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GwE NEWS AND INFORMATION

National HLTA Development Day



 22/01/2025 | 9:15–15:15  VENUE CYMRU, LLANDUDNO  [REGISTER](#)

A National HLTA Development Day will be held on 22/01/2025 for teaching assistants who have gained HLTA status. This is an opportunity to see examples of effective practice in schools across the GwE region.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: HYWEL ROBERTS

Hywel has that rare talent of being able to tell stories that both make you laugh and make you cry, often at the same time, combining his wide experience in all sorts of classrooms with all sorts of children with an academic insight into engagement, motivation, teaching and learning.

Hywel shows how to bring the learning to life for even the most disaffected children and young people.



“ At the heart of the world's best teaching you'll find one admittedly made-up word - *botheredness*. ”



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Workshops for Nursery/Reception Practitioners and Year 1, 2 and 3

Practitioners

1 FULL DAY WORKSHOP: 9:15 -15:30 | ** LUNCH WILL NOT BE PROVIDED **

PLANNING AND SHARING PURPOSEFUL OPPORTUNITIES FOR PUPILS TO DEVELOP THEIR LITERACY SKILLS IN AUTHENTIC CONTEXTS, INCORPORATING EFFECTIVE USE OF DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY TO ENHANCE LEARNING

Suitable for: Teachers, Teaching Assistants and Language and Literacy Coordinators

Description/ Outcomes:

- Develop further understanding of effective planning to ensure progression in the development of early language, literacy and digital skills.
- Develop further understanding of effective practice through sharing examples of learning experiences that can be delivered within schools.

DATE	VENUE	PRACTITIONERS	REGISTER
28/01/2025	GwE office, Linden House, Mold	Nursery and Reception	Register
05/02/2025	GwE office, Linden House, Mold	Nursery and Reception	Register
06/02/2025	GwE office, Bryn Eirias, Colwyn Bay	Nursery and Reception	Register

31/01/2025	GwE office, Linden House, Mold	Years 1,2 and 3	Register
03/02/2025	GwE office, Linden House, Mold	Years 1,2 and 3	Register
07/02/2025	GwE office, Bryn Eirias, Colwyn Bay	Years 1,2 and 3	Register

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

Regional practitioners sharing practical ideas on how to develop rich and valuable learning experiences within the Science and Technology AoLE. Each case study includes:

- Contemporary theme and contexts
- Experiences and enquiries to develop learners’ scientific skills and understanding
- Opportunities to apply the cross-curricular skills

Click on [this link](#) to access the case studies

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.](#)

NEWLY QUALIFIED TEACHERS [NQT]

GwE NQT training timetable

 REVISED SCHEDULE

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 revised schedule and registration details here.](#) For more information contact the NQT team via ang@gwegogledd.cymru or via the ANG NQT GwE 2024-25 Teams space.

TEACHING ASSISTANTS LEARNING PATHWAY [TALP]

Aspiring HLTA Development Programme

Cylch/Round 10 of the Aspiring HLTA Development Programme starts in January 2025. **The CLOSING DATE for applications has been extended to 09/12/2024.** [Click here](#) for more information about the Programme and the application process. For further information, please contact [Wendy Williams, TALP Co-ordinator](#).

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](#).

RESEARCH AND EVALUATION PROJECTS

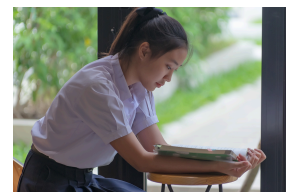
Is your cluster looking for ways to improve learners' reading and spelling skills?



WE'RE KEEN TO HEAR FROM CLUSTERS AND/OR SCHOOLS THAT ARE INTERESTED IN PILOTING AN EVIDENCE-INFORMED PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME FOR TEACHING LITERACY WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF YORK, BANGOR UNIVERSITY, AND GWE

The DEMSRI project is an extension of an earlier successful project, DEMSRI, which found 4-days of teacher CPD led to educationally significant gains of between 9 – 13% across classes in spelling and reading. In this project, we are seeking to support teachers in developing and implementing their evidence-based knowledge of teaching reading and spelling to children in Years 2 and 3. We wish to work with up to 40 schools between January and March 2025 to evaluate a three-day CPD course for classroom teachers. We are especially interested to hear from schools in a cluster that might be interested in working with us. [More information on the DEMSRI project here.](#)

Please contact richardwatkins@gwegogledd.cymru with your expression of interest.





New GwE collaborative publication with Bangor University:

“Where Are the Costs? Using an Economic Analysis of Educational Interventions Approach to Improve the Evaluation of a Regional School Improvement Programme”

GwE is delighted to see the long-term evaluation of the Shirley Clarke formative assessment project recently published in Education Sciences journal. This work was carried out by Dr Emma Tiesteel from Bangor University as part of GwE’s ongoing work to improve the use of research to inform policy and practice.

[Click here for full details.](#)

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]

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](#)


Celebrate
READING
PACK

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](#)

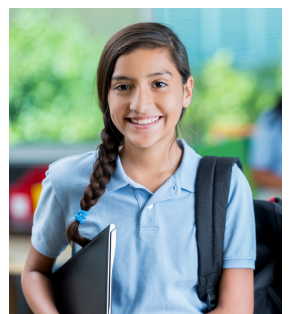
[WELSH-MEDIUM SCHOOLS: 23/01/2025](#)

Y GYMRAEG
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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

GwE International Languages Newsletter:

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

PRIMARY SECTOR

Embedding International Languages in the primary curriculum

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING TRAINING DAY WITH RICHARD TALLARON, POWER LANGUAGE

27/01/2025 | 9:15-15:30 | Conwy Business Centre, Llandudno Junction.

Another day planned in collaboration between our Global Futures GwE team and our partners at Power Language, this day will aim to provide all primary teachers (language specialists or not as well as complete novices) with more practical ideas to embed languages effectively in their curriculum.

There is no condition or pre-requisite needed to attend the session. Everyone is welcome! Registration [here](#).



SECONDARY SECTOR

Teaching languages successfully to low prior attainers and pupils with SEND/ALN - Guest Speaker: Wendy Adeniji

Professional Learning Session | [On-line](#) | 13/01/2025 | 15.45-17.00 | [Full details and registration here](#)**PROFESSIONAL
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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

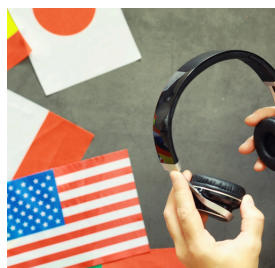
KS5 French: Joutes Oratoires 2024-2025- Institut français

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 10 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.

Cross-regional Curriculum for Wales Professional Learning Offer

[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

Personalised Assessments – Autumn term 2024 update

[Follow this link](#) to see what's new from September 2024.

Education Support – Masterclasses

Just a reminder that we have a range of [exciting interactive wellbeing masterclasses](#) coming up. The places are funded by the Welsh Government, at no cost to staff. [Full details available here](#).

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

More information [Development of support for curriculum and assessment design within Curriculum for Wales](#)



INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE FROM OTHERS

 [Enterprise Troopers Primary School Competition](#)

● NEW

The Enterprise Troopers Competition aims to inspire children's creativity, problem-solving, and team-working skills in a fun environment.

This year, entrants can also win cash prizes for their school! [Full details available here.](#)

 [E-steddfod - The E-steddfod is back!](#)

● NEW

E-steddfod is the competition where learners compete against other schools live from their sites!
[Full details available here.](#)

 [History Resource Workshops](#)

● NEW

We are looking for Primary and Secondary teachers who are eager to participate in research workshops to assist the process of creating Welsh History resources. [Full details here.](#)

 [AI Online Learning Lab Series](#)

Discover the transformative potential of artificial intelligence in education with three upcoming online twilight events from the WCLD, hosted in collaboration with the Curriculum and Pedagogy Collaborative Research Network (CRN). Starting with the fundamentals of AI, the series aims to guide educators through some of its practical applications to enhance classroom engagement and personalise learning. More information about each event can be found via [this link.](#)

 [Notice of Upcoming Events](#)

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

 [Updates from the EWC](#)

[Using the PLP to support you](#)

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

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.

 [Welcome to Your Vote Week 2025](#)

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.