

## BRYN Y DERYN AND CARNEGIE NEWSLETTER

**March 2023**

Welcome to the March edition of our monthly newsletter. Below, you will find a collection of resources such as help guides, announcements and support services that may be of use to you.

Parents/carers can always contact the centre by calling 02920 529 398 or emailing [schooladmin@brynyderyn.cardiff.sch.uk](mailto:schooladmin@brynyderyn.cardiff.sch.uk)

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### **Improving school attendance**

The school is always aiming to improve attendance. Year 10, 11 and 12 are such important years and there is an established link between attendance and academic achievement.

We are open to, and actively encourage parents to bring in learners at any time they are timetabled to be in. Missing registration or a single lesson does not mean the learner has to miss the entire day. If your child misses their taxi please bring them in and we can keep their taxi on to take them home.

**The last day of term (Spring term 2) is Friday 31<sup>st</sup> of March. Learners then return on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April (Summer term 1).**

There will be bank holidays on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May and Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May. There will be an INSET day on the final day of the school year – Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July.

### **Informing school of non-attendance**

We are required to take a reason for non-attendance for every day that learners are absent. If your child is unable to come to school, please contact the office via phone (02920 529398) or email ([schooladmin@brynyderyn.cardiff.sch.uk](mailto:schooladmin@brynyderyn.cardiff.sch.uk)). This allows us to adhere to legal requirements such as accurate registers and safety/welfare commitments.

We'd like to express our gratitude to parents/carers who have already been contacting school on the occasions that their child is absent.

### **Strike action and weather impacts on school**

Strike action is taking place on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> of March. Most of ByD and CC are unaffected by this, however a small number of classes that will have a slightly later start time or slightly earlier finishing time. If your child is one of those affected you will be informed via email, via a letter given to your child to take home, and by their form tutor during weekly contact.

We do not expect to close due to the current snowy conditions. Please assume that school is open as normal as taxis remain in place to pick learners up. If in doubt, check the school website and school Twitter page for updates regarding closure.



## **21 High Street: ASD Support**

21 High Street provide support for young people with ASD. The service is free to access and open to anyone with a diagnosis of autism. They provide 1:1 support in a range of areas, including employment, further / higher education, relationships and sign posting to other services.

If this is of interest to you or someone you know, more information can be found by following this link: <https://autisminitiatives.org/21highst>

## **Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health support**

We have published posts on our blog regarding emotional support that can be accessed via phone, text or email.

TheMix offer support for young people, whilst SANE offers support for adults. This support can be accessed via phone, text or email.

Please see our school blog, accessible via the school website, for the direct links to these services.

## **ByD and CC gym club**

The teacher running the ByD and CC gym club has commended learners for their improvement over the past few weeks. We encourage learners to get involved in this club if they'd like some mid-week exercise. The benefits to mental and physical health will be all the more important as we approach exam season.

If any learner does wish to get involved, all they need to do is mention this to their form tutor.

## **Controlled assessments**

The following controlled assessments will take place in March:

- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March – ByD Art exam
- Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March – CC Art exam
- Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March – ByD and CC Photography exam

The CC textiles exam will take place in the first week after the Easter holiday, on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April. Please see the school website's ByD or CC home pages for dates of this years remaining exams.

## **Learner achievements**

One of our Carnegie learners, M.C., passed their LIBF qualification last week. She received an A grade overall and we're so proud!



Our learners in CC and ByD continue to impress staff with their cooking skills. Please see below a picture of one of the Welsh Cakes baked by this week's ByD star baker – D.A. Great job!



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### **Follow us on Twitter**

For updates, information and useful resources, please follow us on Twitter [@byd\\_and\\_cc](#).

### **See our Blog**

Much of this information in this newsletter is first put out on our blog. If you are interested in receiving this information when it comes out, please check [the blog](#).

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We hope you have found the above information useful. Please don't hesitate to contact us should you have any questions.