



# GwE Bulletin



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## GwE Information and Guidance

### Contacting GwE

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



### GwE Support Centre

The GwE Support Centre is live and available for all schools to view resources. Users can access the centre by clicking [this link](#) or through the GwE website.

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# GWE SUPPORT CENTRE

### SAFMEDS: Webinar

**06/10/2020 - 3.45pm-4.45pm (English-medium session):** Click on [this link](#) to join the English session.

**07/10/2020 - 3.45pm-4.45pm (Welsh-medium session):** [Click here](#) to join the Welsh medium session.

**Primary and Secondary Numeracy** – Introduction to the new SAFMEDS resources that will support the Accelerated Learning Programme within schools. Suitable for all schools, irrespective of whether schools have previously attended SAFMEDS training.

Suitable for Senior Leaders, Teaching and Support staff.

If you're unable to join the session, a recording will be available to watch at a convenient time.

Any queries, please email [literacyandnumeracy@gwegogledd.cymru](mailto:literacyandnumeracy@gwegogledd.cymru)

## Foundation Phase Network Meeting - Autumn Term

Health and well-being effective strategies to support the learning.

**ENGLISH-MEDIUM MEETING: 12/10/2020 - 16:00-17:00**

[CLICK THIS LINK TO JOIN THE ENGLISH-MEDIUM MEETING.](#)

**WELSH-MEDIUM MEETING: 15/10/2020 - 16:00-17:00**

[CLICK THIS LINK TO JOIN THE WELSH-MEDIUM MEETING.](#)



## GCSE: Welsh Literature

**TUESDAY, 13 OCTOBER 2020 - 09:00-10:00**

A live presentation to launch a new interactive website and learning resources by cross-consortia teachers and officers to support learners to study and enjoy the novel 'Llyfr Glas Nebo' by Manon Steffan Ros.

[REGISTER HERE.](#)



## \*LIVE\* Personalised Assessments

- The Personalised Assessments Hwb website is now live for both Numeracy (Procedural) and Reading (Welsh and English).
- **THERE WILL BE NO STATUTORY MAY 2021 TESTING WINDOW, OR ANY YEAR AFTER.**
- Online personalised assessments are available throughout the school year to provide schools with a flexible means of gaining information on their learners' reading and numeracy skills. As such, practitioners are encouraged to use these assessments at a time that they consider appropriate to support the progress of individual learners and to help them to identify the next steps in learners' learning. Guidance for Autumn 2020 available **here**: <https://gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2020-07/guidance-learning-schools-settings-from-autumn-term.pdf>
- A recorded webinar to support the Personalised Assessments, explaining how to understand and make effective use of learner feedback and group reports, is available [here](#).
- There will be no Numerical Reasoning Personalised Assessments this academic year due to the trials having been delayed due to Covid-19. There will be no Numerical Reasoning Personalised Assessments until the 2021/22 school year.
- The new personalised assessments administration handbook for 2020/21 will be published shortly: <https://hwb.gov.wales/curriculum-for-wales/reading-and-numeracy-assessments/personalised-assessments#guidance-for-schools>
- Any queries, please email [tests@gwegogledd.cymru](mailto:tests@gwegogledd.cymru)

## BookSlam 2020-2021

### READING CHALLENGE

BookSlam is a fun reading challenge for primary age pupils in Wales. Further information is available [here](#). A list of the books can be downloaded [here](#).

[Click here](#) to view the challenges and resources to develop book reviewing skills.

For further information, please contact GwE's regional organiser:

**Vicky Lees** • [Vickylees@gwegogledd.cymru](mailto:Vickylees@gwegogledd.cymru) • 07966 266973



## Using an Instructional Fluency Approach to Teach Addition Skills in a Pupil Referral Unit: A Pilot Study



GwE's recent work in the Conwy PRU was recently published in the Wales Journal of Education. [Click here](#) to read the article.

## GwE Opportunities and Professional Development Programmes

### An exciting opportunity for new Teaching Assistants!



The **Induction Programme for New Teaching Assistants** is for individuals newly appointed to their role. This national programme will be delivered on a digital platform. Training can be completed at a time convenient to the teaching assistants and their setting. For more information and details of how to register, [click here](#).

### Outstanding Middle Leadership in Disruptive Times



#### SECONDARY SCHOOL WORKSHOPS

**Programme content – delivered as 4x1 hour interactive virtual workshops**

The face of school leadership is constantly changing – never more so than during these disruptive times. One of the aims of these short, stand-alone interactive virtual workshops is for Middle Leaders to have the opportunity to reflect on their own views of Leadership during a pandemic and to draw on international and national innovation and practice, aligned with our particular local context. Click [here](#) for more information.

With the huge logistical challenges currently being faced, it is fully appreciated that not all schools have Middle Leaders ready to engage in professional learning this term and so workshops are entirely voluntary. The opportunity to join a further cohort will be available in the Spring/Summer Term.

Workshop places are limited to 2 per secondary school. Please complete [This Booking Form](#) by **Monday 19 October 2020**.

## Development Programmes

### [National Aspiring Headteacher Development Programme – Preparing for NPQH 2021-22](#)

**CLOSING DATE: 03/11/2020**

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.

## 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.



## Global Futures GwE - MFL: Secondary School



**NOT BE MISSED!**

**Student Mentoring Scheme 2020: BRAND NEW, COVID-COMPLIANT AND FLEXIBLE!**

Year 8/9 mentoring scheme

To register for the year 8/9 scheme, contact [OwenGH@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:OwenGH@cardiff.ac.uk).

Teachers' resources KS3 and KS4: 12 October 2020

**GREAT RESOURCES!!!**

Contact [BeckleyR@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:BeckleyR@cardiff.ac.uk) to join the Team group and get access to the resources

**AS and A level speaking sessions and seminars: Start November 2020.**

**A GREAT PROGRAMME!!!: Students can register from October.**

Contact [KirkbyR1@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:KirkbyR1@cardiff.ac.uk) for more details or follow the link below.

For more info visit:

English: <https://sway.office.com/nozLRHxJhcQMCH2H>

Cymraeg: <https://sway.office.com/Dwo4EWj6xp2oG8sS?ref=Link>

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

**CERDD IAITH: Creative approach to teaching languages**

### SPANISH/WELSH/ENGLISH

British Council Wales is 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](mailto:stephanieelliswilliams@gwegogledd.cymru)

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### GOETHE INSTITUTE: Training for Primary Teachers

#### GERMAN

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

## Information and Guidance from Others

### Regional School Liaison Officers (RSLOs) for Service children in Wales



Service Children in Wales would like to introduce you to the new Regional School Liaison Officer [RSLOs] for North Wales.

[Click here.](#)



## Help your child with reading - Free online course for parents



This online course will help parents become confident in some basic techniques to support their child in learning to read. We will look at a range of literacy strategies and how to use them at home, demonstrate some fun activities and games and discuss homemade and commercial resources to support a child's reading.

**Next course starts 13 October**

**Bespoke courses can be arranged for a group of parents from one school or a cluster.**

For full details click here: <https://www.adultlearning.wales/en/course/40277>

Any questions? Email [jane.watkins@adultlearning.wales](mailto:jane.watkins@adultlearning.wales)

## FAO BACC/Skills Challenge Certificate Coordinators

**Skilled for the Future: Consultation on the Advanced Skills Challenge Certificate and Advanced Welsh Baccalaureate**

[This link](#) will direct you to the website which has all the information that you will need.

The Skilled for the Future consultation will be open for a period of 8 weeks, **closing at noon on 13 November.**

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

Click here to register:

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

There is a 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](#).

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