



GwE Bulletin



Diolch Ysgolion Thank You Schools



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A Letter from GwE and the Local Authorities



We hope you are well and have had an opportunity to relax over the Easter break.

Before Easter, we had discussions in each Local Authority to listen to the views of many Leaders regarding professional learning for the new curriculum. You told us that you:

- see the importance of continued 3-16 discussions offered in this programme;
- are keen to maintain the momentum, although recognise that timing of this is difficult;
- are also keen to collaborate with GwE to engage and work with external curriculum experts where appropriate;
- recognise that flexibility of this programme will be key to enable your engagement.

Finding a balance to meet all needs is challenging as we recognise the different demands that each sector is facing. However, the first task is for each setting to have a plan or a map between now and implementation in 2022.

We will support you through this Journey to 2022; please find below an outline of the revised timescale of the Professional Learning offer for Curriculum for Wales:

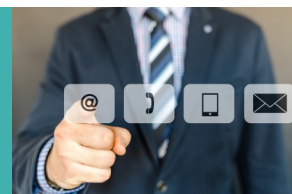
21 April - 28 May	<u>Leadership</u> – Planning the Journey to 2022, an opportunity to create an implementation plan with milestones.	Cluster level
	<u>Collection of thinkpieces</u> – Webinar	Open to all
	<u>Planning for Curriculum Change</u> Session 1 – Webinar to look at the Curriculum for Wales framework	Open to all
7 June - 9 July	<u>Developing a Shared Vision</u>	Cluster level
	<u>Planning for Curriculum Change</u> Session 2	Cluster level
	<u>Planning for Curriculum Change</u> Session 3	Cluster level
	<u>Time and Space for Professional Learning</u> – Webinar	Open to all
	<u>Leading Pedagogy</u> – Webinar	Open to all

A more detailed overview of the offer is attached [here](#), but should you require more information, you are welcome to contact either your Local Authority Core Lead or your Link SIA.

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 GwE Offer, which includes all the details of the professional development training that GwE offers over the next year, is 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 G6. This can be done by following [this link](#) and clicking on the 'Register Now' button. Please see the manuals [here](#).

Please ensure that any bookings are made on G6 at least 48 hours prior to the start date.

21/04/2021 - 28/05/2021

	DATE	MEDIUM
NQT – Day 3 Workshop Assessment for Learning – Shirley Clarke Project (Welsh-medium)	25/05/2021	Welsh
NQT – Day 3 Workshop Assessment for Learning – Shirley Clarke Project (English-medium)	26/05/2021	English
NQT – Day 3 Workshop Assessment for Learning - Shirley Clarke project (bilingual)	27/05/2021	Bilingual
NQT Workshop Day 3b: Digital Competency for NQTs (Welsh-medium)	27/05/2021	Welsh
NQT Workshop Day 3b: Digital Competency for NQTs (English-medium)	28/05/2021	English

Aspiring HLTA Development Programme

Round 3 of the Aspiring HLTA Development Programme starts in September 2021.

The closing date for applications is **18 June 2021**.

Click [here](#) for more information about the Programme and the application process.

For more details, watch this [video](#).



GwE News and Information

Primary Science Teaching Trust Newsletter for GwE Schools



SPRING TERM

The Primary Science Teaching Trust (PSTT) is currently working with several primary schools across North Wales to improve the standard of science. The PSTT Regional Mentor for North Wales, [Kathy Schofield](#), is supporting schools to improve the quality of curriculum planning and advising teachers on effective science pedagogy. This support is currently fully funded by PSTT and is open to any GwE primary school. Please contact [Kathy](#) if you have any questions about primary science (contact details below). PSTT also offers online resources and links to funding opportunities via its termly newsletter to teachers across the UK.

[Click here](#) to read the newsletter.

STEM Resources

Are you looking for a quick and easy way to find out about free resources to support you in your teaching of science and technology? GwE is working with STEMpowered Learning to provide schools with a bilingual version of this regular resource update. Sign up for our free monthly spreadsheet here: <http://eepurl.com/dMy9VQ>



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 supply cover costs will be included.

For more information please click [here](#)

GwE Global Futures - MFL / International Languages



PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SECTORS

- [Institut Français](#)

The deadline for schools to participate in the [French Pop Video Competition 2021](#) has been extended to **Friday 30 April, 23:59!**

- [Routes Cymru:](#)

Teaching Resources:

www.worldoflanguages.co.uk: a free online game that includes nine activities that celebrate the world's languages, how they borrow from one another but also feature unique, untranslatable words deeply tied to their culture.

PRIMARY SECTOR

Professional Learning

- [Languagenut: Webinar](#)

19 April at 4pm GMT Getting the most out of Languagenut Primary/Elementary. [Click here to register.](#)

SECONDARY SECTOR

Routes Cymru: A Level

- [A Level Masterclasses:](#)

Routes Cymru will be releasing four extra AS/A Level Masterclasses to the original. You can register for Masterclasses on : 'La Rafle', 'Das Pferd auf dem Balkon', 'La Classe (Entre les murs)' and 'Como agua para chocolate' on their website: [Events – Llwybrau at leithoedd Cymru Routes into Languages Cymru](#)

- [Teaching Resources:](#)

Cambridge Collaborative A-level Resources for Languages (CCARL): A series of short videos in the target language on French and German A Level text such as *La Haine*, *Kiffe kiffe demain*, *Das Leben der Anderen* and *Barbara*. Click here to access [YouTube channel](#)

- [MFL Mentoring: Resources KS3+](#)

University tours: <https://mflmentoring.padlet.org/mflmentoring/universities>

Language taster: <https://mflmentoring.padlet.org/mflmentoring/LanguageTasters>

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>.

- 10 May
- 8 June

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](#).



North Wales Regional Equality Network (NWREN)



The Welsh Government has made training, developed by North Wales Regional Equality Network (NWREN), available to all schools' senior leadership teams in north Wales. Supporting Schools in Challenging Racism will help you build the capacity of staff and students to meet the aim of achieving zero tolerance of racism within Welsh Education.

The training was planned as face to face, participative training and development but COVID-19 restrictions required NWREN to provide the resource on-line.

The programme is structured to:

- Build confidence in recognising and dealing with racist attitudes
- Enhance teachers' and educational managers' capacity to enable their students to recognise and challenge racism.
- Enable teachers and managers to embed race equality in the curriculum.

For further information and to access the training please [click here](#).

What's changing with Relationships and Sexuality Education (RSE)?

To assist schools and settings in their engagement and communication with parents on RSE, Welsh Government has published [this](#) information leaflet.

Personalised Assessments

DID YOU KNOW?

Essential Information on personalised assessments in 2020/2021

- The requirement to run personalised assessments in Numeracy (Procedural) and Reading is on a 'reasonable endeavours' basis for the rest of this school year.
- This places a duty on schools to make their best efforts to run assessments for all relevant learners **where practical circumstances permit**, and taking account of the greater **flexibility around disapplication**, including disapplication on well-being grounds, as set out in an **important addendum to the administration handbook**.
- Use of personalised assessments to provide schools with information about reading and numeracy skills in order to support individual learner needs and progression is **part of the [updated learning guidance for schools from 15 March](#)**.
- Assessments can be scheduled at a time that schools consider most appropriate. Familiarisation assessments are available for learners to use at any time.
- The **reports for Numeracy (Procedural)** assessments, **available the day after** the assessment, include feedback on skills and progress reports with age-standardised scores.
- The skills feedback from Reading assessments is available the day after the assessment. **Age-standardised scores for Reading** will be available for the start of the autumn term, **only if** a sufficient number of learners take the Reading assessment before the end of the school year.
- Schools are asked to use professional judgement regarding the most appropriate timing and methods for sharing feedback and reports with parents and carers.
- Trials for Numeracy (Reasoning) are taking place during the summer term. Trialling is open to any school interested in taking part. Reasoning assessments will not be statutory until 2021/22
- There will be **no further statutory paper-based tests**.

If you have any questions on how to access reports or schedule assessments, you can contact the assessments helpdesk on 029 2026 5099 or help@personalisedassessments.wales

Using the assessment reports to support teaching

- The purpose of personalised assessments is to provide an understanding of learners' skills and to support individual progression. A range of reports will help you with your planning.
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- Reports for classes and year groups show you the **group profile of attainment** in numeracy or reading, and also the **group's relative strengths in different skills areas**.
- In 2020/21 schools are asked to use professional judgement about the most appropriate timing and methods for sharing reports with parents and carers – see the **important [addendum](#) to the administration handbook**.
- On the assessment website you will find **step-by-step videos** on using the system **and webinars** to help you to get the most out of reports. The webinars will help you **consider how you can use the assessment feedback** and progress reports to support teaching and learning.
- If you have any questions on how to access reports or schedule assessments, you can contact the assessments helpdesk on 029 2026 5099 or help@personalisedassessments.wales

WJEC: Personalised Assessments - Support and Professional Learning Material

WJEC working in partnership with AlphaPlus, on behalf of the Welsh Government, has developed a series of professional learning materials to support schools and teachers in their use of the Personalised Assessments.

[Click here](#) for further information.

Embedding a whole-school approach to mental health and well-being

The [whole-school approach](#) is about supporting good emotional and mental well-being by making relationships stronger:

- between you and your teachers; and
- between parents, families, carers, and any professionals working with the school

Our new statutory framework supports everyone to ensure that the positive mental health and emotional well-being of all learners and staff is at the heart of every school.

Information and Guidance from Others

In Character Provision

A short film telling the story of our national anthem

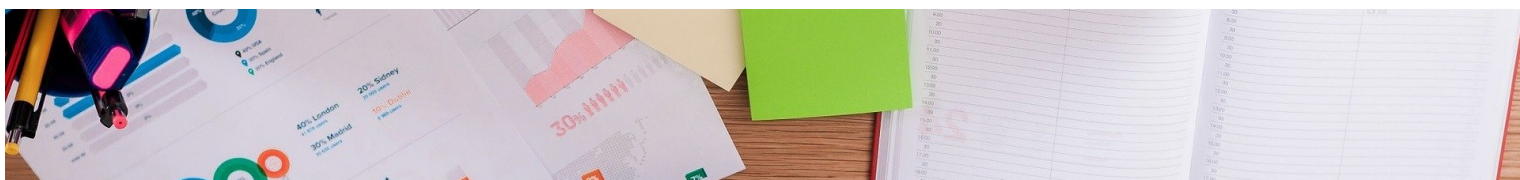
We have created a short film about the history behind *Hen Wlad fy Nhadau*, or *The Land of My Fathers*, in partnership with Cadw. It is now live and available on Cadw's website <https://cadw.gov.wales/learn>. Welsh and BSL versions are also available on Cadw's

YouTube channel, which is available [here](#).

Launching In Character's Short Film and Workshop Package

As it is not possible for them to join you at school, this is an opportunity to bring history alive in your class in a virtual way! Enjoy watching a short film, about 15 minutes long, about a character from Welsh history before taking part in a virtual, 45-minute workshop that will explore the world of character with pupils.

For more details, including a list of workshops available, please visit their website - [Click here for In Character's virtual workshops](#)



Technocamps Competition



Technocamps' [new competition](#), in partnership with Energy Saving Trust and NEST, is asking pupils to design their own game, using any programming software, that would make a house more environmentally-friendly.

Join the information workshop on **29 April 2021** to find out more and to pick up some tips and tricks that could help you win the big prize!

The winning game will be published on the [Energy Saving Trust](#) website and the winner will receive **£100** for themselves and **£2,000** for their school. The first runner-up will receive **£50** for themselves and **£1,000** for their school, while the individual or team who comes in third will win **£25** and **£500** for their school.

Everything you need to know will be included in the information workshop on **Thursday 29 April**.

All participants must register before entering the competition. [Register free here](#).

See Science Newsletters



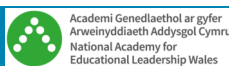
[See Science newsletters](#) are full of STEM related information for teachers across Wales, with separate issues for Primary and Secondary. Find out how you can enrich your pupils' experience of STEM by requesting a free virtual visit to your classroom from a STEM Ambassador. There are over 2,000 STEM Ambassadors in Wales so we're sure to be able to put you in touch with an expert to suit your theme! Also in the Newsletters, find out about funded workshops on offer to schools, events suitable for teachers and pupils, current competitions and details of grants that Welsh schools are eligible to apply for. This half term read about [free Chemistry of COVID workshops](#) for Yrs 5 to 8, [teacher webinars](#) on running a Machine Learning CREST project and inspire your pupils to reduce energy use with the [Net Zero Superheroes competition](#). To receive the Newsletters every half term, register with STEM Learning [here](#). For more information on how See Science can support STEM teaching at your school, see our [website](#) or contact enquiries@see-science.co.uk.



Voice Over Cymru

BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS WITH THE NATIONAL ACADEMY FOR EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

Join Voice Over Cymru the new online interactive sessions designed for school leaders in senior leadership roles in Wales. Gain an insight into the work of the Leadership Academy, hear from current Academy Associates working in the system, and share your thoughts and ideas in these informal sessions, which will include presentations and breakout groups. So, join the Leadership Academy for 45mins and help shape the future of leadership in Wales. Dates and registration details available [here](#).



Community Schools in Wales information session

Join this British Council online event to learn from teachers, charities and international experts about the Community Schools Model including multi-agency partnerships, family engagement and health and wellbeing. Tuesday 27 April 15.30-17.30. Find out more and register [here](#).



"Mission Earth!": A Microsoft & Adobe Education Series

Join Adobe and Microsoft to cultivate important future-ready skills: creativity, communication, collaboration and computational thinking in their Mission Earth webinars. The webinars combine STEM with creativity and storytelling: learners will have the opportunity to learn how to code within Minecraft and create videos or webpages with Adobe Spark! Webinars are hosted for primary and secondary learners. No experience necessary, Microsoft and Adobe will lead you all the way! Find out more and register [here](#).



Young Peacemakers Awards, 2021

Would you like your students to be recognised for expressing their vision and views about peace and global citizenship at an international event in Wales?

If so, encourage them to enter this year's [Young Peacemakers Awards, 2021!](#)

The Welsh Centre for International Affairs (WCIA) is celebrating young people who have contributed to peace and global citizenship in their school, their local community or globally in a variety of ways. We are working with **Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod** to host an **online Young Peacemakers Awards Ceremony on Peace Day, 9 July** where young people will showcase what they have done and receive a certificate and an award.

For more details about the awards, go to The WCIA's website [here](#).

So what should you do now?

Please encourage as many students / young people as possible to enter for an award!

Work can be submitted under the [different categories](#) from individuals or groups of pupils aged between 5 and 25, in English or in Welsh. **Please note that work doesn't have to be new work and can include projects your school has been working on** – e.g. as part of the process of becoming a [Peace School](#).

The deadline for entries is 11 June! Please submit entries using the application form downloadable from the WCIA website [here](#). We look forward to celebrating pupils from your school / youth group / college on **9 July!** In the meantime, should you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact the Peace Education Coordinator by emailing janeharries@wcia.org.uk.



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