

Ysgolion / Schools:	Yn bresennol/Present: R.Dennis (Ysgol Bryn Elian); Nia Edwards (Ysgol Brynhyfryd); Delyth Williams (Ysgol Glan Clwyd); Dawn Jones (Prestatyn High); Claire Davies (Ysgol Eirias) Ymddiheuriadau/Apologies: Jane Lancaster-Jones (Ysgol Aberconwy); Rhian Ellis (St. Brigid's)
Lleoliad / Venue	Rhyl High School, Rhyl, LL18 4BY
Cadeirydd / Chair	D. Ian Evans
Adroddiad gan / minutes by	D. Ian Evans
Dyddiad / date	30th January 2017

Pwrpas a natur y cyfarfod Purpose/nature of meeting	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introductory meeting of the Conwy/Denbighshire Hub 	
Prif faterion trafod Main discussion points	Action points
Concerns regarding the new GCSE RS specification <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What can be done to help and support each other? 	
General discussion regarding any concerns for the new GCSE Spec: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation shared with the group and various discussions re the slides Dates for upcoming events shared: WJEC Course – February 15th in Bangor. Second Hub meeting – end of March. Presentation by WJEC Results of survey shared Share addresses of current online resources 	DIE will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Forward minutes to all schools and other appropriate persons Confirm attendance of Welsh medium schools at the Gwynedd Hub with Mefys Inquire re new Spec resources
Concerns were expressed regarding the following matters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The new GCSE Spec expecting more religious content. It was felt the current Spec suited the majority of students more. This may lead to 'losing' students in future Time restraint concerns. All other schools with the exception of RHS deliver 'A' level and all other parties felt that this Spec had to be the initial priority. Time concerns were on two separate levels – firstly time for staff to prepare and get to know the course and secondly adequate time for the students to be taught with appropriate resources Explicit resources produced rather than just having to adapt the ones we have. A textbook to match with the course and student revision book were felt to be essential in order to help the students succeed. (Do England have the appropriate resources already?). Concerns also raised regarding the lack of Welsh translated resources It was felt that students on the whole are more receptive and tolerant of religions such as Buddhism, Hinduism, etc than Christianity which tends to lead to comments such as '...but I'm not religious'. This again leads to concerns re the new Spec Funding the new course if new text books are required General concerns regarding make the course 'interesting' as the current course has topics which the students, even if not religious, seem to be interested in. Getting the students enthusiasm is half the battle Will the new course be replicated online? 	
Suggestions to address the concerns: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Upcoming courses may address a number of issues. Need to re-evaluate following those days Time away from schools to work on resource and share what we have. All parties were interested in taking part in such sessions as they feel this would be of benefit to both their schools and their time spent developing resources. We could then see what was still required Schools may have to look to altering their Year 9 SoW to help with time constraints. Whereas this would benefit in one way it also means more time developing the Yr 9 SoW Is there any funding available with regards the new course that schools could build for? 	

What will be the focus of future RS GCSE GwE group meetings? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DIE has stressed that it's not the Lead Practitioners' responsibility to train but to co-ordinate and support Suggestion that the third meeting acts as a workshop, e.g. sharing resources, developing ideas, ensure consistency, guidance on planning for Lesson Plans & SoW, assessment, teaching strategies See where there may be 'gaps' for the new Spec 		DIE will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will send out dates for the next meeting Forward minutes to the appropriate persons 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AoB 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	
Meeting ended at 3.45pm			
Arwyddwyd / Signature	D. Ian Evans	Dyddiad / Date	31/01/2017