



Maths Newsletter

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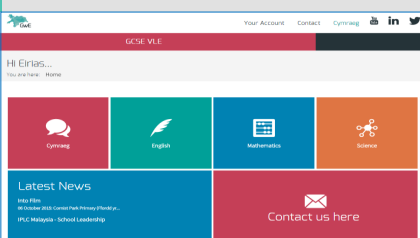
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GwE Website

We are pleased to announce that the GwE website, www.gwegogledd.cymru, is up and running. We will be using the Maths GCSE PISA VLE as our main platform for sharing resources. You should have already received your user guide from Jo, which explains the content of the Maths VLE and how to access it.

The latest additions to the site are the banks of Exam Questions for each tier. These are arranged by topic following our Exemplar Schemes of Work, and comprise a selection of exam questions and mark schemes, including methodical and contextual questions from both calculator and non-calculator papers, designed so that users can select questions to create their own tests and/or resources.

Exam questions for the first few topics have already been uploaded and the rest will be gradually added over the coming weeks.

Greetings from GwE

Hello everyone,

We hope you've all had a great summer and a smooth start to the new school year.

We hope that you and your colleagues feel adequately prepared for teaching the new GCSE specification. Please get in touch if we can be of any further assistance.

We are currently organising the next round of workshops and county forums. The dates and venues will be as follows:

Gwynedd and Anglesey - Wed 11th Nov, Tŷ Menai, Bangor.

Wrexham and Flintshire - Thurs 12th Nov, Beaufort Park Hotel, Mold.

Conwy and Denbighshire - Wed 18th Nov, The Kinmel Hotel, Abergele.

We look forward to meeting with you all again and sharing ideas.

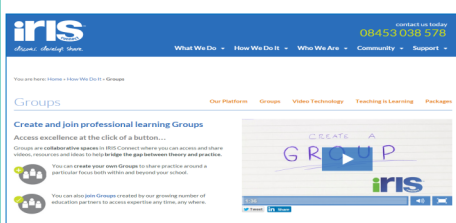
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IRIS Connect Groups

We are continuing to use the IRIS Connect system to great effect in order to reflect on our lessons. IRIS have now introduced Groups whereby you can share videos and resources and discuss ideas.

You can create your own Groups to share practice around a particular focus both within and beyond your school. You can also join Groups created by IRIS' growing number of education partners to access their expertise.

For more information visit www.irisconnect.co.uk/how-we-do-it/groups/



Useful websites

www.mathsbox.org.uk — In addition to their ready-made starters, worksheets and activities, Mathsbox has recently introduced several new features, including Weekly Skills Checks and Topic Assessments. Don't forget that your Mathsbox subscription will continue until the end of this academic year - please contact Jo Alexander if you need a reminder of your school's login details.

hwb.wales.gov.uk includes many new resources specifically designed for the new WJEC specification, available in English and Welsh

www.mathsmadeeasy.co.uk The GCSE section contains exam questions for specific topics aimed at specific grades.

[BBC Bitesize](http://BBCBitesize) features interactive resources and classroom activities in English and Welsh.

Professional development

[WJEC GCSE Maths training event](#) – Taking place in Llandudno on Friday 27th November, see website for details and to book.

www.mathsnoproblem.co.uk/singapore-maths-training - Excellent training sessions available on the Singapore Maths method. Highly recommended!

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