



# GwE Bulletin

## National Education Conference for Headteachers and Key Stakeholders

### CURRICULUM FOR WALES: TURNING THE CORNER – IMPORTANT NEXT STESP FOR ALL SCHOOLS

Thursday, 23 November 2017 – Venue Cymru, Llandudno

Following the launch of 'Education in Wales – Our national mission', 'Education Wales' are inviting you to the National Education conference for Headteachers and key stakeholders.

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



## Key Stage 2 and 3 Moderation

Even though there are no major changes to the process this year, GwE asks each cluster to nominate an 'assessment lead' for KS2 and KS3 by **Monday, 27 November 2017**. Their role will be to ensure that information about the process is shared with all relevant teachers and departments in the cluster. Please see the [timetable](#) for further information.

## 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](#).

## Professional Teaching Awards Cymru

If you're a teacher, student, parent, employer or colleague and know someone who would be worthy of a Professional Teaching Award, you have until midnight on 30 November 2017 to submit a nomination online.

**There are 9 categories this year, including a category for School Business Manager/Bursar, for those who demonstrate:**

- . the ability to manage and drive the school agenda;
- . leadership and innovative thinking qualities to deliver results for their school.

[Click here](#) for more information.

## National Categorisation

### NATIONAL CATEGORISATION UPDATE

**This letter** from Welsh Government informs schools that there are changes to national categorisation and that Step 1 will not be published. The Quality and Standards Group have also met to revise the **guidance document** for 2017-2018.

To view the timeline for this year, and for further information, [click here](#).

## Primary News

### [Arrangements for Undertaking the End of Foundation Phase Assessments for 2017-2018](#)

Welsh Government has issued a statement clarifying arrangements for undertaking the end of Foundation Phase assessments for 2017-2018. [Click here](#) to read the statement.

## Secondary News

### [Last Chance to 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

### 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.

### Cultural Classroom

SHARING AND NETWORKING EVENT FOR PRIMARY SCHOOLS AND CULTURAL VENUES

This event has been arranged by EDAU.

Find out how a school used a museum as their classroom for 6 weeks and increased pupils' confidence, communication and social skills. [Click here](#) for further information and [here](#) to register.

### Foundation Phase Workshop for Year 1 and 2 Teachers

**\*LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER\***

HOW TO PLAN FOR HIGHER ORDER READING SKILLS WITHIN THE ENHANCED AND CONTINUOUS PROVISION TO ACHIEVE OUTCOME 5 AND 6

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

Follow [this link](#), to register.

### Foundation Phase Workshop for Year 1 and 2 Teaching Assistants

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HOW TO PLAN FOR HIGHER ORDER READING SKILLS WITHIN THE ENHANCED AND CONTINUOUS PROVISION TO ACHIEVE OUTCOME 5 AND 6

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

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### 'Creativity in the Foundation Phase' Training

## Secondary Training Opportunities

### Secondary Schools' Digital Competency Training ★NEW★

Various courses have been arranged for the next half term. [Click here](#) for the list.

### KS3 Numeracy Co-ordinators' Forum Meetings

KS3 Numeracy Co-ordinators are invited to attend one of the forum meetings listed [here](#).

### Secondary Mathematics

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

### Post-Compulsory Education and Training (PCET) Conference: A Collaborative Provider Approach to Provision

THURSDAY, 30 NOVEMBER 2017 – 9:30AM-3:30AM – CARDIFF CITY STADIUM, LECKWITH

ColegauCymru / Fforwm Services Ltd is pleased to host a Post-Compulsory Education and Training (PCET) Conference – A Collaborative Provider Approach to Provision. For further information, [click here](#). To register, follow [this link](#).

## Professional Development Opportunities

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

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

- GwE – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2018
- CSC / EAS – Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2018
- ERW – Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### **B. SPRING TERM 2018 ★NEW★**

Two new programmes will be delivered across Wales for Teaching Assistants

- Induction for new teaching assistants
- Experienced teaching assistant training

Dates will be published via your consortium's website.

THIS TRAINING WILL BE DELIVERED IN WELSH. ENGLISH TRAINING DATES TO FOLLOW.

[Click here](#) for further information.

To register, contact [helen@mentermon.com](mailto:helen@mentermon.com)

## Catch Up Workshops and Network

### Meeting

VARIOUS DATES AND VENUES

For those who are trained to deliver Catch Up and/or Dyfal Donc.

[Click here](#) for further information.

## Professional Development for all Foundation Phase Teachers

**\*LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER\***

UNDERSTANDING CONCEPTS IN FOUNDATION PHASE MATHEMATICS, GARETH METCALFE

Gareth Metcalfe will be delivering mathematics workshops during the Autumn Term 2017/Spring Term 2018. All Foundation Phase teachers have access to these workshops free of charge.

[Click here](#) for further information.

## Digital Competence

VARIOUS DATES AND VENUES

Interacting and Collaborating in KS2 courses – [register here](#).

More courses and dates to follow!

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

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

## 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.

### Oracy with Julia Strong

MONDAY, 20 NOVEMBER 2017 – VENUE CYMRU, LLANDUDNO – 9:15AM-3:30PM

Oracy session with Julia Strong for Secondary and Primary Schools.

Day 1 of 3 development sessions to be held throughout the year.

For further details, [click here](#) or register by clicking [this link](#).

### 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](#)

## Events

### Attachment and Trauma Training

#### VARIOUS DATES AND LOCATIONS

Braveheart Education will provide an introduction to Developmental Trauma and Attachment with practical evidence based research. For further information and to register, [click here](#).

### [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

## National Recognition for Three Schools in Gwynedd ★NEW★

Congratulations to three Gwynedd primary schools which have been awarded recently in a national ceremony. Indeed, the three Gwynedd schools were the only ones from the six counties in North Wales to be recognised.

[Click here](#) for further information regarding their excellent success.

## Institute of Physics – Winners of the 2017 Teachers of Physics Award ★NEW★

Congratulations to Mr. Huw Smith, Ysgol Friars, Bangor who has been awarded by the Institute of Physics for his outstanding contributions to the teaching of physics.

[Click here](#) to read the article about him on the Institute of Physics website.

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