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Regional School Effectiveness &
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GwE Bulletin

Professional Teaching Awards Cymru – Nominations Are Now Open!

Time is running out!

You have until **Friday, 30 November** to nominate outstanding teachers, school business managers and support staff for the Professional Teaching Awards Cymru. Nominate now, [click here](#).

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



National Reading and Numeracy [Reasoning] Test Ordering System [IMPORTANT!]

The last day for ordering your Reading and Numeracy [Reasoning] test papers is approaching. Order your papers through the [National Reading and Numeracy Tests Ordering System](#) [external link] before **FRIDAY, 23 NOVEMBER 2018**.

Introduction of Personalised Assessments

Welsh Government is phasing in new online personalised assessments from this academic year, and they will replace the paper-based National Reading and Numeracy Tests over a period of three years. [Continue reading here...](#)

GwE Offer on G6

As you know, the GwE Offer, which includes all the details of the professional development training that GwE offers over the next year, is now live on G6 [\[https://g6.gwegogledd.cymru\]](https://g6.gwegogledd.cymru).

To register to attend the training listed, all school staff will need to create a personal account on the G6.

This can be done by following [this link](#) and clicking on the 'Register Now' button. Please see the manuals [here](#).

TRAINING	DATE	VENUE
Trauma Informed Shools [Colwyn Bay - BILINGUAL SESSIONS]	21/11/2018	Porth Eirias, Colwyn Bay
Digital Storytelling & Film Making [Eng, St Asaph]	22/11/2018	OpTIC, St Asaph
TA: Practising [Cohort C - WELSH MEDIUM - St Asaph]	22/11/2018	OpTIC, St Asaph
TA: Practising [Cohort C - ENGLISH MEDIUM - St Asaph]	22/11/2018	OpTIC, St Asaph
BIOLOGY – Science Subject Forum Meeting [Mold]	26/11/2018	Beaufort Park Hotel, Mold ★NEW★
CHEMISTRY – Science Subject Forum Meeting [Bangor University]	26/11/2018	Bangor University ★NEW★

PHYSICS – Science Subject Forum Meeting [Llandudno Junction]	26/11/2018	Conwy Business Centre, Llandudno Junction ★NEW★
Teaching GCSE Mathematics - MEI	28/11/2018	Ysgol John Bright, Llandudno
Cracking the Code – Further Adventures with Crumble [Primary – English Medium – Mold]	28/11/2018	GwE, Linden House, Mold
Unearthing Training for Schools	04/12/2018	Tŷ Menai, Bangor
Cracking the Code – Primary [Bilingual – Caernarfon]	04/12/2018	GwE, Penrallt, Caernarfon
PHYSICS: Hub School Training – Raising Standards in Physics	04/12/2018	The Alun School, Mold ★NEW★
BIOLOGY – Science Subject Forum Meeting [Bangor University]	05/12/2018	Bangor University ★NEW★
CHEMISTRY – Science Subject Forum Meeting [Colwyn Bay]	05/12/2018	GwE, Bryn Eirias, Colwyn Bay ★NEW★
PHYSICS – Science Subject Forum Meeting [Mold]	05/12/2018	Beaufort Park Hotel, Mold ★NEW★
Cracking the Code – Further Adventures with Crumble [Primary – Bilingual – Bangor]	06/12/2018	Tŷ Menai, Bangor
Diminishing the Disadvantage in Science	06/12/2018	Venue Cymru, Llandudno
CHEMISTRY: Hub School Training – Raising Standards in Chemistry	11/12/2018	The Alun School, Mold ★NEW★
Developing a robust self-evaluation system to plan for improvement [Welsh, Llanrwst]	12/12/2018	Glasdir, Llanrwst
BIOLOGY: Hub School Training – Raising Standards in Biology	18/12/2018	The Alun School, Mold ★NEW★

GwE Development Programmes

MLDP [Cohort 8 – Welsh] – Day 3

DAY 3 DATE HAS CHANGED

Day 3 will now be held on Thursday, 6 December 2018.

Cracking the Code Event

CRACKING THE CODE – FURTHER ADVENTURES WITH CRUMBLE [PRIMARY]

- Wednesday, 28 November 2018 – 9:00am-3:00pm – GwE Offices, Linden House, Mold [English Medium]
- Thursday, 6 December 2018 – 9:00am-3:00pm – Tŷ Menai, Bangor [Bilingual]

CRACKING THE CODE [PRIMARY]

- Tuesday, 4 December 2018 – 9:00am-3:00pm – GwE Offices, Penrallt, Caernarfon

REGISTER THROUGH G6

Building Skills – Lego Based Therapy Training ★NEW★

MONDAY, 14 JANUARY 2019 – 9:00AM-4:30PM – VENUE TO BE CONFIRMED

LEGO® based therapy is a collaborative, play-based intervention designed to teach social skills to children with Autism Spectrum Condition [and other social and emotional difficulties]. Social skills are taught and practised through structured group LEGO® play. Groups are run in schools and settings by trained group facilitators.

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Opportunities with GwE

Digital Leaders

Secondment [15 days over 2 terms – to start January 2019] - £4,750 to each school.

GwE is eager to receive applications from enthusiastic practitioners with a thorough understanding of digital learning techniques, and who have experience of leading digital competency developments at a school level.

The Governing Body must agree to this before you apply.

JOB ADVERT – DIGITAL LEADERS

JOB DESCRIPTION – DIGITAL LEADERS

Application letters are invited by **12:00pm, Monday, 26 November 2018** to anwengwilym@gwegogledd.cymru
For an informal discussion, please contact Gwion Clarke – Strategic Digital Lead on 07929 375819 or by e-mail to gwionclarke@gwegogledd.cymru

Supporting Improvement Adviser – STEM [Secondary] [Full Time] – Second

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Secondment or an opportunity for an initial one year temporary contract with the possibility for an extension. There is flexibility to discuss and negotiate the length of the secondment within the project, 1 – 3 ½ years. Local Government Terms and Conditions will apply.

JOB ADVERT – SUPPORTING IMPROVEMENT ADVISER – STEM [SECONDARY] [FULL TIME]

JOB DESCRIPTION – SUPPORTING IMPROVEMENT ADVISER – STEM [SECONDARY] [FULL TIME]

Application letters including your CV are invited by **10:00AM, THURSDAY, 29 NOVEMBER 2018** to anwengwilym@gwegogledd.cymru

For an informal discussion about the post please contact Alwyn Jones, Assistant Director on 0300 500 8087 or e-mail alwynjones@gwegogledd.cymru

Translator [Temporary]

TEMPORARY – UNTIL 31/08/2019] [FULL TIME – BUT WILL CONSIDER APPLICATIONS TO WORK PART TIME OR JOB SHARING]

The ability to communicate fluently in Welsh and English is essential for this post.

JOB ADVERT – TRANSLATOR [TEMPORARY]

JOB DESCRIPTION – TRANSLATOR [TEMPORARY]

CLOSING DATE: 10:00AM, THURSDAY, 29 NOVEMBER 2018

For an informal discussion about the post, please contact Sion Wyn Evans, GwE Business Manager [Interim] on 0300 500 8087 or by e-mail to sionwynevens@gwegogledd.cymru

For further details and an application form, please go to www.gwynedd.gov.uk or contact 01286 679076.

Primary Training Events

Foundation Phase Termly Network Meetings

FOR SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAMS, TEACHERS AND SUPPORT STAFF

Local, regional and national issues regarding foundation phase will be discussed and a 'good practice' case study will be delivered.

Dates and venues of the Autumn Term Meetings are available [here](#).

PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THE PARKING MAP FOR [LINDEN HOUSE, MOLD](#) AND [BRYN EIRIAS, COLWYN BAY](#).

Developing Digital Citizenship

GwE are pleased to be able to offer free training with Dr Sangeet Bhullar from Wise Kids to primary teachers from the region. The session will focus on practical methods to develop understanding of digital citizenship and learners' well-being. Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

Secondary Events

PISA 2018

This important study is taking place this term in schools across the UK. The Programme for International Student Assessment [PISA] is the world's largest international education study, involving over 80 countries.

[Continue reading here...](#)

'Digital Citizenship' Training Workshop for Secondary Pupils & Teachers

GwE and Wise Kids are inviting groups of up to five (*1 teacher and 4 pupils*) to participate in a practical workshop led by Dr Sangeet Bhullar. The workshop will have the themes of Promoting Digital Citizenship, Digital Competence and Digital Wellbeing, and aims to help schools by working with young people to develop their knowledge, understanding, and

digital competence and to use online technologies effectively, kindly and responsibly. There are spaces for 8 schools to participate on a first come first served basis - click [here](#) to read more and to register.

Welsh Government Regional Engagement Workshop on Consistent Performance Measures Post-16

All schools with Sixth Forms are requested to send a representative to the Welsh Government Regional Engagement Workshop on Consistent Performance Measures Post -16 at Glasdir on Friday 30 November. To reserve a place, please contact Eirian Harris via e-mail – eirianharris@gwegogledd.cymru

Teaching GCSE Mathematics

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR TEACHERS OF KEY STAGE 3 AND 4 MATHEMATICS

GwE are offering full funding to eligible participants, subject to full attendance.

[Click here](#) for further information or contact delythellis@gwegogledd.cymru.

Conferences and Opportunities by Others

Google on the Road ★NEW★

WEDNESDAY, 5 DECEMBER 2018 – 10:00AM – VENUE CYMRU, LLANDUDNO

Google are coming to north Wales! They are hosting a conference full of practical workshops at Venue Cymru looking at Google's integration with Hwb, reducing workload and getting the most from 'Chromebooks' in schools. Suitable for Primary and Secondary Schools.

[Click here](#) to register.

Church School Leadership Course 2019-2020 ★NEW★

A 12 month course to support and develop future leaders in all Church Schools across south Wales.

[Click here](#) for further information.

CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATION: 18 DECEMBER 2018

2 Conferences by Bangor University:

Welsh in Education and Bilingualism

THURSDAY, 22 NOVEMBER 2018 – ENGLISH-MEDIUM FOR ENGLISH SCHOOLS – BEAUFORT PARK HOTEL, MOLD

Following the response of 160 headteachers or members of the senior management team to the Welsh Language Skills Survey stating that they would appreciate the "Welsh language refresher session," Bangor University is offering a conference that will set the Welsh language context to achieve the Welsh Government's vision and offer a comprehensive overview of bilingualism.

Register through G6.

Miscellaneous Information and Surveys

#AskKirsty ★NEW★

Join Kirsty Williams, Cabinet Secretary, for a live Twitter Q&A session tomorrow, **Wednesday 21 November**. Follow [@wgcs_education](#) and use the hashtag **#AskKirsty** to submit your question.

Premier League Writing Stars Competition ★NEW★

The Premier League Writing Stars Competition returns for its second year to inspire children between the ages of 5 and 11 to be creative and to create poems on the theme of Diversity.

To find out more and for more information on how to present a poem, please visit plprimarystars.com

Into Film Cymru ★NEW★

CASE STUDIES

In a special feature, four parents and one teacher share their views on Into Film Cymru's work. From attending Into Film Club to making

films, they share the positive impact on their children's personal and academic development.

Among the four parents is Ceri-Ellen's mother from Gwynedd. Read her views [here](#).

Welsh Education Consortia Endorsed by New Academy to Deliver First National School Leadership Programme ★NEW★

The recent national day for the Newly Appointed and Acting Headteachers Leadership Development Programme, which included keynote inspirational speaker Sir John Jones, was the culmination of a term of firsts for the Welsh education consortia. This is the first national leadership development programme resulting from a collaboration of all four consortia, the first to successfully achieve programme validation through Accreditation Partners Bangor University and Yr Athrofa [University of Trinity Saint David] and the very first to be successfully endorsed by the recently established National Academy for Educational Leadership [NEAL].

[Continue reading...](#)

Mantle of the Expert Open Day – Ysgol Cae'r Nant ★NEW★

YSGOL CAE'R NANT, CONNAH'S QUAY, FLINTSHIRE – WEDNESDAY, 21 NOVEMBER 2018

For those considering undertaking the MOE pedagogy, this is an opportunity to see MOE in practice.

Further information available [here](#).

Places are limited and should be reserved through contacting Karen.roberts@ycn.flintshire.sch.uk

National Categorisation 2018-2019

The National Categorisation process will continue for 2018-2019. This [supplementary guidance](#) provides schools, consortia and supporting improvement advisers with advice concerning how the judgement relating to the improvement capacity and the decision relating to the support category should be applied, in cases where contextual and other factors may need to be considered.

[Click here](#) to view the timetable.



Left to right: Tom Fanning [ERW] / Marc Berw Hughes [GwE] / Jenny Hillier [CSC] / Deb Woodward [EAS] / Sir John Jones / Anna Brychan [CSC] / Rhys Howard Hughes [GwE] / Richard Carbis [CSC] / Huw Foster Evans [CEO NAEL]

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