



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.



GwE Professional Offer

Please follow this [link](#) to the GwE Professional Offer for 2020-2021. The Offer is a streamlined version for this year, focusing on 5 key areas which include Wellbeing, The Reform Journey, Developing the Workforce, Accelerating Learning and Digital. Your Supporting Improvement Adviser will discuss your Professional Learning needs with you as individual schools and clusters in order to agree on a local Professional Learning Plan which is bespoke to your cluster.



Blended Learning Resources

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** – [Canllawiau Llywodraethwyr](#)



GwE Opportunities and Professional Development Programmes

Cross-Regional Coaching & Mentoring programme 2020-21



Headteachers are invited to express an interest in this fully-funded, cross-regional programme, designed to develop knowledge and skills in effective coaching and mentoring. The programme will be delivered over six x 3.5-hour distance-learning training sessions in the spring term.

Click [here](#) for further details.

Contact person in GwE: anngrenet@gwegogledd.cymru

To express an interest, please complete this [form](#) by **16.12.20**.



Consortia Gwella Ysgolion Rhanbarthol
Regional School Improvement Consortia



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.

ALN Transformation Programme Professional Learning Offer

You are able to register in G6 for the training in December, but there **may be some delay before you can sign up for the dates in the new year**.

Avoiding Disagreements

Dealing with difficult situations and Managing Difficult Conversations

This is a 2 session package and so we suggest you sign up for both.

SESSION 1	Dealing with difficult situations	11/12/2020	9:30 – 12:00
SESSION 2	Managing Difficult Conversations	16/12/2020	9:30 – 12:00

Positive Communication Strategies

SESSION 1	Positive Communication Strategies	14/12/2020	13:00-14:00
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[Click here](#) for further information and dates.

For guidance on how to book a place through G6, [click here](#).



Accessing Free Wellbeing Resources



As part of our Wellbeing Professional Offer see information below as regards to how to access the resources:

1. Thinking Differently for Disadvantaged Learners
2. Access to free SEAL membership

[Click here](#) for further information.

Digital Online Training



We are pleased to announce that a new digital resource has been launched on the 'GwE Support Centre'. Available are a series of online courses designed for practitioners of all levels of experience to improve their use and understanding of Google Classroom, Adobe Spark, j2e and Flipgrid. Most courses are approximately 40-60 minutes. Each course will consist of a series of video clips, practical tasks and then an online assessment at the end which will indicate if you are ready to move on to the next course in the series. They can be used during staff meetings, twilight, inset training days, PPA time or as you wish.

Click on [this link](#) for more information.



SAFMEDS update

New resources to support the use of SAFMEDS numeracy strategy in school and at home are available on the [GwE Support Centre](#).

Implementation support is available via video link to **all schools** in the GwE region.

Kaydee Owen (research support officer) will be hosting drop-in sessions (9am-5pm) on the following dates:

Book a one to one slot online: <https://calendly.com/safmeds/drop-in>.

- 9 December
- 6 January *
- 9 February
- 11 March

If you require any additional support outside of these designated dates please email kaydee.owen@bangor.ac.uk.

For any teachers or support staff wanting to access full online SAFMEDS training, please watch the [video introduction to precision teaching and the SAFMEDS strategy](#).

*** Please note that the date has changed.**

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](#).

Professional Financial Education Training

All practitioners working with learners aged 9 to 12 years are invited to take part in the Wales Pathfinder project. This project will aim to provide practitioners with professional development opportunities to support their learners' knowledge, skills and attitudes in the key areas of financial education. Funded by the Money and Pensions Service, this will be delivered by Young Money and supported by GwE over the spring and summer terms in 2021. Free training, resources and ongoing support will be provided to all who participate, and cover costs will be included.

For more information please click [here](#).

Bilingual Blended Learning Google Classrooms

Two new bilingual blended learning [Google Classrooms](#) called 'Christmas' and 'Celebrities in the Castle' have been created for KS2 teachers.

You may find this collection of activities useful. They are not coherent themes, but a collection of blended learning units from which to pick and choose. The Christmas classroom includes a combination of digital and traditional activities.

See the class entry codes below. If you would like a teacher copy of the classes, there is a link within the classes under the heading 'Introduction'. Follow the 'Apply for a teacher copy' instructions.

The codes for the new classes are:

Nadolig / Christmas (kei6zmf)

Enwogion yn y Castell / Celebrities in the Castle (w2h755h)

Welsh Government Information and Guidance

Survey: Effect of Covid-19 on learners



The coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic has affected life everywhere. Welsh Government researchers would like to understand more about the impact the pandemic has had on learners in Wales. For this reason, this survey is aimed at you **if you are a current learner aged 16 or older in a school sixth form, further education or work-based or adult learning in college or in the community.**

To complete the survey please click here: <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/post16learning/>

For further information, please email us at [Employability and Skills Research](#). Thank you in advance for your help.

Interactive LNF and DCF versions

There are now interactive versions of the Literacy and Numeracy Framework and the Digital Competence Framework available by following [this link](#).

Information and Guidance from Others

Additional numeracy resources available



The last paper-based tests for Numeracy Reasoning were cancelled due to Covid. We are now offering the papers to any schools that wish to use them as classroom resources. Please note that ordering is optional and the use of these materials is *not statutory*. If you wish to order please respond to the letter sent to your school by emailing wgto@nationaltests.cymru.

The closing date for orders is 11 December.



Language Trends Wales 2020 – The Conversation



British Council Wales is delighted to invite you to join us on **Thursday 10 December 2020, 4.30pm – 5.30pm GMT**, for a discussion around Language Trends Wales 2020 – The Conversation. This event will give you the opportunity to hear from a panel of Welsh and international experts, respond to the articles published as part of [Language Trends Wales 2020](#), and share your ideas and thoughts on the future of multilingualism in Wales.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

For any queries regarding the event, please contact us on teamwales@britishcouncil.org

#LanguageTrendsWales

A Natural Childhood Training Course [Natural Resource Wales]



In January we'll be running a virtual course full of tips and tricks on how to use the outdoors to support child development, learning and play. The course is aimed at Pre-school, Nursery and Foundation Phase practitioners and teachers.

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

To register, please visit the [Tocyn Cymru](#) website.

Introduction to Inspire Maths: Teaching in Wales



Are you a new teacher or a supply teacher working at a school that uses Inspire Maths? Could you benefit from having a refresher?

[Click here](#) for further information.

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