**

**Josh Jones - YCC U14's Rugby and Builth Bulls teams**

**Reuben Ingram - YCC U14's Rugby and Builth Bulls teams**

**Harry Lewis - YCC U14's Rugby and Builth Bulls teams**

**Poppy Ramsden - Reading and Choir in Christmas Carol Concert**

### 9B

**Alfie Bowman - YCC Under 15's Basketball team, 1st Kyu Brown Belt in Shushokan Karate**

**Billie Chance - YCC U14's girls Rugby, Mid Wales Kites Rugby team**

**Ed Halstead - YCC Football team, National U14 Boys Welsh Football Cup Match, Penybont Football team**

**Alfie Davies - YCC U14's Football team, National U14 Boys Welsh Football Cup Match, Penybont Football team**

**Dylan Haslam - Penybont Football team**

**Fletcher Stewart - YCC Under 15's Basketball team**

### 9C

**Lewis Bevan - YFC 3rd in Sheep dog trials**

**James Coe - YCC Under 15's Basketball team**

**Jonny Hughes - YCC U14's Football team, National U14 Boys Welsh Football Cup Match, Penybont Football team, YFC 5th in Lamb Trimming**

**Connie James - YCC U14's girls Rugby, Mid Wales Kites Rugby team, YCC U14's Netball, YFC - 1st in Dodgeball**

**Liv James - YCC U14's girls Rugby, Mid Wales Kites Rugby team, YCC U14's Netball**

**Ceri Jones - YCC U14's Netball, YFC Team Valley Entertainment 2nd in Junior Reading**

**Evie Jones - YCC U14's girls Rugby, Mid Wales Kites Rugby team, YCC U14's Netball,**

**Horse Riding - 1st in show jumping in Brecon Fedw, Dolau YFC Field Day singing**

**Ellie Stuart-Lyon - YCC U14's girls Rugby, Mid Wales Kites Rugby team, YCC U14's Netball, Horse Riding - 11/140 at show jumping regionals, Dolau YFC Field Day**

**dancing, YFC 2nd in Team Public Speaking**

**Scott Powell - Eco Committee**

### 9D

**Harry Barrett - 'nephew' in Scrooge for Albert Hall players**

**Issy Costain - Scrooge for Albert Hall**

**Emily Lewis - YFC Malvern Show 1st in Flower Arranging and 1st place in the National competition in her age category**

**Esme Wilson - Mrs. Trunchball in Rhayader Play and Scrooge for Albert Hall, Drama department reading and choir at Christmas Carol Concert**

# Dewisiadau Blwyddyn 9

## Year 9 options

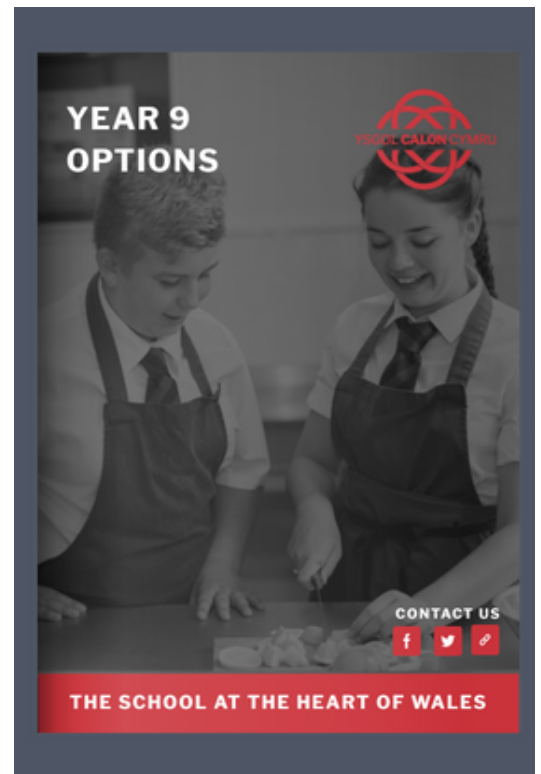
Thursday 23rd November saw a very well attended Options Evening with nearly 70% of the year group coming along with parents and carers to talk to our staff about the subjects that we offer in school at GCSE and BTEC. Our Career's advisor Yvonne Owen-Newns was on hand to chat and the evening culminated in a presentation on the next steps and was a representative from the college.

We have already sent out the 'straw poll' and Year 9 pupils have made 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?**

**Autumn Term**

- Options Evening Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November
- "Straw poll" now completed by students and used to compile Option Blocks (a best fit approach)

**Spring Term**

- Options form issued to students to take home in January – this has to be signed with parent/carer signature
- Parents' Evening – April 18<sup>th</sup>

**Summer Term**

Year 10 begins after May half term break

**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>

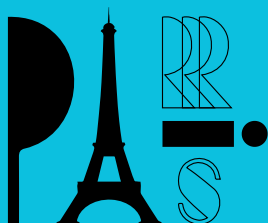
College courses Visit <https://www.nctpgroup.ac.uk>

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



### Ymweliad Gwyddoniaeth i Baris 023

Ym mis Tachwedd, aeth 44 disgybl o flynyddoedd 8 a 9 ar ymweliad i Baris, fel rhan o'r daith astudio gwyddoniaeth. Yn ystod 5 diwrnod llawn dop, cafodd y disgyblion amryw o brofiadau. Yn La Villette Cite des Sciences, roedd y disgyblion wedi profi amrediad o weithgareddau ymarferol yn gysylltiedig â rheoli robotiaid, sut mae'r ymennydd yn gweithio, mathemateg a sain. Hefyd, roedd y disgyblion wedi cerdded trwy long danfor a ddigomisiynwyd, camu i rithiau optegol a dysgu am gysawd yr Haul yn y planetariwm. Yn le Bourget gwelodd y disgyblion awyrennau oedd yn rychwantu hanes hediadau, yn cynnwys Spitfires, jetiau Mirage, Concorde, Boeing 747, rocedi Ariane a lloerennau. Yn ystod ein cyfnod yn y ddinas, gwelsom yr holl olygfeydd pennaf, yn cynnwys ymweld â'r Arc de Triomphe a Thŵr Eiffel fin nos. Bu'r disgyblion yn ymweld â'r Sacre Coeur, mynd o gwmpas yr eglwys gadeiriol ac yna crwydro ardal arlunwyr stryd Montmartre. Yn ogystal, gwelodd y disgyblion olygfeydd godidog o'r ddinas ar fordaith fin nos ar y Seine. Roedd y disgyblion wedi mwynhau diwrnod llawn hwyl ym mharciau Disneyland. Roedd y disgyblion yn lysgenhadon ardderchog i'r ysgol, a chawsant sawl gair o ganmoliaeth gan weithwyr cyflogedig mewn cyfres o leoliadau yn ogystal ag aelodau'r cyhoedd. Roedd aelodau'r parti wedi ymgorffori'r ystod o brofiadau newydd a datblygu eu sgiliau ieithyddol. Hefyd, dylai llawer o'r disgyblion ymfalchïo yn eu cyflawniadau personol ar y daith – trechu eu hofn o uchder ar Dŵr Eiffel, mentro ar ffigar-êt am y tro cyntaf ac, i rai, teithio dramor neu deithio heb y teulu am y tro cyntaf. Roedd y staff yn cytuno bod y grŵp yn un ardderchog a bod y disgyblion yn glod i'w hunain, eu teuluoedd a'r ysgol. Mae cynlluniau ar y gweill nawr ar gyfer ymweliad y flywyddyn nesaf.



### Science Paris Visit 2023

In November, 44 pupils from years 8 and 9 visited Paris, as part of the annual science study tour. During the packed 5 days, pupils were offered a diverse range of experiences. At La Villette Cite des Sciences, pupils engaged in a range of hands-on activities including activities linked to controlling robots, the working of the brain, mathematics and sound. Pupils also walked through a decommissioned submarine, stepped into optical illusions and learned about the solar system in the planetarium. At le Bourget pupils saw aircraft spanning the history of flight, including Spitfires, Mirage jets, Concorde, Boeing 747, Ariane rockets and satellites.

Whilst in the city, we saw all of the major sights, including visiting the Arc de Triomphe and Eiffel Tower at night. Pupils visited Sacre Coeur, toured the cathedral and then wandered through the street artist area of Montmartre. Pupils also gained spectacular sights of the city during an evening cruise on the Seine. Pupils also enjoyed a fun filled day visiting both parks in Disneyland.

The pupils proved to be excellent ambassadors for the school, receiving a number of compliments from employees at a series of venues as well as members of the public. Members of the party embraced the range of new experiences which the tour offered, including trying French cuisine and developing their linguistic skills. Many pupils should be proud of their own personal achievements on the trip – conquering their fear of heights on the Eiffel Tower, braving roller coasters for the first time and, for some, travelling abroad or travelling without family for the first time.

All of the staff agreed that this had been an excellent group and that the pupils had been a credit to themselves, their families and the school.

Plans are now underway for next year's visit.



Daeth cyfle i Flwyddyn 9 ymweld â'r Ffair Gyrfaedd yn Arberhonddu. Roedd yn gyfle i'r rheiny oedd yn bresennol gawel gwybodaeth am gyrсияu coleg a siarad â stondinwyr cyn dewis ar eu pól gwelltyn.

Year 9 had the opportunity to visit the Career's Fair in Brecon. It was a chance for those present to find out about college courses and talk to stall holders prior to making choices on their straw poll.



Aeth Blwyddyn 9 am ddiwrnod allan yn y Ffair Aeaf CAFC lle roeddent yn gallu ffeindio allan am stondinwyr amrywiol, ymweld â da byw a beirniadu a blasu bwyd yn y ffair fwyd. Roedd y disgyblion wedi ymddwyn yn dda ac yn glod i'r ysgol.

Year 9 went for a day out to the Winter Fair at the RWAS and were able to find out about a variety of stall holders, visit livestock and judging and sample food at the food fair. The year group were well behaved and a credit to the school.



Ar 18fed Rhagfyr yn Eglwys y drindod Sanctaidd yn Llandrindod, roedd Ysgol Calon Cymru wedi gwahôdd y gymuned i'w cyngerdd carolau'r Nadolig. Perfformiodd unawdwyr gan gynnwys Eds Edwards, darllenodd Poppy Ramsden ac Esme Wilson a chafwyd cyfraniad drama ac roedd y 3 wedi canu gyda'r côr. Roedd yn noson wych i ddechrau dathliadau'r Nadolig.

On December 18th at Holy Trinity Church in Llandrindod, Ysgol Calon Cymru invited the community to their Christmas carol concert. Soloists including Eds Edwards performed, Poppy Ramsden and Esme Wilson read a reading and a drama contribution and all 3 sang with the choir. A fantastic evening to start the Christmas celebrations.

## Ras Sion Corn - Santa Run 2023

