

Gwasanaeth Effeithiolrwydd a Gwella Ysgolion Rhanbarthol Gogledd Cymru

Regional School Effectiveness & Improvement Service for North Wales

# **GwE Bulletin**

## **Opportunities**

### **CURRENT VACANCIES WITH GWE**

## **Challenge Adviser (Mathematics)**

Click here for the advert.

CLOSING DATE: 10:00 O'CLOCK, THURSDAY, 19 OCTOBER

2017

## <u>Challenge Adviser – Foundation Phase (2</u> Posts)

- 1 x Conwy / Denbighshire
- 1 x Gwynedd / Anglesey

**Click here** for the advert.

CLOSING DATE: 10:00 O'CLOCK, THURSDAY, 28 SEPTEMBER

2017

# New Assessors for the Higher Level Teaching Assistant (HLTA) Programme

(AN OPPORTUNITY FOR SENIOR MANAGERS, TEACHERS OR TEACHING ASSISTANTS WITH HLTA STATUS)

GwE is seeking practitioners to join the team involved in the HLTA Assessment Programme on behalf of the Welsh Government.

Please see **this advert** for further information.

# Newly Qualified Teachers (NQTs)

# <u>Training for Newly Qualified Teachers</u> (NQTs)

<u>Click here</u> for information about training in your Authority.

# <u>Training for NQT School-Based Mentors</u> on the New Standards

<u>Click here</u> for information about training in your Authority.

## **External Opportunities**

### **MA Education Studies 2017-2018**

The course offers two routes for those who wish to gain this award.

Students can choose to follow our 15 month full time programme, or choose to follow the programme part-time. Click here to view the modules being offered in 2017-18 and for further information.

# **Information for Primary Schools**

## **Catch Up Workshops and Network Meeting**

**★NEW**★

**VARIOUS DATES AND VENUES** 

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

Click here for further information.

## <u>Professional Development for all Foundation</u> <u>Phase Teachers</u>

# UNDERSTANDING CONCEPTS IN FOUNDATION PHASE MATHEMATICS, GARETH METCALFE

Gareth Metcalfe will be delivering mathematics workshops during the Autumn Term 2017/Spring Term 2018. The free workshops will be available for all FPh teachers and will take place over two half day sessions, to be attended by the same teacher, approximately one month apart. Spaces will be limited to one teacher per school in the first instance. Click here for further information.

### **Into Film Training**

THIS EVENT WILL BE DELIVERED IN WELSH.

A great opportunity for KS2 teachers to receive training from Into Film on how to use film to develop digital competence and literacy skills. <u>Click here</u> to register.

## 'Creativity in the Foundation Phase' Training

**★NEW**★

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

**Click here** for further information.

To register, contact helen@mentermon.com

### Connection to Nature Course ★NEW★

TUESDAY, 24 OCTOBER 2017 – EIRIAS PARK, CONWY, LL29 7SP

Techniquest / STEM Learning working in partnership with the Natural Resources Wales Education team is offering Foundation Phase teachers the opportunity to attend a 1 day course to explore activities to develop your confidence in nature-based teaching with your pupils.

<u>Click here</u> for further information.

# <u>Amendments to the Foundation Phase</u> Profile for Baseline Assessments

The Welsh Government, in response to comments received through a survey of practitioners' views, has made changes to the wording of four skill ladders within the Compact Profile

# Using Education Economics to Evaluate the Impact of Strategic Educational Improvement Programmes (PhD Scholarship)

COLLABORATIVE INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION, RESEARCH EVIDENCE AND IMPACT (CIEREI); BANGOR UNIVERSITY SCHOOLS OF PSYCHOLOGY AND HEALTHCARE SCIENCE Click here for further information.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: SATURDAY, 30 SEPTEMBER 2017** 

### Fantastic 'Into Film' Opportunities ★NEW★

Do you know young people who would like to become young ambassadors for Into Film?

Into Film are currently looking for members for the below schemes and they'd appreciate your support in helping them to identify suitable candidates!

Click here for further details.

## Reducing Workload for Teachers and Headteachers

This guide represents a joint commitment endorsed by Estyn, regional education consortia, local authorities, Education Workforce Council, unions representing the education workforce and the Welsh Government, to support teachers and leaders to deliver effective learning and teaching.

## **Estyn Inspections**

#### **ESTYN INSPECTIONS HAVE CHANGED**

Schools and work-based learning providers will now be judged against five key areas.

Find out more by reading Estyn's brand-new <u>inspection</u> framework and guidance.

Watch their **short animation** about how they've changed inspections.

version of the Foundation Phase in order to make them clearer. We encourage those who are undertaking baseline assessments of children at the start of Reception Year to use the revised versions as these are intended to clarify the distinction between different levels of children's development.

### **Foundation Phase Profile**

Welsh Government has published a revised version of the 'Foundation Phase Profile Handbook' (September 2017). Click on **this link** to receive a copy of the updated profile.

# Arrangements for Undertaking the End of Foundation Phase Assessments for 2017-2018 ★NEW★

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.

# Information for Secondary Schools

### **Secondary Mathematics**

**TRAINING BY THE MEI IN NORTH WALES** For further information, please <u>click here</u>.

# A Request from Qualifications Wales

### **VIEWS SOUGHT ON ICT QUALIFICATIONS**

Qualifications Wales is currently reviewing GCSEs, A levels and vocational qualifications in ICT, taken by pupils in Wales, and the skills they develop from studying these before starting a career in ICT.

For information on the review, and a link to the surveys, please visit their **website**.

# Poverty and Education Questionnaire

RESEARCHING THE FACTORS AND EFFECTS OF POVERTY AND RURAL ISOLATION ON EDUCATIONAL OUTCOMES

The School of Education at Bangor University is conducting research commissioned by both ERW and GwE to investigate, review and analyse the effects of poverty and rural isolation on educational outcomes.

<u>Click here</u> to take part.

### **★NEW**★

WATCH LIVE launch of

## **Education in Wales: Our National Mission**

With Education Secretary,

Kirsty Williams
THIS EVENING AT 18:45

## Remember to follow @GwEGogleddCymru on Twitter



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