

Dear Parents/Carers,

The GCSE revision and examinations have continued this week in Ysgol Afon Wen. We are extremely proud of the Year 11 pupils who are working hard to achieve the best they can. Thank you to all of the people at home helping them to revise and to stay on track. We understand the pressure that they are dealing with and are here to support with anything.

A number of pupils met this week with Mrs O'Carroll to enhance the school's anti-bullying campaign and they are working hard in the background to ensure that Ysgol Afon Wen remains a community that does not tolerate bullying or discrimination.



We have been very busy planning the second half of the Summer term and are delighted to be able to invite parents/carers into school for transition events, Sports Day(s) and end of year celebration assemblies. We cannot wait to share all of the achievements with you and take this opportunity to thank you all again for your support this academic year. We are very proud of each and every one and cannot wait to show case their hard work.

Please see all of the Summer dates and events on the next pages of the newsletter. You will find the dates for Sports Days, Celebration assemblies and graduation ceremonies as well as assessments for the end of the academic year.

## Dates for your diary

Date	Event
Friday 23rd May 2025	Last day of May half term.
Monday 2nd June 2025	Pupils return to school Testing window opens for the Welsh National Tests
Monday 9th June 2025	Year 9 reports published this week
Monday 16th June 2025	Year 10 reports published this week
Wednesday 18th June 2025	GCSE examinations end
Monday 23rd June 2025	Year 6 transition week Year 10 work experience week





## Sports Days

Sports Days will take place on the following dates:

**Activate: Tuesday 1st July 2025**

Year 2 and 3 : 9.30am—11.30am Parents welcome

Reception and Year 1 : 1.45pm—2.45pm Parents welcome.

**Advance: Thursday 3rd July 2025**

Year 4, 5, 6 : 1.30 - 3.00pm Parents welcome.

Year 7 & 8 : All day. No parents/carers for this event.

**Achieve: Wednesday 2nd July 2025**

Year 9 & 10 : All day. No parents/carers for this event.

These days will be an opportunity for the pupils to work as individuals and as a member of a team.



## Celebration Assemblies

The pupils are working hard to summarise their year in Ysgol Afon Wen in an assembly towards the end of the Summer term. The pupils will have an opportunity to showcase their work. We invite family members to attend this extended assembly.



Date	Event
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> July 2025 @9.10am	Nursery Celebration Assembly
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2025 @ 9.10am	Reception Celebration Assembly
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July 2025 @ 9.10am	Year 1 Celebration Assembly
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> July 2025 @ 2.30pm	Year 2 Celebration Assembly
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> July 2025 @2.30pm	Year 3 Celebration Assembly
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> July 2025 @ 2.00pm	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly

## Graduation Days

As part of the family assemblies, we look forward to celebrating the graduation of pupils in Nursery, Reception and Year 6 as they move onto the next phase of the education. We would like families to join us to celebrate where you can.





## Welsh National Tests

The pupils in Year 2 to Year 9 will complete the Welsh National Tests in June. This will be the second attempt for most pupils. These assessments are mandatory as dictated by the Welsh Government. All pupils must take the Literacy and Number tests at least once. There are three online tests to complete; Reading, Mathematics Procedural and Mathematics Reasoning .

Pupils cannot practice for these tests as they are an assessment of skill level. These tests are electronic and change depending on the skill level of the pupil.

Date	Event (AM)	Event (PM)
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2025	Year 2, 4, 7 Reading WNT	Year 3, 5, 8 Reading WNT
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2025	Year 6, 9 Reading WNT	Year 2, 4, 7 Procedural Mathematics WNT
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	Year 6, 9 Procedural Mathematics WNT	Year 3, 5, 8 Procedural Mathematics WNT
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	Year 2, 4, 7 Reasoning Mathematics WNT	Year 3, 5, 8 Reasoning Mathematics WNT
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	Year 6, 9 Reasoning Mathematics WNT	

## Year 7, 8 and 9 Summer Assessments

Pupils in Year 7—9 will complete internal examinations to assess their learning to date and support future improvements. All tests will take place in a classroom unless it specifies the exam venue of the Sports Hall. Please see letter sent home .

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	Mathematics Welsh	Science Technology	
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	English Science	Humanities Welsh	GL Assessment Reading
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	Humanities French	French Mathematics	GL Assessment Numeracy
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	Technology	English	
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	GL Assessment Reading	GL Assessment Reading	Technology (Classroom)
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June 2025	GL Assessment Numeracy	GL Assessment Numeracy	Mathematics (8.50- 10.30) Sports Hall Welsh (1.15 – 2.45) Sports Hall
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June 2025			Science (8.50-10.30) Sports Hall Humanities (1.15 – 2.45) Sports Hall



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## Year 6 Transition

On Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May, Year 6 learners from Parc Lewis and Ffynnon Taff joined us for the final of our three faculty days to experience our Life Faculty curriculum. Learners experienced the wonders of Humanities, PE and Well-being using our state of the art facilities on the Astro and our new outdoor learning classroom at Ysgol Afon Wen.

Learners thoroughly enjoyed the day:

"I couldn't believe the size of the Astro Turf - I can't wait to have PE lessons in September"

"Humanities was so exciting and we got to learn new ideas"

Both schools were really excited to hear about our Transition week in June where they will join our three Year 6 classes from Ysgol Afon Wen. They were particularly excited to build on the friendships made in Llangrannog back in February and integrate into our school Community in September.

Year 6 transition week will take place on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2025 for 4 days and will include activities across the school. Parents/carers will be invited in for the Summer Showcase event being prepared by all of the Year 6 pupils on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July at 4pm.

## Celebration of Success

Congratulations to the following pupils who have been commended by their Progress leader or teachers. Well done!



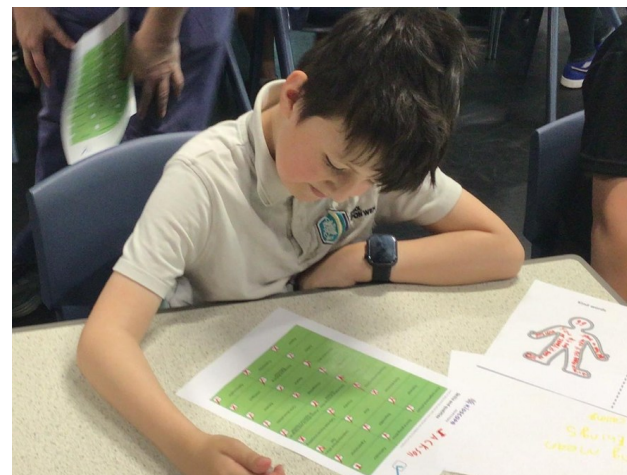
<b>Nursery</b>	Maisie Hayes	<b>Year 4</b>	Oliver Cunningham	<b>Year 9</b>	Azaria Holcombe
	Oaklee Phillips		Evelyn Rees		Cayson Dix
<b>Reception</b>	Ibrahim Yadgari	<b>Year 5</b>	Amelia King	<b>Year 10</b>	Cian Phillips
	Florence Palmer		Seren-Jorgie Phillips		Jessie Donovan
<b>Year 1</b>	Louise Jones	<b>Year 6</b>	Levi Shephard	<b>Year 11</b>	Gwen Warren
	Ava-Gwen Smith		Ella Heydon		Kian Hook
<b>Year 2</b>	Evan Withers	<b>Year 7</b>	Alex Demeter		
	Ryan Rodgers		Kayla Jones	Maddison Jones	
<b>Year 3</b>	Carter Tucker	<b>Year 8</b>	Molly Mills		
	Keeyan Wolliams		Jacob Griffiths	Ben Jones	



## Antibullying

A selection of pupils from Years 4 - 9 were chosen to represent their Year Group as Anti-Bullying Ambassadors. Pupils worked with Michael Mainwaring from Kidscape to discuss different forms of bullying, such as verbal, physical and cyberbullying. Pupils were trained how to help identify others who may be experiencing issues and how they can support them. The qualities of a good Anti-Bullying Ambassador were integral in the process of the training and then pupils wrote a plan of what they intended to do to reduce bullying in school.

Our campaign to support all pupils across the school will be rolled out in our launch assemblies after half term.





## Antibullying



### What is bullying?

Bullying is any behaviour that is intended to **hurt**, is **repeated** and where it's hard for the person or people on the receiving end to defend themselves (in other words - the person doing the **bullying has the power**). Children can be bullied by children and by adults.

#### What does bullying look like?

Children tell us that the most frequent form of bullying is name calling (don't believe the old sticks and stones rhyme - words can hurt as much or more). Bullying can also be physical and emotional, and can take place face to face and online (cyberbullying).

#### Targeting 'difference'

Children that bully very often target any kind of 'difference'. We are all unique but for some of us there may be something which means we stand out. We should all be proud of who we are and if you are bullied it is never your fault.

#### Difference between bullying and banter

'Banter', or teasing is very often fun between friends and family but it can slip into bullying behaviour if we're not careful. Make sure that what you say to others isn't actually hurting their feelings. If they are sad or distressed stop, and say sorry.

## Top tips for children

Kidscape is here to help. We are here to help children and families going through a bullying situation, and we are here to work with teachers and other professionals to keep children safe.

**We can only stop bullying by working together.**

### 2. Top tips for children

## What to do if I'm being bullied?

1

#### Remember it's not your fault.

You might feel scared, sad and embarrassed but it's the person or people doing the bullying that need to change, not you.

2

**Get help.** Don't suffer in silence. Think of an adult who could help you. Tell them you think you are being bullied and you need their help to stop it. If they don't give you the advice you need, go to the next person until you find someone that can help you stop it. No one has the right to hurt you. It is a strong person that asks for help.

3

**Keep a record.** Try and keep a diary of events. This should include what happened, when and with who. Your parent or carer might be able to help you do this.

4

**Know your friends.** Make sure you only hang around with people who make you feel good about yourself. If someone makes you feel sad, scared or makes you do things you don't want to do they are not your friend.

5

**Practice standing up for yourself.** It can help to practice standing or sitting up tall in the mirror, making eye contact and saying a clear, firm 'No'. Don't let the person bullying you get a reaction from you.

6

**Seek a place of safety.** If you are at risk of harm there is no shame in taking yourself away from the situation. Do whatever it takes not to get hurt. If that means finding a safe place at break or lunch time like a classroom or the library then do it. Just make sure you seek help as soon as you can.

7

**Remember no one has the right to hurt you.** If someone has physically hurt you in any way, has touched you in a way that made you uncomfortable or is trying to get you to do something dangerous or risky then seek help. If the person you talk to doesn't listen or take you seriously, don't blame yourself, find someone who will help.

8

**Love yourself.** When you are bullied it can make you feel sad and lonely and like you are rubbish. You are not rubbish. You are amazing and wonderful and life will get better. Do things that make you feel good about yourself. That might be playing with a pet, going for walks, doing sports, singing, watching funny videos, playing games, writing down your feelings as poems or songs. We want you to know you are not alone. Thousands of children go through bullying every day. **Together we will stop it and you will be okay.**

9

**Stand up for others.** We all have a part to play in stopping bullying. If you see children who are scared or lonely stand or sit with them. Don't join in bullying behaviour by laughing or sharing cruel posts. Make it clear to those doing the bullying that you don't find it funny or like it. Stand up for others who are different. Show them you think they are great just as they are.

## Who can help?

These are organisations that offer advice and help to children and teenagers going through a bullying situation:

- Kidscape: [www.kidscape.org.uk](http://www.kidscape.org.uk)
- Childline: [www.childline.org.uk](http://www.childline.org.uk)
- The Mix: [www.themix.org.uk](http://www.themix.org.uk) (for under 25s)
- YoungMinds: [www.youngminds.org.uk](http://www.youngminds.org.uk)





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## Year 5 Open Day

Staff and pupils at Ysgol Afon Wen extend a warm welcome to all prospective Year 5 families to join us for our annual Open Evening. This will be a wonderful opportunity for you to explore our brand new facilities, meet our dedicated staff and some of our fantastic pupils, and learn more about the exciting opportunities available to all Ysgol Afon Wen pupils. We look forward to welcoming you to our school.

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YEAR 5 OPEN EVENING

 5.00pm  
JULY 3, 2025

We look forward  
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you to our brand  
new school



## Attendance

Nursery	80%	Year 4	92%	Year 9	83%
Reception	80%	Year 5	93%	Year 10	83%
Year 1	92%	Year 6	90%	Year 11	83%
Year 2	94%	Year 7	89%		
Year 3	91%	Year 8	90%		

Congratulations to **Year 2** who have the highest attendance this week. The school expects every pupil to have at least 90% attendance to school. A high level of attendance to school supports high levels of attainment and wellbeing.

## Attendance Challenge

On Monday 12th May, we will launch our 10 Days of Summer challenge for all pupils in Years 5-11. Excellent school attendance is a priority for everyone at Ysgol Afon Wen and we are keen to encourage all pupils to take advantage of every teaching and learning opportunity available to them at school.

The aim of the challenge is to encourage pupils to attend school every day in the lead up to half term. The challenge will begin on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May and finish on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May. For every day that a pupil attends school, they will receive an entry to the prize draw. Form Tutors/Class Teachers and will keep track of their attendance and entries.

There will be a prize draw per year group on the Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May. Pupils must be in on the last day (Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May) to be in with a chance to win a prize. Watch this space for confirmation of prizes!

We hope that you will continue to support us as we approach half term by ensuring your child attends school every day.

## Year 10 Work Experience

### **Year 10 Work Experience Update:**

Thank you to all parents and carers who have already secured a work experience placement for their child. If you have not yet done so, please ensure that the completed forms are returned to school by **Thursday 22nd May at the very latest.**

After this date, RCT will begin processing and approving placements, and no new submissions will be accepted beyond the deadline. If there are any issues with the placement your child has secured, the school will contact you directly via Class Charts or by phone.

Please note: any pupil who has not arranged a placement will be expected to attend school as normal during that week.





## Summer Term Events

Have a look at what we have planned for the Summer term and use to help plan for any costs.

Activate Phase: Rec—Yr 3

### EXPERIENCE DAY

Tuesday 8th July 2025

More information to follow

Activate Phase: Rec—Yr 3

### CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

See separate dates below

Parents/carers welcome to attend

Activate Phase: Rec—Yr 3

### SPORTS DAY

Tuesday 1st July 2025

Parents/carers welcome to attend

Advance Phase: Yr 4, 5 and 6

### SPORTS DAY

Thursday 3rd July 2025

Parents/carers welcome to attend

Advance Phase: Yr 4, 5 and 6

### SUMMER DISCO

Tuesday 8th July 2025

After School 3.15—4.30pm

Cost £2 & tuck shop money

Advance Phase: Yr 5—8

### SUMMER SHOWCASE

Wednesday 2nd July 2025

4.00—5.00pm

Advance Phase: Yr 6

### TRANSITION WEEK

Monday 23rd June -

Thursday 26th June 2025

Advance Phase: Yr 4, 5 and 6

### SCHOOL TRIP

Friday 11th July 2025

SHOWCASE CINEMA

Cost £10 p.p

Advance Phase: Yr 5

### OPEN EVENING

Thursday 3rd July 2025

5.00pm

All welcome



## Summer Term Events

Advance Phase: Yr 7 and 8

### SCHOOL TRIP

Monday 7th July 2025

DRAYTON MANOR

Cost £42 p.p

Advance Phase: Yr 6

### LEAVERS' DAY ACTIVITIES & CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Monday 14th July 2025

@2.00pm

Parents invited.

Advance Phase: Yr 7 and 8

### SPORTS DAY

Thursday 3rd July 2025

No parental involvement .

Achieve Phase: Yr 9 and 10

### SCHOOL TRIP

Tuesday 8th July 2025

DRAYTON MANOR

Cost £42 p.p

Achieve Phase: Yr 9 and 10

### SPORTS DAY

Tuesday 2nd July 2025

No parental involvement .

Achieve Phase: Yr 11

### LEAVERS' ASSEMBLY

Wednesday 11th June 2025

More information to follow

Achieve Phase: Yr 11

### PROM

Wednesday 9th July 2025

7pm Village Hotel, Cardiff

Invitation only





# YAW SPOTLIGHT ON SAFEGUARDING



## TOPIC OF THE WEEK

## WATER SAFETY AT THE RIVER

### STAYING SAFE IN OPEN WATER OPEN CONVERSATIONS

As we continue to enjoy the beautiful sunshine, please ensure you discuss this important topic with your child/children.

### THE FACTS

An average of 346 UK and Irish Citizens lose their life to accidental drowning EVERY YEAR and many more have non-fatal experiences, sometimes suffering life-changing injuries.

49% of UK accidental drownings occur between May and August. There is also a heightened risk of drowning when air temperatures are higher.

### THE DANGERS OF OPEN WATER

- It is very cold
- The shock of cold water can make swimming difficult and increase the difficulty in getting out of the water
- There may be hidden currents
- It can be difficult to get out (steep slimy banks)
- It can be deep
- There may be hidden rubbish e.g. shopping trolleys, broken glass
- There are no lifeguards
- The water may be polluted and could make you ill

## Water Safety at the River

### RIVER Water Safety Advice

- SWIM** at lifeguarded lakes
- STAY** back from the edge so that you don't fall in
- REMEMBER** that lakes and rivers remain cold all year round
- ALWAYS** wear a lifejacket for activities on or around the water

### WORDSEARCH

X B I T R E C B H K O S A  
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Can you find all these words in the grid?

- |         |          |         |
|---------|----------|---------|
| RIVER   | FREEZING | MUDDY   |
| CANAL   | REEDS    | SIGNS   |
| FISHING | CURRENT  | TREES   |
| BANKS   | DUCKS    | WATER   |
| DIRTY   | BOAT     | FLOWERS |
| QUARRY  | BRIDGE   | SAFETY  |

### QUIZ

1. What number should you call if someone needs help?
2. What should you throw to help someone in trouble - a rubber duck, a life ring, your teacher or a brick?
3. What should you wear if you can swim?
4. Why should you stay back from the water's edge?
5. You should never jump in to save someone in trouble, true or false?



Do not share your pieces of art with us! Only post with #enjoywatersafely. @riscuk

## STAY SAFE

**The SAFE message**

Always remember to stay **SAFE** near water - Stay Away From the Edge!

**S** - STAY AWAY FROM THE EDGE  
**A** - ALWAYS WEAR A LIFEJACKET  
**F** - FISHING AND BOATING SAFELY  
**E** - ENJOY THE WATER SAFELY AND MAKE THE RIGHT CALL

**Summer WATER SAFETY**

To enjoy the water safely and make the right call.

- ENTER SWIMMING AND CANOING
- STAY WITHIN REACH
- ADAPTABLE SUPPLIES

**In an emergency...**

CALL 999

IF YOU'RE IN TROUBLE NEAR WATER CALL 109 (RIF)

## STAYING SAFE ON THE BEACH.. more tips





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## LIFE Faculty News

### PUPIL SHOUT OUTS

Year/ Subject	Name
<b>Welsh Baccalaureate</b>	<b>Year 10</b> Lily Jones Madison Bale Zav Davis Finnley Williams Lola Knowles Abree Pontin Xavier Warner
	<b>Year 11</b> Seth Kemlo Jay Cummings Ruby Ford Joni Usar Amir Muibi
<b>PE</b>	<b>Year 6</b> Kian Davies Isla Collins
	<b>Year 7</b> Chloe Collins Indy-Mae Watton Nevaeh Evans Riley Lloyd Kai Jones Frederick Moore
<b>History</b>	<b>Year 10</b> Lexie Hughes, Agata Swiatkowska <b>Year 11</b> Ruby Ford, Caleb Edwards
<b>Humanities</b>	<b>Y6</b> - Maddison Williams <b>Y7</b> - Kaylum Haughton <b>Y9</b> - Oliver O'Callaghan





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We recently celebrated World Earth Day with week of planning focused on the importance of looking after our world. We discussed a few ways to make our Earth happy and we completed a recycling race for P.E. We talked about our favourite places in the world and what makes them special to us.

We also developed our fine motor cutting skills whilst creating our Earth collages. We are proud to be responsible citizens of our world!

## LiFE Faculty News



### "LiFE" In Nursery



### "LiFE" In Reception



Our WOW ambassadors had a very busy Spring term, awarding over 900 badges to pupils who travelled actively to school. Let's aim for 1000 badges this term!



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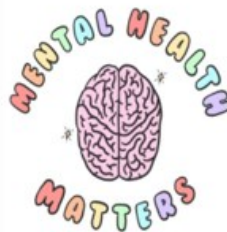
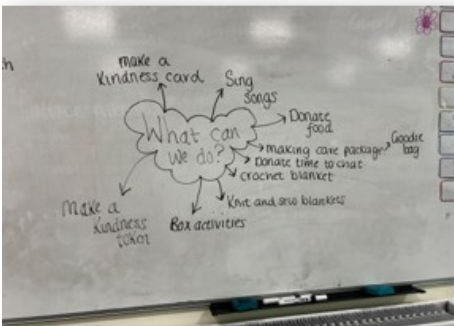
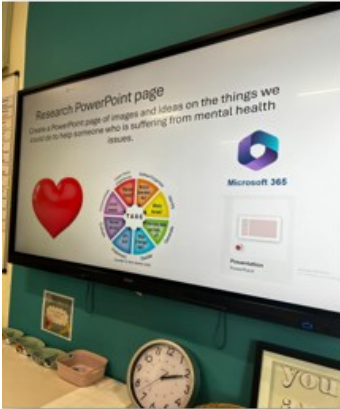
## “LIFE” In Advance

This week in Year 4, we have started our community project.

Our focus is spreading kindness to increase positive mental health in our community. Team work makes the dream work!

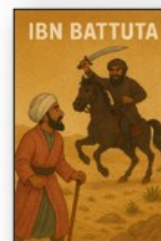
We are very excited to give back to our local community, just look at our ideas so far!

## LiFE Faculty News



### WELLBEING TOPICS

Activate and Lower Achieve phases have been engaging in new Wellbeing topics. Year 4 have been exploring “Rocks, Ruins and Relics” in order to understand how people in the past maintained their health and wellbeing. One lesson focussed on famous explorers, where the class learned about the challenges they faced and how their actions were considered **brave**.





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## EXTRACURRICULAR FIXTURES

## LiFE Faculty News



Year 7 and 8 Girls Rugby have had recent success. Year 7 girls coming 3rd in their Pool at the national Urdd competition. Year 7 and 8 mixed team winning their recent fixture against Cardinal Newman.

Girls football Year 7-10 put the hard work against Bryn Celynnog. Which unfortunately ended in a loss.

### Pontypridd Schools Rugby Under 11s

Max Lucas has represented Pontypridd Schools under 11s this season in rugby. Next week, Max will play in the cup final of the DC Thomas cup verses Bridgend Schools at Rodney Parade. We wish Max and the team all the best for this upcoming fixture.





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## CURO'R CYRN! BLAST THE BRASS!

Sesiwn galw heibio cychwynnol i unrhyw un sydd eisiau rhoi cynnig arni!

A drop-in intro session for anyone wanting to have a go!



Agored i bob oed, does dim angen profiad. Cyfle i roi cynnig ar bob offeryn, gweld beth rydych chi'n ei hoffi a chael gwybodaeth am fandiau lleol

Open to all ages, no experience required

A chance to try every instrument, see what you like and find out about local bands

Yn cynnwys cystadlu lleol, bandiau cymunedol a bandiau dysgwyr; mae croeso i fandwyr sy'n dychwelyd ddod i rwydweithio a chael gwybodaeth

Featuring local competing, community and learner's bands; returning banders are welcome for networking and information



17 Mai 2025 | 14:00 - 17:00 | 17 May 2025

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