

YSGOL TRYFAN

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Handbook 2025 – 2026

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Ysgol Tryfan is a Welsh medium comprehensive school for pupils aged 11-18, serving the Bangor area. At the moment we have 541 pupils on our roll.

What has Ysgol Tryfan to offer?

- Quality bilingual education within a Welsh environment.
- Consistent high standards over many years in GCSE and A Level performance and provision.
- A relatively small school, where the teachers know all the pupils well and pupils receive individual attention.
- A school that places emphasis on establishing contact with parents.
- A school which provides pupils with many opportunities to develop their skills outside the classroom.



The sense of belonging is important here at Ysgol Tryfan and the focus of ensuring that year 7 hav settled here happily in the first few weeks is key for us. In our friendly, close school, the year 7 tutors and all Ysgol Tryfan staff will support year 7 to get the best possible start to their exciting journey in secondary school.

Miss Erin Ynyr, Head of Year 7

Year 7 Classes – September 2025

Class 7T



Class 7R



Class 7Y



Happy Pupils Here are comments from some of the pupils who came to us in Year 7 September 2025:

I like the netball club and the Welsh class. I was a little nervous at first but my friends were great and they helped me.

Efa, Ysgol Glan Cegin

I've enjoyed doing netball, Spanish and Welsh lessons. Ysgol Tryfan provides lots of opportunities to do fun things. If you come to Ysgol Tryfan, just be yourself.

Ana, Ysgol y Felinheli

I like the time to play because lunch is 50 minutes! But my favorite thing about Ysgol Tryfan is the lessons because the teachers are so nice.

Thomas, Ysgol Cae Top

The playing field is big and you will make many new friends. Going from lesson to lesson is better than staying in the same class. There is a better choice of food and better football goals than primary school!

Math, Ysgol y Garnedd

I've enjoyed making new friends. Also, I'm looking forward to doing the Matilda school show. Tryfan gives me the opportunity to do new and exciting things.

Leila, Ysgol Llandygai

My favorite thing about Ysgol Tryfan is my friends, and my favourite club is the chess club! The teachers at Ysgol Tryfan are great.

Oliver, Ysgol Pen y Bryn

I'm enjoying Tryfan because I've made a lot of new friends. I like being independent and you move from class to class. The food is nice, the field is big and the work is fun!

Olivia, Ysgol y Garnedd



My favorite thing is being a class representative.

Jacob, Ysgol y Felinheli

I've enjoyed the physical education lessons. At the beginning I felt nervous about where to go but all the teachers helped me. I've been involved in girl's football and there are other very good opportunities as well. I've also made new friends!

Ena, Ysgol y Felinheli

My favorite things at Tryfan are going from class to class and I like the size of the yard!

Elis Ysgol y Garnedd

My favorite thing at the School is how nice everyone is, everyone is so friendly. Don't worry!

Emrys, Ysgol y Garnedd

I was nervous but Ysgol Tryfan is wonderful and there is nothing for you to feel scared about. Ysgol Tryfan is fun and I enjoy the art lessons.

Eleanor, Ysgol Glan Cegin



What is the school's language policy?

Ysgol Tryfan was established in 1978 to offer bilingual education to the Bangor area in a naturally Welsh-speaking environment. Welsh is the school's administrative and official language. The school's aim is to develop pupils who can express themselves clearly and discuss their work confidently, in both Welsh and English. **We believe that bilingualism is an essential skill and a right for every child in Wales.**

The fact that a pupil's Welsh is weaker or that he/she comes from a non-Welsh speaking background should not prevent that pupil from coming to Tryfan in Year 7. If there is a commitment to learn and persevere then success is assured.

Most of the lessons at Ysgol Tryfan are conducted through the medium of Welsh. We discuss the linguistic background of pupils with their primary school teachers and are given guidance on the pupils' ability in the language. If a child is fluent in Welsh, then it is Welsh that is used in all the lessons, apart from English as a subject.

My Welsh isn't good enough for me to be able to help my child.

This is a real concern for a significant number of our parents - 50% of our pupils come from Non-Welsh speaking backgrounds. Their experience is that this is not as much of a problem as they had anticipated. In some cases e.g. Mathematics, we have English translations of the workbooks and we can offer you a copy so that you can offer to help your child.

Ysgol Tryfan is an option for all pupils. We are able to provide extra support to pupils who feel they need to develop their ability and /or confidence in the Welsh language. We will also be discussing this with the primary school teachers.

Whilst placing this emphasis on the Welsh language, we will, at all times, keep an eye on the development of the children's English and we purposely make use of English in their subjects from time to time. In Science, Technology and Mathematics in particular, all of the terms are introduced bilingually.

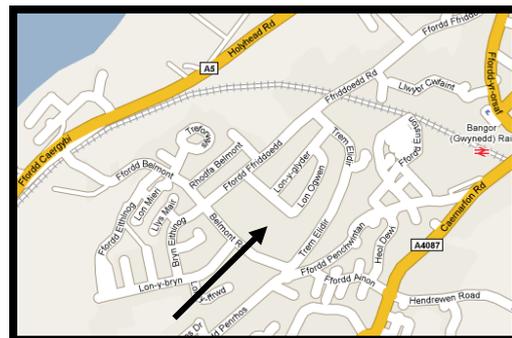
All the correspondence that you receive from school will be bilingual and we will make sure that you understand every report on your child's progress by providing you with bilingual copies. In order to promote the school's Welsh ethos, staff will encourage pupils to speak Welsh - in the classroom and also around the school. They will always, of course, be prepared to hold discussions with you in Welsh or English, as you prefer.

Despite our emphasis on promoting Welsh in Ysgol Tryfan, we are also very proud of the outstanding examinations' performance of our pupils in English. This shows the depth of Ysgol Tryfan's pupils' bilingualism.



Where is the school?

Ysgol Tryfan is situated off Ffriddoedd Road, in Upper Bangor. It is in a superb location, facing the mountains of Snowdonia. Some of the buildings are those of the former grammar school for girls and there are also purpose-built buildings such as a gymnasium, workshops etc.



Is it possible for me to visit the school beforehand?

We would be delighted to welcome you to the school should you require any further information, and to give you an opportunity to view the buildings and resources available. You should contact us to arrange a visit.

Each pupil who decides to come to Ysgol Tryfan will be given an invitation to spend days at the school in late June/early July before finishing primary school, and most pupils will already have visited us during last term (when in year 5).

How will my child get to school?

If you live further than 3 miles from the school, and are within the school’s official catchment area (approximately Llanfairfechan - Llandygai - Y Felinheli) a school bus, free of charge, will collect your child. If you live a little closer - e.g. Maesgeirchen or the far end of Penrhos, a subsidised bus service is available. The arrangements are different for the 6th form students.

What are the school hours?

The school opens at 8:30 a.m. and pupils will be required to arrive at the site by 8:45 a.m. with the day starting at 8:55 a.m. with registration and assembly. There is a mid-morning break of 20 minutes, between 10:50 and 11:10 a.m. and the lunch break is between 12:50 and 1:40 p.m. The day ends at 3:20 p.m.

There are six lessons each day, all 50 minutes long. There are 25 hours and 10 minutes of lesson time during the week - which conforms to the Welsh Assembly's recommendation. (This does not include time for classroom activities e.g. morning service, registration).

How are pupils put together in a class for the first year?

Teachers from the school visit every primary school in order to meet the children who will be coming to us. They find out who the pupils’ friends are and every attempt is made to keep these friends together following discussion with primary school teachers. If the pupil is not happy in the class during the first few weeks then arrangements can be made to transfer the pupil to another class.

Does this mean that you have mixed ability classes in Year 7?

Most subjects are taught in mixed ability groups, but there is setting in some core subjects. These grouping arrangements are reviewed regularly and we do move pupils between sets in the course of the year. Setting becomes more refined and thorough as pupils move up from year to year.



My child has certain learning problems. Will any support be available?

The Additional Learning Needs Coordinator (ALNCo) is Mrs Ceri Grisdale Jones. She visits each primary school to discuss the needs of children with learning difficulties. We will have made preparations for them by the start of the school year and will ensure that every member of staff is fully informed about the individual needs of the pupils in their classes.

The school works closely with County Council officers to respond to the needs of pupils who have a School/Forum or Local Authority IDP, in order to ensure that they receive the necessary additional support. In accordance with the requirements, the school keeps a register of pupils with Additional Learning Needs. Please contact the school if you wish to see the full school policy for pupils with Additional Learning Needs.

Pupils with ALN are integrated in most subjects. The teachers in these subjects are aware of the needs of every pupil in their classes and will be guided by the ALNCo. The ALNCo will also monitor the progress made by these pupils and liaise on a regular basis with the subject teachers.

School staff and students from the Sixth Form also provide additional assistance to pupils who have difficulties with reading and numeracy.

Every year, a designated member of the schools' Governing Body is responsible for Additional Learning Needs.



My child is particularly gifted

The school will ensure that steps are taken to provide the child with the opportunity to nurture and develop that talent - be it an academic or a non-academic talent. If you wish to discuss this further then please do not hesitate in contacting the school.

How will I obtain information about my child's progress?

We believe that parents have an important role in a child's development, so we are keen to get to know you and to let you know what is happening at the school.

Various methods are used to assess your child, but we rely mainly on continuous assessment. The teachers assess every aspect of the pupils' work in the classroom during normal teaching sessions. Occasionally, tests are also used. You will be given information about your child's performance and progress through formal reports, three times a year (each term).

We invite year 7 parents to Ysgol Tryfan in September/October for a fairly informal support evening. Once during the year you will also be invited to a parents’ meeting in the school to discuss your child’s work with the teachers (in January this year for Year 7). However if you have any concerns in the meantime you should contact us directly at once.

What if I have problems at any other time?

You are most welcome to contact the school at any time to discuss your child’s progress or any other problem. You should do this by telephoning the Head of Year 7, Miss Erin Ynyr.

We can provide you with an interim report or can give you the opportunity to discuss your child’s progress with specific teachers at any time.

Who will be monitoring my child’s progress?

All of the teachers will be keeping an eye on the progress in their particular subject. Each class has a Form Tutor who also keeps a general eye on the progress of pupils in his/her care. If a subject teacher is worried about a pupil’s development he/she goes first to the Form Tutor. In the same way, the Form Tutor is informed if a pupil shows a significant improvement.

Miss Erin Ynyr is responsible for the pastoral team of Form Teachers in Year 7. She also has overall responsibility for the pupils and for placing them in their classes.

As your child progresses through the school, other teachers will be responsible for him/her -

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| Mrs Heledd Jones | Head of Year 8 |
| Mr Eifion Jones | Head of Year 9 |
| Mr Gwilym Jones | Head of Year 10 |
| Mrs Siân Williams | Head of Year 11 |
| Mr Meurig Jones | Head of Sixth Form |



What about social and moral development?

Humanities, which concentrates on teaching and developing understanding of Christianity and other major religions, is taught to all the school's pupils. It is a compulsory aspect in years 7-9 and also available as an exam subject. If parents wish to exclude their child, arrangements can be made by contacting the school.

The pupils are also given guidance on moral education and health education in the Health & Wellbeing lessons.

What about Sex and Relationship Education?

Sex and Relationship Education is presented partly through the individual subjects and also through specific modules as a part of the Health & Well-being lessons. Particular attention is given to moral discussions when discussing Sex and Relationship Education and care is taken to ensure that the material is suitable and relevant to the pupils' age.

Does everybody sit examinations?

It is the school's policy to enter pupils for examinations if there is any hope of success. If a disagreement arises about this, or about the pupil's choice of paper, the school will explain its viewpoint carefully but will subsequently respect the parents' wishes.



How can my child learn about careers and the world of work?

The aim of the Careers and the World of Work (CWW) programme is to help pupils develop skills, attitudes and abilities that will enable them to undertake and cope with a variety of jobs and situations as adults. We take full advantage of every opportunity that arises during lessons and tutorial sessions to refer to the world of work and economic awareness.

From Year 9 onwards, a greater emphasis is placed upon this and CWW becomes a part of the Welsh baccalaureate lessons. In these lessons pupils will have the opportunity to get to know and use the Careers Library and Careers Wales On-line, which offer suggestions on suitable jobs which can be researched as a guide to further discussions on careers.

In Year 10 (and again in the Sixth Form) every pupil will undertake five days of work experience. An extended period of work experience is available for some Year 11 pupils.

Advisors from Careers Wales visit the school regularly and interview the older pupils individually. They also arrange workshops with groups of pupils and occasionally arrange events such as Careers Conventions for pupils and their parents. A representative from Careers Wales is present at Year 9 and Year 11 Parents Evenings. Pupils and/or their parents can arrange an interview with one of these advisors, either by contacting the Careers Co-ordinator at school or by telephoning Careers Wales directly.

Is there bullying at the school?

Bullying is not a major problem at the school but we do not take this for granted. Both the staff and the students have been trained in the KiVa approach. KiVa is an internationally recognised anti-bullying strategy which aims to deal with both the root causes of bullying behaviour, as well as the individual incidents that occur, thereby cultivating an anti-bullying culture.

If a pupil feels that he/she is being bullied, the matter should be brought to the attention of the form teacher, or any other teacher, immediately so that the situation can be quickly resolved.

KiVa recognises that reporting directly to a member of staff is not always easy therefore the QR code below is available for all students to report online.

With everyone co-operating in this way, bullying will not become a major problem at Ysgol Tryfan.



What are the school's disciplinary arrangements?

If the school is to operate in the best interests of every pupil, it is essential to have a clear system of discipline with easily-understood rules. Discipline has an important role in every society - especially self-discipline. By creating an environment where everybody is respected and where courtesy towards others is apparent, the school succeeds in maintaining a high level of behaviour.

Pupils will not be kept behind after school without their parents having had 24 hours notification of this. We depend on the support of parents for the fair system of discipline operated by the school.

Following a serious offence, the Headteacher has the right to exclude a pupil for a number of days or permanently. Parents are entitled to appeal against such a decision to the Chairman of the Governing Body.



My child receives tuition for a musical instrument. Will this continue?

Yes, they are given the same provision as they received at primary school. Peripatetic music teachers visit the school regularly. It will be necessary to make part-payment for these lessons.

What is the policy for paying for other things?

In general, it is the schools' policy that we ask for payment for the following:

- damage resulting from a pupil's poor conduct;
- raw materials for subjects such as Technology when parents express a desire to keep the finished product;
- examination fees (including re-sits) when pupils were not prepared for the examination by the school;
- modular examination re-sits fees (AS or A Level) if the pupil re-sits more than once;
- examination fees when the pupil has failed to complete the course without adequate reason;
- every non-essential activity occurring outside school hours;
- lodging costs for residential courses arranged by the school;
- travelling expenses from the home to work experience placement.

For educational activities, we assist with the cost of essential items for pupils who receive free school meals.

How much homework will my child receive?

We believe that homework is important since it provides an opportunity:

- to practice what was learnt in the classroom;
- to extend their learning;
- to provide parents with an opportunity to see what their children are doing in the classroom;
- to prepare pupils for the increasing challenge in school of GCSE and A Level requirements.

Homework is given regularly and the challenge of this work will increase as your child progresses in secondary school. As a school, we now use Class Charts to set homework for all our pupils. It ensures that homework tasks are open, clear and purposeful to all. We kindly ask you as parents/guardians to ensure that you have access to Class Charts as it provides an overview of homework, reward/behaviour points and also any correspondence from us as a school. There will be more details to follow once your child has started here in Tryfan.

What if my child says that there is never any homework?

Contact the school at once so that we can look into the matter!

What can we, as parents, do to help our child?

We are totally convinced that education is a partnership - between the pupil, the school and parents. Each has their own contribution to make.

You can take an interest in your child's work by enquiring how things are going at school and taking an interest in homework, as well as following Class Charts to see what your child has in store.

Take advantage of parents' evenings and contact us at once if you have a problem or feel that we should be made aware of any matter.

You can help by supporting the school events - it will give you an opportunity to get to know the staff. There are also five parent representatives on the School Governing Body (see enclosed list).

What are the lunchtime arrangements?

Pupils in years 7-11 are not allowed off school grounds during the lunch break. Only sixth form students are allowed out during lunchtime and even then only with the agreement of parents. Child safety is obviously our main priority as a school.

The school has a canteen which provides a choice of hot meals every day. The pupils can choose which meal they want and there are also snacks available. There are also choices of vegetarian meals every day.

A full meal costs £2.90 at present, but because of the cafeteria style, prices will vary. The canteen is also open during the morning break when a snack or drink can be purchased. Pupils are welcome to bring sandwiches with them and they can eat these in the canteen. There is also breakfast available 8:15 - 8:45.

The canteen in Ysgol Tryfan is cash-less, therefore it is not possible to pay for food with cash, with parents instead having to pay online. We will share with you more information regarding this shortly.



Apart from the lessons, what else has Ysgol Tryfan to offer my child?

Pupils benefit enormously from activities that happen outside the classroom.

One example is that year 7 will have the opportunity to spend two days at Glan Llyn this term. The school eisteddfod provides pupils with an opportunity to develop their talents - be it 'cerdd dant' or disco dancing.

The school has always had a very good reputation for public performances such as eisteddfodau, musicals and the carol service. The school's jazz band is also of course renowned nationally – and internationally – and have even performed in Paris in the past!

There are a number of clubs at the school and many activities take place on the school fields during lunchtimes and after school hours. Teams and individuals from Tryfan have excelled at sport - on a local, regional and national level.

What sports does the school offer?

The Physical Education department offers a variety of activities, and offers the pupils a wide range of experiences to encourage them to get involved in physical exercise - whether that be as participants, referees or spectators. All the traditional team games are offered, as well as alternative activities. Participation, challenge and enjoyment are crucial for us as a school in order to support its learners to become healthy and confident individuals.

Sport has been a strength in the school for many years. We place emphasis on pupils' participation in physical exercise of all kinds. Several teams and individuals have excelled over the years in various sports: visit our Instagram page (@add_gorff_tryfan) in order to catch up with the pupils' activities and successes.



What will my child need on his / her first day?

The most important thing will be the school uniform. Here is a summary of the uniform. For full details, see our School Uniform Policy on our website.

- tidy black trousers / black skirt of an appropriate length (no tracksuit trousers)
- red school polo shirt
- green school sweatshirt
- black socks
- black shoes or plain black trainers - no Converse (except plain black Converse)

Sports

All pupils are expected to attend Physical Education lessons wearing a t-shirt and shorts / skirt (or one of the other equivalent items instead of shorts), and suitable trainers. The additional items of the physical education uniform are optional.

Important – jewellery (including earrings) not permitted in the P.E. lessons. (Full details in the School Uniform Policy). An apron will be needed for the D&T (Food) lessons.

Free school meals/ financial help to purchase school uniform enquiries:

Please contact the Benefit Office on – 01286 682689 / CinioamDdim@gwynedd.llyw.cymru

Where can I buy these?

All Sewn Up, Bangor (07402 919563) / www.allsewnupbangor.com

Orchid Fashions, Bangor (01248 362506) / www.orchid-schoolshop.Cymru

Teejac Sports, Pentir, Bangor (01248 353 575) / www.teejac.com



Will anything be required for Mathematics?

A calculator will be necessary - but wait until school has started. The teachers will give advice on a suitable calculator. You could buy a geometry set beforehand.

What should my child do if he/she has to bring a valuable item to school?

The school makes every attempt to safeguard the pupils' property. You should however bear in mind some basic regulations:

- You should place a name on each item e.g. coat, calculator;
- Expensive items should be handed to the teacher during Physical Education lessons;
- Large amounts of money should not be carried around the school - if a pupil has a substantial amount of money, it should be taken to the Office for safe-keeping at the start of the day.

The school accepts no responsibility for property left in school overnight.

Mobile telephones should not be used in school corridors or in lessons without the teacher's permission for educational purposes. In an emergency, pupils may use the Main Office telephone. We do not object to pupils bringing their phones to school, our expectation is that the phone is switched off and in the bag.



What do I do if my child is absent?

We place great emphasis on obtaining explanations for absence as this assists us to reduce truancy. We look carefully at the school register every morning at 9:30 a.m. and 2.00 p.m. and make telephone calls to inquire about absences. It therefore helps if you can telephone (or email swyddfa@tryfan.ysgoliongwynedd.cymru) us quite early in the morning if a pupil is absent, also explaining what the illness is. If you have not been contacted, please give your child a letter to bring to school on his/her return. A letter will also be needed if your child needs to leave school grounds during the day e.g. to visit the dentist. With long-term absence, or absence from an external examination, a medical certificate may be required. Work will be set for the pupil – parents need to contact the Head of Year beforehand.

Holidays should not be arranged during term-time. If there are special circumstances, please discuss the matter with the Headteacher beforehand.

My child has a medical problem.

It is imperative that you let the school know if there is a medical problem which can affect him/her whilst at school e.g. epilepsy, an allergy, asthma. In the same way, you should contact the School to note if a medical condition changes during the year. If your child has an individual Health Care Plan, then it is key that you have given a copy of this to the school.

You must contact the school if your child needs to take medication during school hours. No medication will be given to a pupil without prior consultation with the parents. It is the parent/guardian's responsibility to ensure that any personal medication that is kept at the school is within its use-by date.

What if my child is ill during the day and at school?

Your child will be monitored by the office staff members. If we decide that the pupil should be sent home, we will contact you to make arrangements to collect him/her from school.

We will not allow a pupil to go home unless we know that there is somebody at home to look after him/her.

What is the school’s Health and Safety Policy?

The school has adopted the Local Education Authority’s recommended Health and Safety Policy. The health and safety of our pupils and staff is of utmost concern to us and we comply with all recommendations when working in workshops and laboratories and when undertaking Physical Education and on educational visits. A copy of the school’s policy is available on request. One feature of our policy is the need for all visitors to school to report to the school office on arrival.



School Calendar for 2026-27

Autumn Term 2026:	1 September 2026 – 18 December 2026
Spring Term 2027:	5 January 2027 – 19 March 2027
Summer Term 2027:	5 April 2027 – 19 July 2027

School Holidays for 2026-27

26 – 30 October 2026	-	Half Term
21 December 2026 – 4 January 2027	-	Christmas Holidays
8 – 12 February 2027	-	Half Term
22 March – 5 April 2027	-	Easter Holidays
3 May 2027	-	May Day
31 May – 4 June 2027	-	Half Term
20 July – 31 August 2027	-	Summer Holidays



What is the school's admissions policy?

The LEA's 'standard number' for Ysgol Tryfan is 100 pupils per year (Years 7 – 11). All admissions applications will need to go through Gwynedd Council - mynediadysgol@gwynedd.llyw.cymru / 01286 679904

I have a complaint against the school. With whom should I discuss it?

Complaints should be referred to the Headteacher in the first instance. This can be done in person, by letter or by telephone. He will then review the situation and you will get a response within 5 working days at the latest. If you are still not satisfied you can present your complaint to the Chairman of the Governors - c/o Miss Bethan Thomas, Clerk to the Governors, Ysgol Tryfan.

In accordance with the requirements of Welsh Government, the school has established a procedure for dealing with complaints. A copy of this document can be obtained from the school.

The school believes in providing education of the highest standard for all its pupils. This means that we operate an Equal Opportunities policy - taking no regard of sex, disability, background, religion or ethnic origin. If you feel that this policy is not being implemented you should contact the Headteacher or the Chair of Governors. Mr Paul Harris, the Deputy Headteacher, is the designated member of staff with responsibility for promoting the academic progress of pupils in care. The Governors have adopted a Racial Equality Policy. A copy of this policy is available by contacting the school.

IMPORTANT: Pupils will sometimes be photographed whilst involved in school activities and these images may then be used for publicity purposes or for the school's website and on social media (Facebook and Twitter). **Parents should inform the school in writing if they are unwilling for images of their children to be used in this way.**



Child Protection and Safeguarding

Child Protection and Safeguarding arrangements are the school’s main priority – and all the staff and governors are aware of this.

The school’s Child Protection Policy conforms to the most recent Welsh Government guidelines.

The designated child protection senior member of staff for Ysgol Tryfan is:

Mr Paul Harris, Deputy Headteacher

The other designated child protection senior members of staff for Ysgol Tryfan are:

Mr Bleddyn Williams

Mrs Ceri Grisdale Jones

Mr Dylan Morgan

The School Governor Designated for Child Protection is:

Mr Dyfan Siôn

The Local Authority Designated Lead Officer for Child Protection is:

Llion Williams

Tel. No. – (01286) 679324

A copy of the full school policy on Child Protection and guidance for parents is available on the school’s website: <http://www.ysgoltryfan.org/parents.html>



School Staff September 2025

Teaching Staff

Geraint Owen Jones	Headteacher
Cheryl Roberts	Deputy Headteacher
Paul Harris	Deputy Headteacher
Alan Jukes	Assistant Heateacher / Mathemateg
Gruff Arfon	Head of Physical Education (Temporary)
Sioned Davies	Head of English
Heledd Elfyn Thirsk	KS4 Welsh BAC Coordinator and Head of Drama
Hefin Evans	Head of Music
Shiwan Gould	Pennaeth Addysg Gorfforol a Phennaeth Blwyddyn 7
Llinos Griffith	Science
Gareth Griffiths	Head of Physics and Joint Head of Science
Angharad Hassall	Head of Food & Nutrition
Catrin Hughes	Physical Education (Temporary)
Mari James	Mathematics (Temporary)
Elin Angharad Jones	Welsh & Humanities (Temporary)
Ceri Grisdale Jones	Additional Learning Needs Coordinator
Cheryl Jones	English
Eifion Jones	Mathematics, Head of Health & Well-being & Head of Year 9 (Temporary)
Gwilym Jones	Science, Business, Head of Year 10 and Careers Coordinator
Heledd Medi Jones	Head of Religious Education and Head of Year 8 (Temporary)
Kim Jones	English
Meurig Jones	Head of Humanities and Head of Sixth Form
Miriam Jones	Head of Mathematics and Numeracy Lead
Nia Griffiths Jones	Head of Chemistry and Joint Head of Science
Alaw Haf Lewis	Head of Art & Design
Siriol Llwyd	Head of Spanish
Gethin Morgan	Head of Biology / Science
Jeni Lyn Morris	Head of Welsh and Digital Competency Lead
Tegwen Parry	Sociology (Temporary)
Lois Roberts	Mathematics and Digital Technology (Temporary)
Tracey Skillin	English / ALN Teacher
Lily Swain	Spanish (Temporary)
Ffion Thomas	Primary/Secondary Conversion programme Teacher (Welsh Gov Scheme) (Temporary)
Ruth Thomas	Physical Education and Health & Social Care
Bleddyn Williams	Inclusion Leader and Head of Geography
Lucy Williams	English (Temporary)
Sera Fôn Williams	Mathematics, Head of Sociology and Head of Year 9
Sian Williams	Welsh (Second in Dept.) KS5 Welsh BAC Coordinator and Head of Year 11 (Temporary)
Siôn Peredur Williams	Head of Design & Technology and Head of Digital Technology
Erin Ynyr	Welsh and Head of Year 7 (Temporary)



Pupil Support Staff

Sara Gruffudd	Inclusion Officer / Pupil Support
Dylan Morgan	Inclusion Officer

Tomos Efans	Teaching Assistant (Temporary)
Erwan Hughes	Teaching Assistant (Temporary)
Billie Nel Jones	Teaching Assistant
Bethan Fôn Owen	Teaching Assistant
Gwen Lloyd Roberts	Teaching Assistant
Rebecca Rumbold	Teaching Assistant
Beverley Taylor-Morgan	Teaching Assistant

Awel Ellis	Cover Supervisor
Ceirion Fôn Williams	Cover Supervisor

Ancillary Staff

Kelly Allen	ICT/Digital Technician (Temporary)
Elaine Edwards	Administrative Assistant (Temporary)
Meryl Wyn Jones	Data Officer
Rhiain Julio	Science Technician
Beverley Owen	Administrative Assistant
Dafydd Owen	Caretaker
Bethan Thomas	Business and Finance Manager

Other Staff

Mathew Baston	Rugby Officer
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The School Governing Body 2025-26

Chairperson: Mr Carl Mather

Vice-chairperson: Mrs Janet Abas

Name	Category	Responsibility
Mr Dyfan Siôn	Parent	Designated Governor for Child Protection
Mrs Aled Hughes	Parent	
Mrs Sian Eleri Morgan	Parent	Designated Governor for Promoting Welsh
Mrs Leah Watkins	Parent	
Mr Meilir Pritchard	Parent	
Cllr. Menna Baines	Local Authority	
Mrs Jên Dafydd	Local Authority	
Prof. Jason Walford-Davies	Local Authority	
Dr Catrin Elis Williams	Local Authority	Designated Governor for Additional Learning Needs
Mrs Janet Abas	Community	Designated Governor for Equality
Mr Wil Parry	Community	
Mrs Lowri Elis	Community	
Mr Carl Mather	Community	Designated Governor for Health and Safety
Mrs Meryl Jones	Ancillary Staff	
Mrs Nia Griffiths Jones	Teaching Staff	
Mr Alan Jukes	Teaching Staff	
Dr Geraint Owen Jones	Headteacher	
Miss Bethan Thomas	Clerk	

Pupil Governors (2025-26)

Jac Hughes and Cari Thomas



TO SUPPORT, TO INSPIRE – AS ONE FAMILY

- Ysgol Tryfan is a **FAMILY** and all members of the family work towards the same objective which is to create a happy and safe environment that supports and inspires.
- We place emphasis on the importance of each individual pupil within the school and maintain high expectations in terms of standards and effort. We take advantage of every opportunity to develop self-esteem and respect for others, personal well-being, confidence and perseverance, equipping our children to achieve and succeed in life.
- We try to provide a school curriculum that is accessible, inclusive and fair for everyone. We offer rich experiences in fun and inspiring ways with opportunities for innovation, creativity, critical thinking and learning from mistakes. We provide conditions and resources for learners to learn through a variety of methods, developing independence, digital skills and the ability to work effectively as a team.
- We are proud of our contribution to our locality and its culture and to the wider world. We celebrate our Welshness and our ability to develop into knowledgeable, confident bilingual citizens.

