



## Parent Update Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2020

Dear Families,

I hope you had a safe and peaceful May Half – term and enjoyed the sunshine, despite the current situation. Ysgol Bryn Alyn currently remains closed to all pupils except the children of key workers, and those who are vulnerable, for the foreseeable future. We are awaiting confirmation from the Welsh Government in relation to proposed plans for re-opening schools in Wales, and once we have received this our community will be informed of how we intend to ensure the safety of all our staff and pupils as we gradually acclimatise to a 'New Normal'.

I'm aware that the current situation is having a range of effects on our communities and families. A key priority for us at Ysgol Bryn Alyn is to ensure the Health and Well-being of our learning community and where possible reduce the anxiety and stress that is affecting a number of us at these difficult times. To support with this Pastoral Classrooms have been created on Google Classrooms for each Year Group. Here you will find a number of resources to support the health and well-being of our young people. Our Heads of Year are also in regular contact with a number of families and if you have any questions or concerns you can e-mail them directly, or you can contact our Deputy Headteacher (Pastoral) Mrs Ebrey.

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### **Home Learning**

As of Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June, Ysgol Bryn Alyn staff will be setting work for pupils to be completing at home again via Google Classroom.

All pupils (except Year 11) will be set:

- 1. Maths, English and Science - two hours per week**
- 2. All other subjects - one hour per week**

We also recommend that pupils complete daily physical exercise and engage with the PSE lessons to support their health and well-being. This could include a session of baking, photography, drawing, crafting, gardening or any other creative activity.

It is important that our young people get back into a positive routine around remote working at home. What that routine looks like will be different from family to family, and will need to fit around the resources you have and your own working arrangements. Learning at home cannot be the same as learning at school, and it is important that we all have realistic expectations about what can and cannot be achieved. However, children will return to school at some point and minimising the gaps in learning and maintaining a structured and purposeful routine will be vital in ensuring a smooth transition back into conventional schooling.

We suggest that pupils follow the timetables below and staff will post work for those lessons during that allocated slot via Google Classroom. Your teachers may take different approaches to how they set the work, some subject may choose to set project based learning or lesson by lesson resources, whichever is most suitable. Ysgol Bryn Staff will check their e-mails daily to support with the home learning.

We thank you for your continued support and the resilience and effort our pupils and parents/carers are showing during these difficult times and we look forward to welcoming you back whenever this may be.

Alison Kipping

Deputy Headteacher

## Year 7 & Year 8

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>1</b>	30 min morning workout with Joe Wicks	30 min morning workout with Joe Wicks	30 min morning workout with Joe Wicks	30 min morning workout with Joe Wicks	30 min morning workout with Joe Wicks
<b>2</b>	Mathematics	English	Science	Mathematics	English
<b>Break</b>					
<b>3</b>	History	ICT	Geography	Welsh	RE
<b>4</b>	D & T	French	Food	Literacy Planet and/or Maths Watch	Science
<b>Lunch</b>					
<b>5</b>	Expressive Arts (Drama, Dance, Music or Art)	PSE	Expressive Arts (Drama, Dance, Music or Art)	PSE	Expressive Arts (Drama, Dance, Music or Art)

## Year 9

Year 9 pupils have now made their option choices. Year 9 pupils will **no longer** have to continue to study those subjects they are not taking into Year 10. As from **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May** pupils in Year 9 commenced their GCSE studies. Staff will provide an overview for each unit of work pupils complete via a learning plan, and in some cases, a video message.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>1</b>	30 min morning workout with Joe Wicks	30 min morning workout with Joe Wicks	30 min morning workout with Joe Wicks	30 min morning workout with Joe Wicks	30 min morning workout with Joe Wicks
<b>2</b>	Mathematics	English Language	Biology	Mathematics (Numeracy)	English Literature
<b>Break</b>					
<b>3</b>	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Skills Challenge	Equality & Diversity Unit 1
<b>4</b>	Physics	Welsh	Mathematics	English Language	Chemistry
<b>Lunch</b>					
<b>5</b>	PSE	PSE	PSE	PSE	PSE

## Year 10

Year 10 pupils will continue to study their GCSE subjects via home learning.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	30 min morning workout with Joe Wicks	30 min morning workout with Joe Wicks	30 min morning workout with Joe Wicks	30 min morning workout with Joe Wicks	30 min morning workout with Joe Wicks
2	Mathematics	English Literature	Biology	Mathematics (Numeracy)	English Literature
Break					
3	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Skills Challenge Independent Project	Equality & Diversity Unit 2
4	Physics	Welsh	Mathematics	English Language	Chemistry
Lunch					
5	PSE	Highfield	PSE	Highfield	PSE

Please note that successful completion of the Equality & Diversity workbooks will secure the equivalent of a BB GCSE grade. Successful completion of the Highfield material will also lead to an additional GCSE qualification on their return to school following the completion of 4 multiple choice tests.

## Year 11

At this time of year we would normally be spending time in school revising for and sitting their exams, but as these have been cancelled we feel it is important that pupils continue to do some learning, especially for subject pupils will be continuing post-16.

Alison Kipping Deputy Headteacher