

"To provide complete Welsh medium education within a happy, caring and ambitious community where all members are valued, supported and are treated with respect and tolerance"

## Summer Term 2016



# Bryn Tawe News

## A message from the Head

We start once again with a very busy term for both pupils and staff of the School. The examination term is now upon us and it is an important time for all of our students as they prepare fully for different tests that they will face. Details of the dates and additional support offered are available in this issue and all pupils will receive further guidance in the coming weeks.

As a Curriculum Pioneer School, in partnership with Ysgol Gyfun Gwŷr and our primary partner schools, we are currently, following the recommendations of Professor Donaldson, developing aspects of a new model curriculum for Wales. This is an exciting opportunity for us as schools to influence what and how our pupils will learn in the future. An update of the plan will be available in the next edition.

In our first newsletter this year, I mentioned our plans to improve aspects of the school. I'm sure you are aware, that Bryn Tawe is a 'Green' support category school. This gives us great pride and confirms the hard work carried out by all the pupils and staff ensures that the school continues to improve.

With regard to our focus for the year, we are confident that we

can simulate the results of last year; every teacher has a continuous focus on improving his/her performance to achieve the most effective lessons for our children.

It is a pleasure and privilege to have the opportunity to observe lessons and experience the consistently high quality of the varied experiences our pupils receive!

The Restorative Center opened in September and we are already seeing a very positive impact on the progress of specific pupils by being able to support their individual needs. In addition, there are plans to further improve this provision in September - details to follow.



We had another successful Ski trip to Austria at Easter - for details of the 2017 trip - contact the School Office.

## Welsh Language Charter and Pupil

In partnership with Welsh medium schools across Swansea, we are currently planning a Welsh 'Language Charter' for the young people of the city. One of the main intentions of the charter is to increase the use of Welsh in informal situations. We believe that parents can also have a very positive influence on this by encouraging our pupils to use the language as much as possible out of school e.g. when our children are socializing with each other on weekends and during



school holidays. Many of our pupils and staff have been involved in workshops planning for the official launch of the charter in September - we'll keep you updated during the term.

The recent 'Rights Respecting School Conference' was a very successful day at the school. 'School Councils' from our partner schools joined us at Bryn Tawe for a very interesting day. Certainly, our position as a 'Rights Respecting School', has given ownership to our pupils to lead and share the importance of promoting children's rights across our cluster and beyond!

## IMPORTANT TERM DATES

Parents Evening:  
27/06/16-Year 6 Transition

### EXAMINATIONS:

#### GCSE AND A Level:

16/05/16-29/06/16

#### National Tests 7-9:

27/04/16-Numeracy

28/04/16-Reasoning

03/05/16-Welsh Reading

04/05/16-English Reading

#### School Tests:

09-13/04/16-Year 9

09-16/05/16-Year 8

16-20/05/16-Year 7

#### Other:

24/06/16-School Sports Day

01/07/16-HMS (Closed to pupils)

### Cherished Memories

A year has passed since all at the School were devastated by the loss of two dear members of our School Community. Our thoughts and prayers continue to go out to the family and friends of Thomas Jones, one of our special sixth form pupils and Sarah Evans, a popular and sincere member of our staff.



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