



# GwE Bulletin



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## Thank You Schools

This year has been a challenging year for Schools across Wales. Children from all over Wales, and a few other familiar faces, wish to thank all those who work in schools, and with schools, for keeping them safe and learning, throughout this challenging time. Thank you all.

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

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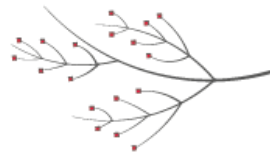
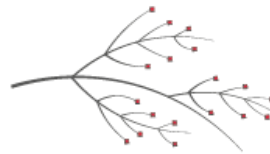
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*Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you.*

*Thank you for all your work and support.*

*Keep safe.*



## 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 Information and Guidance

## GwE Professional Offer

Please follow this [link](#) to the GwE Professional Offer for 2020-2021.

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>).

**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](#).

JANUARY 2021	DATE	MEDIUM
Positive Communication	07/01/2021	Welsh
Developing Effective Outcomes and Using the Support Sequence (Cohort 2)	12/01/2021	English
Developing Effective Outcomes and Using the Support Sequence (Cohort 3)	12/01/2021	English
English Teacher Forums	12/01/2021	English
Accelerating Literacy for all Classroom Teachers and Teaching Assistants (once per term)	12/01/2021	Bilingual
Dealing with Challenging Situations Effectively (Cohort 2)	18/01/2021	Bilingual
Heads of English Network (once per half term)	18/01/2021	English
NQTs - KS2 Literacy across the Curriculum for NQTs (English-medium)	19/01/2021	English
Change Management CfW (Creuddyn, D. Conwy, Glan Clwyd)	19/01/2021	Welsh
Change Management CfW (Eirias, Aberconwy, Bryn Elan)	19/01/2021	English
NQTs - Foundation Phase, Literacy across the Curriculum for NQTs (English-medium)	19/01/2021	English
Change Management CfW (Alun, Hawarden, Flint, Pen Coch, Maes Hyfryd)	19/01/2021	English
Change Management CfW (Friars / Tryfan, Brynrefail, D. Ogwen)	19/01/2021	Welsh
Accelerating Literacy for all Classroom Teachers and Teaching Assistants (once per term)	19/01/2021	Bilingual
NQTs - KS2, Numeracy across the Curriculum for NQTs (English-medium)	20/01/2021	English
Change Management CfW (Rhyl, Prestatyn, Tir Morfa)	20/01/2021	English
Change Management CfW (Caergybi, Bodedern, Syr Thomas Jones)	20/01/2021	Welsh
NQTs - Foundation Phase, Numeracy across the Curriculum for NQTs (English-medium)	20/01/2021	English
Change Management CfW (Bryn Alun, Clywedog, Rhosnesni)	20/01/2021	English
Change Management CfW (Emrys, John Bright, Denbigh, Plas Brondyffryn)	20/01/2021	English
Change Management CfW (Syr Hugh Owen, Dyffryn Nantlle)	20/01/2020	Welsh
NQTs - KS2, Literacy across the Curriculum for NQTs (Welsh-medium)	21/01/2021	Welsh
Change Management CfW (Tywyn, Bro Idris, Moelwyn, Berwyn, Arduwy)	21/01/2021	Welsh
Change Management CfW (Glan y Mor, Botwnnog, Eifionydd, Hafod Lon)	21/01/2021	Welsh
Change Management CfW (St David's, Holywell, St Richard Gwyn)	21/01/2021	English
NQTs - Foundation Phase, Literacy across the Curriculum for NQTs (Welsh-medium)	21/01/2021	Welsh
Change Management CfW (Brynhyfryd, Dinas Bran, Ceiriog)	21/01/2021	Welsh
Change Management CfW (Castell Alun, Cei Connah, Elfed / Argoed)	21/01/2021	English
Change Management CfW (Ruabon, Grango, Darland)	21/01/2021	English
NQTs - KS2, Numeracy across the Curriculum for NQTs (Welsh-medium)	22/01/2021	Welsh
NQTs - Foundation Phase, Numeracy across the Curriculum for NQTs (Welsh-medium)	22/01/2021	Welsh
Developing Effective Outcomes and Using the Support Sequence (Cohort 4 - Session 1)	26/01/2021	Bilingual
NQTs - KS3/4, Literacy across the Curriculum for NQTs (English-medium)	27/01/2021	English
NQTs - KS3/4, Literacy across the Curriculum for NQTs (Welsh-medium)	27/01/2021	Welsh
NQTs - KS3/4, Numeracy across the Curriculum for NQTs (Welsh-medium)	28/01/2021	Welsh
NQTs - KS3/4, Numeracy across the Curriculum for NQTs (English-medium)	28/01/2021	English

## 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

### 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 News and Information

### Formative Assessment / Shirley Clarke Project



The project's Tier 3 Teacher training day 2 presentations are available at the GwE Support Centre and in the project's Google Classroom. They have voiceovers and are suitable for use in any school wishing to stimulate or restart discussion or research into different aspects of formative assessment.

There are opportunities to consider formative assessment in the context of blended learning and also pedagogy in our preparations for Curriculum for Wales.

Tier 3 teachers will be invited to join review meetings to share experiences during the next term. Dates will be shared in the new year.

## Accessing Free Wellbeing Resources

As part of our Wellbeing Professional Offer see information below as regards 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>.

- 6 January \*
- 9 February
- 11 March

If you require any additional support outside of these designated dates please email [kaydee.owen@bangor.ac.uk](mailto: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@gwegogledc.cymru](mailto:literacyandnumeracy@gwegogledc.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](#).



# Welsh Government Information and Guidance

## Education Minister Kirsty Williams provides further clarity on system to replace exams for general qualifications in 2021

In November, when confirming there would be no end of year exams for learners taking GCSEs, AS levels or A levels next year, the Minister said she would establish a Design and Delivery Advisory group that would support 'wellbeing, fairness and progression' for learners in 2021.

The group, chaired by Geraint Rees and made up of head teachers and college leaders nominated by regional consortia, ColegauCymru and local authorities, has now presented its proposals to the Minister after working closely with both Qualifications Wales and WJEC.

[Click here](#) for further information.

## National Strategy for Educational Research and Enquiry

### RESEARCH SEMINAR SERIES

These seminars are being arranged to support capacity building and networking as part of the *National Strategy for Educational Research and Enquiry* (NSERE). They will be open to researchers, practitioners and policymakers.

The seminars will be held on a monthly basis (usually on the last Wednesday of each month) between 3 and 4.30pm via TEAMS.

The programme for the spring and summer terms of 2021 is available [here](#).

## 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

### Explorify - Free online CPD to support your teaching of Science and Technology

Wellcome are inviting teachers to attend two free online CPD sessions to support the teaching of Science and Technology.

*Explorify*, from Wellcome, is a free digital resource of engaging, creative science activities for primary schools, which supports questioning, thinking and debate. [Click here](#) for further information.

### 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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