



Tuag at Ragoriaeth  
Towards Excellence

# GwE Bulletin



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## Our National Mission: Celebrating Progress, Strengthening Capacity and Achieving Collective Engagement in Our Next Steps

Thank you to everyone that attended the conference last week.

All presentations are available in the resource library in G6.

We'd like to receive your feedback:

[FEEDBACK FORM](#)



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Autumn Term Regional Conference in partnership with  
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## Wales PISA Results

“POSITIVE, BUT NOT PERFECT” says Kirsty Williams as Minister welcomes Wales PISA Improvement

- Wales catches up international average in all subjects for the first time
- Wales scores higher to move up in all three subjects for the first time
- Best ever scores in reading and maths and improvement in science

Further information:

- [Welsh Government press release](#)
- [Achievement of 15 year olds \[Program for International Student Assessment\] PISA national report: 2018](#)
- [Pupils in Wales make significant improvement in mathematics \[NFER\]](#)

## GwE Offer on G6

As you know, the GwE Offer, which includes all the details of the professional development training that GwE offers over the next year, is now live on G6 [<https://g6.gwegogledd.cymru>].

**To register to attend the training listed, all school staff will need to create a personal account on G6.**

This can be done by following [this link](#) and clicking on the 'Register Now' button. Please see the manuals [here](#).

**The dates/venues are subject to change. Please check G6 for the latest information before you attend any event.**

DECEMBER	DATE	VENUE	MEDIUM
Drop-in Session [Mold]: Literacy & Numeracy Leaders	04/12/2019	GwE, Linden House, Mold	Bilingual
Emotion Coaching for Schools	05/12/2019	Porth Eirias, Colwyn Bay	English
Gwynedd and Anglesey Literacy Co-ordinators Meeting	05/12/2019	GwE, Penrallt, Caernarfon	Bilingual
Drop-in Session [Caernarfon]: Literacy & Numeracy Leaders	05/12/2019	GwE, Penrallt, Caernarfon	Bilingual
Drop-in Session [South Gwynedd]: Literacy & Numeracy Leaders	09/12/2019	Venue to be confirmed	Bilingual
Drop-in Session [Caernarfon]: Literacy & Numeracy Leaders	10/12/2019	GwE, Penrallt, Caernarfon	Bilingual
Developing a cross-curricular approach to vocabulary and reading instruction [Secondary]	10/12/2019	Conwy Business Centre	English

## JANUARY 2020

1P: NQT Induction Training – Day 1 Primary [Welsh – Plas Menai]	14/01/2020	Plas Menai, Caernarfon	Welsh
Conwy / Denbighshire English Network Meeting	14/01/2020	Conwy Business Centre	English
1P: NQT Induction Training - Day 1 Primary [English - St Asaph]	15/01/2020	OpTIC, St Asaph	English
Flintshire / Wrexham English Network Meeting	15/01/2020	Ysgol Maes Garmon, Yr Wyddgrug	English
Gwynedd / Anglesey English Network Meeting	15/01/2020	Warws Werdd, Cibyn, Caernarfon	English
1P: NQT Induction Training - Day 1 Primary [English - Wrexham]	21/01/2020	Catrin Finch, Wrexham	English
Trauma Informed Schools [Llandudno]	21/01/2020	Venue Cymru, Llandudno	English
Oracy@GwE PRIMARY (Cohort 3)	27/01/2020	OpTIC, Llanelwy	English
Unearthing - Training for Schools	31/01/2020	Porth Eirias, Bae Colwyn	English

## Professional Programmes

### National Aspiring Headteacher Development Programme – Preparing for NPQH

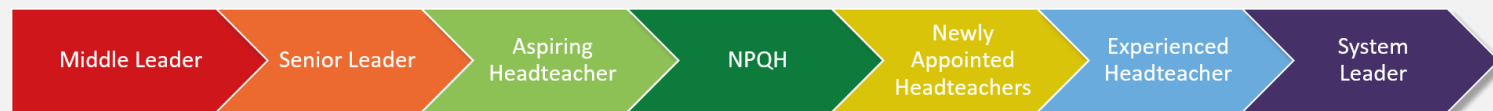
This one-year development programme is an exciting professional learning opportunity for experienced school leaders across Wales who wish to become headteachers in the near future. Completion of this programme is an expectation for all future NPQH applicants.

The programme will take place over a one-year period and requires a commitment of the equivalent of five days between January and December 2020.



[Click here for more information and dates of information sessions](#)

INFORMATION SESSIONS  
STARTING NEXT WEEK



## Regional Digital Learning Event



**TUESDAY, 10 MARCH 2020**

**VENUE CYMRU, LLANDUDNO**

The giants of the digital learning world are coming to North Wales! Google, Microsoft, Minecraft and many more! Join us in this special event to learn more about the latest developments in digital learning. Whether you're confident using digital technology to enrich learning experiences or you're at the start of your digital journey, there is something here for everyone!

[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO BOOK](#)



## Regional Formative Assessment Project (Shirley Clarke) - Tier 3 Schools Review Meetings

[Please see here](#) details of the dates and locations of the region's Formative Assessment (Shirley Clarke) project review meetings.

As you know, these meetings are a core part of the project and you are kindly requested to make every effort to attend.

You will find:

- Dates and locations of all review meetings (Primary and Secondary)
- Details of the review meeting content

**You are kindly asked to read the attachments carefully as they contain important information about the meeting content and what you need to bring with you.**

We are holding separate review meetings for primary and secondary this time, inviting Tier 2 secondary schools to attend the secondary meetings to share experiences, discuss ways forward etc.



# PDG - Impact & Evidence based Practice



In partnership with Welsh Government, GwE will be holding their Regional Educational Research Event by hosting the Education Endowment Foundation Seminar.

The workshop will address:

- The EEF Toolkit: bridging gap between educational research and classroom practice.
- The Sutton Trust - EEF [Teaching and Learning Toolkit](#) summarises thousands of pieces of academic research and presents them in a practical, manageable and robust way.
- Share successful practice across the region in regards to key interventions/programmes and impact.
- The importance of early intervention classroom practice in regards to literacy and oracy and reducing the gap.

REGISTER THROUGH G6.



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## Conferences and Opportunities by Others

Please find below details of opportunities that you may find useful for your school. Please note that GwE does not necessarily endorse or quality assure the opportunities below. For any queries, please contact the organisations directly:

## New 'conversion' programme for Welsh-medium primary teachers who want to teach in secondary schools



**ARE YOU A WELSH-SPEAKING PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHER? HAVE YOU CONSIDERED TEACHING IN A SECONDARY SCHOOL?**

The Welsh Government's new programme provides opportunities for Welsh-speaking primary teachers (including teachers in non-permanent roles or those not currently in a post) who wish to teach at secondary school.

The pilot programme provides professional development and additional career options for primary teachers. It's open to all Welsh-speaking primary teachers with Qualified Teacher Status who would consider teaching through the medium of Welsh at secondary school. If you have a passion for a subject, or want an opportunity to teach in a secondary school, now is the time for you. Go for it!

[CLICK HERE FOR FURTHER INFORMATION](#)



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I had studied drama, I had plenty of skills to teach the subject and had a great interest in it - so I thought "I'll apply!"

Rhys, Drama

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## Science and Technology Competitions National Eisteddfod 2020

CEREDIGION – 1-8 AUGUST 2020

[Click here](#) for the details of the 2020 National Eisteddfod Science and Technology Competitions to be held in Tregaron. There are three competitions and generous prizes of up to £1,000.

CLOSING DATE: 01/04/2020

[CLICK HERE FOR FURTHER INFORMATION](#)



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## Advocate School Open Morning

YSGOL Tŷ FFYNNON, SHOTTON, DEESIDE, CH5 1HX

05/02/2020 9:30 – 11:30

See the best practice of teaching with the proven, whole-school Numicon approach at our Advocate School Open morning.

**FURTHER DETAILS:**

Designed for Headteachers, teachers, SLT or Maths co-ordinators

Numicon Advocate Schools have been appointed as a result of demonstrating good teaching and learning of the Numicon approach to teaching maths across the whole school. Based on the proven – pictorial – abstract approach. Numicon encourages children to explore maths using structured imagery and apparatus in order to understand and explain mathematical concepts.

At this free open morning, you will be able to observe lessons and ask questions about the schools experiences of using Numicon, including the impact on results, behaviour and pupil engagements.

Come and see how Numicon can transform the teaching and learning of mathematics in your school.






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# Mantle of the Expert


 WEDNESDAY, 12 FEBRUARY 2020  
 YSGOL CAE'R NANT, CONNAH'S QUAY  
 9:30—14:30

Open day to be held at Ysgol Cae'r Nant, Connah's Quay. CH5 4QL. [Q A practitioner status].

See it in action day.

For further information:

 01244 830708

 karen.roberts@ycn.flintshire.sch.uk

**Course costs: £40 per head to be paid in advance of attendance. No lunch provided.**

Day includes:

Research into the pedagogy of MoE, examples of good practice and learning walk around school.

## Brookfield Primary School Ysgol Gynradd Cae'r Nant



# Clic-it Cymru

## NEWS FOR PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN WALES

The latest issue of *Y Cliciadur* and *Clic-it Cymru* is available on the Hwb website.

[Click here for a copy](#)



# Digimeet

 WEDNESDAY, 29 JANUARY 2020

 BROUGHTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

 16:00—17:30

Come and join us at Broughton Primary School for an informal meet up after school where you can move between tables in small groups to learn about implementing digital learning across the curriculum.

[Click here for more information and to book your place](#)

# Hwb

## Year 12 and 13 Courses

The 'Solving Unusual Maths Problem' class for year 12, which prepares students for Year 13 Maths test questions (MAT, STEP etc.) will continue on 7th of December in Bangor. However, STEP **will not be** continuing in Bangor unless you have Year 13 students who are interested. STEP and SUMP will continue in Wrexham on 14th December.

## Professional Teaching for Teachers

A free FM 5 professional learning course will be offered to teachers in North Wales this term. The course can be delivered at your school during week days or at the University on Saturdays. Please contact [e.w.clode@bangor.ac.uk](mailto:e.w.clode@bangor.ac.uk) if you are interested.



## Book Sharing to Promote Language and Social-Emotional Skills 2020

Is your primary school looking to improve school readiness and relationships with parents?  
Are you interested in becoming involved in a small pilot evaluation of a Book Sharing programme for parents?  
If so, we invite you to join an exciting project...

If you are interested in joining this study, please email Claire Owen at [psu4ed@bangor.ac.uk](mailto:psu4ed@bangor.ac.uk) or telephone 01248 383758

[Click here for further information](#)



## Job Vacancies

### Chief Executive

### Communications and Project Support Officer



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