

PLEASE SHARE OUR **BULLETIN** WITH ALL SCHOOL STAFF AND ENCOURAGE THEM TO **SUBSCRIBE**.

# GwE Bulletin

COLLABORATING  
LEARNING  
SUCCEEDING



## A MESSAGE FROM GwE

As you will be aware, a decision was made over the summer to restructure GwE's SLT and to abolish the roles of Managing Director, Assistant Director and one of the Senior Sector Leads.

New leadership arrangements have subsequently been put in place for GwE and as the remaining two senior leads, we will manage the core function of school improvement, professional learning and school support over the transitional period.

Rest assured that we will do our utmost to support you in any way, and we look forward to continuing our successful work with you as schools across the Region.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any queries you may have.

[Euros Davies](#) - Head of Service - School Improvement

[Rhys Williams](#) - Head of Service - Professional Learning



## GwE CONFERENCE

### Special Schools Collaboration Day

Venue Cymru, Llandudno 25/10/2024 | 9:15-15:00

All special school leaders, teachers, and support staff across the region are invited to join us to listen to motivational and inspirational speakers and to access focused workshops. We will provide dedicated, bespoke and inspiring professional learning and an opportunity for invaluable networking with your colleagues.

[Full details available here](#). If you require any further information, please contact [Susan Roberts](#).



Bryn Eirias, Abergelle Road,  
Colwyn Bay, LL29 8BY



0300 500 8087



[GwE Support Centre](#)



[@GwEGogleddCymru](#)



[post@gwegogledd.cymru](mailto:post@gwegogledd.cymru)



[www.gwegogledd.cymru](http://www.gwegogledd.cymru)



[GwE Professional Offer](#)



[GwE Bulletin](#)

**GwE'S PROFESSIONAL LEARNING OFFER****CLICK  
HERE**

## GwE NEWS AND INFORMATION

### Developing the Mathematical Proficiencies: 2-day Programme

This development programme is available for Primary and Secondary mathematics practitioners who are teaching 8 to 14 year old learners. During this programme, delegates will develop a comprehensive understanding of the five mathematical proficiencies outlined in the Curriculum for Wales in order to ensure learner progress. [For further information, click here.](#)



### Progressive Planning for Literacy, Numeracy and Digital Skills within a 8-11 Classroom Topic

During this two-day programme, practitioners will explore how the different cross-curricular frameworks can be creatively combined to create rich, inspiring and purposeful classroom provision. Participants will engage in hands-on activities and collaborative working to deepen their understanding of cross-curricular planning. [For further information, click here.](#)



### Workshops to develop pupils' maths, numeracy and digital skills

[TEACHERS, TEACHING ASSISTANTS AND MATHS AND NUMERACY CO-ORDINATORS]

**PLANNING AND SHARING OPPORTUNITIES FOR AUTHENTIC AND PURPOSEFUL MATHEMATICS AND NUMERACY APPLICATION IN REAL-LIFE SITUATIONS, INCORPORATING EFFECTIVE USE OF DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY TO ENHANCE LEARNING**

#### Description/ Outcomes:

- Develop further understanding of effective planning to ensure progression in the development of early mathematical and numeracy skills (nursery and reception) and up to the end of Progression Step 2. Suitable for Year 1, 2 and 3 practitioners.
- Effective use of digital skills to enhance learning.
- Develop further understanding of effective practice through sharing examples of learning experiences that can be delivered within schools.



1 full day workshop:  9:15 - 15:30



**LUNCH WILL NOT BE PROVIDED**

[Dates and registration links available here.](#)

## Science and Technology Case Studies [8-11 year olds]

### PLANNING FOR SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND CROSS-CURRICULAR SKILLS

Regional practitioners presenting practical ideas on how to develop rich and valuable learning experiences within the Science and Technology AoLE. During the session there will be a focus on the following:

- Contemporary themes and contexts.
- Experiences and enquiries to develop learners' scientific skills and understanding.
- Opportunities to apply the cross-curricular skills.

Register by clicking on one of the dates below:

**06/11/2024 - 16:00-17:30 - GwE Office, Linden House, Mold [ENGLISH-MEDIUM] CHANGE OF DATE**

~~03/10/2024 - 16:00-17:30 - GwE Office, Penrallt, Caernarfon [WELSH-MEDIUM] SOLD OUT~~



## Workshop for Teachers and TAs new to teaching 3-8 year olds (ENG)

One day workshop will focus on:

- Developing further understanding of how to plan opportunities for pupils to practise and apply literacy/numeracy/digital skills within an effective learning environment and appropriate pedagogy.
- Developing further understanding of progression in skills from the Developmental Pathways to the end of PS2.



**LUNCH WILL NOT BE PROVIDED. Register to attend one of the dates below:**

[23/09/2024 - Bryn Eirias \[Eng\]](#) [25/09/2024 - Linden House \[Eng\]](#) [18/09/2024 - Bryn Eirias \[Cym\]](#) [26/09/2024 - Penrallt \[Cym\]](#)

## Senior Leaders in secondary schools who lead on the cross-curricular skills

One day workshop will focus on:

- Strategic planning for the progressive development of the cross-curricular skills across the secondary school.
- Planning professional learning and support for staff to develop provision and teaching of the cross-curricular skills.
- Evaluate progress and standards in cross-curricular skills across the school.



**LUNCH WILL NOT BE PROVIDED. Register for one of the dates below:**

[20/09/2024 - Bryn Eirias \[Eng\]](#) [24/09/2024 - Linden House \[Eng\]](#) [23/09/2024 - Penrallt \[Cym\]](#)

## TEACHING ASSISTANTS LEARNING PATHWAY [TALP]

### An exciting opportunity for new Teaching Assistants!

The **Induction Programme for New Teaching Assistants** is for individuals newly appointed to their role. This national programme will be delivered on a digital platform. Training can be completed at a time convenient to the teaching assistants and their setting. For more information and details of how to register, [click here](#).





## RESEARCH AND EVALUATION PROJECTS

### Is your school interested in developing teachers as professional enquirers?

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN USING RESEARCH AND ENQUIRY SKILLS AS PART OF YOUR EVALUATION OF BOTH CURRICULUM FOR WALES WORK AND YOUR WIDER PROVISION?

If the answer is yes to any of these questions then you may be interested in joining the [National Professional Enquiry Project \(NPEP\) in 2024-2025](#).

### Is your school looking to help parents support their child's learning at home?

DO YOU THINK YOUR SCHOOL HAS PARENTS/CARERS OF PUPILS IN YEARS 3, 4, 5, AND/OR 6 WHO COULD TRIAL HOW OUR SUITE OF SAFMEDS NUMERACY FLUENCY-BUILDING RESOURCES CAN BE USED AT HOME?

If so, in the spring term 2025 we will be offering interested parents an introduction to the materials and show them how they can help their child at home. [Click here for more information](#).

### Is your cluster looking for ways to improve learners' numeracy skills?

WE'RE KEEN TO HEAR FROM CLUSTERS AND/OR SCHOOLS THAT ARE INTERESTED IN PILOTING AN EVIDENCE-INFORMED NUMERACY PROGRAMME WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK AND GwE

The Inclusive Teaching of Early Numeracy (i-TEN) programme is an evidence-informed maths intervention based on *Maths Recovery*. It is designed to support the development of numeracy skills for struggling learners who are not currently making the expected progress in mathematics and numeracy. i-TEN has been adapted to be accessible for pupils in mainstream settings, and especially for younger learners in primary schools with ALN. We would like to work with ten schools in 2024-25 to evaluate the impact of i-TEN with small groups of learners in mainstream settings. We are especially interested to hear from schools in a cluster that might be interested in working with us. [More information on the i-TEN project here](#).

Please contact [richardwatkins@gwegogledd.cymru](mailto:richardwatkins@gwegogledd.cymru) with your expression of interest.



## Y GYMRAEG [WELSH]

### Welsh Entry Level Course

FOR ENGLISH-MEDIUM PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHING ASSISTANTS

5 week full-time course at St.Asaph Language Centre 2 June – 4 July 2025

[Click here for further information](#).



# GLOBAL FUTURES: INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGES

GwE International Languages Newsletter:

[PRIMARY](#) | [SECONDARY](#)

## PRIMARY SECTOR

### Embedding International Languages in the primary curriculum

**PROFESSIONAL LEARNING TRAINING DAY WITH RICHARD TALLARON, POWER LANGUAGE**

26/11/2024 | 9:15-15:00 | Conwy Business Centre, Llandudno Junction.

This day will aim to provide all primary teachers (language specialists or not as well as complete novices) with practical ideas to embed languages effectively in their curriculum. [Information and registration here.](#)



## SECONDARY SECTOR

### International Languages Secondary Network Meeting

15/10/2024 | 9:15-15:00 | Conwy Business Centre, Llandudno Junction

[Information and registration here.](#)

### Explore multilingualism across the LLC

**DR ELIN ARFON, UCL, PREVIOUSLY CARDIFF UNIVERSITY**

13/11/2024 | Online | 15:45-17:00

*Secondary practitioners International Languages, Welsh first language, Welsh in English settings, English.*

Interactive session to discuss joint working and developing pedagogical links between Welsh, English and International Languages. [Information and registration here.](#)



## RAISING THE PROFILE OF LANGUAGES & LEARNING EXPERIENCES

### European day of Languages: 26/09/2024

Ideas to prepare for the celebrations! [European Day of Languages](#)

### GCHQ National Language Competition [NLC]

**YEAR 9 | FROM 18-22 NOVEMBER 2024**

The competition is aimed at making languages fun, inspiring language-learning and highlighting the many transferrable skills learning a language can also develop. More information on the competition can be accessed by [clicking this link](#). Stakeholder Toolkit in English and Welsh [here](#).



### Year 9 Business Language Champions Events in Prestatyn and Aberconwy

**DECEMBER 2024**

An opportunity for year 9 learners to take part in an exciting and stimulating enterprising day.

[Full information and registration here.](#)

# WELSH EDUCATION CONSORTIA NEWS



[Click here](#) to be directed to the Welsh Education Consortia website that provides information on a range of cross-regional professional learning opportunities that are available to all staff across Wales.

## NEW: National Professional Qualification for Headship [NPQH]

Welsh Government, in collaboration with a wide range of stakeholders, has developed a new NPQH programme.

A pilot version of this new programme will take place in the early Spring Term 2025.

Welsh Government is inviting applications from school leaders, who are ready for headship, to take part in this pilot programme. This invitation will appear in the Dysg newsletter and can be found on the Hwb platform from 9 September until 30 September.

For further details and an application form, [please click this Hwb link](#).



## Curriculum for Wales National Programme: Refresher training for Teaching Assistants

11/11/2024 | 9:30-12:00

Online Event

[REGISTER](#) [English-medium]

This session is an update on the Curriculum for Wales for all Teaching Assistants and HLTAs working in Wales. The session will explore the four purposes, progression and assessment and your role in how to support these aspects of the framework in the classroom. [Further information available here](#).



## National Leadership Development Programmes

We're pleased to share with you the dates of the National Leadership Development Programmes 2024-25.

Applications will open via a link on the GwE website and GwE Bulletin on the dates below.

Applications cannot be submitted prior to the 'Applications open' dates.

	MIDDLE LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME	SENIOR LEADERS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME
Applications open	10/09/2024	17/09/2024
Closing date for submitting application	BY 13:00 ON 03/10/2024	BY 13:00 ON 10/10/2024
Introductory session for successful applicants	W/C 25/11/2024	W/C 25/11/2024
Programme starts	JANUARY 2025	JANUARY 2025

## Newly Qualified Teacher Induction Programme

- [Changes to the Newly Qualified Teachers Induction Programme: September 2024](#)
- [NQT National Professional Learning Offer: Autumn term 2024](#)
- [IM/Validator National Professional Learning Offer 2024-2025](#)



## Post-16 Leadership Development Programme

The post-16 leadership development programme is aimed at aspiring, new and existing post-16 leaders and has been designed to offer colleagues the opportunity to develop their knowledge and skills as they prepare for and face the challenges of post-16 leadership. Delivery of the programme is through a blended learning approach and delivered by post-16 specialist regional colleagues and current experienced post-16 leaders.

[Dates, registration and full details available here.](#)

## Cross-regional Curriculum for Wales Professional Learning Offer

At the request of schools, the workshops advertised for the Summer term 2024 have been developed as asynchronous sessions, rather than live sessions.

[Click here to view the recordings and PowerPoints from the 2023/24 cross-regional professional learning series for the Areas of Learning and Experience.](#)



## INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE FROM OTHERS



### [Love Reading Core Learning Programme](#) ● NEW

This autumn term the Love Reading Project is offering a free online professional learning programme to support teachers to **boost reading engagement** and motivation in primary schools. Love Reading is **funded by the Welsh Government** and delivered by Cardiff University in partnership with Bangor University.

[Full details available here.](#) Please contact [LoveReading@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:LoveReading@cardiff.ac.uk) if you would like further information.

THE LEARNING PROGRAMME IS FREE TO ACCESS FOR ALL PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHING STAFF IN WALES, INCLUDING TEACHERS, TEACHING ASSISTANTS AND SCHOOL LEADERS.



### [Tirlun](#)

Take a glimpse at the new and exciting bilingual Designated Landscapes learning portal.

SUITABLE FOR LEARNERS WORKING WITHIN PROGRESSION STEPS 3 & 4



### [National MA Education Programme \[Wales\]](#)

Wrexham University is delighted to be part of the Masters in Education (Wales) programme in collaboration with colleagues from universities across Wales. For more information regarding programme content, entry requirements and possible financial incentives, please visit our website at [National MA Education \[Wales\]](#), Wrexham University or contact Kelly Smith Programme Leader on [kelly.smith@wrexham.ac.uk](mailto:kelly.smith@wrexham.ac.uk) or 01978 293327

AVAILABLE FOR EDUCATION PRACTITIONERS ACROSS WALES AND THERE ARE FULLY FUNDED PLACES AVAILABLE FOR SEPTEMBER 2024 START, SUBJECT TO ELIGIBILITY.



### [National Education \[Wales\] \[English-medium\]](#)

If you are a lead or network school with Bangor University, Welsh Government will sponsor the full tuition fees of any member of teaching staff interested in this programme. For schools who don't host Bangor students, teaching assistants, ALNCOs and teachers in Years 3-6 of their career may still meet the eligibility criteria for funding. For further information please e-mail [Kaydee Owen](mailto:Kaydee.Owen). Further information available [here](#).

POSTGRADUATE TAUGHT - SEPTEMBER 2024/2025 ENTRY