

Year 7 Welcome Evening & Form Tutor Q&A



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Welcome

We are full - 222 pupils in the year group.

Issues with pieces of Uniform.

We have lots of Pre-loved items including PE tops available. All in good condition.

Available from BL6 reception on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday from 4pm. £3.



New Canteen is desperately needed!



Nearly...

Community & Engagement

We won't get everything right all the time.

But we will try our best. Please talk to us...

Contact the school via:

Form Tutor

or

Info@brineleas.co.uk



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Year 7 Information

Mr Mottram



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Well done to Year 7

Students have already faced some of their biggest challenges.

We have seen students settle into Brine Leas so well already.

Continue to respect and look out for each other by following our school values.

Try your best and get involved as much as you can.

Always tell someone if you are unhappy or need some support.



Reminder from the Maths department

- Students require a Casio scientific calculator for each maths and science lesson.
- This can be purchased from most supermarkets or online.
- As a reminder, there is also the option to purchase this through WisePay (thank you to those of you who already have!).
- There is still time to get this ordered if you have not yet already purchased your Casio scientific calculator.



Key people



Mrs Skelding –
Designated
Safeguarding
lead & Deputy
Headteacher



Mr Woods –
Assistant
Headteacher
Pastoral
Leader



Miss Lewis –
Assistant
Headteacher



Mr Barker –
Assistant
Headteacher
House System



Mr Mottram –
Transition
Leader, Head
of Year 7.



House System – Heads of Houses



Mr Hayhurst -
Lovell



Mr Gresty -
Audley



Mrs Hill -
Warwick



Pastoral Support

- Pastoral support is available and visible around the school. Students can either request this via any member of staff who can email the relevant member of the Pastoral Team.
- You can also use the report button on the website. This is a facility where you can request the support of an adult in school without having to speak directly to a member of staff who is teaching you that day
- To request support click on the  on the school website and type in the password: report



Recipe for success – how to keep a 1 on the register

- I arrive to lessons on time
- I take pride in my uniform
- I keep my electronic devices silent and away
- I sit in the seating plan
- I begin the Do Now task immediately
- I am polite, and respectful
- I listen carefully
- I show pride in my work
- I try my best at all time



Rewards

- Merits are given as rewards and celebrated.
- Students will earn these for outstanding contributions to lessons, work, attitudes and kindness.
- Any student achieving a merit will have this logged on our Bromcom system.
- Please ask your child why they received that merit.
- Rewards and reward opportunities will be available throughout the year.



Teaching & Learning



The 6 core principles that underpin teaching and learning at Brine Leas School to create an effective mindset for learning

Within lessons staff will employ	Mindset for learning
Challenge	Students have high expectations of what they can achieve
Explanation	Students acquire new knowledge and skills, tethered to prior learning
Modelling	Students know how to apply the knowledge and skills to achieve <u>excellence</u>
Questioning	Students are made to think hard with breadth, depth and accuracy
Deliberate Practice	Students can embed learning, resolving misconceptions and reach automaticity
Feedback	Students think about and further develop their knowledge and skills

We want all children to embrace reading and a quick reminder that all students need some reading material each day



Curriculum Structure

- Year group is split into Y and Z half: purely logistical for the school timetable
- Each year half has groups with a code, e.g. 7zEn3.
- We have carefully placed your child with children who are working at a similar level. This has been done using SATs data and working with the primary schools.
- We will gather data via continued assessment to inform us of your child's progress so we can best support your child in the classroom
- The curriculum covered is the same across all groups
- Assessment records are available on the school website (curriculum section)



School Systems

Software	Use	Access
Microsoft Teams	Class resources and communication between teachers and students	Via the student's school login and username
Seneca	Homework/classwork (subject specific)	Username login given to students by teacher
Sparx	Homework/classwork (subject specific)	Username login given to students by teacher
MCAS (My Child at School)	Parents/carers/homework	Username and password which will be sent out to parents/carers
Wisepay	Parents/carers	Username and password which is sent out to parents/carers

Year 7 Instrumental Lessons

Miss Jones



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Instrumental Lessons at Brine Leas



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What instruments can I learn to play?

- Violin & Viola
- Electric, Acoustic, Classical & Bass Guitar
- All brass instruments
- Flute
- Clarinet & Saxophone
- Drums and percussion
- Keyboard and piano
- Singing



Our Peripatetic Staff

Treona Holden – Piano, Keyboard, Saxophone and Clarinet

Anthony James – Strings

Isobel Skelhorn – Piano and Keyboard

Roger Keay – Drums and Percussion

Nick Birch – All Brass Instruments

Jim Kirkpatrick – Electric, Acoustic and Bass Guitar

TBC – Singing

TBC – Acoustic and Classical Guitar



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Lessons

- Lessons take place throughout the school day
- Individual 30 minute lessons
- Rotas are set up to prevent the problem of recurrent missed curriculum lessons



How much do lessons cost?

- £150.00 per term
- Financial support is available if needed (please email finance@brineleas.co.uk for more information)
- Students will receive ten, individual half hour lessons per term
- Students will have the opportunity to take instrumental exams if appropriate.
- For more information on how to sign up for lessons please go to wisepay or for any enquires email finance@brineleas.co.uk



How do I obtain an instrument?

- Use one from home
- Rent from Love Music Trust (see their website for details: www.lovemusictrust.com)
- Rent/buy an instrument from a shop



Extra-Curricular Music

- There are a number of music groups run by the Music staff after school that you can join, whether you have lessons inside or outside of school

These include

- Choir
- A cappella group
- School band
- Guitar club
- Our Biennial School Show (this year was Grease)



Other opportunities to perform

Over the years there have always been a number of performance opportunities for our musicians to get involved in, which we are hoping will be running again this year. Some of these include:

- Christmas Concert at St Mary's Church
- Carol Singing in the community
- Choir and band competitions
- BLS Summer Showcase
- Spring Concert
- Community events and concerts throughout the year
- School events and concerts throughout the year
- School Productions – Last year we performed GREASE at Crewe Lyceum
- Music Tours – Belgium July 2019; Venice July 2018.



Learning to sing or play an instrument is fun, and opens you up to a whole world of opportunities!



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Year 7 Menai Residential

21-25th October 2024



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Why do we go on a residential?

- We strongly believe that our annual residential for year 7 students is a vital part of our ethos at Brine Leas.
- It is part of our tradition and something we look forward to every year.



What are we going to do?

- During the week students will work together to develop skills in thinking, problem solving, co-operation, communication and creativity. All these skills will be important throughout their school careers and beyond.
- The Menai centre team have developed a programme of activities, which will utilise their amazing surroundings. It allows students to get to know each other, their Form Tutors and other members of the Brine Leas Team whilst having fun.
- The working day will be long and practical in nature, and at the end of it, students will be rewarded with a variety of social events.



Activities

- Raft building
- Mountain biking
- Via Ferrata
- Nightline
- High & low ropes
- Rock climbing
- Day trips to Beaumaris



Does everyone have to go?

- It would be fantastic if every student in Year 7 could take part in the visit. We feel that anyone who does not go on the residential will be missing a vital part of their school career in making new friends and building their confidence, as well as a very enjoyable experience.
- We know that some students may not have spent much time away from home before, but feel that it is a very important part of their growing up, helping them to learn to cope with feelings of 'homesickness'.
- Students will be divided into small groups with one teacher which will help them to feel more secure and we will do everything to ensure that their week is a happy one.



Further benefits

- They will gain valuable social experiences, which will help them grow in independence and confidence, and work as members of large and small groups.
- They will also learn some of the basic skills, which will be important in their work at school. The idea is that this will be a springboard for the future and an excellent start to a successful secondary school career.



Why are we going to Menai?

- Firstly, there is no doubt that the residential centre provides opportunities that are not available in school. There is the exciting change of location, atmosphere and above all, pace. All of which generate much enthusiasm, creativity and hard work.
- Secondly, Menai is well equipped as a base for our work, and helps us use this enthusiasm to the full. It is also set in an area of great natural beauty.





The Conway Centre,
Llanfairpwllgwyngyll
LL61 6DJ
[01248 714501](tel:01248714501)



Accommodation:

- There is a variety of room sizes to accommodate our students ranging from single rooms, to rooms of 8.
- The boys' and girls' dormitories are in the same building but on separate floors. The staff accommodation is adjacent to the dormitories.
- Students are provided with a hearty menu which is included in the overall cost of the residential



Accommodation:

- We will give students the choice of who they go in a room with.
- This will be done a few weeks before the visit.
- Their room choices are not affected by year halves, classes or form groups.



Cost of the Residential Visit:

- The cost of the visit is **£350** per child and we feel that this residential visit offers good value for money and the price includes:
 - Accommodation
 - Meals
 - Travel and Insurance
 - All Resources
 - Outdoor Activities



Payment:

Deposit	£50	Friday 22nd July 2024
Second Payment	£150	Friday 6th September 2024
Final Payment	£150	Monday 30th September 2024

Payments for the visit should be made using our WisePay system. The Brine Leas Finance Team can be contacted via the main office (01270 625663)

If £50 deposit has not been paid, please contact the finance department and they will assist you.



Financial Assistance

- We have done our very best to keep the cost as affordable as possible in addition to this we can provide further help for children who receive 'Pupil Premium Funding'
- It is the policy of Brine Leas School to support families when financial hardship may preclude a student from attending a visit. If you would like to request any assistance, please contact the school Business Manager, Mrs K Brookes and the matter will be dealt with confidentially.
- If you live in Audlem, Hankelow, Buerton or parts of Dodcott-cum-Wilkesley and Newhall you may be eligible for financial aid. Please contact the Brine Leas Finance Office for an appropriate form.



What do students need to bring?

- Trousers/Jogging Pants/Leggings are better than Jeans when taking part in activities. Students can bring Jeans to wear in the evenings if they wish.
- Sweaters/Fleeces
- T-shirts
- Waterproof coat/anorak and waterproof trousers
- Sensible shoes for walking and/or wellingtons
 - *(There is no need for walking boots)*



What do students need to bring?

- Indoor shoes/trainers
- Hat and gloves
- Wash Kit and Towel
- Nightwear
- Torch
- Rucksack
- Pen, pencil, coloured pencils or felt tips
- Refillable Water Bottle
- Parents/carers please do **not** spend a lot of money equipping your child for the visit.



What do students need to bring?

- Your child's bag should be as small as possible as we only have limited space on the coaches for luggage.
- Please ensure that all your child's property is labelled



Cashless Trip:

- The students do not need to bring any money
- There will not be an opportunity to buy anything from shops/gift shops/museums etc
- All food/drink/snacks have been included in the price of the trip



Medical:

- The Centre team are qualified in First Aid and we will have a dedicated team from Brine Leas who will oversee children taking medication and attend to any medical needs.
- It is a requirement that we are informed **of any** medical conditions that may affect your child whilst they are on this visit.
- Nearer the date of departure, you will be sent an email with a link to the Form C. Without a completed form your child will not be able to take part in the visit.
- If there is any additional information that you feel we should know; for example the loss of a close relative, a sudden change in circumstances or additional medical/emotional needs, please contact us on 01270 625663.
- Your child's safety and wellbeing are paramount.



Telephoning Home:

- The visit is a very busy full on experience and we request that you do not allow your child to take a mobile phone on the visit. If you have any concerns about this, please speak to Mr Mottram.



Important info

- Students should not bring any valuables with them
- **NO** mobile phones or electronic devices please
- ***(Brine Leas School and Menai cannot be held responsible for any loss or breakages)***



Drop off and pick up?

- Parents/carers can drop children off with their bags at normal school time on the Monday.
- There will be a designated meeting point on the school site: there will be signs and staff will guide students.
- On the Friday, we will send parents/carers updates on timings. Children will be picked up from the school site (before the normal school day ends).



Meeting your child's form tutor

- Year 7 Form Tutors are available until 7pm if you wish to meet them.
- Y7 Parents' Evening is on Wednesday 15th January 2025 – this is an opportunity to discuss your child's progress and attainment with their class teachers.



Thank you

- We are looking forward to guiding your child on their journey throughout their time at Brine Leas.
- We are here to help and support. If there is a problem, that we do not know about, we cannot help. Please open a line of communication that works for you.
- Info@brineleas.co.uk / 01270 625663

