



Ysgol Y Grango  
Year 10  
Information Booklet



**Dear Pupil, Parent or Guardian**

Year 10 is a crucial year and we are keen to support you throughout this challenging time. This guide is designed to provide an overview of this important year, and provide you with all the information you need to ensure that it is a successful one.

In year 10, some GCSE coursework and exam units will be completed.

A great deal of support is available to all of you. There are also numerous opportunities for pupils and parents to access extra help in terms of revision strategies, exam technique and parent/teacher consultations. By staying in touch with the school via email, MILK, our website, a phone call or a visit, you can take full advantage of these resources and support.

Please be aware that College courses will run on a Tuesday afternoon. We kindly ask that you do not arrange any non-emergency appointments during this time. It is imperative that attendance is consistent in order for pupils to pass and achieve their best result possible.

We hope that you find this booklet informative, but if you have any further questions or comments about how it might be improved, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

S Garthwaite

Head teacher/Prifathro



# Stay in Touch

## Some Useful Contact Details:

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**facebook**

Visit us by searching for:- [yygrango](#)

We also have various department Facebook pages

### Parent Mail & Text Alerts

These facilities allow you to get instant updates of important school information or details about school events. Please make sure your mobile numbers are up to date.



# Stay in Touch - MILK

## What is MILK?

Milk is a cloud based software application designed to boost your child's performance at school and is accessible via a web browser or any Android or Apple mobile device.

## Why should we use MILK?

Milk 'student dashboard' keeps you and your child up-to-date and in control with visual snapshot of attendance, behaviour and subject progress reports. It's functionality ensures homework is consistently set for your child and it can greatly improve your child's homework submission rates, especially if your child has special educational needs.

## Is my child's data safe?

Yes, your child's data is always kept safe because Milk has SSL data encryption and is fully compliant with the Data Protection Act. Milk is also regulated by the Information Commission Office (ICO).

## How much will MILK cost my child?

The Milk parent/student app is FREE to download from Apple iTunes and Google Play. The school purchases a licence to use the service and will supply you with a login to access the platform.

## Do I need to buy a smart phone for my child?

No, this will not be necessary as Milk can be ac-

**To download the Milk app for Android or iOS, please visit [milkstudentplanner.com/app](http://milkstudentplanner.com/app)**

## How do parents access MILK?

We will supply you with a log-in to access the profile of your child, using Mac, PC, smartphone or tablet.

## What happens when a student loses their phone?

Unlike a handwritten diary, your child's homework, messages and timetable information never gets lost and all data can be accessed again using your child's replacement device or home computer. All a student needs to do, is reinstall the Milk app on their replacement device and log-in.

## Homework and Expectations.

Homework tasks are set via MILK. Your child will receive one homework task per week for Maths, English, Science and Welsh. All other subjects will be set every 2–3 weeks. Should you have any questions regarding homework, please contact your child's Progress Leader.



# Key Staff for Year 10

<b>Mr S Garthwaite:</b>	<b>Head teacher</b>
<b>Mrs C Williams:</b>	<b>Deputy Head teacher</b>
<b>Mrs C Corbally:</b>	<b>Assistant Head teacher/Teaching &amp; Learning</b>
<b>Mr I Thomas:</b>	<b>Assistant Head teacher/Standards &amp; Curriculum</b>
<b>Ms A Evans:</b>	<b>Progress Leader for Year 10</b>
<b>Mr J Flavell:</b>	<b>Faculty Leader Maths</b>
<b>Mrs L Lindsay:</b>	<b>Faculty Leader Science</b>
<b>Mrs C Sparks:</b>	<b>Faculty Leader English</b>
<b>Mr N Thomas:</b>	<b>Faculty Leader ICT</b>
<b>Mrs Z Povey:</b>	<b>Faculty Leader Welsh</b>
<b>Mrs C Hughes:</b>	<b>Faculty Leader Humanities</b>
<b>Miss S Jones:</b>	<b>Faculty Leader Art, Design &amp; Technology</b>
<b>Miss A Evans:</b>	<b>Faculty Leader P.E.</b>
<b>Mrs R Simon:</b>	<b>Tutor for 10RS</b>
<b>Mrs G Evans:</b>	<b>Tutor for 10GE</b>
<b>Miss B Hill:</b>	<b>Tutor for 10BH</b>
<b>Mr A Price:</b>	<b>Tutor for 10AP</b>
<b>Mrs K Sharpe:</b>	<b>Resource Provision</b>
<b>Mrs R Poyntz-Wright:</b>	<b>Careers Advisor - Careers Wales</b>
<b>Mrs K Price:</b>	<b>Learning Coach</b>
<b>Mrs Y Girvan:</b>	<b>Learning Coach</b>
<b>Miss A Hughes:</b>	<b>Examinations Officer</b>

## Revision Websites

[www.s-cool.co.uk](http://www.s-cool.co.uk)

[www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/)

<http://www.revision-notes.co.uk/GCSE/>

<http://www.projectgcse.co.uk/>

[www.topmarks.co.uk](http://www.topmarks.co.uk) - has links to other revision websites

[www.revisiontime.com](http://www.revisiontime.com)

<http://ule.mathswatch.co.uk>

<http://lgfl.skool.co.uk/examcentre.aspx?id=128> - (for Maths & Science)



## What Information is included in a Report?

### Target Grade

During Year 7, a GCSE Target Grade will be set. These targets are then reviewed each year. They represent aspirational, challenging targets for pupils to work towards. These are the levels we would hope pupils might eventually achieve by the end of Key Stage 4 (end of Year 11), should they apply themselves fully and act upon all the guidance and advice offered.

### Assessment of Progress in relation to GCSE Target

Where appropriate we also provide an **Assessment of Progress** in relation to the GCSE target. This helps you interpret the current grade and decide whether your son or daughter is currently working to the best of their ability. Teachers provide a professional judgement about whether the pupil is demonstrating the standard of application, participation and work necessary in order to go on to achieve their target 1. This assessment is given very simply as a statement of **Above Target, On Target or Below Target**.

### Attitude to Learning

All reports will contain an assessment of the pupil's attitude in lessons. This assessment uses the following criteria:-

- Excellent
- Good
- Satisfactory
- Cause for Concern

### Subject Teacher Comment

Full reports provide written subject specific feedback. Subject teachers will comment on the pupil's particular strengths, the quality of their work and their performance, skills and understanding in each subject. Teachers will also highlight areas for development to secure further improvement.



## What Information is included in a Report?

### Areas for Improvement

Full reports will include subject specific advice about what the pupil needs to do in order to make further progress.

### Pastoral Team Comments

Full reports will include a comment from your child's Form Tutor. Form Tutors might comment on any of the following:

- Conduct and attitude during form time and around the school
- Contribution to form and school activities
- Relationships with peers and with teachers
- Punctuality to registration
- Standards of uniform

The report will also include a comment from your child's Progress Leader and from Mr Garthwaite, Headteacher.

### Attendance Statistics

Interim reports will include a record of the pupil's percentage attendance.

Full reports will include a comprehensive print out of the pupil's attendance to date.



# Year 10 Timeline

**\*\*Please note changes to PPE's (Pre-Public Examinations). These will now be held throughout the Academic year, the timetable attached will provide further details.**

*Formal Pre Public Examinations are conducted in most subjects. This is an opportunity for pupils to develop their exam and revision techniques and to receive feedback from subject staff.*

**\*\*Please note, We kindly ask that you do not arrange any non-emergency appointments on a Tuesday afternoon, when pupils will be attending College. It is imperative that attendance is consistent in order for pupils to pass and achieve their best result possible.**

## October

25th—Training Day

## December

16th - Christmas carol Concert

Week beginning 16th - Interim Reports Issued

*An interim report will be sent home providing details about GCSE targets, current progress and attitude. If necessary follow up meetings may take place between parents and Progress Leader/Subject Leader.*

Week beginning 16th - Science End of Topic Tests

Christmas Fayre - Date TBC

## January

06th - Training day

08th - GCSE January Examinations begin

09th/10th —Skills Challenge, Enterprise & Employability

24th—Principality Savings Challenge

## February

Week beginning 24th—Science End of Topic Tests

24th/26th/27th/28th— Skills Challenge, Enterprise & Employability





# Year 10 Timeline

## **March**

16th/17th—Skills Challenge, Enterprise & Employability

26th - Year 10 Parents Evening

*A full report is sent home providing assessment of attitude and current grade for each subject. The GCSE target is also included together with an assessment of progress in relation to this. Subject teachers will also make a comment detailing particular strengths and advice for improvement. This represents an opportunity for formal communication of progress and advice prior to Year 10 exams.*

## **April**

21st/22nd & 23rd—GCSE Unit 1 Welsh Oral Examination

## **May**

05th—GCSE Examinations begin

08th—Bank Holiday

## **June**

Week beginning 15th—English GCSE Oral Examinations

Week beginning 22nd—Interim Reports Issued

## **July**

06th/08th/09th/10th—Skills Challenge , Community

20th - Training day

## **August**

20th - GCSE Results Day



## YEAR 10 PPE Time table

### **What is a PPE?**

Formal Pre Public Examinations are conducted in most subjects.

This is an opportunity for pupils to develop their exam and revision techniques and to receive feedback from subject staff.

A PPE can determine the level of entry for GCSE Examinations.

<b>Autumn Term</b>		
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> September 2019	P3 & 4	English Lang
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> October – Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October		Science
Friday 06 <sup>th</sup> December 2019	P1 & 2	PE
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December – Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December		Science
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2019	P3 & 4	English Lit

<b>Spring Term</b>		
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> January 2020	P1 & 2	RE
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February 2020	P3 & 4	French
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February – Tuesday 03 <sup>rd</sup> March		Science
Friday 06 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	P1 & 2	PE
Friday 06 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	P3 & 4	English
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	P3 & 4	English Lit

<b>Summer Term</b>		
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> April 2020	P1 & 2	Biology
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> April 2020	P1 & 2	Chemistry
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> April 2020	P3 & 4	Physics
Friday 01 <sup>st</sup> May 2020	P3 & 4	English
Tuesday 05 <sup>th</sup> May 2020	P3 & 4	History
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> June 2020	P1 & 2	Numeracy
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2020	P1 & 2	Numeracy
Wednesday 01 <sup>st</sup> July 2020	All day	French
Friday 03 <sup>rd</sup> July 2020	P3 & 4	Food & Nutrition



## Weekly Sessions Year 10 and 11

WEEK ONE					
	Mon-day	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch Time		PE Revision		Year 11 Product Design Year 11 RE Revision	
After School		Year 11 Maths	Year 10 English / Literature Year 11 Science (after half term)	Year 10 and 11 3D Design Year 11 RE Revision	
WEEK TWO					
	Mon-day	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch Time		PE Revision		Year 11 Product Design Year 11 RE Revision	
After School		Year 11 Maths	Year 10 English / Literature Year 11 Science (after half term)	Year 10 and 11 3D Design Year 11 RE Revision	
WEEK THREE					
	Mon-day	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch Time		PE Revision		Year 11 Product Design Year 11 RE Revision	
After School		Year 11 Maths	Year 10 English / Literature Year 11 Science (after half term)	Year 10 and 11 3D Design Year 11 RE Revision	
WEEK FOUR					
	Mon-day	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch Time		PE Revision		Year 11 Product Design Year 11 RE Revision	
After School		Year 11 Maths	Year 10 English / Literature Year 11 Science (after half term)	Year 10 and 11 3D Design Year 11 RE Revision	

Week 1	09/09/19	07/10/19	11/11/19	09/12/19	20/01/20	24/02/20	23/03/20	04/05/20	08/06/20
Week 2	16/09/19	14/10/19	18/11/19	16/12/19	27/01/20	02/03/20	30/03/20	11/05/20	15/06/20
Week 3	23/09/19	21/10/19	25/11/19	06/01/20	03/02/20	09/03/20	29/04/20	18/05/20	22/06/20
Week 4	30/09/19	04/11/19	02/12/19	13/01/20	10/02/20	16/03/20	27/04/20	01/06/20	29/06/20



## Extra Curricular Activities

	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
<b>Monday</b>	GCSE Session	Sports Hall	Lunchtime 12:50—1:25pm
	Multi-sports (ALL YEARS)	Sports Hall/Astro	After school 3:15—4:15pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	Multi-sports (Free toast & juice included) ALL YEARS	Sports Hall/Fitness Suite	Morning 8:00—8:40am
	Netball YEARS 7—9	Sports Hall/Courts	Lunchtime 12:50—1:25pm
	Football YEAR 7	Sports Hall/Astro	After school 3:15—4:15pm
	Netball YEARS 7 & 8	Sports Hall	After school 3:15—4:15pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	Inter-form Benchball YEAR 8	Sports Hall	Lunchtime 12:50—1:25pm
	Football YEARS 8 & 9	Field/Astro	After school 3:15—4:15pm
	Netball YEARS 9 & 10	Sports Hall	After school 3:15—4:15pm
<b>Thursday</b>	Gymnastics (ALL YEARS)	Sports Hall	Lunchtime 12:50—1:25pm
	Girls Football (ALL YEARS)	Sports Hall/Field	After school 3:15—4:15pm
<b>Friday</b>	5-a-side (YEAR 11 ONLY)	Sports Hall	Lunchtime 12:50—1:25pm

### Book Club

Every Monday lunchtime in the Library



### Film Club

Tuesday 3.10 - 5.00pm



### Art Club

Every lunchtime  
12.50 - 1.10pm

