



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 and we'll get back to you ASAP.



Message from GwE and the Region's Local Authorities



We would like to thank you for your exceptional efforts in ensuring the continuity of learning in what has been the most challenging of circumstances that we all have faced. As a result, this half term has been extremely tough and difficult for everybody.

Blended Learning Resources

In September, we outlined the work that we would be undertaking with yourselves in ensuring that we plan for different scenarios and to share resources to hopefully cover all eventualities.

A library of blended learning resources; created by teachers, for teachers will soon be available. School clusters and alliances are collating, co-constructing and sharing resources with each other and across the region.

Click here for further information:

English - [School Guide](#) | **Cymraeg** – [Gwybodaeth i ysgolion](#)

There is also an information page for your Governors, click here for further information:

English – [Governors Guidance](#) | **Cymraeg** – [Canllaw Llywodraethwyr](#)

Wellbeing

We will offer wellbeing sessions to school leaders during the next half term. This will naturally be on a purely voluntary basis but we hope that they will be able to support you by giving you an opportunity to reflect on how best we can look after our own well-being during the next few months.

The wellbeing programme will comprise of:

- 1) A universal generic workshop for Head teachers
- 2) A flexible, bespoke follow-up offer for schools

Please look out for further details in our bulletin and website after half term.

The **GwE Professional Offer** for the academic year will also be shared with you week beginning November 10.

We would like to wish you all a peaceful and restful half term and hope that you can recharge your batteries in readiness for what lies ahead between now and Christmas. We believe that through continuing to work together, we can find solutions to any issues which present themselves. In doing so, we can share the workload across the region and support one another in ensuring the very best experiences for all learners in these trying and difficult circumstances.

Further information available [here](#).

Accelerated Learning Programme



Don't forget that all the information you will need to access the resources in the Accelerated Skills section of the GwE Support Centre, is available on the webinars page. Follow this link to see recordings about **SAFMEDS**, **Headsprout**, **Accelerating Literacy and Numeracy skills**, and the **reviews of online literacy and numeracy support packages**.

Any queries, please email us at literacyandnumeracy@gwegogledd.cymru

[CLICK HERE](#)

GwE Opportunities and Professional Development Programmes

Leadership Development Programmes



National Senior Leaders Development Programme



This **new** one-year development programme is a professional learning opportunity for senior leaders across Wales. The participant will work individually and collectively with others as leaders of learning organisations. This is a national programme co-ordinated by regional consortia, utilising a range of delivery partners. [Click here](#) for more information and details of how to apply.

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.

Foundation Phase workshop



'DEVELOPING MATHEMATICAL AND NUMERACY SKILLS OUTDOORS'

Click on the link below to join the live webinar:

ENGLISH-MEDIUM SESSION: 10 NOVEMBER 2020 BETWEEN 15:45 AND 16:45

WELSH-MEDIUM SESSION: 12 NOVEMBER 2020 BETWEEN 15:45 AND 16:45

FOCUS: Sharing ideas on how to develop pupils' mathematical and numeracy skills outdoors through a range of rich learning experiences (many of the activities linked to the topic of 'Christmas' and the use of natural resources and loose parts).

SUITABLE FOR: Foundation Phase teachers and teaching assistants

Following the live webinar, a recording will be available within the 'Webinars' section on GwE Support Centre (access through GwE's website).

Aspiring HLTA Development Programme

Cylch 2 of the Aspiring HLTA Development Programme is starting in January 2021.

The closing date for applications is **20 November 2020**.

[Click here](#) for information about the Programme and the application process. It's important that you watch this information session before applying: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RL0wXw_fujg

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](#).

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.

Dates of Local Authority training sessions for NQTs are also available here, along with contact details for each Authority.

GwE Global Futures - MFL



SECONDARY SCHOOLS

[Teachers' resources KS3 and KS4: October 2020](#)

Contact BeckleyR@cardiff.ac.uk to join the group and get access to the resources.

[AS and A Level speaking sessions and seminars: Start November 2020.](#)

Students can register from October.

Contact KirkbyR1@cardiff.ac.uk for more details or follow the link below.

For more info visit:

[English](#) | [Cymraeg](#)

Global Futures and Partners: International Links Opportunity for your School

PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS

[DILiS- Digital Innovative Learning in Schools](#)

Are you interested in international links? Are you an innovative school looking to be part of a pilot to create a worldwide network of educators?

If the answers are yes, read the attached flyers and contact amanda@Internationallinks.co.uk or stephanieelliswilliams@gwegogledd.cymru for more information.

FLYERS:

[PRIMARY SCHOOL](#) | [SECONDARY SCHOOL](#)



Welsh Government Information and Guidance

Minister for Education - Half Term Letter



Please [click here](#) to view the letter sent to all Headteachers.

Welsh Government Press Release:

<https://gov.wales/national-coronavirus-fire-break-to-be-introduced-in-wales-on-friday>

FAQs which include how this affects Childcare, Schools, FE Colleges and Universities:

<https://gov.wales/coronavirus-circuit-break-frequently-asked-questions>

Regional School Improvement Consortia News and Information

CONSORTIA GWELLA YSGOLION RHANBARTHOL
REGIONAL SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT CONSORTIA



Cross-Regional Professional Learning Statement



Regional consortia are pleased to have worked in partnership to develop the system expectations for 2022. We look forward to sharing our professional learning offer with all schools to support their preparations in the realisation of Curriculum for Wales. Further information available [here](#).

HLTA Assessors



The Regional School Improvement Consortia are seeking practitioners to join the team involved in the Higher Level Teaching Assistants (HLTA) Assessment Programme on behalf of the Welsh Government.

As an assessor, you will be required to undertake school based assessments of candidates across your region who have completed the Aspiring HLTA programme, and who are going forward for assessment.

Click [here](#) for more information.

Information and Guidance from Others

Newsletter: National Centre for Learning Welsh



[Click here](#) for the latest news from the National Centre for Learning Welsh.



Estyn survey of approaches in education due to COVID-19 disruption

Estyn is reviewing how well schools, PRUs and their communities are being supported since the start of term.

They want leaders, teachers, support staff, governors, learners and parents/carers to share their views in a short anonymous survey.

Take part: <https://www.estyn.gov.wales/inspection-feedback/survey>

International Blether - 'Keeping Oil in your Lamp'

WEDNESDAY - 11 NOVEMBER 2020 - 16:30-17:30

The National Academy for Educational Leadership Wales will be holding an 'International Blether' event in collaboration with our colleagues in Ireland and Scotland. Further information available [here](#).

This is a free event, but due to limited spaces booking is required - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/international-blether-keeping-oil-in-your-lamp-tickets-124107706491>

Darllen Dros Gymru 2020-2021

WELSH READING CHALLENGE

Darllen Dros Gymru is a Welsh-medium fun reading challenge for primary age pupils in Wales. Further information is available [here](#).

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

For further information, please contact the regional organiser:

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BookSlam 2020-2021

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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](#).

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

Vicky Lees • Vickylees@gwegogledd.cymru • 07966 266973

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**.

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