

Overview

This booklet has been written to support both parents and pupils during this unprecedented time when schools are closed to support you with your role in continuing to provide an education to your son or daughter via home learning. Ysgol Bryn Alyn will continue to support you through on-line learning via the digital platform Google Classroom. Teaching staff will set work via Google Classroom during the timetabled lessons. Students are advised to study following the structure of their timetable. Teaching staff will be available to each of their own classes during these times to support learning and answer any questions via email. Some faculties will be setting lesson by lesson resources other faculties will be setting project based type activities. Teachers should be stating the amount of time pupils should be spending on a topic or task and providing a completion date. Please be mindful that our staff are new to this as are you and there will be some teething problems. Please refer to the support contact details on our website if you require assistance.

A suggested structure for students is as follows:

8.40 – 9.00	Independent Reading
9.00 – 10.00	Lesson 1
10.00 – 11.00	Lesson 2
11.00 – 11.20	Break away from work environment
11.20 – 12.20	Lesson 3
12.20 -1.20	Lesson 4
1.20 – 2.00	Lunch. Break away from work environment
2.00 - 3.00	Lesson 5
3.00 – 4.00	Physical Activity
4.00 – 5.00	Additional time for work and reading that was not completed during the day after parental checks. Free time for those that followed the schedule.

It is essential that a clear structure for home learning is established and maintained so that there is consistency. For some learners they may wish to study later in the day but please be aware that teaching staff will only be available during school hours.

Parents/carers are reminded that during this period of closure, students **should not be seen out and about in the community**. The expectation is that they are at home and studying during school hours.

Health and Well-being

Young people thrive on interactions with their peers and this current global pandemic is a frightening and over-whelming experience for us all as we are forced to self-isolate to stay safe, protect each other and support our NHS. To support all pupils with their health and well-being, the Health and Well-being Faculty has produced a PE Distance Learning Pack which has been uploaded onto Google Classroom. In addition to this the following resources are available on-line to keep your children moving:

Announcing PE with Joe Wicks <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K6r99N3kXME> This is a free on-line resource with daily workout activities.

OtiMabuse today has released online dance activities via her facebook account <https://www.facebook.com/OtiMabuse/>

[Debbie Doo](#) offers simple movement exercises set to music for younger kids.

[Cosmic Kids Yoga](#) offers a series of yoga workouts targeted at children which will help young ones to burn energy and relax.

[Move To Learn](#) also possess a library of fitness workouts for energy-packed kids to enjoy.

The health service offer a series of entry level [ten-minute workouts](#) for those wanting to remain fit at home.

More advanced fitness fanatics can try their hand at the NHS' [gym-free workouts](#), which include a chair workout, a seated yoga workout and a standing abs workout.

Mrs Ebrey our Deputy Headteacher is busy putting together pastoral support and has already set up Google classrooms for this and will be uploading resources shortly.

It is essential that your son and/or daughter remains in contact with their friends via social media but please remember to remind them on How To Stay Safe On-line.

SEND Provision

We realise that, for pupils who usually access additional support in-class through one of our teaching assistants, undertaking independent study at home may be more difficult. If you have any concerns and require additional support please e-mail either Mrs Morgan on

MorganJ716@Hwbcymru.net or Mrs Welling-Davies on Well-DaviJ@Hwbcymru.net Having spoken to Mrs Morgan today it is their intention to make a weekly touching base phone call to all parents of pupils with a statement.

Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9 Learners:

For pupils in Years 7 to 9, subjects are setting a range of tasks to be undertaken by the pupils based on the learning plans pupils will be going on to study over the forthcoming weeks.

All work for pupils in Years 7 to 9 will be set using either Google Classroom. Some faculties will link pupils directly to online software such as Seneca Learning for Science or Timetable Rockstars and Mathswatch for Mathematics. If your son or daughter is struggling to access these additional resources please contact their Science teacher or Mathematics teacher via Goggle classroom by posting a message.

Pupils will also shortly have access to Literacy Planet. Their English teachers will provide them with log in details once it is up and running via Google Classroom.

Year 9 Learners:

We are in the process of finalising all your option choices for Key Stage 4. After Easter, you may be contacted regarding your option choices. Once option choices have been finalised the expectations for Year 9 Home Learning will change and pupils will start their GCSE courses.

Literacy:

Anything you can do at home to support the development of your child's literacy skills, particularly reading, writing and oracy will be beneficial to their development. Below are links to websites and resources that may help with this:

The following links will take you to online copies of the books you have been reading in lessons. Feel free to try one of the others if you like the opening.

http://www.hayatschool.com/kuwait/articles/Holes_by_Louis_Sachar1.pdf

<https://www.tyrone.k12.pa.us/site/handlers/filedownload.ashx?moduleinstanceid=2789&dataid=3192&FileName=Divergent.pdf>

The next links are to e-books and audio books that you can listen to in order to keep developing your reading and literacy skills

https://getfreestorybooks.weebly.com/uploads/1/0/7/7/107718885/oceanofpdf.com_skuldugery_pleasant_midnight_-_derek_landy.pdf

<https://getfreestories.weebly.com/e-library.html>

<https://stories.audible.com/start-listen>

Literacy Links

<https://www.englishandmedia.co.uk/publications/free-key-stage-3-and-home-learning-pack>

<https://www.wellington.trafford.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/spag-activity-sheets.pdf>

<https://www.wellington.trafford.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/spag-skills-sheet-1.pdf>

<https://www.wellington.trafford.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/spag-skills-sheet-2.pdf>

<https://www.wellington.trafford.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/10-ideas-for-practice-writing-tasks.pdf>

<https://www.wellington.trafford.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/spag-skills-3.pdf>

KS3 Spelling:-

<https://www.spellingshed.com/en-gb>

For some fun:

www.freerice.com – Check your vocabulary knowledge (5 difficulty levels) or test yourself on a range of other subjects whilst also donating to a food charity.

www.jetpunk.com – Quizzes on every subject imaginable – try searching for topics covered in school or word based games and you will also be helping to plant trees to offset the World's carbon footprint.

www.puzzgrid.com – Make links between different items/people/words by putting them in groups of four. When you've grouped them, you need to give a reason for the group. It's great for lateral thinking and definitely tests your general knowledge and vocabulary.

Pupils will work at different rates and some pupils may complete the work set very quickly. Below are suggestions for additional resources you can access to provide additional learning opportunities to your son or daughter.

Revision for all subjects:-

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>

General activities:-

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

Year 10 Learners

Many pupils in year 10 should have sat GCSEs this summer. At present we have no information on when these exams will take place. It is vital that pupils in Year 10 stay up to date with their GCSE studies. For pupils in Year 10, subjects are setting a range of tasks to

be undertaken by the pupils based on the learning plans pupils will be going on to study over the forthcoming weeks.

All work for pupils in Years 10 will be set using either Google Classroom. Some faculties will link pupils directly to online software such as Seneca Learning for Science or Mathswatch for Mathematics. If your son or daughter is struggling to access these additional resources please contact their Science teacher or Mathematics teacher via Goggle classroom by posting a message.

Nearly all GCSEs studied at Ysgol Bryn Alyn follow the WJEC specifications. If parents wish to access full specifications please go to the following website: <https://www.wjec.co.uk/>

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Individual Project

We are asking Year 10 pupils to complete their Individual Project an external assignment **worth 50% of their overall grade for GCSE Skills Challenge**. Resources to support with the completion of the Individual Project resources will be uploaded onto Google classroom via their Skills teachers: Miss Bourhill, Ms Liddell, Mr Jones and Mrs Evans-Lea. This work should be completed in their timetables Skills lesson.

NCFE Equality and Diversity

All Year 10 pupils will also be expected to complete an external NCFE qualification Equality and Diversity at home. Successful completion of this will result in the pupils achieving the equivalent of a BB at GCSE. Pupils will need to complete a total of 3 booklets. The relevant resources will be uploaded via Google classroom via their RE teaching groups. Mr Lockhart and Mrs Hennessey will provide clear instructions, with clear deadlines for completion. This work should be completed in their timetable RE lessons.

Highfield Qualification

All Year 10 pupils will be expected to work through a series of powerpoints on a range of topics in preparation for external exams when they return to school. Successful completion of 4 units/modules will result in pupils achieving the equivalent of a B grade at GCSE. These resources will be uploaded onto Google classroom in the near future. Pupils should spend at least one hour a week working on these.

GCSE English/English Literature

Below are some additional resources for Year 10 pupils to support with both their GCSE English Language and GCSE English Literature.

The following links will take you to online copies of the books you have been reading in school or film versions of texts you are going to be studying.

<https://www.nhc.ac.uk/media/2840/steinbeck-john-of-mice-and-men.pdf>

Film Versions

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zXT0FqfrQWM> – An Inspector Calls

Revision Links

Heroes

<https://www.litcharts.com/lit/heroes>

<http://johnbright.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/Heroes%20Study%20Guide%201.pdf>

<http://johnbright.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/Heroes%20Revision%20Pack.pdf>

<http://www.ysgoleifionydd.org/downloads/070318-heroes-study-pack.pdf>

Of Mice and Men

<https://www.shmoop.com/study-guides/literature/of-mice-and-men>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z8q3dmn>

<http://www.prestatynhigh.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/Of-Mice-and-Men-Revision-Guide.pdf>

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Year 10 Pupils who attend college.

Currently have no update on home learning support for pupils who attend college. I am chasing this this week and will update you all once it becomes available.

Year 11 Learners

For our Year 11 learners this must be a very frustrating time after all their hard work in preparation for the summer exam period. We have now received some clarity on how their final grades will be decided and we are working hard as a school to provide the exam board with the relevant information.

It is important that Year 11 pupils are keeping their minds active and teachers have been asked to upload resources for year 11 pupils to complete during this period of school closure. It is essential they maintain and continue to develop their literacy and numeracy skills and all year 11 pupils should be able to access the school's online learning activities such as Mathswatch.

Many pupils will be going on to study A' levels and other further qualifications and it is important they maintain their subject knowledge in those subjects they wish to continue to study through wider reading. I will be contacting further education provision this week to see if they can provide us with reading lists and/or bridging projects for our pupils to complete in preparation for the next stage of their learning journey.

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