



GwE Bulletin

A Very Positive Estyn Report for GwE ★NEW★

GwE warmly welcomes the report published by Estyn following their recent inspection visit.

The report shows that during their recent visit, Estyn found that GwE had made very good progress against four of the recommendations and strong progress against two.

[Click here](#) for further information.

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](#).

Guidance for the Reduction of Teachers' Workloads

There will be regional presentations during this term in different headteachers' forums to further raise awareness of the national agenda for reducing teacher workload.

[Click here](#) for further information and [to download the presentation](#).

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

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 Headteacher of the Year, for those who demonstrate:

- that they are able to inspire others;
- ability to engage the school in the community and community in school to make a difference for every learner;
- evidence of supporting colleagues in other schools.

[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letter from Welsh Government informs schools that there are changes to national categorisation and that Step 1 will not be published.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](#).

Secondary News

[Last Chance to Provide Feedback on ICT Qualifications](#)

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

Phase assessments for 2017-2018. [Click here](#) to read the statement.

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.

'Creativity in the Foundation Phase' Training

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

[Click here](#) for further information.

To register, contact 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.

Digital Competence

VARIOUS DATES AND VENUES

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

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...](#)

Secondary Training Opportunities

Secondary Schools' Digital Competency Training

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

TRAINING BY THE MEI IN NORTH WALES

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

Higher Level Teaching Assistant Scheme – HLTA ★NEW★

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

Come to one of the HLTA Information Sessions to be held in January 2018 for Teaching Assistants and their Headteachers/Managers.

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:

More courses and dates to follow!

Into Film Training ★NEW★

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

- 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 or visit your regional consortium website.

B. SPRING TERM 2018

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.

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 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.

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.

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

Events

Aspects on Bilingualism ★NEW★

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

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