

Ysgol Neuadd Brynlllywarch

BRYNLLYWARCH HALL SCHOOL

# **GOVERNORS' REPORT TO PARENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR 2015 – 2016**



**MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF GOVERNORS**

*Dear Parents/Carers,*

*It is with great pleasure that I bring this Governors' Report to Parents. The local authority visited the school for its Autumn review and work scrutiny moderation visit, both were very positive reports with the 2 overall judgements being good for both standards and prospects for improvement.*

*As the Chairman of the Governing Body I would like to thank all Staff and Governors for their hard work in rising to the challenges that we face in improving standards for all our students.*

*Finally, we would like to thank you, the parents and carers, for your continued support and look forward to another exciting and challenging year at Brynllwarch Hall School.*

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*Councillor Kath Roberts-Jones (Chair of Governors)*

## THE GOVERNING BODY

Who we are:  
(Terms of Office expiry dates are shown after each name)

### LEA Governors

Mr John Ward – 2018  
Mrs Kath Roberts-Jones – 2018

### Parent Governors:

Mr Neil Burkett - 2020  
Mrs Ann Lloyd - 2020  
Mrs Anne Brewin - 2016

### Community Governors:

Mr David Hughes – 2016  
Mrs Wendy Davies – 2018

### Teacher Governors:

Mr Jonathan Lewis – 2017

### Staff Governors:

Mrs Tracy Owen – 2017

### Headteacher:

Mr Gavin Randell

### Voluntary Organisation

Mr Terry Batten - 2017

### Clerk to Governors

Mrs Gwyneth Down

The full Governing Body meets at least once every half term and subsequently through a series of committees.

The Chair of Governors, Mrs Kath Roberts-Jones can be contacted via the school – telephone 01686 670276 as can the Clerk to the Governors, Mrs Gwyneth Down.

Parent Governors are elected by other parents.

Teacher Governors are elected by teaching staff at the school.

Staff Governors are elected by non-teaching staff at the school.

Community Governors are elected by the Governing Body.

LEA Governors are elected by the Local Authority.

All Governors are DBS checked before commencing duties.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2015/16

### INCOME

Delegated Budget	1,344,348
Additional ALN Funding	63,056
PDG & EIG	32,801
Parental Contributions	16,602

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TOTAL £ 1,456,807

### EXPENDITURE

Staffing	1,279,578
Premises	114,474
Educational Exp.	153,368
Catering	13,862

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TOTAL £ 1,561,282

Net Over-spend **£104,475**

# Attendance Data 2015 - 2016

## School Summary

	Present	Authorised Abs.	Unauthorised Abs.	Total.
Sessions	15312	1689	967	17968
Percentage	85.22%	9.40%	5.38%	100.00%

## Summary by Gender

	Present	Authorised Abs.	Unauthorised Abs.	Percentage
F	95.58%	3.46%	0.96%	9.82%
M	84.09%	10.05%	5.386%	90.18%
Percentage	85.22%	9.40%	5.38%	100.00%

## School Summary By Class

	Present	Authorised Abs.	Unauthorised Abs.	Percentage
6	95.31%	4.44%	0.24%	16.03%
8P	89.85%	4.60%	5.55%	18.86%
8J	84.95%	6.40%	8.65%	11.13%
9A	82.67%	6.81%	10.52%	15.28%
10J	90.75%	4.87%	4.39%	12.69%
11W	71.58%	22.09%	6.32%	14.08%
11B	78.08%	19.59%	2.33%	11.93%
Percentage	85.22%	9.40%	5.38%	100.00%

## SCHOOL LEAVERS DESTINATIONS

Return to school post 16 – 72.73%  
 Further Education post 16 – 27.27%

## **LINKS WITH THE COMMUNITY (2015/16)**

During the last academic year both staff and pupils have continued to be actively involved with both the local and wider community. The school has continued to do this by inviting a wide range of people to visit and get involved in the school community, we also take pupils out to experience new things and to involve staff with meetings and training with a variety of national and local organizations.

The 6th form have been doing community work experience at the local church, assisting with grounds maintenance. The sixth form also participate in the local Christmas Fayre in the village hall and have also been collecting unwanted clothing as part of the Bags to School charity.

Kerry Primary School (St Michael's) visited to partake in activities in the forest school area. They also visited the animals at the school farm.

### **Links with other schools/colleges:**

- Springfield Academy in Wiltshire used our facilities and school grounds again, as a base for their annual Wales camping trip.
- A Year 8 pupil has attended rugby training with Newtown High School.

### **Charities:**

- The school choir continue to visit Plas Cae Crwn, (a home for the elderly in Newtown) to sing to the residents.
- Easy funding has been set up to help raise funds for the school. Further promotional work to come.

### **Visitors:**

Springfield School camped in school grounds.

Abermule Scout group used the facilities for D of E preparation

Breaking point Theatre Company came in to give a play on drugs and alcohol

A jeweller from Oswestry gave an interesting talk on becoming an entrepreneur for the sixth form

### **Enrichment and Reward Trips:**

Annual camp to Shell Island. Pupils visited Harlech Castle, Greenwood Park and Barmouth as part of the 4 night excursion with 12 pupils.

Annual year 10 canoe trip down the River Wye.

Trips were organised to watch Manchester United play football at Old Trafford Stadium and Wales play rugby at the Millennium Stadium.

Pupils were mascots at a televised Wales U20 match against Scotland in Eirias Parc, Colwyn Bay.

Pupils visited a trampoline centre as a reward for good behaviour.

Sixthform pupils have been visiting historic gardens as part of the studies, Erddiig, Chirk Castle, Attingham park and recently had an educational trip to Bishops Castle Fire station.

Duke of Edinburgh expeditions with year 10, 11 and post 16 students gaining bronze and silver awards.

### **Competitions/Performances:**

- Pupils competed in the Rotary Welsh Schools Disability Gymnastics Championships in Aberystwyth and Bala with a number of pupils winning their age categories.
- A year 13 pupil represent Wales in the under 21's short mat youth bowls team.
- A series of football/rugby sessions with Southall Special School in Telford culminated in a football match at Shrewsbury Sports Village.
- Three Year 11 pupils attended Welsh Disability U18 trials in Wrexham and 2 pupils were selected to attend National training in Cardiff.
- A Year 11 pupils was selected to represent Wales at the Home Nations Disability Football tournament in Scotland.
- Our annual sports day was held during the summer term and was supported by parents, family member and friends.
- We held our annual Christmas performance in the village hall, watched by parents and local people from the village.

### **Local Businesses:**

- Our sixth form students and year 10 & 11 pupils continued their work experience placements in local firms, shops and other organizations such as a number of local primary schools.
- Regular Work experience placements are now taking place at Coed-y-Dinas, Cambrian Foundry, Brynmawr Farm, Motor world and All Sports.

## **HEALTHY SCHOOLS**

We continue to offer our students a school tuck shop which is open at break times and compliments the existing and thriving breakfast club. The tuck shop offers students a variety of healthy snacks which they can buy for the cost price of 20p per item.

With regards to the emotional wellbeing of our students we offer the opportunity to speak to a counsellor from Xenzone, the Powys based counselling service. Liz Quester is available once a week and students are able to be referred or to self-refer by speaking to their form tutors or Mrs Tracy Owen, wellbeing coordinator.

We also continue to maintain links with the school health service and students receive immunisations at the school as and when required and they are also able to receive health checks as requested by other agencies during the school day.

Brynlywarch continues to offer and encourage students to participate in a variety of outdoor pursuits and activities to encourage better levels of fitness.

## **PUPIL PROGRESS**

In Y11 all students left school with recognized qualifications. The majority of our students stayed on to sixth form or attend college whilst two gained employment.

All learners achieved at least one nationally accredited qualification at key stage 4.

At the end of Key Stage 4 100% of students gained points at Level 1 and 92% gained points at Level 2. We are very proud of the fact that 1 pupil achieved the Level 2 Threshold including C in GCSE Maths and English whilst another 2 pupils achieved the basic Level 2 Threshold. These are great improvements on previous years.

At post 16 students gained a range of qualifications at Entry Level, Level 1 and Level 2. With additional qualifications in climbing, first aid and attendance course.

## **PROVISION FOR PUPILS TO PARTICIPATE IN SPORT**

### **Curriculum**

#### **Key Stages 2 and 3**

Swimming  
Orienteering  
Badminton  
Football  
Tag rugby  
Gymnastics  
Cross-country  
Athletics – track and field  
Dance  
Circuit training  
Outdoor Activities (Y9 camping trip)  
Sailing  
Canoe trip (year 10)



## **Key Stage 4 and post 16**

Football

Rugby

Cross Country

Athletics – track and field

BTEC First Sport

Canoeing trip (Year 10)

Sailing

Gym work – stamina and weight training

Outdoor education, walking, cycling, caving, kayaking and climbing

## **Extra-Curricular – all students**

Football at lunchtimes

Dance

Cycling

Trampolining

Rugby

ICT

## **POLICY REVIEW**

Schools are required to have a number of policies in place. Brynllwarch policies are currently undergoing full review by the current Senior Management Team.

The following policies were reviewed by Governors during 2015/2016:

Vandalism Policy

SEN Policy

Behaviour Policy

Curriculum Policy

Absence Management Policy

Alcohol & Drug Policy

Retirement Policy for Teachers

Grievance Policy

Grievance Procedure Guidance

Inclusions Policy

LAC Policy

Pastoral Care and Pupil Support Policy

Smoke-Free Workplace Policy

Staff Development Policy

Bereavement Policy

Brynllwarch Hall School Careers Education and Guidance Policy

Child Protection Policy

Fairness & Dignity at Work Policy

Flexible Working Policy

Grievance Policy

Inclement Weather Policy

Data Protection Policy

Disciplinary Procedures for Teachers Policy

Safeguarding Policy

**Gwasanaeth Ysgolion / Schools Service**

**2016 - 2017**

**SCHOOL CALENDAR**

<b>Autumn Term 2016</b>	<b>Non-Pupil Days</b>	<b>No of School Days</b>
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> September to Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> September Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	37
<b>Half Term – Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October</b>		
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> October to Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December		35

<b>Spring Term 2017</b>	<b>Non-Pupil Days</b>	<b>No of School Days</b>
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January to Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> February	34
<b>Half Term – Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February</b>		
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> February to Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> April	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> April <i>Directed Teacher Day</i>	30

<b>Summer Term 2017</b>	<b>Non-Pupil Days</b>	<b>No of School Days</b>
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> April to Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May		24
<b>Half Term – Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June</b>		
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June to Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July		35

<b>Good Friday:</b>	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> April 2017
<b>Easter Monday:</b>	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April 2017

<b>May Day Bank Holiday:</b>	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2017
<b>Spring Bank Holiday:</b>	Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> May 2017
<b>Royal Welsh Show:</b>	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> July to Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> July 2017

## **SCHOOL PROSPECTUS**

In 2015-16 there were only minor updates.

## **CURRICULUM & EDUCATIONAL PROVISION**

Our school continues to provide a broad and balanced curriculum following National Curriculum guidelines and differentiated according to the many and varied needs of our pupils.

At Key Stage 2 pupils are taught mainly in their own primary area by the class teacher. Some subjects such as PE and Welsh are taught by other specialist staff at the school.

At Key Stage 3 students are, for the large majority of time, grouped according to age and taught by subject specialists.

Class groups are small, generally no more than eight to a class, and all classes have at least one member of support staff as well as the subject teacher.

At Key Stage 4 this year students were able to access a broad range of subjects. English and Maths are offered up to GCSE level, with Level 1 and 2 options available in BTEC Sport, Animal Care, Horse Care, Construction, Music and Home Cooking Skills. This is in addition to a range of Entry Level qualifications. Students who attend the Sixth Form can gain accreditation in Literacy and Numeracy GCSE or Essential Skills Wales. Students will also gain vocational qualifications such as Land Based Studies and Animal Care. Students are also encouraged to work on the school farm take part in meaningful work related experience and outdoor education.

Individual counselling and therapeutic support is also available to all our students, including individual timetabled sessions with trained and experienced staff.

## **LANGUAGE CATEGORY**

English Medium.

## **WELSH LANGUAGE**

All students in Years 7 to 11 are taught Welsh as a second Language. Incidental Welsh is also used around the school.

## **TOILET FACILITIES**

Brynlywarch Hall School has toilet facilities in the following areas.

Classroom block -	2 girls toilets
Classroom block -	1 boys toilet plus urinal
Main building downstairs –	1 female staff toilet 1 male staff toilet Boys toilet plus urinal
Main building upstairs –	Girls toilet 2 female staff toilets 2 male staff toilets
Main building top floor -	staff toilet Boys toilet
Outside kitchens -	2 female staff toilets
6 <sup>th</sup> form block	1 girls toilet 1 boys toilet 1 urinal 1 female staff toilet 1 male staff toilet

All toilets are cleaned and maintained daily by trained and approved staff.