Monday 18th May – Week 2

Key Dates & Information

INSET Days	19/06/2026, 20/07/2026
Parental Engagement Evenings	Year 7 – 11/06/2026
Coleg Gwent Open Events	June 23rd 5pm – 7.30pm
Caer Heritage Humanites trip	21/05/2026
May Half Term	25/05/26 – 29/05/26

Important Links

Extra-Curricular activities	Brynmawr Foundation School - Extra Curricular
ParentPay	ParentPay
School Menu	Brynmawr Foundation School - School Catering
Classcharts	Access pupil details
School Cloud	SchoolCloud - Brynmawr Foundation School
Neurodiversity Support Hub	Home - Neurodiversity Gwent

Reminders for the week ahead

Free pupil breakfast	Breakfast is available to all pupils before school. Please encourage pupils to take advantage of this.
Attendance	Full attendance is expected. If your child is absent please call the absence line or leave a message on Classcharts before 9.30am.
Unwell pupils	If your child becomes unwell during the school day please remind them to follow school protocol and inform pupil services before contacting home themselves.

What have we been up to….?

BFS

PE

Humanities

ALN

Resource Base

Technology

Headteacher Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week 4 of our Y7 pupils represented our school at the Blaina and Nantyglo Rotary Club School Quiz. We are very proud to say that we were awarded first place! Pupils were presented with celebratory shields - well done to Jessica, Tia, Fletcher and Lily.

From September 2026, I will be taking up a new secondment opportunity, which will allow me to contribute to school improvement beyond our school community. While this is an exciting professional step for me, I want to reassure you that the continued success, stability, and wellbeing of our pupils remain the highest priority. It has been a privilege to serve as Headteacher of this amazing school - We have the best pupils and hardworking staff. I am deeply grateful for your continued support and trust throughout my leadership of the school. From September 2026, Mrs Susie Lake and Mrs Vicki Price will be Acting Headteacher and Deputy Headteacher respectively. I can assure you that the transition will be seamless.

Thank you

Gerard McNamara

Attendance Form of the week

7LPJRE

Most improved attendance award goes to **8LBU**

Weekly Attendance Figures 4TH May 2026

	This Week Girls	This Week Boys	**2025-26 Girls**	**2025-26 Boys**	2024-2025 Girls	2024–2025 Boys
Year 7	88.3%	92.1%	93.5%	93.6%	92.1%	90.9%
Year 8	90.5%	92.1%	91.1%	91.5%	88.4%	91.5%
Year 9	81.1%	93.9%	85.9%	92.2%	86.7%	89.8%
Year 10	85.9%	89.7%	88.8%	90.5%	85.2%	88.2%
Year 11	89.5%	88.3%	85.0%	86.4%	88.5%	90.6%
Total	87.3%	91.4%	89.2%	91.0%	88.3%	90.3%

House Points 2025-2026

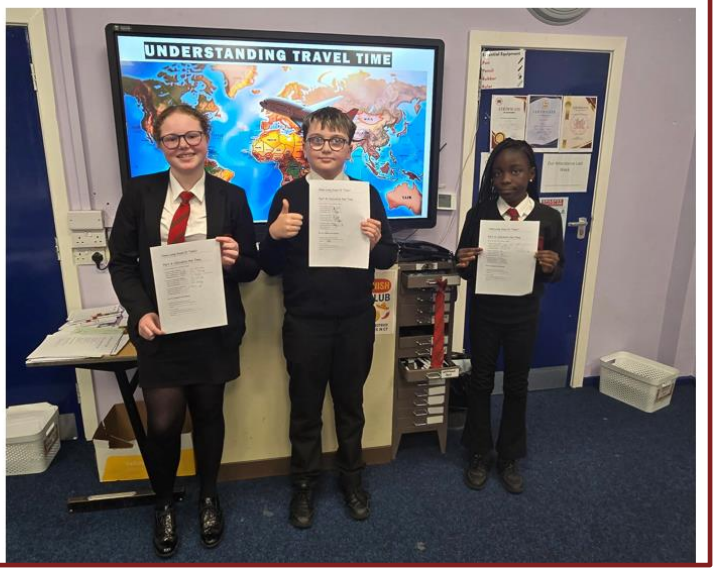
50430 points

49690 points

47802 points

Travel broadens the mind and requires the ability to calculate.
At our last **Pi Squad Maths Club** meeting, we worked on calculating the time needed to travel to different places around the World.
We also considered various means of transport and the speeds at which they move.

Join us every Friday at lunchtime in room B6.



Junior Mathematical Challenge

On 29 April, a group of Year 7 and Year 8 students took part in the **UKMT Junior Mathematical Challenge**, representing the school to a very high standard.
Several students were awarded **Bronze Certificates**, and the top performer was **Rory J (Year 8),** who achieved a **Gold Certificate** and has been invited to the next stage, the **Junior Kangaroo**, taking place next month.
Congratulations to all participants!

UK Maths Trust

SPORTS LUNCHTIME CLUBS
18th – 22nd May

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Badminton	Cricket	Just Dance	*No Clubs*	Y7&8 Dodgeball

Yellow activities – Boys Gym **Blue activities – Girls Gym**

PE ACTIVITIES: 18th – 22nd May

Monday 18th May	Tuesday 19th May	Wednesday 20th May	Thursday 21st May	Friday 22nd May
Athletics: All Years Pick Up: 4pm	Public Services Revision Pick Up: 3.45pm	Rounders: All Years Pick Up: 3.45pm	Health & Social Revision Pick Up: 3.45pm	

Please note: Pick up times shown for all activities are from Brynmawr Foundation School

Free School Meals

Free school meals are available to eligible learners who attend school full-time. This includes:

A pupil may be able to get free school meals if their parent receives one or more of the following:

- Income Support.
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance.
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance.
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
- Guaranteed element of Pension Credit.
- Universal Credit (as long as the annual net earned household income is less than £7,400, not including benefits).

You can learn more about free school meals on the Welsh Government Website

How to Apply

If you think you may be entitled to a free school meal for your child, please complete an online application below.

Apply Now

What happens next

The local authority will contact you and let the school know when your child is eligible for free school meals.

Contact Information

Name of Team: Benefits
Email: benefits@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk or telephone 01495 311556

If you need any support with applications or queries around free school meals, please contact the school on 01495 310527

Mathematics Revision Timetable

Year 10 & 11

Year 11 Mathematics Revision

After School – From 23.2.26

- **Higher Tier:** 2:45 – 3:30 Wednesday, Room B5
- **Intermediate Tier:** 2:45 – 3:30
  - Monday, Room B6 *(Begins 26.1.26)*
  - Wednesday, Room B3
- **Foundation Tier:** 2:45 – 3:30
  - Thursday, Room B4

Year 10 Mathematics Revision

After School – From 23.2.26

- **Higher Tier:** 2:45 – 3:30 Wednesday, Room B5
- **Foundation Tier:** 2:45 – 3:30
  - Thursday, Room B4

Lunchtime Revision

- **Thursday, Room B3**

Drop-in session for any problem questions/topics during independent revision

Year 10: Unit 1 Poetry Revision

THURSDAYS IN C4
FROM 16 MARCH

ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

Nantyglo U14s Girls

SEASON 2026/27

School years 8 & 9

Seeking
EXPERIENCED PLAYERS

- Team tour
- Club bonding days
- Family friendly club
- WE WANT YOU!

Contact Dean: 07948 089238

TABOUR YOUTH CLUB BRYNMAWR

Year Groups 7 & 8
Every Monday 6pm - 8pm

- POOL/DODGEBALL — Love to challenge your friends in a friendly game
- ART AND CRAFT — Express yourself and unleash your skills
- QUIZ TIME
- GAMING OPPORTUNITIES
- HANG OUT WITH YOUR MATES
- COOKING
- GAMES, CHALLENGES
- Table Tennis

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