



## Parent Update Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2020

Dear Families,

I hope you had a safe and peaceful Easter, despite the current situation. As you are aware 'lockdown' will continue for at least the next three weeks and therefore Ysgol Bryn Alyn will remain closed to all but the children of key workers, and those who are vulnerable, for the foreseeable future.

Firstly, I'm aware that the current situation is having a range of effects on our communities and families. As previously stated, the school remains open for the children of key workers. If you believe you are a key worker and require the school to provide care on a weekday then please contact [mailbox@ysgolbrynalyn.wrexham.sch.uk](mailto:mailbox@ysgolbrynalyn.wrexham.sch.uk) and a member of the leadership team will ring you back.

As of Monday 20th April, Ysgol Bryn Alyn staff will be setting work for pupils to be completing at home again via Google Classroom.

### **Home Learning**

Following feedback from parents before Easter, we have decided to reduce the amount of work being set on Google Classroom. This means all pupils 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 timetable 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.

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 will commence 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.

	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<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>	<b>Option 1</b>	<b>Option 2</b>	<b>Option 3</b>	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

## Year 11

At this time of year we would normally be spending time in school revising for the exams, but as these have been cancelled we are instead going to be setting work that will help prepare students for next year. For Year 11 pupils, there will be things to do to help prepare them for Sixth Form and college courses.

There is also the opportunity to complete an on-line course with staff at Eton College. More information to follow.

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