

# Bryn Hafren English Department

## Information for Year 10 Parents / Carers



Pupils will leave Yr11 with two separate qualifications: GCSE English Language and GCSE English Literature.

### GCSE English Language

- This course is brand new and very different from anything you or your other children will have sat!
- **Two exams in summer 2017**
- Pupils will have to read and understanding a range of texts. They will differ in purpose, intended audience and format. The texts will be relatively small, but will include non-continuous texts (e.g. graphs, infographics and tables).
- Pupils will have to use their verbal reasoning skills a lot more sharply to score marks.
- Example reading questions:

TEXT A shows information from the Australian Tourism Board.

Visitor profile to Australia in 2012



- 47% repeat visitors
- 68% of total arrivals are for leisure
- 45-59 years largest demographic
- \$7,036 average spend
- 47 nights average stay
- Oct-Jan and May-Jun peak booking period
- Dec-Feb and Jul-Aug peak travel period

TEXT A

A1. What percentage of visitors have been to Australia before? ..... [1]

A2. The information refers to "demographic". Select **one** definition from the list below that best defines a 'demographic'? [1]

- a) a graph showing changes
- b) time spent away from home
- c) a way of grouping people
- d) period spent travelling

A3. Explain what is meant by "peak booking period" and "peak travel period". [2]

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### GCSE English Literature (unitised exams)

- Pupils will sit two exams:
  1. *Of Mice and Men* and unseen poetry (**January 2017/re-sit May 2017**);
  2. *Blood Brothers* and *Lord of the Flies* (**May 2017**)
- Pupils will sit two controlled assessments after Christmas (**Spring term 2016**):
  1. One on the presentation of a theme in a Shakespeare play;
  2. One comparing two poems by Welsh writers.
- Revise online: Try these websites: [www.shmoop.com](http://www.shmoop.com) and [www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize](http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize)

### Timeline

Year 10			Year 11		
Autumn term	Spring term	Summer term	Autumn term	Spring term	Summer term
<i>Lord of the Flies</i> Introduction to Language	Shakespeare and poetry controlled assessments	<i>Blood Brothers</i> Individual presentation	<i>Of Mice and Men</i> and unseen poetry	Language preparation and revision Group discussion	Language preparation and revision

### General advice

- The best way to revise for English is to read. Read every day. Build up your stamina.
- Accuracy of spelling, punctuation and grammar is worth a significant number of marks. Get practising!  
[www.bbc.co.uk/skillswise](http://www.bbc.co.uk/skillswise)
- Websites that prepare for the grammar school 11+ exam will help.
- Follow me on twitter: @BHEnglish (#LOTFprep)

Any questions/concerns?  
Contact Lois Banks:  
[lbanks.bhcs@valelearning.com](mailto:lbanks.bhcs@valelearning.com)

# Bryn Hafren Mathematics Department

## Information for Year 10 Parents / Carers



### Mathematics GCSE

All students in Year 10 study mathematics and will sit two GCSE's:

- **GCSE Mathematics – Numeracy** which assesses the mathematics needed in everyday life
- **GCSE Mathematics** which assesses aspects of mathematics needed for progression to scientific, technical or further mathematical study.

Each GCSE involves two examination papers; paper 1 is a non-calculator paper and paper 2 allows the use of a calculator. We hope to enter the pupils for the GCSE Mathematics - Numeracy paper in November 2016. The GCSE Mathematics paper will be sat in the May / June 2017.

There is no coursework or controlled assessment; their grades are determined solely by external examinations.

There are 3 tiers of entry as shown in the table:

Tier of entry	Higher	Intermediate	Foundation
Grades available	A*, A, B, C, U	B, C, D, E, U	C, D, E, F, G, U
Sets	1	2 & 3	4 (and some set 3)

### Preparation

Within their mathematics lessons pupils will have the opportunity to complete examination style questions. The department offer a drop-in session every Tuesday lunchtime in U7 if pupils feel they need extra support. In year 11 there will be additional revision sessions which will take place after school.

### Online Resources

The following on-line resources are available to support your daughter's learning:

- **www.mathswatchvle.com** – this has mini power-points which explain verbally more than 200 topics. Use the following details to login:  
*centre id*      *bhcs*  
*username*      *surname forename*  
*password*      *password*
- **www.mymaths.co.uk** – this is similar to maths watch. Login details are:  
*username*      *brynh*  
*password*      *radius*

### General advice

Please ensure that your daughter

- has the necessary mathematical equipment including a calculator.
- completes all work set by her teacher
- seeks help as soon as she has difficulties

If you have any concerns please contact me on the usual numbers or by email (lloyd.bhcs@valelearning.com)

**Mrs L Lloyd (Head of Mathematics)**

# Bryn Hafren Science Department

## Information for Year 10 Parents / Carers



### Applied Science/Science at Work Level 1 / 2 Award (IVQ)

All students in Year 10 will sit 1 external examination in June 2016. They will have a Mock examination in May 2016.

The deadlines for completing all of the Coursework Assignments is the first week of April 2016.

#### **General advice**

Please encourage your Daughter to attend regularly and seek individual help if there are any areas of the work that she does not understand.

#### **Revision and preparation**

Revision takes place during lessons from April onwards. Students will be given Practice paper questions and other Revision aids. It is important that pupils use the notes from their Unit booklets and the Practice paper questions to revise from at home.

#### **Online Resources**

There are many resources available on the Science subject area of the school website. These include the Powerpoints used in lessons, Specification summaries, Revision aids/games and Practice papers with mark schemes.

#### **Contact –**

If you have any concerns or questions please contact me by ringing the school or emailing me:  
DConway.bhcs@valelearning.com.

**Mrs. D. Conway (Head of Science)**

**Bryn Hafren Comprehensive School**

# Bryn Hafren Science Department

## Information for Year 10 Parents / Carers



### OCR Gateway Core Science GCSE

All students in Year 10 will sit 2 external examinations in May/June 2016. They will have mock module examinations beforehand.

They have a controlled assessment to complete on **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2015**. Part of the controlled assessment involves completing a Research task. The deadline for this task is **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2015**.

We also complete their Year 11 controlled assessment at the end of Year 10, this will take place on **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2016**. (All dates are provisional)

### **General advice**

Please encourage your Daughter to attend regularly, complete all homework deadlines and seek individual help if there are any areas of the work that she does not understand.

### **Revision and preparation**

All students should have a black Collins Revision guide which also contains Practice questions. These questions are set for homework and pupils are expected to mark and correct their answers using a green pen (if possible).

Students regularly sit tests using examination questions throughout each term. It is important that she prepares for these tests thoroughly.

There are revision sessions after school/ at lunchtime during the weeks leading up to the external examinations. Your daughter will be given this information by her Science teachers. Attendance to these sessions is strongly advised.

We also put on Revision Sessions for Module 1 during the Easter holidays and Module 2 during the Whitsun Half term holiday

### **Online Resources**

There are many resources available on the Science subject area of the school website. These include the PowerPoints used in lessons, Specification summaries, Revision aids/games and Practice papers with mark schemes.

[www.gcsebitesize](http://www.gcsebitesize) 'Science' is also recommended to aid revision.

### **Contact –**

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DConway.bhcs@valelearning.com.

**Mrs. D. Conway (Head of Science)**

# Bryn Hafren Science Department

## Information for Year 10 Parents / Carers

### OCR Triple Science (Physics, Chemistry and Biology) GCSE



#### **Examinations**

All students will sit 2 external examinations per subject in May/June 2017. They will have Mock Module examinations beforehand.

They have a controlled assessment to complete on **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2015**. Part of the controlled assessment involves completing a Research task. The deadline for this task is **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2015**.

We also complete another controlled assessment at the end of Year 10, this will take place on **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2016**. (Please note that all dates are provisional at this time.)

#### **General advice**

Please encourage your Daughter to attend regularly, complete all homework deadlines and seek individual help if there are any areas of the work that she does not understand.

#### **Revision and preparation**

All students should have a black Collins Revision guide per subject which also contains Practice questions. These questions are set for homework and pupils are expected to mark and correct their answers using a green pen (if possible).

Students regularly sit tests using examination questions throughout each term. It is important that she prepares for these tests thoroughly.

There are revision sessions after school/ at lunchtime during the weeks leading up to the external examinations. Your daughter will be given this information by her Science teachers. Attendance to these sessions is strongly advised.

We also put on Revision Sessions for the examinations during the Easter holidays 2017 and during the Whitsun Half term holiday 2017.

#### **Online Resources**

There are many resources available on the Science subject area of the school website. These include the PowerPoints used in lessons, Specification summaries, Revision aids/games and Practice papers with mark schemes.

[www.gcsebiteize](http://www.gcsebiteize.com) 'Science' which is split into Physics, Chemistry and Biology is also recommended to aid revision.

#### **Contact –**

If you have any concerns or questions please contact me by ringing the school or emailing me:

[DConway.bhcs@valelearning.com](mailto:DConway.bhcs@valelearning.com).

**Mrs. D. Conway (Head of Science)**

# **Bryn Hafren Welsh Bacallaureate**

## **Information for Year 10 Parents / Carers**



### **Welsh Bacallaureate National**

All students in Year 10 are following the new Welsh Bacallaureate National course. The Welsh Bacallaureate National is based on a Skills Challenge Certificate alongside supporting qualifications. The Skills Challenge Certificate consists of four components; three challenges and an Individual Project. The Individual Project has a 50% weighting, the Enterprise and Employability Challenge has a 20% weighting, and the Global Citizenship and Community Challenges have a 15% weighting each.

### **General advice**

Please encourage your Daughter to attend all lessons as this will help her progress through the course and ensure she is supported to meet deadlines.

### **Revision and preparation**

There is no exam for the Welsh Bacallaureate; instead, challenges are completed through controlled assessment. Your daughter should ensure that she has attended all lessons so she is fully prepared. For further help and guidance she should see her subject teacher or Mrs Jennings, Head of Welsh Bacallaureate.

### **Online Resources**

The following web-links / resources / apps are available to support your daughter's learning

- Twitter @BHWelshBacc – This can be useful for information and deadlines.
- <http://www.wjec.co.uk/qualifications/welsh-bacallaureate/welsh-bacc-from-2015/> - WJEC web-link, contains information about the new Welsh Bacallaureate.

### **Contact –**

If you have any concerns, please contact me on 01446 403500 ext. 142 or email [njennings.bhcs@valelearning.com](mailto:njennings.bhcs@valelearning.com)

**Mrs N Jennings**

**Head of Welsh Bacallaureate  
Bryn Hafren Comprehensive School**

# **Bryn Hafren History Department**

## **Information for Year 10 Parents / Carers**



### **History GCSE**

All students in Year 10 History will sit an external exam on *The USA: A Nation of Contrasts 1910-1929*. They will have two further external exams in the summer exam season of 2016 on *Germany: 1919-1991* and *Changes in South Africa 1948-1994*. The History GCSE is made up of four components, with each component carrying equal weighting of 25%, including two pieces of controlled assessment.

### **General advice**

Please encourage your daughter to complete the examination questions which are set every lesson as this gives her vital practice of the examination itself and will help her understand the requirements of each question.

### **Revision and preparation**

There will be revision sessions Wednesday lunchtimes prior to the mocks and again before the summer examinations. Attendance to these sessions is strongly advised as it will enable the pupils to revisit work which has already been covered, and will be an opportunity to recap on any aspect of the course which they may have found difficult.

Revision materials have already been given to the pupils for the USA module in the form of an information booklet which also contains examination advice.

### **Online Resources**

The following web-links are available to support your daughter's learning

- [BBC Bitesize](#) – now follows the WJEC course and provides excellent revision opportunities for *USA: A Nation of Contrasts*.
- [Schoolhistory.co.uk](#) – this offers interactive diagrams on the USA which are useful for revision.
- [Spartacuseducational.com](#) – this is a useful resource to find out additional information.

### **Contact –**

If you have any concerns, please contact me on the usual numbers.

**Mrs K Phillips and the History Team**

**Bryn Hafren Comprehensive School**

# Bryn Hafren Food Technology Dept

## Information for Year 10 Parents / Carers



### **Food Technology GCSE**

Students will be entered for the Royal Society of Food Hygiene: Food Handlers Certificate/ Level 2 in June 2016. During Year 10, students will sit internal theory and practical exams in preparation for year 11. Dates to be confirmed in accordance with school calendar.

All students in Year 10 Food Technology will sit a written external GCSE exam in the Summer exam season of 2017. Students will begin a Controlled assessment Task in September 2016. GCSE Food Technology is made up of two components, 60% coursework + 40% examination. The WJEC is the examining board.

### **General advice**

Please encourage your Daughter to:

- Come to food lessons with suitable ingredients to partake in practical lessons
- Be prepared to try new flavours and foods.
- Use the revision book regularly at home to develop knowledge and understanding of key principles and techniques.
- Follow food related issues in the media.

These aspects will help to develop a good understanding of the subject and build confidence with practical skills.

### **Revision and preparation**

There are revision sessions after school on Tuesday. Attendance to these sessions is strongly advised to help your daughter extra practise and develop her ability in the subject. Revision books are available to purchase from the dept.

### **Online Resources**

The following web-links / apps are available to support your daughter's learning

- Pinterest – a great resource for images of a wide range of food ideas
- Wjec.co.uk – has very useful resources for pupils and their parent/ carer about the course, including advice, past exam papers and controlled assessment examples.

### **Contact – Mrs Sue Hooper (Head of Department)**

If you have any concerns, please contact me on the usual numbers or email at [shooper.bhcs@valelearning.com](mailto:shooper.bhcs@valelearning.com)



# **Bryn Hafren Child Development**

## **Information for Year 10 Parents / Carers**



### **Child Development GCSE**

Child Development GCSE students will be required to complete a “Child Study” project in the summer term of 2016; this is worth 30% of the GCSE. Students will be required to complete a Controlled Assessment in The Autumn term of 2016; this is worth 30% of the GCSE. Students will sit an external exam in June 2017. This element is worth 40% of the GCSE. Guidance of the content of each element of the qualification will be given in due course.

### **General advice**

Please encourage your Daughter to attend all lessons and keep up to date with the coursework. It is vital that coursework is handed in to meet deadlines. Your daughter will greatly enhance her knowledge and understanding in this subject by following Health, social and child care news and reports in the media.

### **Revision and preparation**

There are revision sessions after school on a Tuesday. Attendance to these sessions is strongly advised for extra individual help and practise. It is also planned for there to be revision sessions in Easter break 16 – 17

Revision books are available to purchase from the dept at a cost of £3.

### **Online Resources**

The Examination Board for this subject has a range of recourses for this subject on their web site. There is useful information for both pupils and parents.

Wjec.co.uk (follow the links for GCSE Home Economics, Child development)

### **Contact –**

If you have any concerns, please contact me on the usual numbers

**Mrs Sue Hooper (HoD)      shooper.bhcs@valelearning.com**

# **Bryn Hafren Dance Department**

## **Information for Year 10 Parents / Carers**



### **BTEC Dance**

All students in Year 10 will sit internal assessments in Dance – assessments will take place during their lesson time. They will have one major assessment in December and a second assessment in March. There is no written examination.

### **General advice**

Please encourage your Daughter to bring dance kit for every lesson so that she is prepared and showing a professional approach to the subject.

Pupils are very welcome to rehearse in the lunchtime or after school leading up to their assessments – they are responsible for arranging these rehearsals with their teacher.

### **Homework**

Pupils will be given written tasks to complete for homework and these pieces of work will be assessed as part of each assignment. Pupils will be unable to achieve top grades for an assignment if their written tasks have not been completed, so it is vital that pupils complete work set and hand it in to their teacher by the deadline set.

### **Online Resources**

We would encourage pupils to go and watch Dance performances live at the theatre but this is not always possible, so they can get access to a whole range of different dance styles on Youtube – key words to type in to guide their viewing would include:

Contemporary Dance / Merce Cunningham / Martha Graham / Christopher Bruce

### **Contact –**

If you have any concerns, please contact us on the usual school number – 01446 403500 extn. 150 (Dance Office)

**Year 10 Dance Teacher – Mrs Walby**

**HOD - Mrs Roach**

# Bryn Hafren Welsh Department

## Information for Year 10 Parents / Carers



### Welsh GCSE Full course

All pupils in year 10 are studying full course GCSE Welsh. All external examinations will be taken in the summer of year 11. The course is made up of four components, each worth 25%. There are 2 reading and writing examinations, an oral examination and controlled assessments.

### General advice

Please encourage your daughter to practice writing extended paragraphs on the various topics, as this will help her remember key vocabulary. To improve the quality of her written work we suggest that your daughter revises the tenses and various sentence constructions carefully. Your daughter also has a list of idiomatic phrases which she needs to know and include in her work.

### Revision and preparation

There are “catch up” sessions available at lunchtime in school on a Wednesday for any pupil who needs extra support and the department will have revision sessions after October half term on a Thursday at lunchtime in G2 for all year 11 students, but year 10 pupils are welcome to attend.

A GCSE revision book is available to order which we recommend for all students. The supplier is offering a discounted price of £2 until the end of November. After November it can still be purchased but the cost will be £2.99. The Welsh department is happy to order these very useful revision guides for your daughter.

### Online Resources

The following web-links / apps are available to support your daughter’s learning :-

- [www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize](http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize) This can be used to practice examination questions.
- Quizlet (app) This app is good for testing your vocabulary knowledge.
- GCSE 2<sup>nd</sup> Lang Welsh (app) This is excellent for revising the topics, tenses and sentence patterns. This app is free to download on any apple device.

### Contact –

If you have any concerns please contact me on 01443 406500 (Ext 134)  
chughes.bhcs@valelearning.com

**Mrs C. Hughes and The Welsh department**

**Bryn Hafren Comprehensive School**

# Bryn Hafren MFL Department

## Information for Year 10 Parents / Carers



### Spanish and French GCSE

All students in Year 10 Spanish and French will sit external exams in the summer examinations 2017 in Year 11 in reading and listening at either foundation or higher level. These examinations are worth 40% of the final grade. The further 60% is made up from the coursework element. This consists of 1 written controlled assessment and 1 oral controlled assessments in year 10 and then 1 written controlled assessment and 1 oral controlled assessment in year 11.

### General advice

Please encourage your Daughter to go on websites such as BBC bitesize to revise key vocabulary and grammar. To use the past papers in her topic booklets to revise specific exam topics and techniques and to use the LRC independent reading resources for GCSE. Encourage your daughter to listen to as much Spanish/French as possible even if it is music and to explore the current affair issues faced by Spain and France. This year your daughter has the opportunity to purchase a GCSE revision guide for both French and Spanish from her subject teacher and these are an outstanding source of revision.

### Revision and preparation

There are revision sessions after school on a Tuesday and/or a Thursday once coursework deadlines have been met. We also have 'breakfast revision club' on the morning of actual exams which we strongly advise your daughter attends. We also hold drop in sessions ever Wednesday lunchtimes throughout the year in U11 for coursework. In addition to this, individual subject teachers also hold their own coursework sessions. Attendance to these sessions is strongly advised.

Pupils will be provided with past papers for them to work through independently. Subject teachers will help look at these past papers and provide any support/advice needed by individual pupils. It is also planned for there to be revision sessions in Easter break 2016 - 17

### Online Resources

The following web-links / resources / apps are available to support your daughter's learning;

- [www.spanishrevision.co.uk](http://www.spanishrevision.co.uk)
- [www.bbc.co.uk/school/gcsebitesize/spanish](http://www.bbc.co.uk/school/gcsebitesize/spanish)
- [www.espanol-extra.co.uk](http://www.espanol-extra.co.uk)
- [www.frenchrevision.co.uk](http://www.frenchrevision.co.uk)
- [www.bbc.co.uk/school/gcsebitsize/french](http://www.bbc.co.uk/school/gcsebitsize/french)

Revision guides are available to purchase from subject teacher for both Spanish and French  
If you have any concerns, please contact me on the usual numbers

**Mrs Walters-Bresner - Head of the Languages Faculty.**

If you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact me on 01446 403500.

# **Bryn Hafren Religious Studies Dept**

## **Information for Year 10 Parents / Carers**



### **Religious Studies GCSE – WJEC Religion and Life Issues**

All students in Year 10 “RS” will sit an external exam in May 2016. The examination paper makes up 100% of the final mark. They will have a further external exam in the summer exam season of 2017.

### **General advice**

Please encourage your daughter to revise the key words for each topic as these are essential to understanding the questions. Your daughter also needs to revise the information in the revision booklets which she has been given. It would also be useful if she practised answering the questions by completing past papers which have been given to her.

### **Revision and preparation**

There are revision sessions after school on a Monday. Attendance to these sessions is strongly advised as it is a time where your daughter can receive individual help and support. It is also planned for there to be revision sessions in Easter break 2016 - 17

Revision booklets are available from the dept. Please see the class teacher.

### **Online Resources**

The following web-links/apps are available to support your daughter’s learning

- ‘Twitter feed’ – This can be useful for asking the teachers questions about the course.
- [www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/rs/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/rs/)

### **Contact –**

If you have any concerns please contact me on the usual numbers or at [kstapleton.bhcs@valelearning.com](mailto:kstapleton.bhcs@valelearning.com)

**K Stapleton and the Religious Studies Team**

**Bryn Hafren Comprehensive School**

# **Bryn Hafren Hair and Beauty' Dept**

## **Information for Year 10 Parents / Carers**



### **City and Guilds Level 2 Certificate in Hair Services.**

### **City and Guilds Level 2 Certificate in Beauty Therapy Services**

All students in Year 10 will sit controlled on-line exams throughout the year. They will also sit practical controlled exams in all practical areas of the course throughout the year. A controlled assessment plan is available for all.

#### **General advice**

Please encourage your Daughter to practise her skills and continue to revise her booklets. This will help her to reach her full potential in these subjects.

#### **Revision and preparation**

There are revision sessions available every lunch time in Salon 1 and salon 2. Attendance to these sessions is strongly advised in order to progress.

Revision materials / books are available to purchase from the dept.

City and Guilds Level 2 VRQ Diploma in Hairdressing.

City and Guilds Level 2 VRQ Diploma in Beauty Therapy.

Please see Mrs. Elias.

#### **Online Resources**

The following web links are available to support your daughter's learning

- '[www.habia.org/](http://www.habia.org/)'. '[www.cityandguilds.com](http://www.cityandguilds.com/)', [www.paulaschoice.com](http://www.paulaschoice.com/)', [2good2lose.com/braidyourhair.shtml](http://2good2lose.com/braidyourhair.shtml)', [www.wikihow.com/braid-Hair](http://www.wikihow.com/braid-Hair)', [www.youtube.com/Indianheadmassage](http://www.youtube.com/Indianheadmassage)'. – These can be useful sites to check procedure, research different techniques and find out anything linked to the industry.
- 'Pinterest' – Some nice images on designs, techniques and styles.

#### **Contact –**

If you have any concerns please contact Anna Elias on 01446 403500 ext - 141.

**Mrs. Anna Elias and the Hair & Beauty Team.**

**Bryn Hafren Comprehensive School**

# Bryn Hafren Physical Education Dept

## Information for Year 10 Parents / Carers



### Physical Education GCSE

All students in Year 10 will sit an external written exam in May 2017; they will also have a Practical External exam in March 2017. They will have a mock exam in the weeks running up to Christmas.

### General advice

Please encourage your Daughter to **attend after school PE clubs** as this will help in the external moderation in March. This also counts for 60% of her overall grade.

### Revision and preparation

There are revision sessions in school on a Monday lunch time. Attendance to these sessions is strongly advised to enable your daughter to get the best written mark (40%) she can.

Revision books are available to purchase from the dept. (£2.50). Please see Mrs Williams

### Online Resources

The following web-links / resources / apps are available to support your daughter's learning

- [www.bbcbitsize-pe.com](http://www.bbcbitsize-pe.com)

### Contact –

If you have any concerns please contact me on the usual numbers or via email [emitchell-willi.bhcs@valelearning.com](mailto:emitchell-willi.bhcs@valelearning.com)

**Mrs E Williams and the PE Team**

**Bryn Hafren Comprehensive School**

# **Bryn Hafren ICT Dept**

## **Information for Year 10 Parents / Carers**



### **ICT DIDA award**

All students in Year 10 ICT will sit an external exam on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May. The course is made up of 2 components, with the weighting of 75% coursework + 25% examination. Your daughter will begin work on her coursework in May and throughout year 11.

### **General advice**

Please encourage your daughter to attend all revision sessions and practice her graphics and web design skills as this will help in both her exam and coursework.

### **Revision and preparation**

There are revision sessions after school on a Wednesday, beginning in January 2016. Attendance to these sessions is strongly advised. It is also planned for there to be revision sessions in Easter break 2016.

### **Online Resources**

The following web-links / resources / are available to support your daughter's learning.

- @Mr\_Richards\_BH Twitter feed – This can be useful for questions, help and reminders of important dates.
- Codeacademy.com – This can be useful for practicing web design and coding techniques from lessons.

### **Contact –**

If you have any concerns, please contact me on the usual numbers, alternatively my email address is: nrichards.bhcs@valelearning.com

**Mr N Richards**

**Bryn Hafren Comprehensive School**



# Design Technology Department

## Information for Year 10 Parents / Carers



### Design Technology (Resistant Materials) GCSE (WJEC)

All students in Year 10 will either sit an external examination in May 2017 or May 2016.

### General advice

Please encourage your daughter to keep up to date with her Coursework/ Controlled Assessments to practice her presentation skills. Your daughter will be asked to complete and spend a bit of extra time in the Design Technology workshops or computer rooms to catch up any missed work or CAT tests. Your Daughter should also be working on examination questions in her own time using the internet and the notes and text books provided to help with the answers in preparation for her examination. When making her products I would encourage your daughter to attend lunchtime and after school workshops to complete a quality product which would gain the most marks possible.

### Revision and preparation

There are revision/catch-up sessions after school on Tuesday and Thursday as well as lunchtime sessions most days of the week but please see your individual teacher about these. Attendance to these sessions is strongly advised. Design Technology is a hands on subject and students will need to respond to challenges throughout the making process.

Revision materials / books are available to purchase from the dept. Please see Mr Oliver if you haven't already got them

### Online Resources

The following web-links / resources / apps are available to support your daughter's learning

- <http://www.14-19nw.org.uk/course/view.php?id=40> This is an excellent online resource for our students
- <http://www.mr-dt.com/default.htm> another good theory based website
- BBC Bitesize Design Technology Link

If you have any concerns please contact me on the usual number

Contact – Mr D Oliver - [doliver.bhcs@valelearning.com](mailto:doliver.bhcs@valelearning.com)

Head of Design Technology faculty

Bryn Hafren Comprehensive School

# Bryn Hafren Art Department

## Information for Year 10 Parents / Carers



### Art, Textiles, Photography and Ceramics GCSE (WJEC)

Students in year 10 will be working on their Personal Portfolio from September year 10 through to December of year 11. The Theme will vary depending on their Option choice.

This is their Coursework and makes up 60% of their overall mark, the remaining 40% is made up from the external exam.

### General advice

Students will need a good quality sketch book and basic drawing equipment. They will be expected to do support work at home as this will add value to their overall Coursework mark. There is an “open door” policy for the girls during lunchtimes and after school enabling students to access specialist rooms and equipment.

By the end of year 10 all students will have experienced a wide range of creative activities and produced an extensive portfolio of outcomes. The girls will then present an A1 board of their most successful work which will be exhibited in school.

All coursework portfolios are completed by Easter of year 11.

### Online Resources

- On line galleries - Google images
- @sallypaulakis on Pinterest,

### Contacts: –

If you have any concerns please contact your daughters subject teacher or the Head of Department by phone or email

**Contact:** Mrs Fiona Windsor Head of Art and Design Department -01446 403500 ext 111

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# Bryn Hafren Music Department

## Information for Year 10 Parents / Carers



### Music GCSE

All students in Year 10 will:

- Submit **ONE** complete music composition before **June 2016**.
- Perform **ONE solo** and **ONE group** piece before **April 2016**
  - Vocal music (Miss Doyle)
  - Instrumental music (Mr Green)
- Sit a mock appraising/listening exam in **June 2016**.

GCSE Music is made up of **THREE** components:

- **Performing** – 30% (internally assessed coursework, and externally moderated)
- **Composing** – 30% (internally assessed exam, and externally moderated)
- **Appraising** – 40% (externally assessed exam).

### General advice

Please encourage your daughter to do the following this year to maximise her potential:

- Use the Music Department MAC suite regularly to complete coursework at lunchtimes
- Practise all performances at home and with your peripatetic music teacher
- **Either**, perform in the school orchestra **OR** perform in senior choir (good attendance is compulsory at GCSE)
- Revise topics covered in lesson, and take home a revision booklet later in the year.

### Revision and preparation

There are coursework catch-up/support/challenge sessions on **Monday** and **Tuesday** lunchtimes as deadlines approach. Attendance to these sessions is strongly advised. Revision materials and books are available from the dept. Please see Mr Green. Online text books/revision guides (GCSE Music) are available from:

[www.eBay.co.uk](http://www.eBay.co.uk) and [www.amazon.co.uk](http://www.amazon.co.uk)

### Online Resources

The following web links / resources / apps are available to support your daughter's learning:

- <http://www.bbc.co.uk/learning/subjects/music.shtml>
- [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com)

If you have any concerns please contact me on: [Lgreen.bhcs@valelearning.com](mailto:Lgreen.bhcs@valelearning.com)

**Mr L. Green**

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# Bryn Hafren Drama Department

## Information for Year 10 Parents / Carers



### Drama GCSE

All students will complete a TIE project (Theatre in Education) which they will perform to local primary schools on Thursday January 21<sup>st</sup> 2016. This will be scripted, directed and rehearsed in lessons. This performance covers 10% of the GCSE and also covers an element of the Welsh Bacc.

After the TIE exam the pupils will be completing a unit of work on the play 'Blood Brothers' they will also complete an assessed workshop on the play which they will complete in June 2016. This workshop is a filmed exam and the DVD is sent to the exam board for moderation. A piece of course work will also be completed which analyses the workshop. This in total makes up 20% of the GCSE.

### General advice

- Please encourage your daughter to attend all lessons.
- Research the play 'Blood Brothers' so they have information on the background of the play, the playwright and the themes/issues.
- Rehearse after school in readiness for the TIE project and the assessed workshop.

### Revision and preparation

There will be rehearsal slots nearer the performance date for the TIE after school which your daughter should take full advantage of.

Coursework club will take place after the workshop is completed, this will be in the Drama studio on a Tuesday 3pm-4.30pm.

### Online Resources

Please encourage your daughter to follow the department on twitter for revision tips and rehearsal times etc - @Miss\_theatrical

### Contact –

If you have any concerns, please contact me on the usual numbers or email me at:

[awilliams.bhcs@valelearning.com](mailto:awilliams.bhcs@valelearning.com)

**Miss A Williams and the Drama team**

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# Bryn Hafren Sociology Department

Information for Year 10 Parents / Carers



## Sociology GCSE

All students in Year 10 Sociology will sit an external exam on People and Families in the summer of 2016. They will not have further external exams in Sociology in the summer exam season of 2017. Sociology is made up of five components with one of these components (research methods) overlapping into year 11. There are two each in years 10 and 11. Sociology is split into two examinations taken over two years and each of these carry equal weighting.

## General advice

Please encourage your daughter to read widely around the subject and to read newspapers as this will help her understanding of the subject matter, in her examinations and with her classwork.

## Revision and preparation

There are revision sessions after school on a Tuesday. Attendance to these sessions is strongly advised. It is also planned for there to be revision sessions in Easter break 2016 - 17

Revision materials / books are available to purchase from the Sociology dept. Please see Mr Birch for details

Online text books are available from Amazon or can be purchased through Mr Birch for £19.13.

## Online Resources

The following web-links / resources / apps are available to support your daughter's learning

- You tube: Sociology links and videos.
- Online newspaper articles.
- GCSE sociology resources are available on -line at the WJEC and TES.
- PDFs and Power points are also available through Google

## Contact –

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# Bryn Hafren Geography Department

## Information for Year 10 Parents / Carers



### Geography GCSE

All students in Year 10 will sit their first GCSE external exam during May 2016. They will have a mock exam around Easter. They will then have a second exam of the June in Year 11.

### General advice

- Learn specific key words for Geography.
- Read through your booklets and complete all past paper questions.
- Collect our past paper question from the department on USB.
- Use our revision power points.
- Attend our revision sessions after school on a Thursday.
- Make sure you keep up to date with coursework. This will start after the Year 10 examination in May.

### Revision and preparation

- Every Thursday 3-4pm there is Year 10 Geography revision .
- WJEC Geography Revision guides are available from the Geography department for £8. Alternatively you will find them on Amazon. They cover all topics for Year 10 and Year 11 Geography.

### Online Resources

- Follow the department on twitter and ask questions @hafrengography.
- Please use our revision website [www.lovegeography.com](http://www.lovegeography.com)
- Also visit GCSE Bitesize Geography for revision.

### Contact

If you have any concerns please contact Mr Lewis on 01446 603500 or email [mlewis.bhcs@valelearning.com](mailto:mlewis.bhcs@valelearning.com).

**Mr Lewis and the Geography Team**

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