

BLOG

19th June - 25th June 2026

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

At Ysgol Bryn Alyn, we believe that the very best schools are built through collaboration - people working together, sharing ideas, supporting one another and striving towards a common goal. This week has been a wonderful example of what can be achieved when our students, staff and wider community embrace this value.

One of the highlights of the week has been the launch of our first School Council drop-in sessions, which have been a tremendous success. We are passionate about ensuring that pupil voice is at the heart of everything we do. These sessions provide students with a genuine opportunity to share their thoughts, ideas and aspirations for our school. Ysgol Bryn Alyn belongs to all of us, and by working together we can continue to make it the very best it can be. Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to contribute.

Our extra-curricular programme continues to go from strength to strength, with an incredible range of opportunities being embraced by our students. Whether on the sports field, in the classroom, on the stage or through enrichment activities, our pupils are demonstrating all of our REACH values every day. It is inspiring to see so many young people pursuing their interests, developing new skills and challenging themselves beyond the classroom.

Despite the exceptionally hot weather, our students have continued to impress us with their positivity and community spirit. A special thank you goes to our outstanding Year 10 Prefects, who organised an ice lolly sale to help everyone stay cool while raising funds for the school prom. Their initiative, organisation and commitment to giving back to the school community were fantastic to see.

Our Year 10 students have also shown remarkable ambition and confidence through our very own Dragon's Den event. Pitching fundraising ideas for the Summer Fair in support of Hope House, they faced "the dragons" with professionalism, creativity and determination. They conducted themselves exceptionally well throughout and were a genuine credit to both themselves and the school. I have no doubt that some future entrepreneurs were among them!

It has also been wonderful to see more students benefiting from the HACK Experience, supported by our amazing Youth Workers, Mandy and Tracey. Spending time caring for horses and pigs provided a unique opportunity for students to develop confidence, responsibility and wellbeing. The positive impact these experiences have on our young people is invaluable, and we are incredibly grateful for the dedication Mandy and Tracey show in supporting our students.

Finally, we have been delighted to welcome our new Year 7 students during their transition days. Starting secondary school is a significant milestone, and it has been a pleasure to see so many young people embracing every experience with smiles, positivity and enthusiasm. Their motivation, curiosity and willingness to get involved have been outstanding, and they have already shown the qualities that make Ysgol Bryn Alyn such a special place. We look forward to welcoming them officially in September.

As we reflect on another busy and successful week, I am reminded that collaboration is not simply about working alongside one another - it is about believing that together we can achieve more than we ever could alone. Thank you to our students, staff, parents and wider community for continuing to work together to create opportunities, remove barriers and inspire success.

Together, we continue to reach higher, achieve more and make Ysgol Bryn Alyn a school where every young person can thrive.

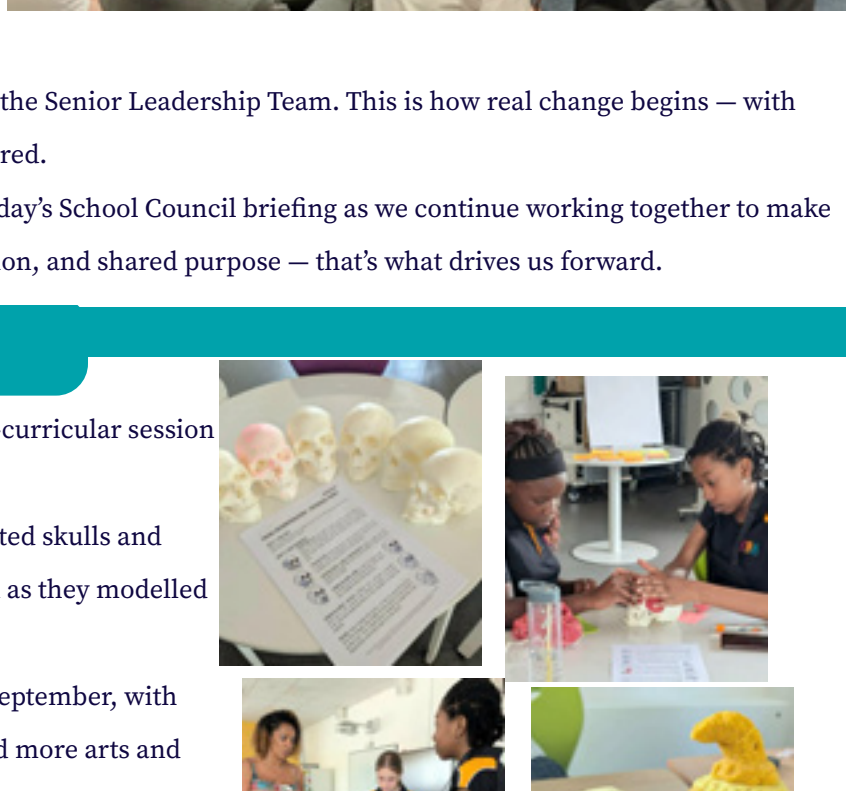
SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our School Council held their very first drop-in session on Monday with our brilliant Year 7 pupils - and what an inspiring morning registration it was.

The positivity, honesty, and enthusiasm shown by our learners truly highlighted the power of pupil voice and the strength of our school community.

The council gathered a wealth of ideas, suggestions, and thoughtful reflections. Among the many uplifting comments, they also identified some meaningful, actionable recommendations to take forward to the Senior Leadership Team. This is how real change begins - with young people feeling confident, heard, and empowered.

These ideas will be explored further during Wednesday's School Council briefing as we continue working together to make our school the very best it can be. Teamwork, ambition, and shared purpose - that's what drives us forward.



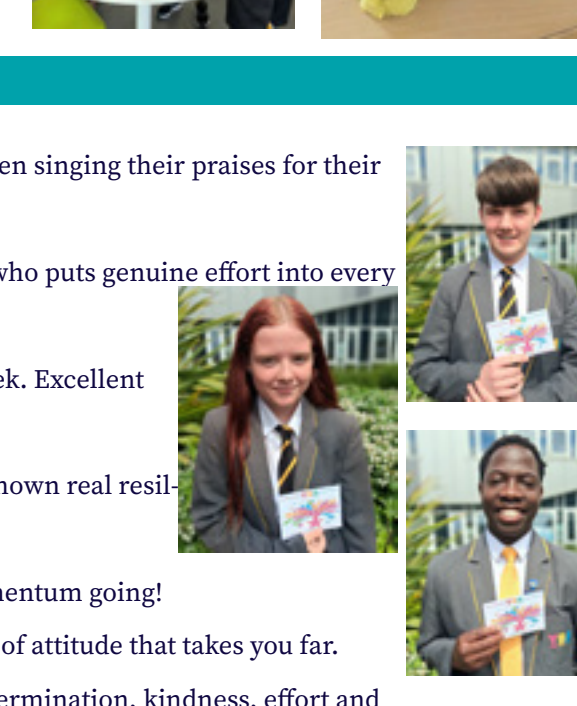
EXTRA CURRICULAR

What an inspiring evening - another excellent extra-curricular session with Done Together CIC.

We worked with 12 fantastic students, using 3D-printed skulls and making homemade playdough. Creativity flourished as they modelled faces and explored their ideas.

We also discussed what they would like to do from September, with suggestions including hair and beauty, life skills, and more arts and crafts.

These sessions build confidence, spark creativity, and help young people discover what inspires them. A huge thank you to Done Together CIC for making it possible.



YEAR 10 STUDENTS

Congratulations to our incredible Year 10 pupils. Their tutors have been singing their praises for their hard work, positivity and sheer determination.

Ellie-Mae - always polite, consistently well-mannered, and someone who puts genuine effort into every part of school life. A true role model.

Daniel - achieving the highest number of achievement points this week. Excellent work!

Amelie - arrives every day with a smile and is always polite. She has shown real resilience and is inspiring to others.

Phathizwe - brilliant engagement in form-time maths. Keep that momentum going!

Ryan - always on time, always engaged, always giving 100%. The kind of attitude that takes you far.

These pupils show exactly what it means to be part of Team YBA - determination, kindness, effort and pride. You make us all very proud. Keep going and keep shining.



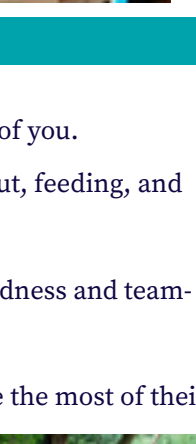
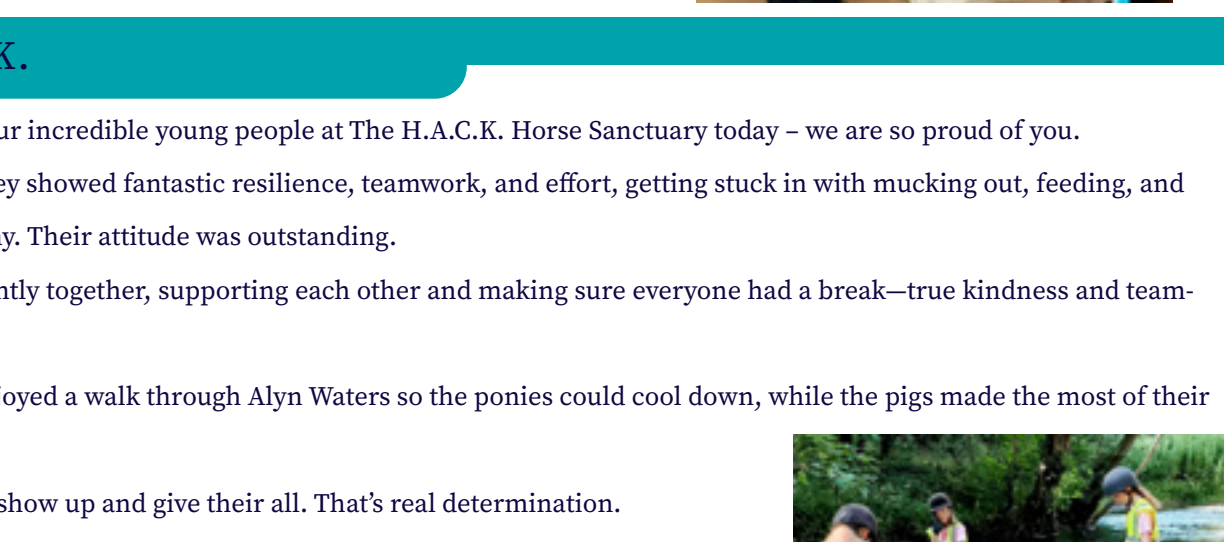
Our amazing Year 10 prefect team have been fantastic, stepping up to help everyone keep cool with a brilliant ice lolly sale. Good luck to them as they continue their hard work all week!

All proceeds go directly into our prom fund, so every lolly really does make a difference. The pupils brought in 50p if they wanted to take part - they have been selling at every break and lunchtime this week.

There were plenty of flavours to choose from.

It isn't just about ice lollies - it's about teamwork, leadership, and showing what we can achieve when we all contribute. Small actions can have a big impact.

Keep it up, Year 10.



What an unbelievable morning watching our amazing Year 10s step boldly into their very own Dragon's Den challenge. From the moment they walked in, you could feel the energy - a mix of nerves, excitement, and determination.

Each team pitched their innovative ideas for the summer fair, all in support of the incredible Hope House & Tŷ Gobaith. From colourful milkshake stalls to sparkling glitter tattoos, their creativity was on full display. More importantly, they stood tall, spoke with confidence, and pushed themselves outside their comfort zones.

Their hard work, teamwork, and courage to present in front of the dragons showed just how ready they are to take on any challenge. The day wasn't just about ideas - it was about growth, resilience, and believing in themselves.



THE H.A.C.K.

Huge shout-out to our incredible young people at The H.A.C.K. Horse Sanctuary today - we are so proud of you. Despite the heat, they showed fantastic resilience, teamwork, and effort, getting stuck in with mucking out, feeding, and caring for every pony. Their attitude was outstanding.

They worked brilliantly together, supporting each other and making sure everyone had a break - true kindness and teamwork.

Afterwards, they enjoyed a walk through Alyn Waters so the ponies could cool down, while the pigs made the most of their own "spa day."

In all weather, they show up and give their all. That's real determination.

Thank you to Jane for the ice lollies, and to Mandy and Tracey for their support and for recognising everyone's efforts with WOW cards.

Proud doesn't even cover it.



'SHOUT OUT'

Pupils of the Week - Mrs Cooper

Jack James - valued member of the tutor group, always first to help out. Been really helpful during the hot weather

Charlie Roberts for continuous excellent attendance.

Jacob Isles for his role as a prefect.

Finley Thomas - joint most achievement points last week and a noticeable change in his approach in school.

Mrs Evans

For letting the Y10 use her freezers to store ice-lollies for the sale! We all really appreciate it.

Prefect Team

For spending every break and lunchtime in hot weather selling ice-lollies.

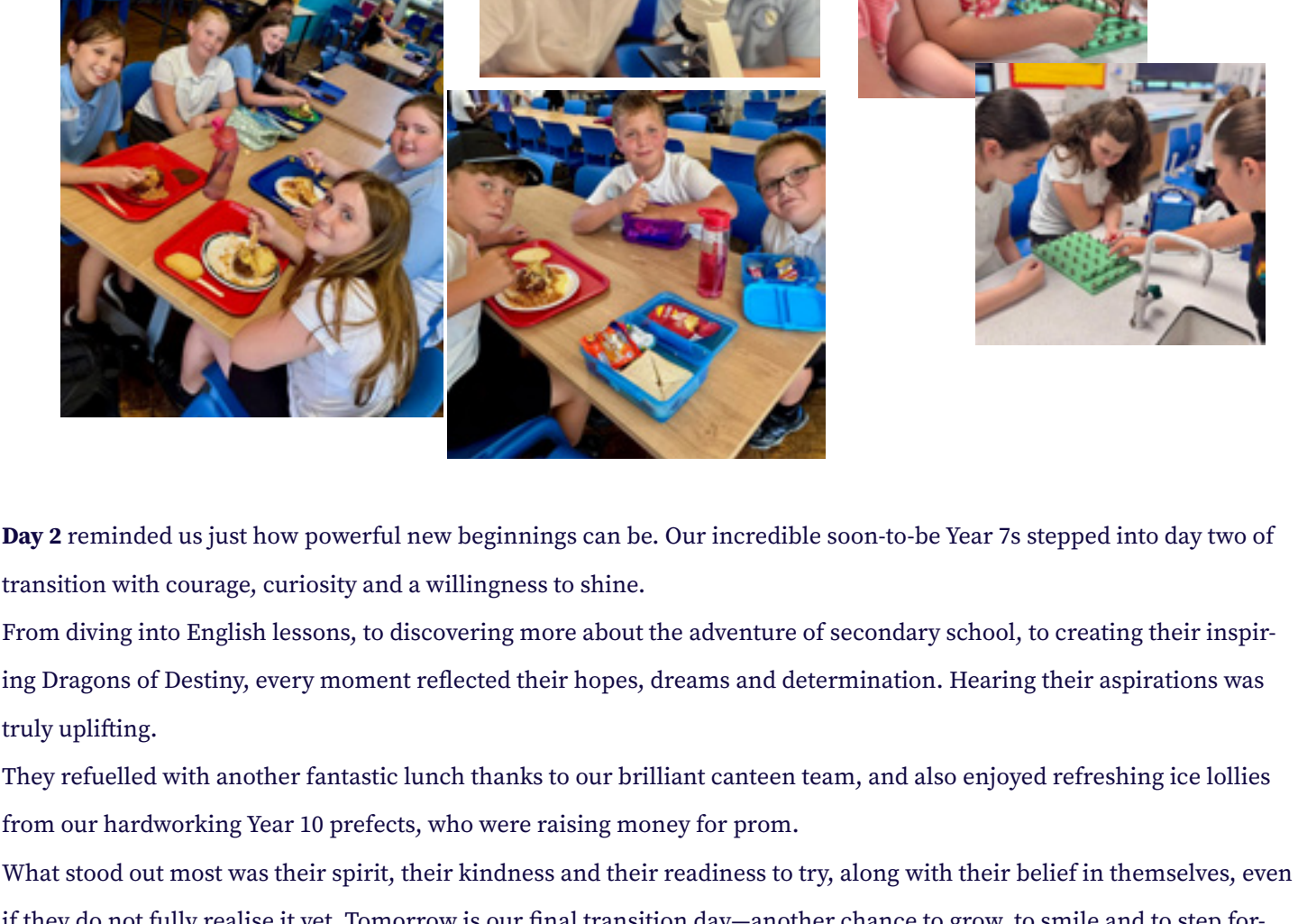


YR6 TRANSITION

What an incredible first transition day here at YBA! Wednesday we proudly welcomed our new Year 7 students as they began the first of their three exciting days with us. From meeting their new form tutors and form groups to diving into their very first YBA science lesson, they showed us just how ready they are for this next chapter.

Our Year 6 pupils were absolutely outstanding - their positivity, resilience, and brilliant can-do attitudes shone through all day. Even in the warm weather, they stayed hydrated, found shade, and kept smiling.

We are already buzzing for September and even more excited for tomorrow's adventures. Da iawn Year 6 - you are already showing us what amazing Team YBAers you are going to be!



Day 2 reminded us just how powerful new beginnings can be. Our incredible soon-to-be Year 7s stepped into day two of transition with courage, curiosity and a willingness to shine.

From diving into English lessons, to discovering more about the adventure of secondary school, to creating their inspiring Dragons of Destiny, every moment reflected their hopes, dreams and determination. Hearing their aspirations was truly uplifting.

They refuelled with another fantastic lunch thanks to our brilliant canteen team, and also enjoyed refreshing ice lollies from our hardworking Year 10 prefects, who were raising money for prom.

What stood out most was their spirit, their kindness and their readiness to try, along with their belief in themselves, even if they do not fully realise it yet. Tomorrow is our final transition day - another chance to grow, to smile and to step forward with confidence. September, here they come.



UPCOMING NEWS/EVENTS

Week Commencing 29th June 2026

- 29/6/26 - YR 8 MY LIFE DAY
- 30/6/26 - LIVERPOOL ART GALLERY VISIT

- 2/7/26 - GEOGRAPHY FIELD TRIP
- 2/7/26 - YBA PROM
- 3/7/26 - YR 7 MY LIFE DAY

WELSH PHRASE OF THE WEEK

Beth ydy dy hoff chwaraeon? - What is your favourite sport?

Fy hoff chwaraeon ydy gymnasteg - My favourite sport is gymnastics



WORD OF THE WEEK

Collaboration

Is the process in which two or more individuals actively work together by sharing ideas, skills, knowledge, and responsibilities to achieve a shared objective or solve a problem. It involves open communication, mutual respect, and a willingness to listen to different perspectives.

