



Our Community of Learning



Prospectus

Our Community of Learning Ein Cymuned o Ddysgu

OUR VISION

Empowers students to become confident,
independent, lifelong learners;



Celebrates achievement and rewards success;



Encourages students to be aspirational and
motivated, both inside and outside the classroom;



Inspires students to value one another,
our achievements and the community in
which we live and learn.

— Ysgol John Bright —

Equity | Wellbeing | Excellence



Welcome to Ysgol John Bright

We are a welcoming, caring community of students and staff. In this prospectus you will find key information about us as a school; we hope you find it useful. Please get in touch with us if you would like any further information, or would like the opportunity to come and visit the school to see for yourself our community in action.

Croeso i Ysgol John Bright

Rydym yn gymuned glos, gofalgar o ddisgyblion ac staff. Yn y llawlyfr hwn cewch wybodaeth amdanom fel ysgol; gobeithio y bydd o ddefnydd i chi. Mae croeso i chi gysylltu gyda ni os hoffech gael mwy o wybodaeth, neu os hoffech ddod i ymweld â'r ysgol i gael gweld dros eich hunain ein cymuned ar waith.

Mr H Parry

Headteacher/Pennaeth

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Transition into Year 7

The Year 7 curriculum equips students with the skills and attributes they need to succeed as a learner at Ysgol John Bright and beyond as lifelong learners in the 21st Century.

Our aim is for each student to develop their talents and interests to the full, whilst experiencing a broad, balanced and relevant curriculum. The courses enhance learning, attainment and achievement and help students to become:

- Successful learners who enjoy learning, achieve and make progress;
- Enterprising and creative people who contribute fully to life and work;
- Responsible citizens who make a positive contribution to society; and
- Confident and happy individuals who are able to live safe, healthy and fulfilling lives.

The Year 7 curriculum is designed to stretch and challenge all students to reach their full potential.

The Start of the journey

Welcome

The first year of secondary school is a particularly important time for our students. We work very closely with our primary partner schools to ensure each student has a positive experience and to ensure that transition is as smooth as possible.

Our Director of Learning for Year 7 visits feeder schools to meet new students before they join and runs an introductory programme before the start of term. We also hold Taster Days, an Open Evening and various activities to ensure that new students have made new friends and feel part of the community at Ysgol John Bright.



The school's current Admissions Policy is operated by the Conwy Local Education Authority (LEA) and full details of the Policy can be obtained by phoning the LEA on 01492 575031 or via their website at www.conwy.gov.uk.

If we are oversubscribed, preference will be given to children according to the following criteria, in the order in which they are listed:

1. Medical circumstances or Statement of Educational Needs.
2. Residence within the catchment area.
3. Living in catchment area and did not attend feeder primary.
4. Siblings who attend school or feeder primary but do not live in catchment area.

If you have any questions or wish to have a tour of the school, please contact:

Mrs J Pethig (Assistant Headteacher) on 01492 864200.



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YJB Staff

All staff are committed to providing our students with the best possible opportunities for personal growth and fulfilment.

Senior Leadership Team

Mr H Parry | Headteacher
Mr K Lawson | Deputy Headteacher
Mr C Colbert | Deputy Headteacher
Mrs J Pethig | Assistant Headteacher
Mr S Fordwhalley | Assistant Headteacher
Mrs S Hancox | Assistant Headteacher
Mr R Roberts | Business Manager

Student Support Team | Sixth Form

Mr C Davies | Head of Sixth
Mrs C Huws | Assistant Director of Learning
Mrs C Woodhead | Student Guidance Officer

Well-being and Safeguarding Lead

Mrs C Beattie | Key Stage 3
Mr D Sweet | Key Stage 4

Directors of Learning

Mrs T Smee | Year 7 and Transition
Mrs S Kearney | Year 8
Miss M Stafford | Year 9
Mrs R Southall | Year 10
Miss J Wedlock | Year 11

Well-being Officers

Miss S Tradewell | Year 7 KS3
Mr S Parkinson | Year 8 KS3
Mrs A Eardley | Years 9 and 10 KS4
Mrs L Davies | Year 11 KS4





Ysgol John Bright Curriculum

Year 7 students in September 2022 at Ysgol John Bright will be starting their exciting journey following the new 'Curriculum for Wales'. The curriculum is designed to support students to develop as:

- Ambitious, capable learners, ready to learn throughout their lives
- Enterprising, creative contributors, ready to play a full part in life and work
- Ethical, informed citizens of Wales and the world
- Healthy, confident individuals, ready to lead fulfilling lives as valued members of society.

Here at YJB students will be taught a range of subjects by subject specialists. We believe that the expert teacher is the most valuable resource to ensure all students make progress in their skills, knowledge and understanding in all of their subjects.

During Year 7, students are taught in mixed ability classes; we strive to ensure students are stretched and challenged but also supported and nurtured to develop as well-rounded and qualified individuals.

Alongside the taught curriculum we have a broad range of extracurricular activities and trips available to students from the sporting to the musical, technological to the artistic.

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Pastoral Care

All students have a dedicated Form Tutor who will closely work with the Director of Learning to monitor and review the progress of each student under their care. Form Tutors build meaningful relationships with their students and ensure a safe, supportive environment for them to thrive in school.

We actively seek discussion and debate and provoke creative thinking, thereby encouraging students to be curious and passionate about their world. We extend their horizons through extra curricular clubs, field trips, sports, tours, conferences and visits to theatres, galleries and museums.

The GCSE years are a challenge for all students and our ethos at the school is to support them in their learning, but also to stretch and push them to achieve their best. During Year 10 and 11 a programme of pastoral activities helps students achieve their best in their examinations.



Most students decide to progress into our thriving and consistently outstanding Sixth Form. Here, students have the opportunity to follow academic and vocational pathways. As senior students, our Sixth Formers are excellent ambassadors and role models. We encourage them to take on positions of responsibility to develop their leadership, management and mentoring skills. Sixth Form students contribute fully to the school's values of excellence in learning and are represented by the Student Leadership Team, which is elected annually through a formal election process.

The undertaking of school, community and charity work, ensure students leave us well equipped socially as well as academically, for the next stage of their lives.

We are very proud of the support offered to students when applying for Higher Education and have links with many prestigious universities. Equally, we strive to ensure that students entering the world of work have access to a range of experiences and work closely with local and national businesses.

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Additional Learning Needs

Ysgol John Bright has well developed policies for supporting the learning of students with additional needs. We aim to encourage all our students to reach their full potential, whether they are young people with exceptional abilities or difficulties.

The school has a team of specialist Teaching Assistants who offer targeted one-to-one and group support in lessons to ensure all of our students achieve their potential. Our Teaching Assistants are effectively deployed by our own specialist co-ordinator, who make certain that every student at YJB receives the support they need to succeed.

During our recent 2021 Estyn report Inspectors celebrated the effectiveness of our teaching assistants who they regarded as providing “valuable support for students’ learning and wellbeing” - leading to excellent student engagement and behaviour in lessons.

Students can access extra help or have space and support with home learning after school.

The school implemented the new Additional Learning Needs Code from January 2022.

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Safeguarding and Welfare of Students

The Department for Education and Welsh Government policy makes it clear that schools have an important role to play in the protection and well being of all students in the school.

The school treats the welfare of its students as a paramount consideration. It considers that child protection issues override confidentiality and will take any responsibility to ensure the safety of these students.

In cases where the school has reason to be concerned that a child may be subject to ill-treatment, neglect, or other forms of abuse, all staff have no alternative but to adhere to the All Wales Child Protection Procedures, which set out the necessary steps to be followed. We have a duty to refer such concerns to the social services department or the police without delay. We have no discretion in this matter.

The Headteacher has overall responsibility for safeguarding and child protection matters. The Designated Safeguarding Leads are Mr S Fordwhalley, Mrs C Beattie, Mr D Sweet and Mrs K Goode.



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Y Cwricwlwm Cymreig

All students are encouraged to develop their Welsh speaking skills as part of their continuing education for lifelong learning.

Ysgol John Bright celebrates its 'Welshness' and identity in many ways. We are proud of our language and heritage and this commitment is to be seen in much of our work. The Cwricwlwm Cymreig is an integral part of subject specific schemes of work throughout the school. Many events are held to celebrate our history and tradition including the School Eisteddfod, trips to Urdd centres, National Eisteddfod and theatre visits.

English is the day-to-day language of communication in the school. However, staff and students are encouraged to use Welsh as much as possible. All subjects use basic greetings and instructions in Welsh to develop students' competency. All students study Welsh in KS3 and KS4 unless an exemption has been implemented. All school communications are available in Welsh upon request.



Home Learning

Home learning is an important part of school life and helps young people to work, think and learn independently, in addition to being an essential component of all courses. At YJB, we also recognise the importance of achieving the right balance in order to sustain the wellbeing of our students.

We aim to set tasks which genuinely engage and challenge students to achieve, giving them the opportunity to explore ideas and areas of interest incorporating a variety of activities, research, reading for information, collecting evidence, interpreting and analysing using different media and evaluation.

In KS3, home learning will take the form of:

- Reading (students will be supported by English teachers to choose an appropriate book that they can understand and discuss in tutor time and in English lessons.)
- Maths - consolidation tasks that will be set and assessed by the Maths faculty
- 'Thinkit' tasks - These could, for example, be questions that get students to consider a key idea within a specific topic area at a purposeful stage in the teaching. For example, it could be a question that draws on their prior knowledge, or it could be a more general thought-provoking task linked to a topical or contemporary issue.

In KS4 and KS5, subject teachers will set purposeful and regular work that consolidates learning in the lesson.

At YJB there is a regular homework club providing students with a supportive environment to complete work.



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Code of Conduct

The emphasis in YJB is on encouragement, praise and the display of an active interest in the personal and academic progress of students. We uphold values of respect and pride in both our school and ourselves. Therefore we expect students to address members of staff and each other with courtesy

We encourage and expect good behaviour. We have established firm expectations, which students know and understand within the school's Code of Conduct. These rules express our requirements of tolerance for others, good manners, self-discipline, commitment and hard work.

Mobile Phone Policy

The use of mobile phones by students during school hours or on school premises is completely forbidden.

Mobile phones which are brought into school must be turned off (not placed on silent) and stored in lockers or in bags out of sight. The simple rule is "not seen, not heard, not confiscated". In the case of an emergency parents/carers should contact the school's reception first (rather than their child) so that staff are aware of any potential problems and can make any necessary arrangements to support their child. Any student who brings a mobile phone into school does so at their own risk and the school will not be held responsible for any loss, theft or damage. Further information can be found in the School's Acceptable Use Policy.

Equality of Opportunity

Religion, Values and Ethics

Ysgol John Bright was the first school in Wales to gain the Gold Mark for RE in recognition of its excellent provision in this area.

Religious Education at Key Stage 3 and 4 follows the Conwy County Council agreed syllabus and gives the students an opportunity to study aspects of the world's major religions, whilst acknowledging the place of Christianity as the principal faith in this country. Students are encouraged to develop their own responses to the meaning and purpose of our existence and to begin to address guidelines of morality and spirituality.

The daily act of collective worship is a time when the tutor groups unite for a Year Assembly or reflection time in the tutor base. Assemblies take into account the background of students, their age and aptitudes and they aim to offer common values within a broadly Christian context.

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Relationships and Sexual Equality

Sex education is provided as part of the whole curriculum, accepting that education about sex and personal relationships has an important part to play in preparing young people for responsible adult life.

The Governing Body has approved a programme of sex education which is designed to provide knowledge about loving relationships, the nature of sexuality, and the processes of human reproduction. Facts are presented in an objective, balanced and sensitive manner and are set within a clear framework of values of personal responsibility, self esteem, respect and consideration for others. We strive to provide knowledge and encourage the acquisition of skills and attitudes to allow students to manage their lives in a responsible and healthy way. It also includes, at a point appropriate to the age and maturity of the students, education about HIV, AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases.

Health professionals and other agencies will occasionally be invited into the school to help lead students through the programme.

Parents have the right to withdraw their children from SRE, except when such education is part of the National Curriculum. Any parent who wishes to exercise this right should inform the Headteacher at the school.

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Careers

The Careers Education and Guidance programme develops throughout a student's school education. An extensive range of programmes are delivered during subject and learning tutor time. These are supported by a series of special events, which help to thoroughly prepare our students to make informed choices.

Guidance interviews and portfolio building are combined with training and access to online interactive career programmes. This allows students to carry out independent research into a wide variety of careers, employment opportunities and courses available at further and higher education institutions.

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Creating Opportunities

Ysgol John Bright educates the whole child and we have a wide ranging programme of extra-curricular and enrichment activities. In-house programmes help develop rounded individuals, enhanced by links to the local community. Success with projects, completion of the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, participating in work experience or mentoring younger students can all create memorable experiences, as well as developing leadership skills and encouraging independence. The PE Department runs many school teams, enjoying considerable success at local and national level.

Elected members of the student body debate aspects of school life in the YJB Senedd. This gives our students a meaningful voice and allows them to make a constructive contribution to the running of the school.

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Physical Education and Outdoor Education

In Core Physical Education lessons we support other curricular areas and the pastoral team to develop students' physical health and development, mental health, and emotional and social well-being. The programme supports students to understand and appreciate how the different components of health and well-being are interconnected, and it recognises that good health and well-being are important to enable successful learning.

In Core Physical Education we aim to provide a safe, enjoyable and balanced programme of practical and theoretical lessons that will develop fundamental skills that can be applied to a range of activities. These skills will become more technically challenging with opportunities for all students to develop, practise and review their performances so that they can enjoy being able to progress and perform consistently well.

In lessons we encourage active involvement in a variety of roles such as performers, observers, coaches and officials. By adopting these roles we aim to develop students personal skills such as cooperation, communication and leadership.

We hope that through continual development in lessons students will engage in extra curricular sporting activities. These activities will be team and individual, competitive, recreational and support the wider aims outlined above.

We also offer examination courses from Year 9 to Year 13 including Sport, Outdoor Education and Uniformed Protective Services.



PE Kit

Navy blue polo shirt with school logo.

Navy training shorts, Navy training pants or Navy leggings.

Navy training top with school logo.

Trainers (not canvas shoes).

Training jacket (optional but highly recommended as it is water resistant and ideal for travel to and from school)

The kit is available from Boppers in Colwyn Bay and School Talk in Llandudno.

The Navy leggings can be purchased from the above suppliers or from GymShark only.

Rain jacket (optional) but also ideal for travel

Ysgol John Bright Facilities

Facilities at YJB offer our students a wealth of opportunities inside and outside the classroom in our contemporary, state of the art, school.

We have an impressive range of specialist areas and use the most up-to-date technology to teach our students (Google Classroom and AppleMacs). We have a science block with 12 laboratories, a technology suite which includes provision for workshops, specialist textile rooms, commercial standard catering provision, art/design areas, pottery and a photographic dark room.

Our Sports and Recreation area includes a sports hall, gymnasium, squash courts and dance studio. We also have 20 acres of playing fields with hockey, football, rugby and cricket pitches as well as floodlit astro turf pitches and a 3G pitch.

Ysgol John Bright Provision for the Disabled

The school meets all requirements of the Disability Discrimination Act. A lift enables access to all parts of the building (which also has colour schemes to assist with those students with visual impairments).

There are toilet facilities for students in each block. Disabled facilities are also available on each floor. There are separate toilets for KS3 and KS4 students. All toilets are cleaned frequently throughout the day. A Sodexo employed cleaner is on hand throughout the day to call upon for any emergency cleaning.

Ysgol John Bright Support Network @ YJB

We believe that the pastoral care for each individual in the school community is of the greatest importance. Therefore we have a highly developed pastoral system to ensure that every student's progress is closely monitored. Students respond well to praise and encouragement, and these are key factors in our teaching and learning.



Our treatment of the students is positive and sensitive but with a clear understanding of the code of behaviour expected of everyone. We make it our mission to foster a sense of self worth and the capacity to work as contributing members of a team or community and we are committed to offering equal opportunities for all.

We encourage parents to be involved in the life of the school and the progress of their child, through a programme of regular reports and parent consultation evenings.

We are committed to keeping in close contact and working in partnership with parents and guardians and carers of YJB students.

Ysgol John Bright School Uniform

We expect our students to take pride in themselves and the school by wearing the full uniform. We ask that parents take responsibility for ensuring that their son/daughter is in the correct uniform each day.

High standards of appearance reflect a positive image of our school and one which creates a learning community we can be proud to be identified with. The uniform can be purchased exclusively from two local retailers.

Boppers Boutique, 4-6 Abergele Road, Colwyn Bay. LL29 7NN Telephone No: 01492 534421

School Talk, 159 Mostyn Street, Llandudno, LL30 2PE. Telephone Number: 01492 866995

Ysgol John Bright uniform Years 7 to 11:

- Navy blazer with thin gold trim/piping (with school logo)
- Navy jumper with gold trim (with school logo)
- Tie – (Years 7 - 8) gold with double thin navy stripe
(Years 9 - 11) navy with gold stripe
- Banner charcoal grey senior boys trouser - no skinny trousers or jeans
- Banner charcoal grey girls trouser/Trutext trousers - no skinny trousers or jeans
- Banner charcoal grey Charleston skirt - knee length
- Plain white shirt
- Plain black socks or tights for girls
- Black shoes – not more than 2 inch heel, no boots, no trainers, leisure shoes or any logo

Hair should not be cropped, patterned, shaved (less than grade 3), dyed an unnatural colour, braided and should always be tied back for practical lessons.

Make-Up - No make-up, false nails or nail varnish

Jewellery - for health and safety reasons the only acceptable items of jewellery are :

- a wristwatch (not a Smart watch)
- one pair of small plain stud type earrings (to be worn one in each lobe)
- one plain signet ring

No facial or tongue piercings are allowed.

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The School Day

08.40am			Year doors open to students (08.30am if it's raining)
08.50am	-	09.15am	Form Time
9.15am	-	10.15am	Lesson 1
10.15am	-	11.30am	Lesson 2 (including following 15 min breaks)
10.15am	-	10.30am	Break for Year 8 and Year 10
10.45am	-	11.00am	Break for Year 7, Year 12 and Year 13
11.15am	-	11.30am	Break for Year 9 and Year 11
11.30am	-	12.30am	Lesson 3
12.30pm	-	14.00pm	Lesson 4 (including 30 min lunch breaks)
14.00pm	-	15.00pm	Lesson 5
15.00pm			End of School Day

Free School Meals Eligibility

Some students may be entitled to free lunches. Free School Meals can only be awarded if you or your partner are claiming either:

- Income Support
- Job Seekers Allowance - income based
- Employment and Support Allowance - income related
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit


Complaints Procedure

In the first instance, parents are expected to contact the Headteacher to discuss any complaints. Any unresolved matter can be referred onto our Chair of Governors, Mrs C Forfar, through the school or, in exceptional circumstances, the Local Education Authority, which has an established complaints procedure. This procedure is outlined in a bilingual document, available at the school.

Charging Policy

The School's charging policy complies with current regulations and a detailed copy of this can be obtained from the school.





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