

YSGOL GYMRAEG YSTALYFERA BRO DUR

(3-18 School at the Ystalyfera site and 11-16 at the Bro Dur site)



Governing Body's Annual Report to Parents - Full Report

2022-23

Chairman of Governors:

Mr. Tudur Jones

Vice Chair of Governors:

Mr. Adam Amor

Headteacher:

Mrs. Laurel Davies

Introduction to Annual Report 2022-23

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It gives me great pleasure to write an introduction to Ysgol Gymraeg Ystalyfera Bro Dur Governing Body's Annual Report to Parents 2022-'23.

It has been a busy year, during which the school has faced several challenges. The after-effects of the Lockdown Period continue to cast a shadow over day-to-day matters, in particular our efforts to restore the pupil attendance levels that existed pre-Covid-19.

The initiative shown by the teaching staff to ensure the effective implementation of the New Curriculum in every classroom has been an outstanding feature of the work of the school.

I would like to congratulate the pupils at Ystalyfera and Bro Dur on their resounding success in the Summer 2023 external examinations, and it is very encouraging to see so many students having returned to Canolfan Gwenallt to pursue their post-16 education.

There were so many notable highlights during the school year, one of which was the excellent musical show which chronicled the life and music of one of the school's most famous sons, Huw Chiswell, which was staged, very appropriately, in the theatre which carries his name. It was also very satisfying to hear the school's name announced from the stage of the National Urdd Eisteddfod at Carmarthenshire in a variety of competitions. At the end of the summer term, ninety-four boys and girls embarked on an unforgettable 10-day trip to South Africa, providing our students with the opportunity to compete against the youth of the 'Rainbow State' on the rugby field and netball court. My sincere thanks to all the staff who selflessly give their time and energy to enrich the experiences of our young people throughout the year.

The establishment of a successful Cylch 'Ti a fi' within our primary department has, rightfully, been a source of pride, which will inevitably lead to fostering even closer links between the school and the parents of our youngest children.

I would like to express my gratitude to my colleagues on the Governing Body for their commitment and expertise, and to the members of the Parents' Association on all three sites for their hard work.

I am confident that our school will continue to go from strength to strength, under the leadership of our headteacher, Mrs. Laurel Davies, and a dedicated senior leadership team. We look forward to another successful and prosperous year in 2023-'24.

Tudur Jones

Chairman of the Governing Body

YSGOL GYMRAEG YSTALYFERA BRO DUR - GOVERNING BODY 2022-23

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IMPORTANT CHANGES TO PARENT MEETINGS

As a result of the School Standards and Institutions (Wales) Act 2013, which came into enforcement on 4th May 2013, a school's governing body is no longer required to hold an annual meeting for parents.

The School Standards and Institutions (Wales) Act 2013 now enables parents of registered pupils at the school to request up to three meetings a year with the governing body by petition, providing that:

1. The petition contains the signatures of the required number of parents of registered pupils at the school, which is the lowest of the following:
 - a) Parents of 10% of registered pupils, or
 - b) Parents of 30 registered pupils (calculated using the number of registered pupils at the school on the date the petition is received).
2. The requested meeting must be to discuss a matter relating to the school.
3. No more than three meetings shall be held during the year in which the petition is first received.
4. There are enough school days left in the school year for the meeting to take place.

Members of the Governing Body 2022-23

		<u>Elected</u>	<u>End</u>
Community			
Ordinary – Vice Chair	Adam Amor	08/02/2022	07/02/2026
Ordinary	Edwina Ranft	08/02/2022	07/02/2026
Ordinary	Helen Jones	08/02/2022	07/02/2026
Ordinary	Julie Jones	08/02/2022	07/02/2026
Ordinary	Justyn Knight	08/02/2022	07/02/2026
AAI			
Ordinary – Chairman	Tudur Jones	01/04/2023	31/03/2027
Ordinary	Cllr. Alun Llewelyn	01/09/2021	31/08/2025
Ordinary	Cllr. Helen Ceri Clarke	01/09/2021	31/08/2025
Ordinary	Cllr. Rosalyn Davies	01/09/2021	31/08/2025
Ordinary	Gavin Thomas	01/04/2021	31/03/2025
Non-voting			
Clerk to the Governors	Tracy Fowler		
Voting			
Head	Laurel S. Davies		
Parent			
Ordinary	Siân Parry	04/07/2019	03/07/2023
Ordinary	Donna Rowley	04/07/2019	03/07/2023
Ordinary	Sara David	17/05/2021	16/05/2025
Ordinary	Kerys Thomas	17/05/2021	16/05/2025
Ordinary	Janelle Carter-Jones	17/12/2021	16/12/2025
Ordinary	Meleri Tweed	17/12/2021	16/12/2025
Teaching staff			
Ordinary	Richard Davies	01/10/2022	30/09/2026
Ordinary	Ffion Wen Jones	11/03/2021	10/03/2024
Support Staff			
Ordinary	Vacant		
Connecting			
	Head boy & Head girl		
Total membership 20			
	Quorum is 10		
Designated Governors			
Safeguarding	Siân Parry		
ALN	Siân Parry		
Data	Julie Jones		
Health & Safety	Adam Amor		

ANNUAL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS 2023-24

Term	Begin	Half Term		End
		Begin	Finish	
October 2023	1 September	30 October	3 November	22 December
Spring 2024	8 January	12 February	16 February	22 March
Summer 2024	8 April	27 May	31 May	19 July
INSET Days – Friday, September 1st; Friday, October 27th (Primary only); Monday, 20th November; Friday, December 22nd; Friday, 9th February (Secondary only); Friday, June 28th; Monday, July 15th				

Schools will be closed to pupils for INSET / staff preparations for 6 days.

A copy of the school calendar is available on the school website: www.ysgolystalyferabrodur.cymru

Timings of the day at Ysgol Gymraeg Ystalyfera Bro Dur

Ystalyfera Secondary		Ystalyfera Primary		Bro Dur Secondary	
8.25am	Staff on site	8.25am	Staff on site	8.25am	Staff on site
8.30am	Morning Staff Meeting	8.30am	Morning Staff Meeting	8.30am	Morning Staff Meeting
8.40am	Morning Registration / Assemblies	8.40am	Registration / Assemblies	8.45am	Registration / Assemblies
9.00am	Lesson 1	9.00am	Lessons	9.05am	Lesson 1
9.50am	Lesson 2			10.05am	Lesson 2
10.40am	Break	10.15am	Break	11.05am	Break
11.00am	Lesson 3	10.30am	Lessons	11.20am	Lesson 3
11.50am	Lesson 4			Mon - Junior	
12.40pm	Dinner	11.50am	Dinner	12.20pm	Lesson 4
1.30pm	Lesson 5	12.40pm	Lessons	1.25pm	Dinner
2.20pm	Lesson 6	1.45pm	Break	Friday	
3.10pm	End of the Day	3.00pm	End of the Day	12.20pm	Dinner
				1.15pm	Golden Hour
				2.15pm	Golden Hour
				3.15pm	End of the Day

New Staff Appointments for September 2022

Ystalyfera	Bro Dur
Mr. Rhys Thomas, Physical Education; Miss Manon Pirotte, Welsh; Miss Cerys Smith, Geography; Miss Becca James, Mathematics; Miss Erin Lawrence, Primary; Mr. Aled Morgan, Caretaker; Mr. Dafydd Davies, Office	Miss Manon Tinnuche, MFL / Mathematics; Miss Santhi Dusanjh, Science and Technology; Mrs. Rhian Davies, ICT Department; Mrs. Amelia Williams, Science / STEM; Miss Rhian Jenkins, English / Humanities; Mr. Lewis Jones, STEM; Mr. John Leyshon, Health and Wellbeing; Miss Eleri Sion, Languages Communication and Literacy; Miss Catrin Roberts, Head of Year 9; Mr. Rhys Page, Art and Stem; Miss Kloe Chaplin, Reception / Office; Mrs. Mandy Hardy, Cook.

School prospectus

A new school prospectus was published in September 2017 and there have been minor adjustments since publication. The School Prospectus will be adjusted annually to include any changes required by the Welsh Government and other relevant bodies. Copies are available on the school website or by email, a hard copy will be provided upon request to the school office.

Number on roll/staffing

1552 were on role (PLASC January 2023) with 100 teaching staff.

Progress in setting and achieving academic and other targets.

The school conducts an evaluation of its performance and prepares an annual improvement plan with an annual strategic plan. This covers departmental and national priorities including spending requirements and training needs. Governors are regularly updated on progress made on key areas of the development plan, at its termly meetings.

Report on post-Inspection priorities 2022-23

Post Inspection Priorities	Progress against actions in the School Development Plan
<p>Ensure more coherent provision across the school for the development of cross-curricular literacy and numeracy skills.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Use of the statutory Literacy tests to create target groups. 2. Intervention programmes in-place for pupils in red and yellow bands 3. Baseline created for pupils at all key stages to track progress and set challenging targets. This work was used as a case study with the Welsh Government. 4. Research e.g. Education Endowment Foundation / Closing the Vocabulary Gap / Voice 21 / school visits. 5. Action plan to upskill staff for the Cross-Curricular Skills' 6. Primary Section – upskilling programme in action. 'Drilio Disglair / work with the county on tracking and monitoring. 7. All AOLE's have mapped out Literacy provision but there is a need to continue

	<p>to monitor as Curriculum for Wales schemes continue to evolve.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 8. Provision map for 3-14 completed as part of the cluster's AOLE work. 9. Cluster INSET on the Continuum of Learning and an agreed understanding of progress along the journey from 3-18 10. The Language Charter has re-launched. Welsh Language Officer NPT has made a case study of the quality of 'language feeding' provision in year 7. Programme of action for 23-24 in place.
<p>Improve aspects of teaching to increase the level of challenge and provide pupils with diverse experiences to ensure effective progress.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. YGYBD's Learning and Teaching Model was launched. First appraisal complete. 2. Three learning journeys focusing on raising the challenge / experiences and opportunities within lessons. 3. Big Questions used across the AOLE's. 4. Learning journey findings identify very good practice in areas such as questioning and challenging tasks. 5. Meeting agendas prioritising Learning & Teaching standards. 6. Departments have focused on areas of improvement within their Department Improvement Plan and reported to the Leadership Team on progress throughout the year. 7. Staff pedagogical research cycle completed, and good practice presented and shared centrally. 8. Book Scrutiny now scrutinizes 'work' to include creative and practical work. 9. Primary Department focused on raising challenge through Rich Challenges / outdoor learning experiences / AFL strategies. 10. The Primary Department has focused on practising the Cross-Curricular Skills through theme work. 11. Good practice visits at other schools e.g. Caer Elen
<p>Sharpen self-evaluation processes and plan improvement</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. School Improvement Plan over a year in place 2. Clear Self Evaluation Calendar – pupil progress monitoring windows and quality of provision 3. Clear Leadership Calendar with monthly Self Evaluation focus 4. Accountability of all – self-evaluation forms per learning class 5. Modification to work monitoring spreadsheets. 6. Grading removed from the process – focus on strengths and areas for improvement and the findings fed immediately into the Department Improvement Plan 7. Continual adjustment of the Department/School Improvement Plan 8. The learner's voice features prominently in the work of Self-Evaluation.
<p>Reduce diversity in leader performance by ensuring consistency in execution and ensuring accountability.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Annual Self Evaluation Calendar 2. Calendar of meetings/agendas 3. Timetable of meetings for Leadership Team/Middle Leaders 4. Clear lines of accountability 5. Fewer business meetings – focus on Learning & Teaching, Standards and Wellbeing 6. Twelve teachers on a Middle Leadership course with the Leadership Academy 7. Three of the Leadership Team presenting on the Middle Leadership course 8. Restructuring of Bro Dur staffing model completed 9. Leadership Calendar for Heads of Year in place. 10. The Leadership Team has received Motivation and Mentoring training. 11. 'School as a Learning Organisation' questionnaire completed, and action plan in place.

Estyn Visit

A copy of the full report was received from Estyn following their visit in February 2021. High praise for many vital aspects of the School's work, including our focus on meeting the emotional needs and wellbeing of our pupils. The school has acted on the recommendations over the year in a joint operation with Challenge Consultant, Mrs. Meirwen Watts, and progress is summarised above.

Community Work

It is pleasing to note that we have been able to return to our community work during the year. Our philanthropic committee has worked actively to support good causes, both locally and nationally, with various activities which have raised funds for the following:

Umbrella Cymru LGBTQ+: £439.37

Save the Children: £596.78

Samaritans: £432.60

Ystalyfera and Port Talbot food banks: A thousand items

Children in need: £1600.00

Brains Trust: £537.38 + £3,000 through staff sponsored walk.

Macmillan: £175.00

Red Nose Day: £300

The partnership with My Green Valley has strengthened the co-functional relationship with the village of Ystalyfera, with a focus on litter picking and improving the local area.

A challenging year following the resignation of our Schools Liaison Police Officer, therefore we worked closely with local schools in the county to support pupils and parents in various areas. I would like to thank everyone for their support. Ospreys Rugby and Swansea City Football Club have worked with us to develop pupil self-esteem and team skills. It was great to be able to welcome our partners back to us for our PSE days, such as the Fire Brigade, Road Safety team, WCADA, Nurses, Swansea University and UWTSD, Cardiff Met, the Coleg Cymraeg and Menter Iaith. We invited the Gideon Society to present New Testaments to year 7 pupils followed by a service conducted by Mr. Steffan Jones of Pontardawe.

In July we had 'Open door' days across all three sites, where parents, friends, former pupils, and the local community were invited to visit the school, chat with staff, see the resources and appreciate our excellent buildings. We received very positive feedback.

Our new website is constantly updated, and it's encouraging to see increased use of the information and news shared through this platform.

Annual report - Finance

Below is a delegated outturn statement and a non-delegated statement for the financial year, as prepared by the Head of Finance.

School Financial Statement 2022/23

YGYBD – Primary

	Delegated	Non-delegated
Teacher Salaries	£478,914	
Assistant Salaries	£133,894	
Catering and Cleaning Salaries		
Other Salary Expenses		
Other direct costs		
Site including agreements	£18,167	
Council tax		
Capital Financing		
Admin, Examinations, AL, Transport	£39,234	
Other activities		
Grants	-£105,613	
Other income	-£39,765	
Contribution to / (from) reserves	-£6,040	-£6,040
	£518,792	-£6,040

YGYBD – Secondary

	Delegated	Non-delegated
Teacher Salaries	£5,091,439	
Assistant Salaries	£1,322,505	
Catering and Cleaning Salaries		
Other Salary Expenses	£258,752	
Other direct costs		
Site including agreements	£533,396	
Council tax		
Capital Financing		£1,181,422
Admin, Examinations, AL, Transport	£913,054	
Other activities		
Grants	-£705,315	
Other income	-£656,152	
Contribution to / (from) reserves	-£348,070	-£348,071
	£6,429,609	£833,351

Pupil Performance

The education of learners taking external exams this summer was affected by disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. In recognition of this, Qualifications Wales took the decision to ask WJEC to provide an additional level of support to Welsh qualifications, as part of the transition back to pre-pandemic processes. This was provided in two ways – advance information published by WJEC in February and a specific method of grading for summer 2023. It is a pleasure to share a summary of our results for summer 2023:

GCSE YGYBD	2023
5A*-C	76.9%
5A*-C (M&C/S – Lion or Language)	61.1%
5A*-C (M&C/S – Language)	59.8%
5A*-G	97%
5A*/A	22.2%
Score 9 capped	377.4

Attendance

Without doubt, pupils learn best when they are at school and most of our learners want to be in school and appreciate the structure and social framework it provides. We will continue to work to keep our attendance levels as high as possible, during a period where post-covid challenges continue to affect families and individuals.

Secondary Data 2022-23		Primary Data 2022-23	
Boys	88.75%	Boys	89.12%
Daughters	88.3%	Daughters	87.89%
Total	88.91%	Total	88.48%

The following strategies are in place to reduce future unauthorised absences:

- Weekly monitoring by Heads of Year
- Careful tracking by the Heads of Year and the Education Welfare Officer
- Timely communication (letters) with parents
- Termly report on attendance
- Meetings to include Assistant Headteacher, Heads of Year, Education Welfare Officer, School Support Officer, to discuss pupil attendance.
- Meetings with parents to provide support / challenge where appropriate.

Discipline

We believe that all schools have a duty to create a caring and supportive environment where it is possible for all pupils to develop happily and confidently. Our school's Positive Behaviour Policy aims to promote consistency, build staff confidence, and promote an ethos of supportive teamwork between the school, parents and external support agencies. Our aim is to ensure that we take firm, consistent and fair action with each incident to restore relationships and move forward constructively. School rules will be communicated and discussed in the registration periods and all pupils are expected to comply. Our positive behaviour promotion policy ensures that there is very little misconduct within and outside the school walls.

The school implements a clear policy in dealing with bullying issues and responds immediately if such a problem arises.

Health and Safety

We have worked closely with county Health and Safety officials throughout the year. We have ensured that all our Health and Safety processes and procedures are up to date and followed by all staff and pupils. At the Ystalyfera site we were visited by county Health and Safety officers to monitor our processes and systems: we received very positive feedback.

Review of Policies

The Governing Body reviewed and updated policies during the year, and statutory policies can be accessed on the school's website.

Special Educational Needs

Our aim is to provide an inclusive education for all pupils, ensuring that all young people reach their full potential. As a 3-18 Welsh medium school on two sites, we are fortunate to have a strong and dedicated team of staff who ensure that the educational and emotional needs of all pupils are met. We have excellent dedicated sections, at Y Gilfach on the Ystalyfera site and Y Gorwel at the Bro Dur site where pupils receive small group and 1:1 intervention sessions. Mr. Aled Maddock (Ystalyfera Secondary), Mr. Robert Colwell (Ystalyfera Primary) and Miss Carys Hughes covering maternity leave for Mrs. Gwenllian Dooher (Bro Dur) are our ALN coordinators and are responsible for planning and co-ordinating provision for pupils and organising the work of the dedicated team of support staff. All statements are reviewed annually at Annual Review Meetings involving the young person, parents and relevant external agencies.

A person-centred approach is used throughout the school to ensure that the voice and opinions of children and young people are central to all decisions made. The three ALNCo's regularly use the Four + One review tool when reviewing pupils' Individual Education Plans and when holding review meetings to ensure that pupils' progress is celebrated, and pupils are challenged to progress and develop further academically and socially. Mrs. Kerys Thomas is our designated ALN Governor and Child Protection/Safeguarding Governor. During this academic year, our ALN Coordinator and Governors have fulfilled the requirements of the new Code of Practice which came into force in September 2021. We are moving pupils over to the new ALN system in line with Welsh Government guidelines.

Many pupils on the ALN Register now receive access arrangements in their external and internal exams, which ensures that they're able to fully demonstrate their understanding and knowledge of their chosen subjects. The Department runs several specialist workshops including Rapid Reading, Rocket Phonics, the numeracy workshop, Talkabout and Lego therapy, as well as individual programmes which include in-depth teaching and Speech and Language programmes.

Bro Dur Site

Number of pupils on the ALN roll	School Action	School Action Plus	Statement
Bro Dur Site (53)	24	19	7
Year 7 (16)	7	6	3
Year 8 (12)	4	5	3
Year 9 (7)	5	2	0
Year 10 (9)	4	5	0
Year 11 (9)	5	3	1

Ystalyfera Site

Number of pupils on the ALN roll	School Action	School Action Plus	Statement
Ystalyfera Site (98)	46	41	11
Nursery (3)	1	2	0
Reception	0	0	0
Year 1	0	0	0
Year 2 (2)	0	1	1
Year 3 (2)	2	0	0
Year 4 (2)	1	0	1
Year 5 (5)	4	0	1
Year 6 (1)	1	0	0
Year 7 (10)	3	5	2
Year 8 (13)	6	3	4
Year 9 (12)	6	5	1
Year 10 (19)	11	7	1
Year 11 (19)	11	8	0
Year 12 (4)	0	4	0
Year 13 (6)	0	6	0

Access for Disabled Pupils

The governing body is mindful of the requirements of the Equality Act 2010 and the Additional Learning Needs and Education Tribunal (Wales) Act 2018 (ALNET) in its daily activities. The school is committed to ensuring that all pupils can participate in the school curriculum and (if they wish) in activities such as after school clubs, leisure / sporting events and educational visits. All aspects of accessibility, including access to written information, are included in the planning process and accessibility plan.

Safeguarding and Welfare of Pupils

Our designated Child Protection Officers ensure that all pupils receive support and intervention where necessary. We have five members of staff trained as Level 3 Child Protection Officers and our Designated Safeguarding Governor (Mrs Siân Parry) provides additional support. Heads of Year, a wellbeing officer, a school counsellor, Cynnydd team and a school nurse all play vital roles in supporting pupils, and the Buddies have now re-established themselves following the Lockdown period.

Healthy Schools

During the year the school has focused on promoting healthy eating and drinking, adhering to the Healthy Eating Regulations. The Catering Manager has received Saffron Training, which ensures all meals have been nutritionally tested. We are committed to the Healthy Eating and Drinking in Schools Bill which incorporates the guidance for 'Taste for Life'. We are heading towards Phase 4 of Healthy Schools. We teach children about the importance of a balanced diet through PSE, Design Science and Technology lessons and through our new Health and Wellbeing curriculum, as well as through thematic events throughout the year.

Toilets

The school has adequate toilet facilities in all blocks. Nedd and Main Blocks (Ystalyfera) and Bro Dur have unisex toilets and in Eirion Block (Ystalyfera) there are separate toilets for girls and boys. Toilets are cleaned daily, and their cleanliness is supervised throughout the day.

Preparing for a new curriculum

As an 'Innovative School', we have developed a clear vision for our curriculum. We have considered in detail what we should teach, how we will teach it and focused on how our provision will ensure that our learners make progress in realising the Four Purposes of the New Curriculum. As a 3-18 school we have been able to focus on understanding the learning continuum and have focused on developing the aspiration and self-confidence of our learners. As a two-site school, we have been able to work together to share best practice and ensure that the curriculum focuses on developing pupils' skills through experiences and relevant, contextual information. The 'Dysgu Gorau Dysgu Byw' curriculum was extended to year 8 at the Ystalyfera site with pupils focusing on developing their independent learning skills, self-belief, and ability to work within a team. To access the Curriculum Statement for Ysgol Gymraeg Ystalyfera Bro Dur, please use the link below:

<https://www.ysgolystalyferabrodur.cymru/site/data/files/documents/cig/99B376C680EBD8969A3E66E81330341B.pdf>

Welsh

Welsh is the official language of the school, for extra-curricular activities and almost all academic lessons. The school is proud of its Welsh ethos and is taking steps to ensure this is maintained for all new cohorts of pupils. Parents are asked to support the school in this regard by encouraging their children to speak Welsh, respecting the ethos of the school, and encouraging them to always do their best to promote this key aspect. The school's Language Policy is in place, which sets clear strategic targets with the aim of developing confidence and language skills with pupils across the whole 3-18 age range. In 2021 each department

introduced a language policy, and we ensure that all staff adhere to the policies within their department which operate to realise the vision of the whole school language policy.

Transition

Cluster work continues to be a strength with cluster meetings every half term. We have a focused Cluster Development Plan that ensures we have shared ownership of a holistic approach to delivery. The cluster's 2022-23 priorities were:

- Incorporate Classroom and extracurricular Speaking and Listening Skills
- Curriculum Development for Wales
- Strengthening Health and Wellbeing education (Due to the impact of Covid-19)
- Improve the identification of needs and intervention for ALN pupils.

A full transition programme was undertaken focusing on providing face-to-face experiences for pupils across the cluster. We continued to use Microsoft TEAMS for a Modern Foreign Language transition course which was a great success with pupils developing French, Spanish, and Italian skills. Question Time sessions were held with pupils, and in the summer term Year 5 pupils had the opportunity to attend a transition day in preparation for September 2024.

School Senate

The School Senate had another successful year. Several fund-raising projects were led by the School Senate, including planning, preparing and implementing a fundraising day for Children in Need and organising a rousing show for Red Nose Day. They were very proud of the £1900 collected. As part of the activities a competition was organised for Year 7 pupils to create posters to advertise the events, so it was great to be able to involve a wide range of learners. In addition, the Senate played an active role in planning and conducting interviews for new Senate Members and new staff appointments. They also took the lead on naming the school's fields by distributing a questionnaire to the whole school. With a major focus in the school's improvement scheme on learning and teaching, the Senedd created and distributed an online questionnaire to gather pupils' views on the factors that help them learn effectively. The results were analysed by Senate members, and this will shape an important part of the learning and teaching model.

Another year of very busy work for the Senedd with each member contributing effectively.

Maintenance

Work to refurbish the 2G field at Bro Dur continues, as well as an annual investment to try to raise the standard of the rugby pitch, in line with county guidelines. We invested in an outdoor room in Bro Dur which expands the outdoor provision, such as Forest Schools, etc.

Sports Facilities

With all the investment over the last few years, the school has two 2G pitches, two rugby pitches, four tennis courts/netball fields (Ystalyfera site), two netball fields (Bro Dur site), two sports halls.

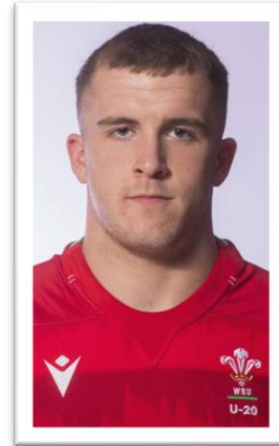
Sporting Achievements

It is great to be able to announce that the school has been accepted as part of WRU Welsh Schools and Colleges league for 2023-'24.

Sporting achievements

Ystalyfera Site

First Rugby XV Team - Reaching the Welsh Schools final.
Establishment of Rugby Academy
Mali Loader - Wales Under 20 Athletics
Gwenan Horgan - Representing Swansea City Women (football)
Yr.9 & 10 Women's Football Team - Urdd Cup Winners
Morgan Morse - Wales under 20 rugby team
Evie Cooper - Welsh Champion (hammer and shot)
Ioan Carter Jones – black belt (Judo)
Girls and boys' basketball team (under 13) - Played in NBA Wales Junior



Bro Dur Site:

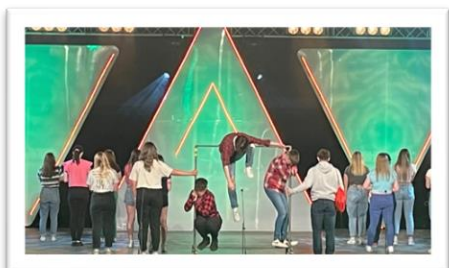
Ava Thompson Yr.8 – Welsh Champion in the 100m and 200m
Moli Thomas Yr.8 - Cardiff Football Academy
Yr.7 Hockey Women's Team - Welsh Finals
Girl's Football Yrs. 8+9 - Welsh Cup Final
Girls Rugby Yr.7 – Reached the Welsh Cup final
Yr.8 Girl's Rugby League – Welsh Champions.
Osian Williams Yr.11 –Wales Under 16 Football / 2-year contract with Swansea Academy.
Ellis Cox Yr.10 – Captain Aberafan Under 15 Schools Rugby
Iona Walker Hunt Yr.11 – Selection to the Wales Under 17 Netball Academy
Finley Griffiths and Cellan David Yr.10 – South Wales Cricket team
Girls Athletics Team 7 & 8 – Represented the County at the National Rounds and came 2nd.



Ava Thompson Bl.8
– Pencampwraig
Cymru yn y 100m a
200m



Once again pupils of all ability levels had considerable success in music with a large number passing instrumental examinations under the NPT county music service. The Urdd Eisteddfod in Carmarthenshire was an opportunity for the school to compete on a national level, in choirs, dramatic presentations, public speaking and folk dancing. Thank you to staff and pupils for their hard work.



Pupil Achievements

Celebrating our pupil's achievements is vital to our provision and we are constantly looking for new ways to recognise their success. During this academic year we have celebrated the achievements of our pupils through our weekly services in the primary department and monthly services in the secondary department. We have used social websites to promote every success. Various and wide-ranging award winners were celebrated at our annual awards night. Here is a list of the recipients:

Awards Night 2022-23

Academic Awards		
Year	Ystalyfera Site	Bro Dur Site
7	Efa Francis, Arthur Wilkinson	Oliver Hoare, Osian Young
8	Eluned Davies, Gruffudd Puw	Robyn Edwards, Isabelle Thomas
9	Esther Harper, Dewi Jones, Dylan Page	Rhiannon Jones, Ffion Chapple
10	Aneurin Skinner, Abigail Jones	Catrin Lewis, Manon Rees
11	Ellen Smith, Ioan Hamm	Macsen Williams, Nia Trace
12	Maddie Pritchard and Aled Jones	
13	Non Watts and Joshua Cooper	

A Level Best Results: Welsh / Geography/Chemistry	
Prize	Name
Chemistry	Joshua Cooper
Geography	Gwenan Horgan
Welsh	Anwen David

Head of Year Awards		
Primary	Isabella Peterson, Izzy Osborne, Iestyn Thompson, Sophie-Haf Austin, Ioan Jones, Owen Morgan, Effy Jones, Grace Flew, Ellise Davies	
Year	Ystalyfera Site	Bro Dur Site
7	Menna Stevens a Harri Roberts-Truman	Anwen Hughes a Colton Evans
8	Aled Murphy ac Evie Lewis	Ava Rees a Finnley Austin
9	Levi Hubbard + Kloe Jones.	Ewan Cook to Josh Comer
10	Efa Charles ac Nicholas Fisk-Jones	Emily Edwards a Ellie Mai Cooper
11	Elena Francis a Dylan Lougher	Mari Williams ac Adara George
12	Mali Loader a Sion Lloyd	
13	Tirion Bevan a Gabriel Peters	

Whole School Awards		
Prize	Ystalyfera Site	Bro Dur Site
Headteacher's Award	Cai Shannon	Darcie Hewitt
Governors' Award	Amelia Asher	Mindie James
School Ambassador	Maddie Pritchard	Iona Walker-Hunt

Team of the Year		
Team	Ystalyfera Site	Bro Dur Site
Primary Team	Junior choir	Yr7 Women's Rugby
KS3 Team	Seren Debating Team	Girls Football 7 & 8
KS4 Team	Year 10 Rugby Team	Shakespeare Festival Ensemble
KS5 Team	Engineering and Education Team Wales	

Special Awards		
Prize	Ystalyfera Site	Bro Dur Site
Work in the Community Award	Jack Griffiths	Lucy Pritchard Dhani Eagle
Volunteer Award	Gwen Morgan Jones	Freya Marie Croydon
Memorial Awards		
Andrew Davies Award	Niamh MacLeod	
Eirion Richards Award	Morgan Morse	
Sam Francis Award	Coley Price	
Tamsin Rees Award	Isa Butler	

Members of the School Senedd/Senate 2022-23

Year	Senedd Ystalyfera	Committee	Senedd Bro Dur
7	Menna Stevens Harri Roberts-Truman		Anwen Hughes Mali Glenister
8	Llew Jones Mabli Lloyd Gruffudd Watkins	Evan Baker Mason Garrett Celyn Stevens Catrin Rees Aled Murphy Tallulah Knoyle William Johnson Rhys Lewis Gwion Edmondson Kayden Jones	Maisy Griffiths Ava Rasmussen
9	Amelia Sivertsen Levi Hubbard	Ceirion Jenkins Araya Lee Jones Levi Hubbard Kloe Jones Iewan Marks Miley Powell Griff Baker	Lucas Wellington Lucy Pritchard
10	Abigail Jones Aneurin Skinner Elsbeth-Miri Funnell	Lloyd Harvey Dainton Brittain-Jones Llew Spurway Darcy Jenkins Lucy Lewis Aneurin Skinner McKenzie Buckland-Williams Sioned Bevan	Sophie Jones Athena Murray
11	Ioan Hamm	John Hamm Emyr Davies-John Gwion Davies James Harris Lily Day Rhiannon Aue	Darcie Hewitt Erin Constable Cai Jones Mindie James
12/13	Maddie Pritchard Bethan Bray Cai Shannon Cerys Walker Ffion Davies Amelia Asher Ioan Rees Gwen Horgan Taryn Purchase		

	Ystalyfera Site	Bro Dur Site
Head pupils	Ffion Davies Cerys Walker Cai Shannon	Cai Jones Darcie Hewitt
Principal prefects	Tirion Bevan Gwenan Horgan Non Watts Taryn Purchase Amelia Asher Ioan Rees Osian Hutt Rhys Rowlands	Macsen Williams Rylee Roberts Gwenan Brewer Dhani Eagle
Prefects	Sara Lloyd, Dan Cooper, Leon Norton Bethan Davies, Mari Emyr, Lowri Spanner Josef Llywellyn, Iwan Harries Sophia Jane Powell, Anwen David Ruby May Allen, Megan Watkins Jools Speake, Madison Chapman Carys Price, Mia Hutchings Megan Evans, Tili Mai Hopkins Morgan Thomas Olivia Rees Cian Rowe, Gabriel Peters	Rhys Jones Mari Williams Mia Davies Gracie George Lowri Morris Hannah Wearing Erin Constable