



Gwasanaeth Effeithiolrwydd a  
Gwellu Ysgolion Rhanbarthol Gogledd Cymru  
Regional School Effectiveness &  
Improvement Service for North Wales

# GwE Bulletin

## GwE Office, Mold ★NEW★

As of Wednesday, 6 December 2017, the GwE Office, Mold will be situated on the Mold Business Park at Linden House. Please see the new office details below:



GwE Office, Linden House, Mold Business Park, Wrexham Road, Mold, CH7 1XP



01352 744600

## Sharing Excellence Across Wales ★NEW★

In 2016-2017, Estyn judged 34 providers as 'Excellent'. Discover their strategies to success by [watching our film](#) and [reading their case studies](#).  
**Be inspired!**

## Curriculum for Wales

**A new school curriculum needs a new learning culture. It starts here.**

A thriving learning culture in schools across Wales is essential if our new curriculum is to be successfully implemented.

**Read further...**

## Key Stages 2 - 3 Science Exemplification Materials Have Been Published

This publication is the first in a series designed to provide assistance when assessing science at the end of Key Stages 2 and 3. The **exemplification materials**, which GwE staff helped to create, are intended to assist schools and teachers when conducting assessments for science at the end of Key Stages 2 and 3.

For further information, [click here](#).

## Act on STEM

The North Wales Economic Ambition Board would be grateful if you would please complete the anonymous and very short, ACT ON STEM evaluation questionnaire via [this link](#), by 18 December 2017.

For further information, [click here](#).

## The Education (Amendments Relating to Teacher Assessment Information) Regulations 2018

The Welsh Government consultation requests comments on the proposed changes to the use of teacher assessment data is now available. [Click here](#).

## Secondary News

### **Last Chance to Provide Feedback on ICT Qualifications**

Please visit the Qualifications Wales [website](#) for further information.

### **Changes to Performance Measures at Key Stage 4 Affecting Early Entry**

On 16 October the Cabinet Secretary for Education announced **changes to Key Stage 4 performance measures** as a consequence of notable increases in GCSE early entry by schools in Wales. [Continue reading...](#)

Primary Training  
Opportunities

Secondary Training  
Opportunities

## **Cross-curricular Numeracy Workshops** **KS2**

Free cross-curricular Numeracy Workshops for specific year groups -year 3/4 and 5/6 teachers to enhance cross-curricular numeracy provision, ensuring challenging, rich and engaging tasks aimed at progressing learners of all abilities. **Limited spaces available.**

[Click here.](#)

## **Effectively Evaluating and Improving Teaching Quality Using the Self-Evaluation Tool for Teachers' Teaching Continua – Gareth Coombes**

**TRAINING FOR ALL PRIMARY SCHOOL HEADTEACHERS OR LEADERS OF LEARNING**

The course sets out to support leaders in undertaking the role of improving teaching for learning in a structured and sustained manner. [Click here](#) to register.

## **Into Film Training**

Into Film and GwE will be running a Welsh medium course on film creation for KS2 teachers. [Click here](#) to register.

# **Professional Development Opportunities**

## **GwE Primary and Secondary NQT Training Programme**

GwE training dates for spring and summer term 2018 have been published on the GwE website.

[Click here.](#)

## **Higher Level Teaching Assistant Scheme – HLTA**

Would you like to gain HLTA status? The next round will start soon.

Come to one of the HLTA Information Sessions for Teaching Assistants and their Headteachers/Managers, to be held across the region between 11 and 16 January 2018.

Follow [this link](#) for further information, including Information Session dates and venues.

## **Important information for HLTAs and Teaching Assistants across Wales**

### **A. HLTA CONFERENCES WILL BE HELD ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:**

- GwE – Friday 2 March 2018
- CSC / EAS – Monday 5 March 2018
- ERW – Tuesday 6 March 2018

There will be no cost attached to the conference for attendance.

For further details, please contact your regional consortium at [hlta@gwenorth.wales](mailto:hlta@gwenorth.wales) or visit your regional consortium website.

## **DIY Chemistry in the Classroom**

**THURSDAY, 14 DECEMBER 2017 – TECHNIQUEST, CARDIFF – 2:00PM – 6:00PM**

On Thursday 14 December you are invited to apply to attend a free half-day workshops for teachers of KS3 science at Techniquest in Cardiff. Come along and discover a wide range of safe, easily resourced practical activities for chemistry that you can do in your classroom.

[Click here](#) for further information.

## **CPD to Support the Delivery of Numeracy at Level 2 and Elements of Level 3 in the Skills Challenge Certificate (WBACC)**

GwE have put together two Numeracy focus mornings. The session will be delivered by Zoe Evans as a classroom simulation and will be based on the IP, you will experience first-hand how numeracy can be effectively used in the IP

[Click here](#) for further information, or [here](#) to register.

## **Secondary Schools' Digital Competency Training**

Various courses have been arranged for the next half term.

[Click here](#) for the list.

# **Other Training Opportunities**

## **“Stay Safe, Be Safe”: Understanding your Professional Responsibilities**

The Education Workforce Council (EWC), in collaboration with GwE, is offering this session to all practitioners and to those with staff responsibilities.

These 2-hour sessions will be held on 5 and 6 December at Plas Menai in Y Felinheli, at the OpTIC in St Asaph and at Glyndwr University in Wrexham. There is no cost for participants.

The sessions will be presented in English, with a translator present at Plas Menai and at the OpTIC as required.

For further details and to register, [click here](#).

## **The National Nurturing Schools Programme**

- **5 DECEMBER 2017 – VENUE CYMRU, LLANDUDNO**
- **8 DECEMBER 2017 – GLYNDŴR UNIVERSITY, WREXHAM**

The one-day workshop is aimed to give you a brief overview of the National Nurturing Schools Programme facilitated by the Nurture Group Network.

[Click here](#) for further information.

## **More Able and Talented: Identifying and Supporting MAT Pupils in Art**

**TRAINING FOR YEAR 5 - 9 TEACHERS**

An opportunity to learn more about how to identify and support pupils who are more able and talented in art, in the company of experienced teacher Jane Baraclough and various professional artists.

For further information, contact [janemuir25@hotmail.com](mailto:janemuir25@hotmail.com).

Register online with [Eventbrite](#), details available on Facebook and Twitter: [@EdauCymru](#)

## B. SPRING TERM 2018

Two new programmes will be delivered across Wales for Teaching Assistants

- Induction for new teaching assistants
- Experienced teaching assistant training

The programmes will not entail any costs, and supply cover will be paid.

For further information, including dates and venues, please visit your [regional consortium website](#)

## Announcements by Kirsty Williams, Cabinet Secretary for Education ★NEW★

GwE wishes to draw schools' attention to two announcements made last week by Kirsty Williams, Cabinet Secretary for Education. See below.

### An Update on the Learning in Digital Wales Programme

Click here to find out more about the latest information regarding Learning in Digital Wales and the Welsh Government programme of action for improving the use of digital technology for teaching and learning.

### Google for Education to be Rolled Out in Welsh Schools Next Year

Teachers will soon have more choice about the digital tools they use thanks to the roll-out of Google for Education. Continue reading...

## Events

### Aspects on Bilingualism

There is free access to the Aspects on Bilingualism e-book, authored by Professor Enlli Môn Thomas and Peredur Webb-Davies (2017), available on-line at [this site](#).  
Could be an useful background for all teachers.

### The Welsh Heritage Schools Initiative – 2018

The Initiative was launched in 1990, under the auspices of the Institute of Welsh Affairs. Its aim is to encourage young people in schools in Wales to take a greater interest in their heritage and the contribution made to it by their families and communities. The Initiative holds an annual competition for heritage projects in schools in Wales.

For further information, click [here](#).

REGISTRATION OF ENTRIES BY: 2 FEBRUARY 2018

## External Opportunities

### Temporary Project Officer ★NEW★

For further information about this post please contact Eleri Llewelyn Owen on 01286 679671 or visit [www.gwynedd.gov.uk](http://www.gwynedd.gov.uk).  
Application forms and further details available from, Support Service, Gwynedd Council, Council Offices, Caernarfon,  
Tel: 01286 67076

E-Mail: [swyddi@gwynedd.llyw.cymru](mailto:swyddi@gwynedd.llyw.cymru)

CLOSING DATE: 10.00 AM, THURSDAY, 14 DECEMBER 2017



Remember to follow @GwEGogleddCymru on Twitter

[GwENorth.Wales](#)

For more information, go to our [website](#)

