



# GwE Bulletin

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## MESSAGE FROM GwE



As an education community here in North Wales, I'm sure that we extend our deepest condolences to the family of Jonathan Morgan in their horrific bereavement of losing such a special person so suddenly. We also extend our condolences to the family of Ysgol y Gogarth.

Other members of staff from other schools have had bereavements over the Christmas period and new year and, likewise, we extend our condolences to them and their families.

Wishing you all the best of health as we work together in 2023.

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# GwE PROFESSIONAL OFFER

## Professional Learning Offer

Please register via G6.

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

09/01/2023 - 31/03/23	DATE	MEDIUM
Reading for Pleasure - 3 sessions (Conwy Business Centre)	25/01/2023 02/03/2023 16/03/2023	Bilingual
Mathematics Workshop (Venue Cymru)	03/02/2023	Bilingual
Trauma Informed Schools - WST	06/02/2023	English
Trauma Informed Schools - Biophilia	06/02/2023	English
Workshop for TAs who teach 3-8-year-old learners: developing cross-curricular & integral skills through science (Beaufort Park Hotel, Mold)	06/02/2023	English
Workshop for TAs who teach 3-8-year-old learners: developing cross-curricular & integral skills through science (OpTIC, St Asaph)	06/02/2023	Welsh
Workshop for Teachers who teach 3-8-year-old learners: developing cross-curricular & integral skills through science (Beaufort Park Hotel, Mold)	06/02/2023 20/03/2023	English
Workshop for Teachers who teach 3-8-year-old learners: developing cross-curricular & integral skills through science (OpTIC, St Asaph)	06/02/2023 21/03/2023	Welsh
Workshop for TAs who teach 3-8-year-old learners: developing cross-curricular & integral skills through science (Ramada Inn, Wrexham)	07/02/2023	English
Workshop for TAs who teach 3-8-year-old learners: developing cross-curricular & integral skills through science (Coed y Brenin, Dolgellau)	07/02/2023	Welsh
Workshop for Teachers who teach 3-8-year-old learners: developing cross-curricular & integral skills through science (Session 1 at Ramada Inn, Wrexham; Session 2 at Wrexham FC)	07/02/2023 21/03/2023	English
Workshop for Teachers who teach 3-8-year-old learners: developing cross-curricular & integral skills through science (Coed y Brenin, Dolgellau)	07/02/2023 27/03/2023	Welsh
Workshop for TAs who teach 3-8-year-old learners: developing cross-curricular & integral skills through science (Plas Menai, Y Felinheli)	08/02/2023	Welsh
Workshop for Teachers who teach 3-8-year-old learners: developing cross-curricular & integral skills through science (Plas Menai, Y Felinheli)	08/02/2023 22/03/2023	Welsh
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Workshop for TAs who teach 3-8-year-old learners: developing cross-curricular & integral skills through science (Beaufort Park Hotel, Mold)	09/02/2023	Welsh
Practising Teaching Assistants Programme (2 days)	10/02/2023 & 03/03/2023	Welsh
Practising Teaching Assistants Programme (2 days)	10/02/2023 & 03/03/2023	English
Workshop for TAs who teach 3-8-year-old learners: developing cross-curricular & integral skills through science (Oriol Hotel, St Asaph)	14/02/2023	English
Workshop for TAs who teach 3-8-year-old learners: developing cross-curricular & integral skills through science (Oriol Môn, Llangefni)	14/02/2023	Welsh
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Workshop for TAs who teach 3-8-year-old learners: developing cross-curricular & integral skills through science (Conwy Business Centre)	15/02/2023	English
Workshop for TAs who teach 3-8-year-old learners: developing cross-curricular & integral skills through science (Pwllheli Golf Club)	15/02/2023	Welsh
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Practising Teaching Assistants Programme (2 days)	07/03/2023 & 22/03/2023	English
HLTA DEVELOPMENT DAY	16/03/2023	Bilingual
Practising Teaching Assistants Programme (2 days)	22/03/2023 & 29/03/2023	Welsh

## Professional Learning Offer – Digital Learning

### NATIONAL PROGRAMMES

#### National HLTA Development Day



16/03/2023



09:15 - 15:15



Venue Cymru, Llandudno

A National HLTA Development Day will be held on 16 March for teaching assistants holding HLTA status. This is an opportunity to see examples of effective practice in schools across the GwE region.

*There is no fee for attending the event and costs will be reimbursed.*

**Key note speaker:** Nina Jackson, International Education Consultant.

**REGISTER VIA G6**

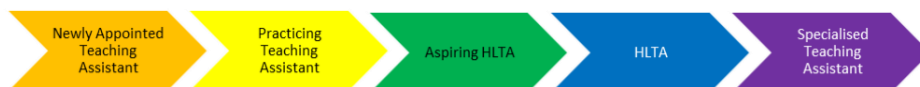


#### Teaching Assistants Learning Pathway

**'PRACTISING TEACHING ASSISTANT'** - a national training programme for teaching assistants with more than two years of experience. *Costs will be reimbursed.*

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

**REGISTER VIA G6**



#### Recruiting Assessors for HLTA Status (Higher Level Teaching Assistant)

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

We are looking specifically for assessors working in Secondary and Special schools, but welcome applications from all sectors.

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](#).

**CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS: 16 FEBRUARY 2023**

#### GwE Regional NQT PL in North Wales (Term 2 and 3)

A Regional Programme will be delivered over the next two terms, with sessions starting in **March 2023**.

Full details available [here](#). *The NQT regional PL programme will be in the GwE Offer within the next week.*

You will need to sign up to the GwE G6 platform to access the regional training **[NOT the national Teams space]**. Details may be found [here](#).

## 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](#).

## Google Classroom for Teaching Assistants

A bank of resources for the professional development of TAs has been developed, including topics such as: Education Workforce Council – using your Professional Learning Passport; Professional Standards for Assisting Teaching; HLTA Status; Curriculum for Wales; Hwb resources; Learning Welsh ..... and many more.

The code for joining the page is **ghlyepw**, using your Hwb e-mail address. Instructions on how to access the page using your Hwb account can be found here: <https://cutt.ly/Google-Classroom-Instructions-for-TAs>

[Click here](#) for guidance on how to use Google Classroom and here for a [link](#) to a voiceover explaining what's included in the Google Classroom.

## GwE NEWS AND INFORMATION

### Oracy for Learning Across the Curriculum 2023

#### 5 DAY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME FOR YEAR GROUPS 5-8

- Suitable for Primary and Secondary school teachers or leaders of years 5 to 8, interested in creating a culture of 'talk for learning' and oracy provision to raise standards across the curriculum.
- Ideally schools will already have the development of oracy as a priority for development.
- You will participate in 2 days of workshops with 'Voice21'; 1 day of further disciplinary oracy (including a specific focus on maths); 1 day of implementation activity in school; 1 day of sharing findings with peers.

Full details available [here](#).

**This programme will be provided through the medium of English, but is available to all schools.**

Declare interest using [this form](#), by **Wednesday, 1 February 2023**

Numbers are limited, therefore if you would like more information, contact:

[vickylees@gwegogledd.cymru](mailto:vickylees@gwegogledd.cymru) / [louiseusher@gwegogledd.cymru](mailto:louiseusher@gwegogledd.cymru)



### Literacy and Numeracy Personalised Assessments

#### Regional Messages Spring 2023

[Click here](#) for the latest regional messages regarding the Spring 2023 personalised assessments.



### Reading for Pleasure

Are you looking to develop a positive culture of reading and reading for pleasure across your setting?

Join us for this bilingual 3-day Professional Learning programme for primary and early secondary school settings.

Full details available [here](#). Register through G6



## DIARY MARKER: Post-16 Leadership Conference

03/03/2023 Conwy Business Centre

We wish to inform the region's Post 16 Leaders that the Post-16 Leadership Conference will be held at Conwy Business Centre, Friday, 3 March, 2023 - details of the programme and registration via G6 to follow in the new year.

## Resources for Parents and Guardians

### Help Your Child To Learn – PRIMARY / YEARS 7 & 8

A comprehensive course for parents of 5-12 year-olds, giving you everything you need to support your child's learning and to help them grow and develop.

RESOURCES: [ENGLISH](#) | [CYMRAEG](#)



### Help Your Teen To Learn - YEARS 9, 10 & 11

A comprehensive course for parents of 13-16 year-olds, giving you everything you need to support your teen's learning and to help them revise and prepare for exams.

RESOURCES: [ENGLISH](#) | [CYMRAEG](#)



PLEASE ASK YOUR SCHOOL SIA FOR A VOUCHER CODE.

## Let's Go Zero + One World's 100 School Challenge

You can sign up and find useful resources using this link:

<https://oneworlduv.com/100-school-challenge/>



## Well-being

### Education Support

Do you want to feel reinvigorated, energised and develop in your role?

[Click here](#) to view the fully funded well-being support for school leaders provided by Education Support.

### Diploma in Trauma and Mental Health-Informed Schools and Communities

#### PRACTITIONER STATUS

GwE 12 :	January 2023	Ysgol Glan Clwyd / Oriel Hotel	<a href="#">Further information</a>
GwE 13 :	April 2023	TBC	<a href="#">Further information</a>
GwE 14 :	June 2023	TBC	<a href="#">Further information</a>

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# WELSH GOVERNMENT INFORMATION

## Child Poverty Strategy Refresh: Engagement Events

Please complete the Smart Survey to express an interest in joining engagement events Spring 2023.

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/5V46UJ/>



Tackling child poverty remains a priority for the Welsh Government, many of the levers for change lie with the UK Government. However, there is action to be taken in Wales to improve the day to day lives of and outcomes for children and young people living in poverty. We want every child and young person, no matter what their family income is, to be able to realise their rights.

We cannot do this alone. We are calling on all our key partners across Wales to mobilise, strengthening the impact of our collective efforts by working together towards a common goal. As part of this work we are refreshing the [Child poverty strategy for Wales: report | GOV.WALES 2015](#).

We're asking you to be part of an important conversation about national priorities for tackling poverty and how these can be delivered in partnership, with local government and the public sector, and with wider partners in Wales.

This is the first phase of engagement work, where we are asking professionals and organisations to provide their views and expertise.

[Written Statement: Publication of the Welsh Government's Child Poverty Progress Report 2022 \(13 December 2022\) | GOV.WALES](#)

[TacklingPovertyAndSupportingFamilies@gov.wales](mailto:TacklingPovertyAndSupportingFamilies@gov.wales)

## INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE FROM OTHERS

### The School Health Research Network (SHRN)

#### SURVEY AND INFORMATION WEBINAR

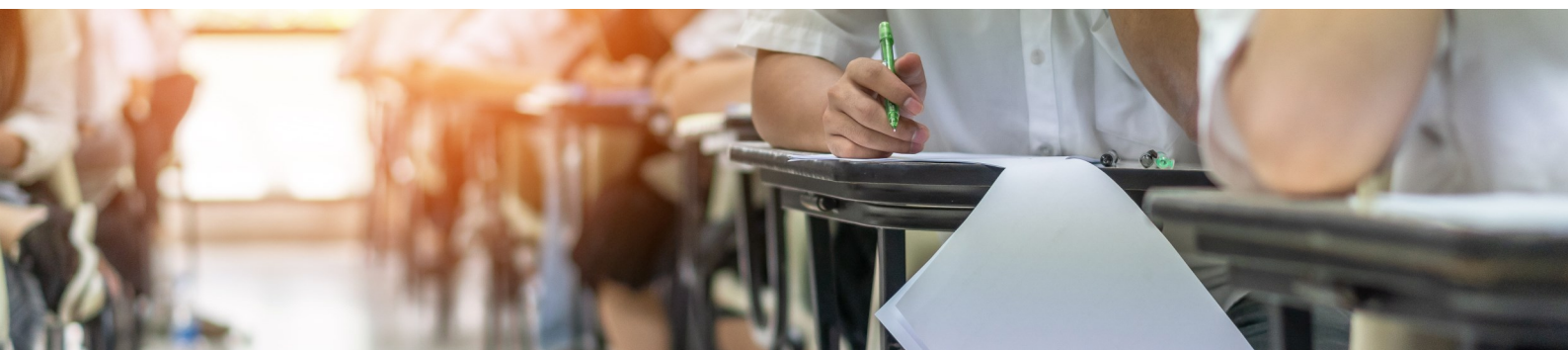
The SHRN brings together secondary schools in Wales with researchers, policymakers and practitioners from health, education and social care to generate and use good quality evidence about health improvement. Recognising the value of this network, Welsh Government has funded work to expand SHRN into primary schools across Wales and we are delighted to be expanding this work even further: [all mainstream Primary schools in Wales received this invitation to take part in the Key Stage 2 Student Health and Wellbeing survey between 30th November 2022 and 31st March 2023](#).

If you are interested in knowing more about how taking part in this survey can benefit your school, [we are hosting an information webinar 3:30 – 4:30 on 19 January 2023](#). It would be great to see you there!

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## Natural Resources Wales

### LIFE ON THE RIVER - A CROSS-CURRICULAR JOURNEY DOWN RIVER

From the water cycle to animal adaptations, the secret life of brown trout to how to build an otter holt this webinar will focus on the Rivers Dee and Taff, but all the activities shared could be used to learn more about any river in Wales or beyond.

Cross-curricular in content, this session will highlight how learners can improve their knowledge about the social and economic benefits rivers offer as well as their environmental plight.

25.1.23, 4.15 pm on Teams – presented in English

26.1.23, 4.15 pm on Teams – presented in Welsh

Anyone interested in attending can find out more and book themselves on by visiting the [NRW Tocyn Cymru webpage](#).



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Natural Resources Wales

## Latest from ALPS

### 'MAXIMISING ACHIEVEMENT' WEBINAR (part of the Alps Champions programme)

Registration via link below.

KS5 Wales 17 January: <https://www.bigmarker.com/alps-education/KS5-Wales-Maximising-Achievement-with-Yr-13-in-final-11-weeks>

### HITTING THE GROUND WEBINARS

The Hitting the Ground webinars for Wales went out live in September.

They are still available for free 'on demand'.

Wales KS5: <https://www.bigmarker.com/alps-education/Hitting-the-ground-running-Senior-Leaders-Autumn-Update-Wales-KS5>

### NOVEMBER ALPS CHAMPIONS WEBINARS FOR KS5.

They are also now available free 'on demand'.

KS5: <https://www.bigmarker.com/alps-education/Using-Alps-Connect-to-track-student-progress-at-KS5>

### NEW BLOG LAUNCH

A new blog for Alps focussing on raising achievement in Year 12 has also been launched:

['Tackling Those Autumn Blues' - Top Tips For Raising Achievement With Year 12 Students - Alps](#)



## Booktrust Cymru: Spring Term News

### Pori Drwy Stori Author and Illustrator Event - Reception Classes



06/03/2023



ONLINE EVENT



BookTrust Cymru will be running an online Author and Illustrator event on 06/03/23 for Reception classes, with the Author and Illustrator of The Bear and Her Book (Yr Arth a'i Llyfr Arbennig), Frances Tosdevin and Sophia O'Connor. Schools will be able to take part in this online event, where Frances will be reading The Bear and Her Book, Sophia will be doing a draw-along and they will answer some of your questions. Please [register](#) as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

## Teaching and assessing maths: A research survey

Researchers at Bangor University are undertaking a survey exploring the views of primary and secondary school teachers, who have responsibility for teaching/assessing mathematics, about their teaching methods. If you teach or assess maths, you can contribute to the survey by completing a short [online questionnaire](#). This should take no longer than 10-minutes.

## Welsh Heritage Schools Initiative Competition 2022-2023

The Welsh Heritage Schools Initiative organises an [annual competition](#) for heritage projects in schools in Wales with numerous monetary prizes and up to £1000 for the winners. This is a wonderful opportunity for your pupils to share their enquires about their *cynefin* with a wider audience, and use their cross-curricular and integral skills! Please get in touch if you'd like to discuss your ideas further. [[bethanjames@gwegogledd.cymru](mailto:bethanjames@gwegogledd.cymru) / [jamesb143@hwbcymru.net](mailto:jamesb143@hwbcymru.net)]



<https://www.whsi.org.uk/>



## Education Workforce Council (EWC)

Click [here](#) for updates from the EWC, including:

- Join the EWC
- Professional Learning Support
- EWC publishes latest workforce statistics
- Professional Development Events
- Educators Wales



## MA Education (Wales)

Bangor University has a **fully funded** MA in Education for teachers as part of their professional learning entitlement.

The course is **delivered in Welsh and English** and is **delivered fully online**. We offer **three pathways** to support different interests: the MA Education Wales, Additional Learning Needs or Leadership.

Funded places are limited, and criteria apply. You can find more details about this [here](#).

If you have any questions, please contact Dr Kaydee Owen (E-mail: [kaydee.owen@bangor.ac.uk](mailto:kaydee.owen@bangor.ac.uk)).

