



GwE Bulletin



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Contacting GwE

We're here to help! We're online and available to support schools and governors.
Contact us at post@gwegogledd.cymru and we'll get back to you ASAP.



Message from GwE and the Region's Local Authorities

Accelerated Learning Programme

We are taking this opportunity, early in the new term, to update you on the support GwE will be providing for you and your team in relation to '*accelerating the learning*' for the ability range of pupils within your school. Implementing an **Accelerated Learning Programme** in the short term will be a crucial element within our strategy, but in moving forward the approach will also incorporate support for the further development and embedding of effective teaching and learning.

Further information available [here](#).

GwE Information and Guidance

Development Programmes

NPQH 2020-21 – Assessment Only Model - CLOSING DATE: 18/09/2020

Given the current circumstances and the effect on the usual processes for the NPQH assessment, an additional **NPQH – Assessment Only** model is available for the 2020-21 academic year. This is specifically to support those school leaders who are on the cusp of headship and expecting to apply for headship within the next 12 months. It is intended for those practitioners who are ready for assessment **now** and does not include any developmental support. Applicants will need to secure the endorsement of their Headteacher and of their region. Click [here](#) for further information about the process etc.

If you wish to follow a programme leading to the NPQH qualification but are not on the cusp of headship, you should consider following the developmental pathway by applying for the following programme:

National Aspiring Headteacher Development Programme – Preparing for NPQH 2021-22

This one-year development programme is a professional learning opportunity for experienced school leaders who wish to become Headteachers in the future. Completion of this 5-day programme is an expectation for gaining access to NPQH assessment in 2022. Click [here](#) for further information about the process, the closing date for application etc.



Newly Qualified Teachers (NQT) Induction

In 2020-21, there will be **significant** changes to induction regulations, and it will be more important than ever for every school Induction Mentor (IM), NQT and External Verifier (EV) to engage in one of the national training/briefing sessions. There will be a range of bespoke online sessions for each role.

[Schools should appoint an IM to attend a session even if they have not currently recruited a teacher who will be newly qualified in September, since most schools employ NQTs at some point during the academic year].

Click [here](#) for more information / training session dates.

Post-16 VESPA



An exciting opportunity for post-16 leaders. Working with the other regional consortia we have organised professional learning based on the work of Martin Griffin and Steven Oakes, authors of the A Level Mindset. Programme information and booking form available [here](#).

Global Futures GwE: International Languages: Training Opportunities for Primary School Teachers



Learning to teach a language in the primary sector - Open University

FRENCH/ SPANISH/GERMAN/ MANDARIN

Opportunity to learn an international language and be trained to teach languages in primary schools through the Open University.

If you, or one of your colleagues in your school, is interested in registering for this course or if you have any questions, please contact stephanieelliswilliams@gwegogledd.cymru by **18/09/2020**.

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CERDD IAITH: Creative approach to teaching languages

SPANISH/WELSH/ENGLISH

British Council Wales are offering a new **online training programme** to help primary school teachers **teach a third language** in the classroom. The training will guide teachers through a new free to use website called [Cerdd iaith](#), which has more than 30 activities using music and drama **to teach Welsh and Spanish**.

For costs, more information and to register for a session, please contact stephanieelliswilliams@gwegogledd.cymru

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GOETHE INSTITUTE: Training for Primary Teachers: 15/9/20

GERMAN

Fun Ways to Teach Syntax and Grammar, **15-09-2020, 5pm – 5:40pm**

https://www.goethe.de/ins/gb/en/spr/unt/ver/ver.cfm?fuseaction=events.detail&event_id=21950456

Making Use of Rhythm and Songs in a Primary German Classroom, **14-10-2020, 5pm – 5:40pm**

https://www.goethe.de/ins/gb/en/spr/unt/ver/ver.cfm?fuseaction=events.detail&event_id=21968482

Observing against the Compact Profile in the Foundation Phase



21/09/2020 - 16:00-17:00

Suitable for: Newly appointed Nursery/ Reception teachers in the foundation phase.

This session will be pre-recorded but there will be opportunities to ask questions through the chat or at the end of the session. If you're unable to join the meeting a link will be available to watch the recording at a convenient time.

Further information available [here](#).

Top Tips for Supporting More Able and Talented Learners

[Click this link](#) for timely, practical suggestions for supporting our more able and talented learners in these challenging times, developed by the consortia cross-regional MAT team following the pandemic.

Welsh Government Information and Guidance

Carers Trust Wales - Supporting Young Carers in Education Webinar



06/10/2020 - 14:00-15:00

This is a one hour webinar for education professionals and anyone working with young carers.

The session will be recorded for those unable to attend at this time.

The webinar will be presented in English.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Carers Trust Wales - Social Media Cards



Carers Trust Wales' new teaching resources for primary and secondary schools are now available online from www.carers.org/wales-education

CARERS TRUST WALES

Arferir gan Lywodraeth Cymru
Funded by Welsh Government

Over **one in five** secondary school pupils from the least affluent backgrounds in Wales juggle school with caring roles.

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School Governance Consultation

Welsh Government has [launched](#) an open consultation on amendments to school governance procedures. The consultation ends on **23 September**.



Professional Learning Journey 2

[Click here](#) to view information received by Welsh Government regarding the Professional Learning Journey 2 and for schools to express an initial interest in the work.

Further details about the project are enclosed in the attachment together with a link to the expression of interest form, which needs to be submitted by 2 **October** at the latest.

Implementation of the Additional Learning Needs system

The Minister for Education has published a [statement](#) on the progress of the Additional Learning Needs (ALN) transformation programme.

Throughout the Covid-19 pandemic, work to finalise the ALN Code and regulations has continued. These will be laid for approval before the Senedd in February 2021, ahead of the commencement of the ALN system over a three-year phased period from September 2021. Please see a timeline [here](#).

The ALN statutory roles are to commence in January 2021, and guidance to support our delivery partners will be published. This guidance, based on text from the revised Code, will provide further clarity on the statutory roles by expanding on what already exists in the Additional Learning Needs and Education Tribunal (Wales) Act 2018.

As part of our ongoing work to support children and young people, families, their representatives and education practitioners, including in the context of the current pandemic, we have published [guidance on supporting vulnerable and disadvantaged learners](#), including those with ALN, as schools and settings return to full operations.

You can find out more about the ALN transformation programme and guidance on the current SEN system [here](#) including our recently updated [frequently asked questions](#) and [ALN transformation programme guide](#).

In addition, we have launched a [consultation](#) on proposals to allow representatives to act on behalf of young people, and parents of children, who lack mental capacity, when exercising their rights under the Additional Learning Needs and Education Tribunal (Wales) Act 2018. To ensure the consultation reaches the people the proposals will most affect, we will be working with Children in Wales to ensure young people who lack capacity are targeted and supported to engage with the consultation. This forms a crucial part of the work on the ALN code and regulations.

Please send any queries to SENReforms@gov.wales

Information and Guidance from Others

Treemendous Trees and Wonderful Woodlands



A two-session virtual course which will give you the tools to make the most of using the outdoors and seasonal changes as a context for learning. Led by education experts at Natural Resources Wales (NRW).

Suitable for Foundation Phase and key stages 2 +3.

[Click here](#) for further information and the dates.



Estyn Webinar: Sharing effective practice to deliver A level Welsh First Language



14 October, 3:45 pm

If you're involved in teaching A level Welsh First Language then register for our short webinar. It can help to improve planning, delivery and marketing of this important subject.

[REGISTER](#)

Registration closes **30 September 2020**.

Reminder: Registration is open for Pori Drwy Stori Nursery 2020!



Click here to register:

<https://wh1.snapsurveys.com/s.asp?k=159257108733>

There are limited number of spaces available on a first come, first served basis. Please sign up as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

Closing date: **13 October 2020**.

Further information regarding *Pori Drwy Stori* is available [here](#).

Pori Drwy Stori Reception September Delivery



Pori Drwy Stori Reception resources (delayed due to Covid-19) will be arriving at **EVERY** School in Wales with a Reception class, week commencing **14 September**.

[Click here](#) for further information.

Applications for the ground-breaking Lead Creative Schools Scheme to open in September

From 23 September, schools will once again be able to apply to participate in the Lead Creative Schools Scheme. For further information, please follow [this link](#).

Creative.learning@arts.wales

Meic Cymru - www.meiccymru.org

Meic is the helpline service for children and young people up to the age of 25 in Wales. From finding out what's going on in your local area to help dealing with a tricky situation, Meic will listen even when no-one else will. Find out more [here](#).

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