



Year 6 Open Evening

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Learning, Respect, Ambition
Dysgu, Parch, Uchelgais





Year 6 Opening Evening Welcome to Croesyceiliog School



We know that preparations are being made for the admission of children to secondary schools in September 2024 and that you are currently considering your child's next steps.

We hope that you will find our open evening useful and informative.

Tonight we are offering all parents and carers:

- a senior leadership and transition team introduction
- a school tour led by current Year 7 students
- the opportunity to meet our teaching, wellbeing and ALN staff
- a range of short lesson activity observations

This booklet provides:

- **A summary of our Curriculum for Wales offer**
- **A short summary of what your child can expect from Year 7 lessons across our AoLE**
- **A summary of our pastoral care**
- **A summary of our ALN and Inclusion provision**
- **An account of the transition experiences of one of our students**
- **Comments from current Year 7 students**
- **Transition FAQs**

Please contact the Croesyceiliog Transition Team with any further questions or requests for more specific Information:

Mrs S Wilkie – Associate Assistant Head teacher

Mrs R Kent - Director of Wellbeing KS3

Mrs K Williams - ALNco



“At Croesyceiliog School we have high aspirations for all of our students and we work together to create a learning environment that enables each child to achieve their potential. We have a shared ethos of ambition and we expect all of our community to recognise that hard work and sustained effort leads to success and achievement”.



Croesyceiliog School Curriculum for Wales summary

From September 2022 Year 7 learners began to follow the new Curriculum for Wales.

How our Croesyceiliog School and Croesyceiliog curriculum meets the required elements set out in the national framework, starting from the four purposes.

Our curriculum at Croesyceiliog School is everything a learner experiences at our school in pursuit of the four purposes. When designing our curriculum, we have kept the needs of our learners at the forefront of our minds. We carefully considered what we teach, how we teach and why we teach it. In addition, we have thought carefully how we can further extend learning out of the classroom making the most of our extensive grounds and our local community. Through our careful planning, and using our best practice that we have developed over a number of years, we will secure learning and teaching that offers appropriate progression for every student, is suitable for each student's age, ability and aptitude and takes account if a student has an identified Additional Learning Need (ALN) or are More Able and Talented (MAT).

Through our curriculum, we will enable and expect our students to become:

- **ambitious, capable learners, ready to learn throughout their life;**
- **enterprising, creative contributors, ready to play a full part in life and work;**
- **ethical, informed citizens, ready to take part in Wales and the world, and;**
- **healthy, confident individuals, ready to lead a fulfilling life as a valued members of society.**
- **Students will experience and develop cross curricular skills, these are:**
 - **literacy**
 - **numeracy**
 - **digital competence**

Use this link to take you to the Welsh Government website for more information.

<https://gov.wales/education-changing>

AoLE

Our school subjects are divided into six Areas of Learning and Experience (AoLE)



In **Expressive Arts**, students will explore art, dance, drama, film and digital media and music to develop their creative, artistic and performance skills.



In **Humanities** students will learn about the world, society and events in the past and present. They'll explore the challenges and opportunities that face us, and what ethical action we can take to safeguard the world and its people in the future



In **Mathematics and Numeracy**, students will develop their understanding of numbers and use symbols in maths. They'll explore shapes and measurement and learn about statistics and probability.



Health and Well-being is about looking after student physical and mental health including emotional well-being. Students will learn about healthy eating **and** how to make good decisions, deal with influences and develop healthy relationships.



In **Languages, Literacy and Communication**, students will learn about languages. They'll understand and use Welsh, English and other languages. They'll study and create literature, and communicate in spoken, written or visual ways. This could include poetry, drama and film.



In **Science and Technology** students will learn about biology, chemistry, physics, computer science and design and technology. They'll learn about design and engineering, living things, matter, forces and energy, and how computers work.

To support delivery of the CfW our school is organised into these AoLEs and each one is led by a Director.

These are leaders of teaching and learning. As we have planned our Croesy curriculum we have thought carefully about the cross cutting themes of:

- human rights
- diversity and respecting differences
- experiences and skills for careers and the workplace
- learning about local, national and international contexts
- developmentally appropriate relationships and sexuality education.

Our teachers and leaders, using our high levels planning documents, have already mapped where these cross cutting themes occur naturally. As our curriculum develops, year on year, we will refine our approaches. The breadth and depth of topics covered will increase over time as students mature and are ready to tackle more complex issues.

The school is also reviewing its provision for Religion, Values and Ethics (RVE) and Relationship and Sexuality Education (RSE) in line with revised Welsh Government guidance

Working with our primary schools

Croesy has a purposeful partnership with its cluster primary schools, all are strongly committed to developing a made in Croesyceiliog curriculum, in particular a more detailed years 5 to 8 curriculum. Our collective aim is that all students make a smooth transition from year 6 into year 7.

The cluster have routinely undertaken joint cluster INSET, curriculum projects and ALN projects, these include:

- ✓ Ongoing joint INSET activities whereby staff from both schools have created and consolidated high-level progression framework plans;
- ✓ Each half term the Cluster Professional Learning Leads share the most up to date training activities and key messages from the Welsh Government for the realisation of the CfW;
- ✓ Developing a shared understanding of CfW at transition, year 6 into 7; this has included learner voice activities, learner product scrutiny and a learner/ teacher panel;
- ✓ Literacy, language and communications leads from each school are working together this summer to further develop our curriculum from 3-19;
- ✓ Development of a Voice 21 (oracy) project where teachers from all schools are creating an action plan to develop a shared understanding of learner expectations and progression in line with the CfW;
- ✓ All schools have shared best practice on using Accelerated Reader.

Wellbeing and Pastoral Care

Progress Leader

Each year group will have a Progress Leader. The Progress Leader will be keeping a day to day eye on the wellbeing, standards and behaviour of the whole year group. This member of staff will lead assemblies.

Wellbeing and Achievement Officers

Our Wellbeing and Achievement Officers are experienced pastoral staff who do not have a teaching timetable. They work alongside the Progress Leader in each year group. They are committed to working with students and parents/carers and will be available for you to ask any questions or to raise any concerns during your time in school.

Form Tutor

All students will be a member of a form group. There are usually eight form groups in year 7. Students will get to know the other students in their form quite quickly and some of them might become their closest friends in school. The form tutor will also get to know all students quickly and will take an interest in standards and progress both in and out of school.

Directors of Wellbeing

We have two Directors of Wellbeing. Mrs Kent works alongside Years 6-9 and Miss Price works alongside Year 10-11. These senior members of teaching staff have a reduced teaching timetable and are committed to working with parents/carers.

Letter from a current Year 7 student

Hello, Year 6!

I am writing to welcome you and to let you know about the positive and exciting things about moving up to Croesy School. I was worried and stressed about moving up, but when the day came it was amazing!

The teachers and staff in the school are brilliant, they are great supporters and are there if you need them. They help a lot when you are moving up!

Do not worry about homework or how hard the work is going to be because you can always ask for help from classmates and teachers. Moving up is a big thing and can make you feel anxious. The school may feel like the unknown for a couple of weeks but the older students will help you along the way. Just come and chat to us!

I am a worrier and can over think things sometimes. I worried about school, but it is not as bad as you think. The new school really made a difference to our learning environment and how things were approached.

In Croesyceiliog there are lots of clubs and activities to join and learn to do. There are many sports and non-sports clubs you can attend such as: netball, hockey, IT, football, drama and many more.

So... what should you expect on your first day? On your first day you go into your form groups and meet your form tutor properly. Then you go to your form room and they will go through the expectations of the school. You will have lunch and break in our canteen, and you might have a couple of lessons that day too!

Hope this letter helps! Good luck and enjoy your year 7 experience!

See you very soon!

Grace

Comments from current Year 7 students

YEAR 7 STUDENT COMMENTS ABOUT TRANSITION TO CROESYCEILIOG SCHOOL.
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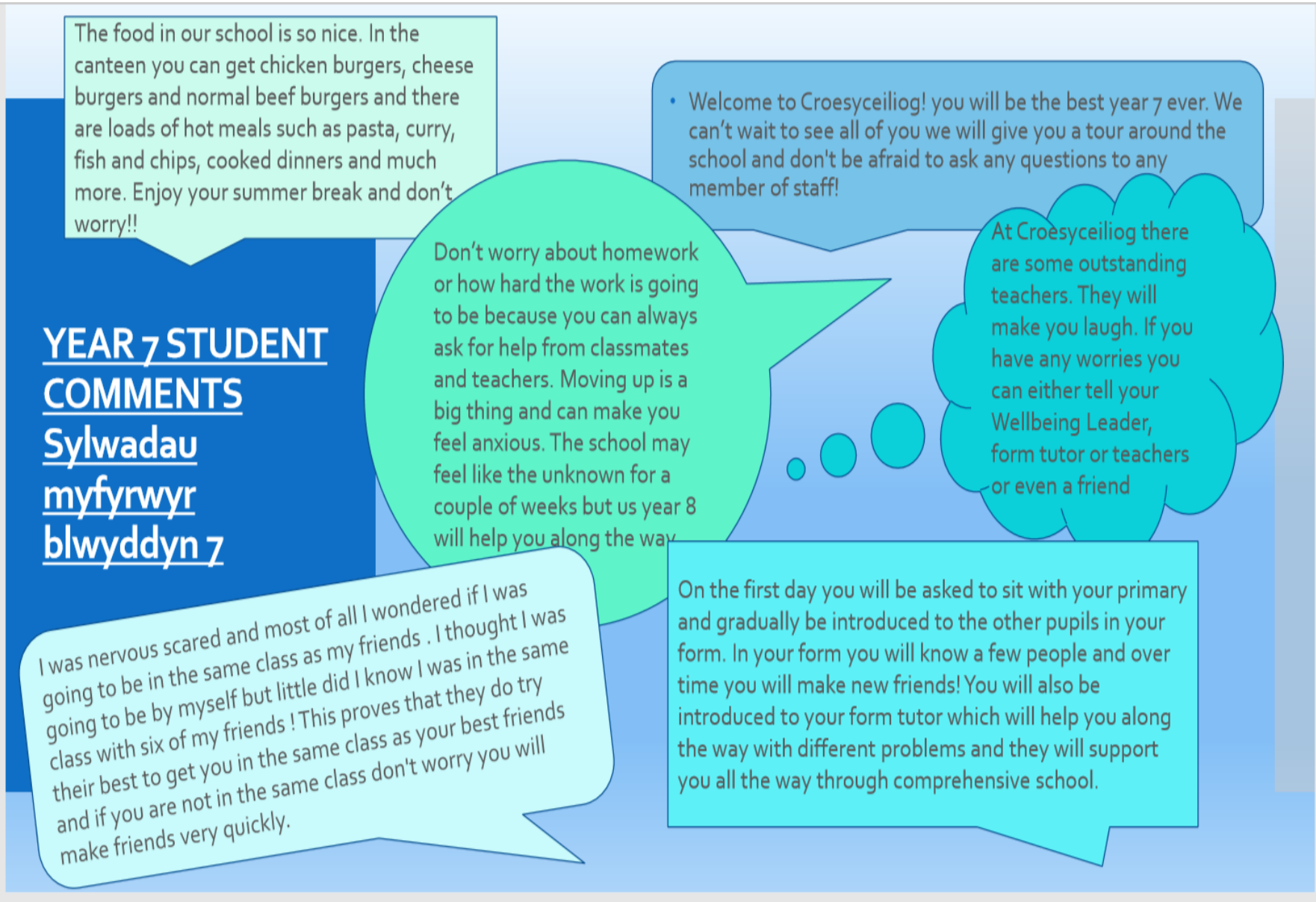
You might be worried to come to comp but just remember that other people have moved up too and most people have said that they love it here. I have made so many new friends and a lot of new memories that will last a lifetime.

I hope you are looking forward to starting year 7. I bet you are nervous or even excited maybe? Whichever you are feeling it is all normal and don't worry you will be fine! Remember that there is ALWAYS someone to talk to.

Take every opportunity in comp otherwise you might regret it and remember to wear all the correct uniform because you will always look smart. There's great lessons and fun after school clubs to enjoy.

Moving up to comp is not as scary as it seems. It's actually fun! It gives you more responsibilities like bringing all your own equipment and taking all of your books. At first moving to your lessons seems like going through a maze but after about two days you know every classroom every corner and every bathroom

We have a new school now that is not as big as the other one so you don't have to be scared about getting lost because it's really easy to find your class. Everything is so nice and clean. If you ever feel worried, any teacher will help you. Or if you find us we will help, but I know once you start you will be fine and have a great time.



Year 6 Transition FAQs

Who will be in my Form Group?

When will I know about it? Form Groups will be shared with parents / carers and students in July. We will have spoken to and worked with your primary schools to put you in learner groups. You will be able to find out about your Form Tutor on our website.

Will we get to play sports?

Yes, a wide variety of sports are played by all students in school. We will ensure that you will have access to a range of indoor and outdoor physical wellbeing activities.

What clubs can I join?

We have a variety of sports clubs and non-sporting clubs such as chess club, drama and the Eco Committee; further details can be found in the transition booklet.

What can I eat from the canteen?

Students can eat a wide range of foods in the canteen which meet Healthy Schools guidelines. A variety of food and snacks are served each day. We use cashless catering too!

Will we get lots of homework?

You will have opportunities for blended learning, i.e. learning that takes place at home which extends work completed in school. We are always fair with the amount of homework set and deadlines and we have a homework club after school from Monday – Thursday. You can always speak with any member of staff if you are worried about homework.

What if the school needs to know important information about me?

Please ensure that your parents / carers fill in our Data Collection Forms when you know that you have a place with us so we have all information we need to support you. The data collection forms will be posted to you when we receive confirmation of your place with us.

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