



Ty Gwyn Education Centre Spring Term Newsletter 2026



Welcome to the newsletter and the new year 2026!

The school year has begun smoothly, so good to see everyone back in school, healthy and engaged.

We are straight in to our work, KS3 into their topic “Miners, Marches and Memories” and KS4 their GCSE and Vocational qualifications. It is great to see everyone hard at work, if you have any concerns about any aspect of your child’s progress, please get in touch and we can discuss this with you.

Attendance

Every child should be in school every day, with the only exceptions being genuine illness or priority appointments (not routine appointments). We will be monitoring this daily, please ring in if there is a reason for absence (as above). We have and will continue to issue Fixed Penalty Notices where there are 10 or more unexplained absences.

Phones

A gentle reminder that phones are not permitted in school, likewise vapes and chargers of any kind. We really appreciate your ongoing support with these matters and the encouragement for students to not bring these items into school.

Vapes

A reminder also re vapes, they are not permitted in school and it is against the law for a child under 16 to be vaping. We regularly discuss this with pupils using NHS resources and have worked with ASH Cymru in school workshops on the dangers of vaping to health.

The following steps are in place:

- ✓ Asked to put the vape away and stop using it
- ✓ Parents or carers texted or called regarding this and asked to support
- ✓ The vape can be confiscated
- ✓ Parents or carers will be called and asked to attend school to discuss the matter and how the situation can be rectified

We will contact you regularly and where there are areas where we can work together to support your child, we will ask you to be our partners in this and follow up with your child.

Victoria Cox-Wall

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Check the website for lots of updates, contact details, you can send messages directly via the contact form. There are always good news stories and updates, as well as exam dates and sources of help.



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Staff Changes

We welcome Mr Dan Bartlett as our new Deputy Head Teacher from January. He is an experienced teacher and will be overseeing our older learners in years 10 and 11 in particular.



We also introduce Rebecca Williams, a new member of our Learning Recovery team, supporting pupils social and emotional needs during the day.



School Events

Thanks to all who came to the Christmas Fayre, we raised over £100 for school funds from the sale of the children's work and this is put back into enriching experiences for our pupils!

Family Engagement Officer Support

Ellie can support pupils and their families or carers with attendance and wellbeing concerns. Food parcels can be arranged for any families who require one. Feel free to email Ellie directly:

ellie.weatherill@tygwyn.rctcbc.cymru 07902256718/01685 652525

Rights Respecting Schools

This may be something that is new to you, it is important that children know and understand the rights they have and Ty Gwyn has been awarded the Silver level for our work in this area. Children and young people are better informed, able to advocate for themselves and communicate to the adults in their lives their needs and wishes more effectively. The rights also protect the health, wellbeing and education of children and young people and we fully support and embed this in school life.



Ty Gwyn is going for the gold award this summer term (June) and we ask that you read the enclosed leaflet and talk to your child about rights and the information in the leaflet. If you have questions please get in touch!

Robyn Gwyn is our RRS mascot and wherever you see him in school, a right is being upheld!

