

# YSGOL BRYN ALYN

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Dear Parent/Guardian

I just wanted to write to you all at the end of the school year to thank you for your support, and wish you all a wonderful summer holiday. The students amaze me every day with their talent, positivity and confidence. I look forward to a new academic year with even greater challenges and rewards.

## Uniform information

**All pupils** (Year 7 – 11) will be expected to be wearing the school blazer, a white shirt, school clip on tie, black trousers (**not** slim or skinny fit) or the **newly introduced standard school skirt**. We are awaiting confirmation of the skirt delivery time. If the skirts are not available until the end of September, then pupils may wear a black knee length skirt until this time. Pupils may wear black tights, knee length socks or ankle socks (**NOT** trainer socks) with the skirt.

The uniform is available to purchase from Sarah's Embroidery, based in Penley. Please refer to their website:

<https://sarahs-schools.myshopify.com/collections/bryn-alyn-school>

For parents of our new Year 7 intake (September 2019) there is a Pupil Development Grant available for eligible families to help with buying uniform and equipment. Please visit <https://gov.wales/pupil-development-grant-access> for further details.

Pupils will be expected to wear a pair of plain black, polishable shoes. **If footwear is deemed inappropriate, school will provide a pair of black plimsolls for the remainder of the school day.** Please also be aware that trainer socks are NOT permitted. Socks must cover the ankle and at least meet the base of the trousers.

Pupils in current Year 7 – 10 need to arrive to school on the first day back with their school tie and then this will be swapped for the newly designed tie. If your child has lost their tie, please provide them with a note to this effect. Thank you for your support with this. We are looking forward to seeing the pupils in their smart uniforms in September, ready to learn.

School opening times (holidays) – Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2019 - 10am – 2pm

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2019 - 10am – 2pm

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2019 - 9am – 1pm

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2019 - 9am – 1pm

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## **Attendance**

May we take this opportunity to remind you about the importance of excellent attendance at school. Statistics show missing 8.5 days (17 sessions) of school in any school year can reduce the success level of a pupil by 1 GCSE grade. If your child has 95% attendance across the year, this still equates to 9 school days off. We would like all our pupils to have a target of at least 96%. We do understand that illness can negatively affect attendance but please attempt to make any appointment for dentist, optician and doctors outside of school hours. If a school time appointment is unavoidable, please ensure that your child attends school before/after the appointment and medical evidence should be provided for all appointments (this can be the appointment slip or letter, if one has been received).

If your child is absent from school for any reason, please inform our Attendance Officer, Mrs Williams, by 8.45am using one of the following contacts below...

- Ring our Attendance Officer (Mrs. Williams) on 01978 720700 ext.120
- Email Mrs. Williams on [AbsencesA5@hwbcymru.net](mailto:AbsencesA5@hwbcymru.net)
- Text Mrs. Williams on 07786200444

Can we take this opportunity too, to remind you that only in exceptional circumstances are schools allowed to authorise leave of absence for a holiday. Please make an appointment with our Head Teacher, Mrs A Slinn, to discuss any holiday/leave of absence.

I look forward to seeing you all on Wednesday the 4<sup>th</sup> September at the new time of 8.40am. Further information to the new times of the day can be found on the website including new bus times.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'A. Slinn', written in a cursive style.

Mrs. A. Slinn  
Headteacher