



Ysgol Y Grango  
Year 11  
Information Booklet



**Dear Pupil, Parent or Guardian**

Year 11 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 final year, and provide you with all the information you need to ensure that it is a successful one.

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 Wednesday 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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HWB+ : [hwb.wales.gov.uk](http://hwb.wales.gov.uk)



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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 11

<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>Mr C Cathrall:</b>	<b>Progress Leader for Year 11</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>Mr T Sorsby:</b>	<b>Tutor for 11TS</b>
<b>Mrs H Francis:</b>	<b>Tutor for 11HF</b>
<b>Miss S Jones:</b>	<b>Tutor for 11SJ</b>
<b>Mrs K Sharpe:</b>	<b>Tutor for 11KS</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://mathsapp.pixl.org.uk>

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



# Options When You Leave School

## Did you know?

Young people who complete Year 11 in the summer of 2019 or after must continue in education or training at least until their 18th birthday. This does not mean you have to stay in school. However, it does mean you will have to consider doing one of the 3 options below.

## Options after finishing school in July 2020

### Apprenticeships &

#### Traineeships

You will usually be working 4 days per week with an employer and 1 day per week working towards a qualification in a relevant subject at a college or training centre. Alternatively undertake work experience as part of a Traineeship.

### Full Time Education

#### Options

- **School Sixth Form:**  
Study A Levels
- **Local Colleges:**  
Study full time courses eg: A Level subjects or BTEC Diplomas (or a combination), or NVQs in practical, hands on subjects
- **Training Provider:**  
Go on a training programme, which can help you find work, Apprenticeship or Traineeship

### Employment

You can still get a job with an employer, set up your own business or volunteer full time. However, the law says you **MUST** also undertake part-time study or training at a local training provider or college that leads to a qualification.



# Planning for Leaving Ysgol y Grango

## Look at College/6th Form websites:-

- [www.cambria.ac.uk](http://www.cambria.ac.uk)
- [www.maelorschool.org.uk](http://www.maelorschool.org.uk)

## Look at prospectuses

**Attend open evenings & taster sessions** - these are normally held Oct/Nov/Dec.

**Apprenticeships** - Careers Wales Advisor will help

## January/March

**Apply to college/6th forms no later than February half term** - most prefer you to apply on-line, although there are usually paper applications in the prospectus. Your choice of course is not finalised at this time, so don't worry if you haven't made up your mind, the most important thing is that you apply. You can apply to more than one college and accept more than one place if you are undecided.

**Apprenticeships:** Start contacting employers/sending out CVs, to see if some one will take you on as an apprentice when you leave school. Also start to search on the Government website (see below) and employer websites for apprenticeships to see what is available in your area.

## April—August

**GCSE and Vocational Qualifications** - work hard on your subjects and revision. It is vitally important you get the best grades you can, to make sure you get your preferred course/apprenticeship. Remember lots of apprenticeships require C grades in at least English and Maths.

**Official School Leaving date: 30th June 2020**

**GCSE Results Day: Thursday 20th August 2020**

### Useful Websites:

[Www.nationalcareerservice.direct.gov.uk](http://Www.nationalcareerservice.direct.gov.uk) - General careers info and leaflets

[Www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship](http://Www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship) - Apprenticeship vacancies



## Careers Wales

# Rowena Poyntz-Wright

[rowena.poyntz-wright@careerswales.com](mailto:rowena.poyntz-wright@careerswales.com)

We offer:

- Individual and/or group careers interviews
- Group sessions researching careers
- Application form help for colleges and jobs
- Practical help to make plans for the future

You can use our service in Year 11 when you are in school. You will have the opportunity to attend a 1:1 appointment during Year 11.

My office is at the back of the Library and I am available every Thursday.

REMEMBER: We offer advice once you have left school up to the age of 20. So please contact us to discuss anything to do with college, jobs, training or if your plans change.





# Year 11 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 Wednesday 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.**

## **September/October**

24th Sept—Skills Challenge, Global  
30th Sept/01st Oct—Skills Challenge, Individual Project  
07th/08th Oct—Skills Challenge, Community  
16th/17th/18th Oct - Year 11 Mock Interviews  
Week beginning 14th Oct - Interim Report issued  
25th Oct - Training Day

## **November**

**04th - GCSE November Examinations begin**  
08th- GCSE Catering Examination  
14th—Science Workshop at Chester Zoo.  
15th- GCSE Catering Examination  
Week beginning 18th - English Oral GCSE Examination

## **December**

16th - Christmas Carol Service  
Christmas Fayre - Date TBC

## **January**

06th - Training Day  
**08th - GCSE January Examinations begin**  
16th - November GCSE Examination results issued  
20th to 24th - Year 11 Science Practical Examination



## 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 11 Timeline

## **February**

04th—Skills Challenge, Individual Project

07th—Skills Challenge, Enterprise & Employability

10th - Full reports issued. A full report is sent home providing assessment of attitude and progress based on mock exams performance for each subject. The GCSE target is also included together with a comment detailing particular strengths and advice for improvement.

13th - Parents Evening

*Students continue to be closely monitored and supported for their remaining time in KS4. There are numerous opportunities provided to support them to develop effective revision and exam techniques. Details of events and numerous resources are provided via the school website and parent mail.*

## **March**

05th - January GCSE Examination results issued

12th & 13th—GCSE Catering Examination

16th—Year 11 Photograph

30th & 31st—Art GCSE Examination

PE Practical Moderation - to be arranged

## **April**

02nd/03rd & 22nd— 3D/Digital Photography GCSE Examination

27th/28th/29th—Welsh Unit 3 GCSE Oral Examinations

## **May**

**05th - GCSE Examinations begin**

08th—Bank Holiday

## **June**

05th—Leavers Assembly

## **July**

02nd - Prom

20th - Training day

## **August**

20th - GCSE Results Day



## YEAR 11 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>		
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> September 2019	Reg & P1	English
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September 2019	P1 & P2	Numeracy
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> September 2018	P1 & 2	Numeracy
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> October 2019	Reg & P1	English
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> October 2019 - Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> October		Science
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> November 2019	P1 & 2	PE
Tuesday 03 <sup>rd</sup> December 2019	P5 & 6	History
Monday 09 <sup>th</sup> December 2019	P1 & 2	Welsh
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December 2019	P5 & 6	Geography
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December 2019	P5 & 6	Welsh
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2019	Reg & P1	English Lit
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2019	P2 & 4	Science Practical PPE
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	9 – 10 am in Classroom 10 – 11am in Exam Hall	Science Practical

<b>Spring Term</b>		
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> January 2020	P2 & 4	Science Practical PPE
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> January 2020	P5 & 6	RE
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> January 2020	P1 & 2	Maths (1)
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> February – Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2020		Science
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February 2020	P1 & 2	English
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2020	P1 & 2	Food and Nutrition
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> February 2020		PE
Thursday 05 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	P1 & 2	Maths (2)
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	P1 & 2	PE
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March 2020	P1 & 2	Biology
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	P1 & 2	English
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	P3 & 4	Chemistry
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	P3 & 4	Physics



# 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	20/04/20	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

	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Time</b>
<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

