

BLOG

19th March - 26th March 2026

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

As we head into the final week of term, our word of the week, cooperation, could not be more fitting. Every corner of YBA has shown what true teamwork looks like, and as ever, I am incredibly proud of our pupils and staff for the way they come together to support one another and our wider community.

A huge thank you to everyone involved in our wonderful Easter Bingo evening. The level of cooperation on display was exceptional, from our amazing staff who donated Easter eggs and supported with organisation, to Mr Jones, who once again shone as our brilliant bingo announcer, and to our dedicated Year 11 prefects, who have given so much of their time and secured fantastic prizes. Your teamwork made the event a real success.

It has been another inspiring week of learning. Our Expressive Arts department continues to provide incredible opportunities, including visits from Screen Alliance and an exciting Game Jam workshop, a perfect example of creative cooperation in action. Congratulations also to our GCSE PE students, who demonstrated outstanding teamwork and cooperation during their moderation. You were a credit to yourselves and to YBA.

Our School Council have also been busy supporting improvements across the school, once again showing how cooperation and pupil leadership go hand in hand. Our international links are thriving, with our Year 7 French pen pals sending their latest letters, responses are already on their way back!

We were delighted to welcome Ysgol Heulfan and Penrhyn for "Have a Go" maths lessons. Our visiting pupils were fantastic ambassadors for their schools, and it was a pleasure to see classes working together so positively.

As we approach the holiday, a reminder of our uniform expectations: all students must return after the break in full, correct YBA uniform. Due to the early Easter, students may continue to wear jumpers until May half-term, however, just a reminder that jumpers are optional and blazers are compulsory.

Please also encourage Year 11 students to make full use of the Easter revision sessions. Cooperation is key to success, and working with staff during the break can make a real difference.

Thank you to our amazing students, staff, families and community for everything you do.

We really are a team!

#TeamYBA

EASTER BINGO 2026

YBA Easter Bingo Night Brought the Community Together

Those who weren't with us at YBA HQ last night truly missed out, as we held our annual Easter Bingo Night at Ysgol Bryn Alyn.

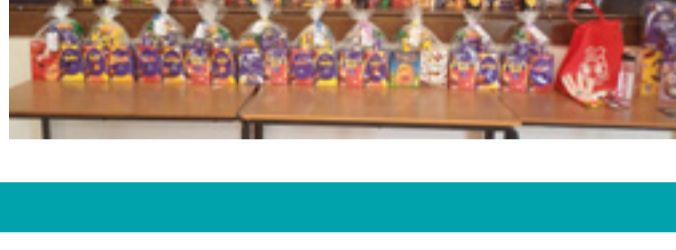
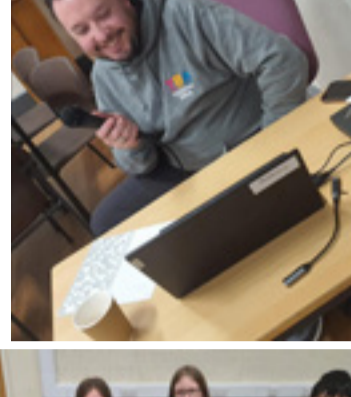
The hall was full of energy as families, pupils, staff, and friends gathered for an evening of fun and friendly competition. With eyes down and dabbers ready, everyone was keen to play for a range of fantastic prizes.

We extended a huge thank you to our School Council, Prefect Team and members of the PTA, whose hard work and organisation ensured the event ran smoothly. It was wonderful to see so many staff members attending too, reflecting the strong community spirit of Ysgol Bryn Alyn.

A special mention went to Mr "Geography" Jones, who once again took on the role of bingo caller with his familiar humour and enthusiasm — a highlight of the night.

As the numbers were called and the excitement built, we wished everyone the best of luck. Whether participants won a prize or simply enjoyed the atmosphere, it was a memorable evening for all.

Thank you to everyone who attended and helped make the event such a success.

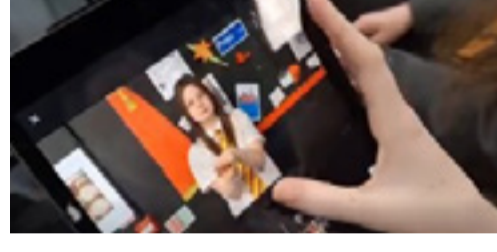


EXPRESSIVE ARTS

Media Studies

Our Year 9 and Year 11 Media Studies students had the fantastic opportunity to welcome Rhys Bebb from Screen Alliance Wales into school

Students took part in engaging, hands-on workshops exploring film editing, as well as costume and props design—gaining valuable insight into the creative processes behind the screen.



Mrs Noon would like to extend a sincere thank you to

Rhys Bebb, and to Careers

Wales, particularly Lesley Lloyd, for organising such inspiring sessions.

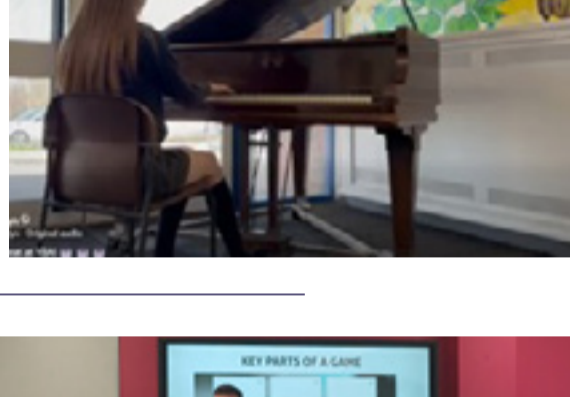
A brilliant experience for our students, highlighting the exciting and diverse opportunities that await them within the creative industries



Piano Recital

On Thursday, our upper school was filled with the most beautiful music, thanks to one of our wonderfully talented pupils. What a lovely way to spend a lunchtime — listening to live piano playing that truly brightened everyone's day!

It was fantastic to see our grand piano being put to such good use, and even better to witness the incredible talent of our very own secret pupil pianist.



Celebrating Our Year 9 Media Students

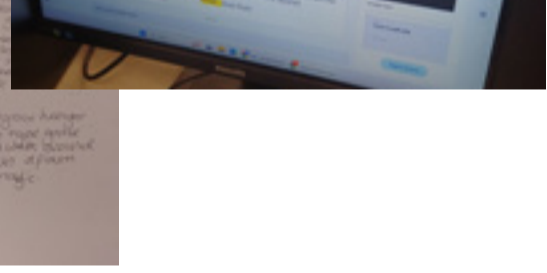
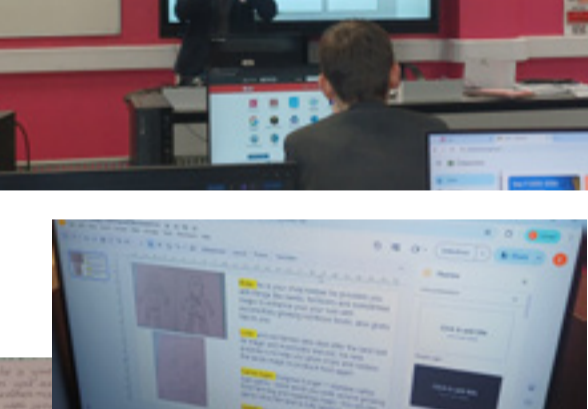
Today our Year 9 Media students took part in an inspiring Game Jam workshop, showcasing impressive creativity, teamwork and problem-solving. Thank you to Rich Hebblewhite from Global Game Jam for delivering such an engaging session. Mrs Noon and the team are grateful for the opportunity and look forward to further collaboration.

About the Global Game Jam Next Programme

This initiative supports young people aged 10–18 in using game creation to raise awareness of global issues such

as food poverty, road safety and environmental conservation. A "game" can take many forms, including character design, a video trailer, a playable digital game or even a board game.

Well done, Year 9—excellent work all round.



PE MODERATION

A huge congratulations to the GCSE PE Class of 2026, you absolutely did yourselves proud in your practical moderation! The PE faculty were thrilled to watch you perform at your very best across a range of sports.

A big shout-out as well to the non-GCSE pupils who supported the sessions. What a brilliant experience for them too — we've definitely spotted some future GCSE PE stars!

And of course, a massive thank you to Mr Jones and Mrs Phillips for all their hard work in organising the day and ensuring pupils were both physically and mentally prepared.



SCHOOL COUNCIL

You Asked, We Did:

Improving Access to Toilets During Busy Times

At Ysgol Bryn Alyn, we are committed to listening to our pupils and ensuring their school experience is the best it can be. Recently, several students raised concerns that the main toilet areas were becoming too crowded during break and lunchtime. This feedback was brought to the School Council, who acted swiftly on behalf of their peers.

After meeting with senior leadership, the School Council successfully secured the opening of the Science Block toilets at peak times to ease congestion. This additional space has already made a noticeable difference, helping pupils feel more comfortable and ensuring quicker access when needed.

A special thank you goes to our dedicated prefect team. They volunteered their own break and dinner times to supervise the area and even created a rota to ensure the system runs smoothly every day. Their maturity, teamwork, and commitment to supporting the school community have been exceptional.

This is a fantastic example of pupil voice in action—students raising an issue, working collaboratively with staff, and helping to implement a practical and positive solution.

Well done and thank you to everyone involved.



FRENCH PENPALS

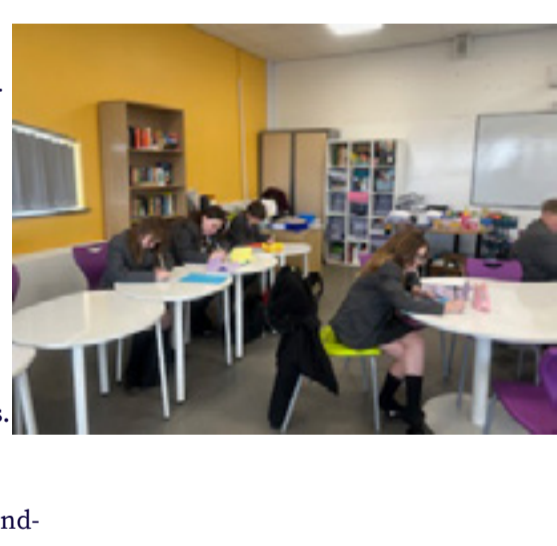


Our Year 7 pupils were delighted to receive replies from their French penpals in our partner school in Montpellier!

There was a real buzz of excitement in the classroom on Monday as pupils opened their letters,

compared messages and learned more about life in the south of France and spent the morning crafting their replies.

We're so proud of their enthusiasm and can't wait to see these international friendships grow.



REVISION SESSIONS

WEEK 1 and WEEK 2 @ YBA

BEFORE SCHOOL AND FORM TIME

- All Week - Welsh—arrange with teacher
- Wednesday - Targeted Science
- Thursday - English C/D Borderline Intervention & Revision
- Friday - English A grade Intervention and Revision

WEEK 1 and WEEK 2 @ YBA

LUNCH

- All Week - Welsh—arrange with teacher
- Monday, Wednesday and Thursday - Spanish

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AFTER SCHOOL

- All Week - Welsh—arrange with teacher
- Monday - Maths and History
- Tuesday - Geography and Music/Arts/Media
- WEEK 1
- Thursday - English
- Friday - Intermediate Maths
- WEEK 2
- Thursday - Science
- Friday - Intermediate Maths and A*/A Science

Easter Revision Timetable for Yr10 and Yr11

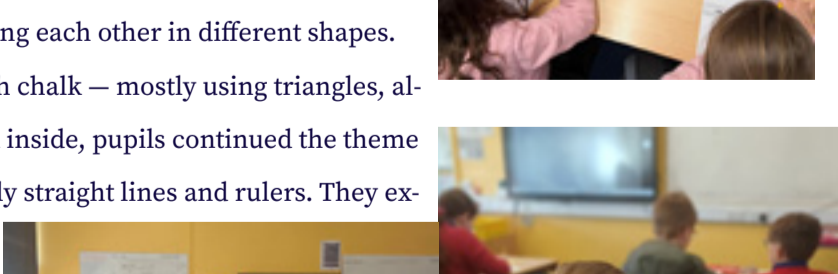
Link to our website: <https://www.ysgolbrynalyn.co.uk/assets/Uploads/Easter-2026-Revision-TT-Final2.pdf>

'HAVE A GO LESSON' - MATHS

On Tuesday, we were thrilled to welcome pupils from Ysgol Heulfan to YBA HQ. Year 5 and 6 explored Curves of Pursuit, starting with a fun discussion about angry bugs and the fascinating patterns they create when chasing each other. Pupils then headed outside to map out triangles and squares in chalk on the yard, before returning indoors to draw the curves using only straight lines. The results were amazing — beautifully coloured artwork that each student proudly took back to school. Mrs Curtis was incredibly impressed with their effort, resilience and excellent YBA REACH skills. Da iawn pawb!

Today, it was Penrhyn's turn for their Have A Go Maths lesson. We learnt about Predatory Bugs and the 'whirls' they form when chasing each other in different shapes.

Outdoors, groups mapped out these patterns with chalk — mostly using triangles, although one group even created a pentagon! Back inside, pupils continued the theme by drawing their own Curves of Pursuit using only straight lines and rulers. They experimented with triangles, squares, pentagons, and even some imaginative variations. Penrhyn worked brilliantly throughout, and Mrs Curtis was incredibly impressed with their hard work. Da iawn pawb!



UPCOMING NEWS/EVENTS

Week Commencing 13th April 2026

- 13/4/26
- 14/4/26 - YR9 NETBALL TOURNAMENT
- 15/4/26
- 16/4/26
- 17/4/26

WORD OF THE WEEK

Cooperation

Working together with others to achieve a shared goal. It involves listening, sharing, helping, and making sure everyone has a chance to contribute so the group can succeed.

