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National Leadership Focus Week



28 JUNE - 2 JULY 2021

Leadership focus week is here!

Tomorrow, Thursday, 1 July, Leadership for Wellbeing will be the key theme with Mary Myatt as the keynote speaker. Workshops will take place at 10:30am. Further information regarding the workshops can be found [here](#). [Click here for the links to join](#).

Friday, 2 July, Dr Kevin Palmer (Welsh Government Deputy Director of Education & The Education Consortia) will finish off the week by providing an overview of the national policy direction for Leadership in line with the new government's priorities. [Click here for the links to join](#).

We hope you can join us.

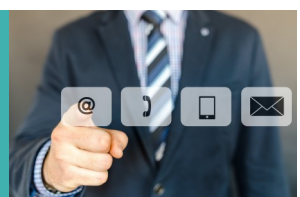
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Contacting GwE

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.



Webinar: Planning for Curriculum Change - Session 1

Thanks to all who attended the webinar 'Planning for Curriculum Change - Session 1' – follow this link to view the recording: [Welsh webinar](#) | [English webinar](#)

Webinar: 'Think Pieces' on the Reform Journey

Follow the links below to view the recording of the 'Think Pieces' on the Reform Journey webinar: [Welsh webinar](#) | [English webinar](#)

Follow this link to access the 'Think Pieces': [Welsh](#) | [English](#)

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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 [\[https://g6.gwegogledd.cymru\]](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.

01/06/2021 - 09/07/2021	DATE	MEDIUM
Developing a Shared Vision and Planning for Curriculum Change Sessions 2 and 3 (Tywyn, Bro Idris, Moelwyn, Berwyn, Ardudwy)	01/07/2021	Welsh
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Developing a Shared Vision and Planning for Curriculum Change Sessions 2 and 3 (Castell Alun, Connah's Quay, Elfed, Argoed)	01/07/2021	English
Developing a Shared Vision and Planning for Curriculum Change Sessions 2 and 3 (Ruabon, Grango, Darland)	01/07/2021	English
Developing a Shared Vision and Planning for Curriculum Change Sessions 2 and 3 (St David's, Holywell, St Richard Gwyn)	01/07/2021	English
Developing a Shared Vision and Planning for Curriculum Change Sessions 2 and 3 (Brynhyfryd, Dinas Bran & Ceiriog)	01/07/2021	Bilingual (with translation)
Developing Effective Outcomes and Using the Support Sequence (Cohort 8)	01/07/2021	English
Developing Effective Outcomes and Using the Support Sequence (Cohort 8)	06/07/2021	English
Developing Effective Outcomes and Using the Support Sequence (Cohort 8)	08/07/2021	English
Developing Effective Outcomes and Using the Support Sequence (Cohort 8) Session 3	08/07/2021	English
Nurture International: Access to learning for all	08/07/2021	Bilingual



National Leadership Development Programmes



We are pleased to share the dates with you for the next cohorts of the national Leadership Development Programmes.

Please note, in particular, the launch on **01/07/2021** of the **Aspiring Headteachers Development Programme – preparing for NPQH**. This will provide the opportunity for prospective applicants to start on their preparation work. [Click here](#) for more information about the application process. Briefing sessions for prospective applicants will be organised at the beginning of the autumn term and you are strongly advised to attend one of these sessions before applying.

Middle Leadership Development Programme

Applications open	14/09/2021
Deadline for applications	by 1pm on 07/10/2021
Introductory session for successful applicants	w/c 29/11/2021
Programme starts	January 2022
Programme ends	December 2022

Senior Leaders Development Programme

Applications open	21/09/2021
Deadline for applications	by 1pm on 14/10/2021
Introductory session for successful applicants	w/c 29/11/2021
Programme starts	January 2022
Programme ends	December 2022

Aspiring Headteachers Development Programme – preparing for NPQH

Programme launch	01/07/2021
Briefing sessions for prospective applicants	September 2021
Deadline for applications	by 1pm on 22/10/2021
Programme starts	January 2022
Applications for NPQH Assessment	November 2022
NPQH Assessment Centre	February 2023

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](#).



Numeracy Work with GwE Schools Published in US Journal



We were delighted to see the outcomes of one of our collaborative school improvement projects published recently. Over recent years, GwE has been working with the Collaborative Institute for Education Research, Evidence and Impact (CIEREI), Bangor University, to help large numbers of GwE schools use a fluency-based mathematics strategy called Say-All-Fast-Minute-Every-Day-Shuffled (SAFMEDS). Dr Kaydee Owen has pioneered this work for GwE over recent years and has provided valuable training and support for many GwE schools - the SAFMEDS strategy now forms a core part of our Accelerating Skills and mathematics support for schools. We were pleased to hear that Kaydee's SAFMEDS research was published last week in the leading US education journal, the *Journal of Research on Educational Effectiveness*. We'd also like to acknowledge the 63 schools in North Wales that participated in this trial and helped us to identify how we can enhance the quality of ongoing implementation support to improve the outcomes pupils achieve. This project forms part of our wider suite of GwE-CIEREI numeracy and reading projects that are collectively designed to support a more evidence-informed school system.

If you're interested in reading about the work, you can follow [this link](#) to the paper.

Recruiting Assessors from the secondary and special sectors for HLTA (Higher Level Teaching Assistants)

GwE is seeking secondary and special school practitioners to join the team involved in the Higher Level Teaching Assistants (HLTA) Assessment Programme.

As an assessor, you will be responsible for undertaking assessments of candidates who have completed the Aspiring HLTA programme and who are going forward for HLTA status assessment.

For more information and details of how to apply, [click here](#).

Join the Microsoft Innovative Educator (MIE) Expert Programme 2021/2022

Are you a teacher striving to find new ways to engage your learners with technology? If you'd like to connect with a global, professional learning community of other educators just like yourself who are constantly pushing the boundaries of what a classroom looks and feels like, Microsoft would love to have you as a part of their Microsoft Innovative Expert community! They are looking for self-driven educators who are passionate about teaching and learning, who inspire learners with creative thinking, and work in a truly collaborative spirit to share their learning with the world.

The closing date for applications for this years cohort of MIE Experts is on the 15th of July. For more information contact Kellie Goodall at goodallk10@hwbcymru.net or [click here](#) for more information.



Global Future GwE: International Languages

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHERS

Open University- 2021-2022

We are very fortunate to be able to offer primary teachers the opportunity to learn an international language and be trained to teach languages in primary schools through the Open University.

The course is fully funded by Global Futures GwE.

If you, or one of your colleagues in your school, is interested in registering for this course, contact

stephanieelliswilliams@gwegogledd.cymru

Remote Instruction in Language and Literacy (RILL)

HELP YOUR LEARNERS BECOME MORE FLUENT READERS.

Sign up here for the newly available **bespoke evidence-based supplementary reading and comprehension programme for KS2 learners**, available now for all schools across the region. Designed and delivered in collaboration between GwE and reading experts from the Collaborative Institute for Education Research, Evidence and Impact (CIEREI) and the Miles Dyslexia Centre, Bangor University. Signing up to be part of this programme will give you access to **free resources, full training and follow up support**. Allocation of training places will be based on a first come, first served basis. The first available dates for training are w/b 28 June 2021, so hurry and [click on this link](#) for more information, and/or sign up using the link below.

Help your learners become more fluent readers



Remote Instruction in Language and Literacy
www.rillresearch.org
An evidence-based supplementary reading and comprehension programme

Targeted, evidence-driven package to support learners' reading development

Training videos and how-to guides
Guidance on how to access and use resources

RILL is a complete instructional package focusing on principles of reading and comprehension, for in-class and/or home learning
To support children ages 7-10 years old

For more information and to reserve a place on our summer or autumn 2021 RILL training, scan the QR code or click on the link below:
<https://sway.office.com/518AFaMGcPSflmFE?ref=Link>



Improving Pupils' Reading Fluency:

REPEATED READING AND HIGH FREQUENCY WORD STRATEGIES

These are two evidence informed fluency-building strategies designed and delivered in collaboration between GwE and reading experts from the Collaborative Institute for Education Research, Evidence and Impact (CIEREI), Bangor University to help learners in KS2 and KS3 who already have good decoding skills but need to improve their reading fluency in order to improve their comprehension skills. This is a free resource available to all schools across the region and comes with full training and support, on a first come, first served basis, with training dates available from this term and into the autumn term 2021. Please [click here](#) for more information, and/or sign up using the link below.

Improving pupils' reading fluency



Repeated Reading and High Frequency Word strategies
Evidence-informed fluency materials now available in English and Welsh

These are evidence-informed fluency-building techniques to help pupils improve English and Welsh reading skills. They are suitable for learners who already have good decoding skills but need to improve their reading fluency

The materials are suitable for learners in key stage 2 to lower key stage 3 and have been designed by reading researchers and specialist authors

GwE will provide schools with training videos and resources, plus implementation advice
Guidance on how to access and use resources

For more information and to apply, click :
<https://forms.office.com/r/yZnpzyYf6>
Or email:
Dr. Emily Roberts-Tyler
readingfluency@bangor.ac.uk

Help Your Child to Learn with Mike Gershon

Help Your Child to Learn with Mike Gershon is a series of videos, how to guides and cheat sheets, that unlocks the secrets of learning, giving parents the tools, insights and strategies they need to help their children to learn, grow and flourish, no matter what.

This bilingual resource is available, free of charge, to all parents of primary aged children across the region. An introductory video and voucher codes are available from your school SIA.

Help Your Child to Learn with Mike Gershon



The New National Masters in Education

AT BANGOR UNIVERSITY

75 fully funded places on the new National Masters in Education at Bangor University, starting September 2021; Applications open now.

Are you interested in being part of the largest investment in teacher early career professional learning by the Welsh Government?
Are you interested in enhancing your professional knowledge, engaging with research and improving your professional practice as a teacher at Master's level study?

The National MA Education (Wales) is a truly transformative and sector leading programme for early career teachers (years 3-6). We have 75 fully funded places at Bangor University, School of Educational Sciences, with 25 of these ring-fenced for staff in CaBan Bangor ITE / CIERI partnership schools.

This internationally unique programme has been developed in collaboration with expertise from 7 universities across Wales, and a panel of leading international educational experts. The programme is also the first National Masters programme available fully in both Welsh and English. It is designed to enhance your leadership capabilities, encourage professional autonomy, and improve your professional judgement in all contexts and situations. This practice-focused emphasis will equip education practitioners to act ethically, engage critically with research and practice, work collaboratively and respond innovatively to challenges.

Learning will be a fully blended delivery of online synchronous and asynchronous activities, and coursework assignments have been designed to complement the working contexts and schedules of full-time teachers.

For more information regarding programme content, entry requirements and possible financial incentives, please [click here](#).

Regional School Improvement Consortia News and Information

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Mind Cymru Mental Health and Well-being Partnership Programme

The 4 Regional Education Consortia in collaboration with Mind Cymru are offering a facilitated (both in English and Welsh) virtual professional learning opportunity from September 2021 onwards:

Mental Health Awareness Session – For all clusters across the region

This is a 3-hour session to raise awareness of mental health that will also include a take-away pack delivered in groups of 16 delegates. We are targeting 1 or 2 individuals from every cluster across the region. The session is suitable for all staff within the cluster. However the delegates would become the Well-being Programme Partnership Champions, meeting with the Well-being Team bi-annually and providing a channel for programme developments, communications resources and sources of support for dissemination to own cluster.

Mind - Managing Mental Health at work and supporting staff

This is a 3-hour facilitated session, plus learner take-away pack, delivered to groups of 16 delegates in both Welsh and English. This virtual session is targeted at School/Settings Senior Leadership Team Members/GwE and LA. This programme would be subject to evaluation and further cohort's dependent upon initial feedback

[Click here](#) for further information regarding both sessions.

NQT Induction in Wales is changing...

EVERY SCHOOL SHOULD BE NQT READY BY SEPTEMBER 2021

[Click here](#) to see the steps that each School must follow to induct an NQT from September 2021.

For further information, please contact ieuanjones@gwegogledd.cymru



Welsh Government Information and Guidance

SECONDMENT: Professional Advisor - Schools and LAs (PISA 2022 National Coordinator)

The Welsh Government wish to make you aware of a new secondment opportunity : Professional Advisor – Schools and LAs (PISA 2022 National Coordinator). The details of the secondment are available [here](#).

They intend to commence the secondment as soon as possible, and for it to run for two years from the date of commencement. Any colleagues who wish to express an interest in this opportunity should email Huw.Owen@gov.wales, attaching a letter which indicates their interest and sets out their experience and qualification to undertake the role. The letter should be **no more than 500 words**.

The closing date for applications is **5pm on Thursday 15 July 2021**.

Curriculum and assessment reforms. Survey: preparations for 2022

The Welsh Government has commissioned Arad Research and the Open University in Wales to carry out a survey on the preparations by schools and other settings to implement the curriculum and assessment reforms. The [survey](#) is aimed at head teachers, senior leaders and practitioners in schools and non-maintained settings in Wales delivering education. Responses will be used by Welsh Government to identify the type of support required to ensure schools are ready for the planned roll-out of the Curriculum for Wales from 2022. This is a 10-15 minute survey with a closing date of **16 July 2021**. [Click here](#) to take part.

E-sgol Virtual Conference

WEDNESDAY, 7 JULY 2021

Learn more about e-sgol, how schools are developing a blended learning approach, MIEE speakers, information about using Google Classroom and Hwb updates.

[Click here](#) for further details.

Ysbrydoli, Ysgogi, Ymgysylltu

Cynhadledd Dysgu Cyfunol

Inspire, Motivate, Engage

Blended Learning Conference

e-sgol

Consultations on additional Curriculum for Wales guidance

Over the last year, practitioners and other stakeholders have been working to co-construct the specific additions to curriculum guidance signalled in January 2020. Welsh Government has also been preparing draft Codes in line with the requirements of the Curriculum and Assessment (Wales) Act 2021.

They invite your feedback on these drafts by **16 July** as part of our ongoing process of co-construction. Your inputs will be used by the practitioner working groups to help refine the drafts, before the Curriculum for Wales guidance is updated online in the autumn. Links to the consultation documents and response forms are listed [here](#).

Information and Guidance from Others

Become an Academy Associate

APPLICATIONS OPEN!

We are looking for 15 senior leaders from across Wales working in Schools (Headteachers), Youth Work (Senior Leaders) and Post-16 (Senior Leaders) to become the next group of Leadership Academy Associates

DEADLINE: 9 July 2021 - 12:00 [noon]

Further information available [here](#).



Academi Genedlaethol ar gyfer
Arweinyddiaeth Addysgol Cymru
National Academy for
Educational Leadership Wales



Schools Survey - Music Education



The Welsh Government is seeking to develop proposals for music provision, that will build on the findings and recommendations from the 'Arts in Education Review' (2013) 'Hitting the Right Note' report (June 2018), and the 'Music Services Feasibility Study: Final Report' (January 2020). We would value feedback as to how future provision and delivery of music education could best support and impact on learners to access high quality musical experiences and gain the skills to achieve their full potential in the new curriculum. The information collected will be held confidentially by Welsh Government and used to inform proposals for music in education within schools and settings, including option post 16.

Follow [this link](#) to access the survey. The closing date is **16 July 2021**.



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

Planning and Teaching Citizenship and Politics Whilst Maintaining Teacher Impartiality



THURSDAY, 8 JULY 2021 16:00-17:30

What do you do when a learner expresses support for a conspiracy theory in class? How should you manage discussions of politically sensitive issues when teaching?

The Association for Citizenship Teaching is pleased to be hosting this interactive professional learning session on behalf of Welsh Government to support practitioners teaching Citizenship and Politics education. The session will look at scenarios that could arise in our classrooms as well as planning to support Curriculum for Wales 2022. This webinar will be recorded and used as a professional learning resource to support the teaching of this area.

Register by following the link to Zoom: <https://zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tJESd--pqTovGtEUMXtX9uuJDrEgEbKgkWz2>



North Wales Physics Teachers' Conference Bangor 2021



The North Wales Physics Teachers' Conference will again be held online this year. There will be sessions each evening from Monday 5th July until Friday 9th July between 6pm and 8pm.

Anyone who with an interest in teaching Physics is very welcome to join us for these free workshops and talks.

Sessions include Physics in the Movies, Isaac Physics, Misconceptions in Physics, An Introduction to the National Laboratories and the STFC Public Engagement Programme and more.

On Thursday there will also be a very special Teacher Celebration Event, in partnership with the University of Birmingham.

Free registration is via Eventbrite is at:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/bangor-physics-teachers-conference-online-2021-tickets-156006374265>



Y Cliciadur / Clic-It Cymru

The latest issue of the bilingual e-Newspaper Y Cliciadur / Clic-It Cymru is available on the HWB website. Please [click here](#).

To help develop Clic-It Cymru, please fill [this questionnaire](#).

SHRN Secondary School Survey Autumn 2021

In the autumn term 2021, your school has the chance to undertake the SHRN survey, at no cost, to get invaluable health and wellbeing data for use in the school's self-evaluation. The data will help to understand the ongoing impacts of Covid 19 and support a range of educational priorities such as the Whole School Approach to Mental Health and Curriculum for Wales.

Virtual events are being run in June to help health and wellbeing leads to prepare. Registration for the survey will be in July.

[Click here](#) for further details.

Any queries? Contact the team at shrn@cardiff.ac.uk



Summer Term Primary Science Newsletter

[Click here](#) to read the latest Primary Science Teaching Trust Newsletter for GwE schools.

Free Online Courses for Parents: Final Dates for this Term

HELP YOUR CHILD WITH READING

Short, online course for parents and carers of Foundation Phase children or children about to start school.

This online course will help parents and carers of early years children become confident in basic techniques and fun activities to encourage their child in learning to read.

Dates and links to register are available [here](#).

Any questions or for a flyer to send to parents e-mail jane.watkins@adultlearning.wales



CWRE Consultation

Welsh Government has issued a consultation asking for stakeholders' views on guidance to support schools in designing careers and work related experiences (CWRE) in their curriculum for all learners aged 3 to 16.

CWRE Consultation

The consultation ends on 16 July, 2021.

To express your views, please follow the link below:

<https://gov.wales/curriculum-wales-guidance-careers-and-work-related-experiences-cwre>

CWRE Feedback workshops (TEAMS)

Welsh Government is seeking stakeholders to participate in workshops to discuss their views on CWRE. To participate in the workshops, please send an e-mail to: nick.morgan@miller-research.co.uk

WORKSHOP	DATE	TARGET GROUP
4	Thursday 01.07.2021 16:00-17:30	Mainstream and special schools – focus on secondary
5	Tuesday 06.07.2021 14:00-15:30	Mainstream and special schools - focus on PRUs and other EOTAS providers
6	Thursday 08.07.2021 16:00-17:30	All target groups – CATCH ALL session

Bacc / SCC - New Resources

The first of our #ProfessionalLearning resources to support the teaching of citizenship and politics education. [Click here](#).

Interactive activities, videos, animations and lots more new Global Citizenship and Politics resources to support the teaching and learning of the National/Foundation Skills Challenge Certificate. Further information available [here](#).

Technocamps Education Conference 2021: In Touch with Digital

THURSDAY, 4 NOVEMBER 2021 - 13:30-18:00 - LIBERTY STADIUM, SWANSEA

Technocamps is hosting its 2021 Education Conference on Thursday 4 November.

The aim is to bring Wales's digital educators together to share best practice, inform on the newest curriculum changes and promote the available support to them.

The FREE event will be held in-person in the Liberty Stadium in Swansea and live streamed for those who are unable to attend.

Talks will be relevant to both primary and secondary school educators.

[Click here](#) for further information and to register.



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