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# GwE Bulletin

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## GwE NETWORK MEETINGS

### 3-8 Autumn Term Network

Sharing ideas on effective ways of capturing pupil progress on Seesaw.

[Full details, dates and registration available here.](#)



### Advanced Skills BAC Wales Coordinators network

[GwE Office, Bryn Eirias](#)



28/11/2024 | 13:30-15:30



[FULL DETAILS AND REGISTRATION](#)

An opportunity to share T+L ideas regarding the new Advanced Skills BAC qualification

1. Updates from Sian Coathup (WJEC)
2. Planning for the Individual Project: Schools to share planning / T + L resources
3. Networking + date for Spring meeting + any updates to the Teams site **(Please bring your laptop + any examples of resources you are happy to share with colleagues!)**



## GwE NEWS AND INFORMATION

### Disciplinary Skills – AoLE Focus - Secondary Schools

**SECONDARY COLLEAGUES: Need support to recognise rich cross-curricular opportunities in your AoLE?**

#### Description/ Outcomes:

- Support AOLES to authentically support the progression of literacy, numeracy and digital skills within their discipline.
- Equip middle leaders and classroom practitioners with a clear understanding of how cross-curricular skills are integral to the success of pupils in making progress in their discipline.
- Provide an opportunity for practitioners to work with subject and skills SSIAs and network with similar subject specialists.

[Full details and registration available here.](#)



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## Teachers in secondary schools: Diversify the texts you teach in Welsh and English

Free, on-line events. We'll share free digital resources, how to use them and have a Q&A. Our resources have been compiled in association with GwE, with the needs of secondary teachers in North Wales in mind. Follow the links for information and to register.

- [11/11/2024](#) event in Welsh, on diversifying texts in Welsh.
- [12/11/2024](#) event in English, on diversifying texts in English.

## Developing reading in your school using effective strategies and creating a culture of reading for pleasure

SUITABLE FOR  
CLASSROOM TEACHERS  
(8-11) AND/OR LITERACY  
LEADS



1-DAY PROGRAMME | BILINGUAL SESSIONS | 9:00-15:30 | [FULL DETAILS AVAILABLE HERE](#)

During this one-day programme, we will explore the different elements of reading necessary to create effective readers, including how the power of oracy supports and progresses the skills of a reader. We will share strategies and knowledge to support your journey towards an engaging reading ethos and inspiring your learners' love of reading.

A follow-up task will be set for all attendees, to be monitored for impact by the Link SIA.

### DATES, VENUES AND REGISTRATION:

[26/11/2024](#) – Linden House, Mold | [27/11/2024](#) – Bryn Eirias, Colwyn Bay | [28/11/2024](#) – Penrallt, Caernarfon

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

LIMITED PLACES LEFT  
ON SOME DATES

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.](#)

## Explore multilingualism across the LLC

LIMITED PLACES LEFT

Dr Elin Arfon, UCL, previously Cardiff University | 13/11/2024 | On-line | 15:45-17:00

Interactive session to discuss joint working and developing pedagogical links between Welsh, English and International Languages. Useful and practical insights from teachers in Wales and others will be shared. The interactive discussions will enable attendees to develop ideas and possible actions to move their planning forward. [Information and registration here.](#)



## NEWLY QUALIFIED TEACHERS [NQT]




### GwE NQT training timetable

The GwE NQT offer for 2024-25 (session 3 to 6) of the National programme consists of a series of Teams meetings through the GwE Teams site. **There is an expectation that all NQTs attend the sessions.**

[Please see schedule and registration details here.](#) For more information contact [Ieuan Jones](#).

## TEACHING ASSISTANTS LEARNING PATHWAY [TALP]

### Network for Teaching Assistants

 06/12/2024 | 14:00-14:45  Informal session via TEAMS  [LINK TO JOIN](#)

A short presentation on working with vulnerable children and beginning to understand how their lived experiences can affect them. Briefly exploring the *Trauma Informed Schools UK* model of trauma and how it can help you to support children through relationships. For further information contact [Elin Hutchinson](#).

### Aspiring HLTA Development Programme

**Cylch/Round 10** of the Aspiring HLTA Development Programme starts in January 2025. The **CLOSING DATE** for applications is **25/11/2024**. [Click here](#) for more information about the Programme and the application process. For further information, please contact [Wendy Williams, TALP Co-ordinator](#).

## RESEARCH AND EVALUATION PROJECTS

### New GwE collaborative publication with Bangor University

**'THE FACTORS THAT INFORM SCHOOL LEADERS' DECISIONS WHEN ADOPTING PROGRAMMES TO USE IN SCHOOLS.'**

GwE is delighted to see the outputs of one of our collaborative research projects recently published in the *Wales Journal of Education*. This work was carried out with researchers from Bangor University as part of GwE's work to help use research findings to inform policy and practice.

[Full details available here.](#)

### 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.](#)



## Y GYMRAEG [WELSH]

### Welsh Language Strategic Planning: Leadership development Programme

Are you a headteacher or leader interested in strengthening your understanding of the importance of the Welsh language in your school?

There are specific courses for English-medium and Welsh-medium schools being offered cross-regionally in the Autumn and Spring terms (**morning sessions over Teams**).

You can register by using the links below:

[ENGLISH-MEDIUM SCHOOLS: 22/01/2025](#)

[WELSH-MEDIUM SCHOOLS: 23/01/2025](#)



### Book Council of Wales: Celebrate Reading Pack

Here is our Celebrate Reading Pack for primary and secondary schools, full of ideas, activities, and special resources to enjoy reading in the classroom.

[Download the pack for FREE here](#)



### 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.](#)



### A new Welsh language On-line Self-study course

**TAILORED SPECIFICALLY FOR FOUNDATION LEARNING TEACHING ASSISTANTS**

[Full details and QR registration code available here.](#)



## GLOBAL FUTURES: INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGES

### 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, including drama-based activities, The Celts, Playground games, Chat GPT, International links, Micro-teaching workshop. [Information and registration here.](#)



## British Sign Language Resources

### ABI PROJECT: CENTRE OF SIGN SIGHT SOUND

Two sets of a series of 20 books (10 in English and 10 in Welsh) [with links to an interactive website](#) to learn about BSL and to support non-specialist teachers when teaching BSL to complete beginners are available for free to all schools in GwE. If you don't have your copies, contact COS:

[info@signsightsound.org.uk](mailto:info@signsightsound.org.uk)



## SECONDARY SECTOR

### Literature fires the imagination:

### Creative Translation for MFL, Welsh and English

Professional Learning Session | [On-line](#) | 26/11/2024 | 15.30-17.00

[Full details and registration here](#)



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## PRIMARY & SECONDARY SECTOR

### German: Goethe Institute Offer

Teaching resources, professional learning opportunities and unique events for learners.

Information from *Goethe* in English only [here](#).



## RAISING THE PROFILE OF LANGUAGES & LEARNING EXPERIENCES

### KS5 French: Joutes Oratoires 2024-2025- Institut français

You teach French to sixth formers and you want to engage in a new initiative to make them more confident?

Enter the competition. All information and registration [here](#).



### Year 10 Business Language Champions Events in Ysgol Aberconwy: 03/02/2025

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 available to all staff across Wales.

### Newly Qualified Teachers [NQTs]

Follow [this link](#) to view the National Briefing recordings by the National Induction Team and the 'EWC Demonstration of the Induction Profile'. You will also find a [link to register for the next event](#) along with a [link to the evaluation page](#).

[Click here for a copy of the NQT Induction Handbook](#).

### NQT Induction Mentors [IM] and Validators

#### STATUTORY NQT INDUCTION ARRANGEMENTS FOR INDUCTION MENTOR / VALIDATOR

Follow [this link](#) to view the National Briefing recordings by the National Induction Team and the EWC Presentation.

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



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



On-line 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.](#)

## 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.](#)



## WELSH GOVERNMENT NEWS

### Professional development review guidance

The guidance brings the arrangements in line with developments in school improvement and professional learning and aims to support the profession to meet the current challenges and ensure all learners achieve their potential. Please see the following links to the [guidance](#) and accompanying [case studies](#).

### 14 to 16 Learning Guidance

On Wednesday, 18/09/2024, the Cabinet Secretary for Education published the [statutory guidance on 14 to 16 Learning](#) under Curriculum for Wales.

### Development of support for curriculum and assessment design within Curriculum for Wales

Since advertising this support for curriculum and assessment design in the summer term, we have received such a positive response that cohorts 1 and 2 are already full. This means that we are looking to increase the capacity of this offer as soon as possible.

More information [Development of support for curriculum and assessment design within Curriculum for Wales - Hwb \(gov.wales\)](#)





## INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE FROM OTHERS



Academi Genedlaethol ar gyfer  
Arweinyddiaeth Addysgol Cymru  
National Academy for  
Educational Leadership Wales

[Notice of Upcoming Events](#)

● NEW

[Spotlight on Success](#) - 20/11/2024 | 16:00-17:00 - Online

[Well-being of Educational Leaders Conference](#) - 27/11/2024 | 10:00-15:15 - The Parkgate Hotel, Cardiff

[Preventing Youth Violence: Evidence, Action and Collaboration](#) - 11/12/2024 | 9:30-11:15 - Online

[Updates from the EWC](#)

● NEW

[Using the PLP to support you](#)

[Learning support workers in Wales: trends, challenges, and policy pathways](#)

26/11/2024 | 11:00-12:30 - Virtual Event

[Helping You to Deliver 'Lifesaving Skills' in the New Curriculum](#)

● NEW

Please spare a few minutes to complete a short survey on behalf of Save A life Cymru/NHS Wales about cardiopulmonary resuscitation skills (CPR) education and awareness in Wales' schools.

Click on this [link](#) for further details.

[Health, Education & Learning Newsletter](#)

● NEW

[Welcome to Your Vote Week 2025](#)

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Welcome to Your Vote Week will be taking place from 10/03/2025 to 16/03/2025.

[Sign up now to take part in Welcome to Your Vote Week 2025](#) and receive free resources ahead of the week to help you get involved.

[Cewri Cymru - Iolo Williams](#)

Join Iolo Williams and e-sgol for a live assembly on **15/11/2024**.

Remember to use the resources and send in your questions for Iolo to answer!

[Children's Rights Assemblies: Children's Commissioner for Wales](#)

Sophie Williams from the Children's Commissioner for Wales team will join e-sgol to hold special assemblies on 13 and 20 November.

[DATES, TIMES AND REGISTRATION AVAILABLE HERE](#)