



GwE Bulletin

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Please share our [BULLETIN](#) with the whole staff team in your school and encourage all your colleagues to subscribe to our [MAILING LIST](#).



A MESSAGE FROM GwE

At the end of another term, we would like to wish you all the best over Easter.

We hope to be able to share information with you early next term regarding the support for schools in 2024/25.



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GwE Professional Offer



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CONFERENCES

Workshops: Developing a deep understanding of the 5 mathematical proficiencies with Gareth Metcalfe – I See Maths

FOR PRACTITIONERS WHO TEACH 3 – 8 YEAR OLD PUPILS

THE WORKSHOP WILL FOCUS ON:

- Developing conceptual understanding of number through a range of pedagogic approaches.
- Creating meaningful mathematical challenges within provision.
- Developing routines to develop mathematical reasoning and problem-solving.
- Teachers will be required to return to a half-day workshop - June 2024. Dates and venues will be shared in Workshop 1.

11/04/2024 Conwy Business Centre

12/04/2024 Holiday Inn, A55 [Chester West]

18/04/2024 Porthmadog Football Club

19/04/2024 Bethesda Rugby Club

[FULL DETAILS AND
REGISTRATION](#)



GwE PROFESSIONAL OFFER

We are delighted to present our [Professional Learning Offer](#) for the 2023-24 educational year. Here you will find information regarding all professional learning available to school leaders and practitioners.




Keep your eye on the [GwE Professional Offer](#) page on our website. The page is updated regularly to include all new events offered by GwE.



NQT REGIONAL PROFESSIONAL LEARNING OFFER: TERMS 2 & 3 [2024]

Please see below the Professional Learning Offer for Newly Qualified Teachers within the GwE region.

[Full details available on our website.](#) Click on the links below to register.

9	Digital Competence	22/03/2024	Oriel Hotel, St Asaph
10	Asesu Ffurfiannol	16/04/2024	Plas Menai
11	Formative Assessment  FULL	17/04/2024	Oriel Hotel, St Asaph



TEACHING ASSISTANTS LEARNING PATHWAY [TALP]



Recruiting Assessors for HLTA Status

[HIGHER LEVEL TEACHING ASSISTANT]

Do you have HLTA status and work in a school in the GwE region?

GwE is seeking practitioners with HLTA status, to join the team involved in the Higher Level Teaching Assistant [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 being assessed for HLTA status.

[For more information and application details, please click here.](#) **CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS: 26/03/2024**

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](#).



GwE NEWS AND INFORMATION



Y GYMRAEG [WELSH]

'Cymraeg mewn Blwyddyn' - What is the Welsh in a Year sabbatical scheme?

WELSH LANGUAGE SABBATICAL COURSES

The Welsh in a Year course, September 2024 - July 2025, is aimed at English-medium primary school teachers.

It develops teachers' personal language skills as well as enabling them to raise Welsh standards throughout the school.

Do you want to register? Closing Date is **22/03/2024** [limited to 14 places]. For further information, please contact your Local authority or SgiliaulaithGymraeg@gwegogledd.cymru

[Link to the advert](#) | [Welsh language professional learning - Hwb \[gov.wales\]](#)



CLOSING DATE: 22/03/2024



Are you Interested in Learning Welsh?

What level are you? [Which level am I?](#)

What's on offer? A wide choice! Including courses tailored for the education workforce. Different learning methods including self-study, and an opportunity to join community-based courses.

[Education Workforce](#) | [Learn Welsh](#)

Need more information? [Contact your Local Authority or GwE.](#)

Welsh entry level course for English-medium primary schools



5 week full-time course



St Asaph Language Centre



3 June – 5 July



Cewri Cymru

The next edition of 'Cewri Cymru' on the theme of the 6 nations will be available as premieres from 9:15am on Monday 4 March, and thereafter at a time which is most convenient for you as schools. Please find links below for the different versions.

[Welsh-medium School Version](#)

[English-medium School Version](#)

[Cewri Cymru Playlist - Every Video](#)

There are 11 different versions of these resources, with something for pupils from Nursery/Reception up to KS3 classes. Please see e-sgol's social media pages for a competition regarding the use of the resource.



GLOBAL FUTURES: INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGES

GwE International Languages Newsletter:

[PRIMARY](#)

| [SECONDARY](#)



HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

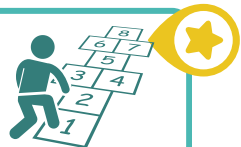
GwE's Health and Well-being Professional Offer

'Play to Learn' Workshop: To deliver enjoyable lessons to improve physical literacy

Porthmadog Football Club

[16/05/2024](#)

8:45-15:15




WELSH EDUCATION CONSORTIA NEWS



[Click here](#) to be directed to the Welsh Education Consortia website that provides information on a range of cross-regional professional learning opportunities that are available to all staff across Wales.

New Facebook group to support Teaching Assistants

The Welsh Education Consortia's new [Facebook](#) group to support Teaching Assistants in Wales is now open!  We'd love for you to join us and let us know what you'd like to see.



Cross -regional Curriculum for Wales Professional Learning Offer

To support all schools and settings across Wales in realising the Curriculum for Wales, a comprehensive professional learning programme has been developed by the cross-regional Professional Learning team

[This](#) pamphlet includes key dates, links to the virtual sessions and links to the recordings.



Equity in Education - Professional Learning

TEACHING AND LEARNING TO SUPPORT VULNERABLE AND DISADVANTAGED LEARNERS

[Click this link](#) to find out more about the resources and how you can use them in your classroom.

Coaching and Mentoring Opportunity

The regional education consortia have been developing a Coaching & Mentoring culture via a national training programme for several years now. This virtual professional learning programme consists of 6 x 3½-hour sessions, held over a period of 6 weeks. A new cohort is being organised for the spring term 2024.

[Please follow this link to additional information and a registration form.](#)

Reflective Space Offer to all Education Professionals

We all need a little well-being support from time to time, an opportunity to stop, unload, reflect and review.

[Please click this link](#) to find out more and sign up to the Consortia reflective coaching support offer.



WELSH GOVERNMENT NEWS



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

Want to Share Your Passion for STEM with the Next Generation?

A great teacher brings the textbook to life and teaches science in their own unique way. Can you inspire the next generation of learners?

Follow: <https://educators.wales/stem> to kick-off your journey.



Consultation on draft statutory guidance on 14-16 Learning in the Curriculum for Wales

The Minister for Education and Welsh Language has launched a consultation on draft statutory guidance on [14 to 16 Learning in the Curriculum for Wales](#). Consultation window will be open until 8 May 2024.

Written statement

[Written Statement: 14 to 16 learning in the Curriculum for Wales – statutory guidance consultation \(28 February 2024\).](#) | [GOV.WALES](#)

Press notice

[Welsh Government wants your views on 14 to 16 learning under the Curriculum for Wales](#) | [GOV.WALES](#)

Curriculum for Wales: Continuing the Journey

We wish to draw your attention to the update of Welsh Government's guidance for schools on planning, implementing and reviewing their curriculum which is now on Hwb:

- Link to guidance : [Curriculum for Wales: continuing the journey - Hwb \[gov.wales\]](#)
- Link to video explaining the key messages: [Repository - Hwb \[gov.wales\]](#)





INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE FROM OTHERS

Meic Helpline Service for Children and Young People

Meic is a bilingual, confidential, non-judgemental helpline staffed by trained advisers offering information, advice, support and advocacy about any issue.

[Follow this link for further information.](#)



National Resources Wales: Health, Education and Learning Newsletter

[March newsletter](#) is out now.



Sky Arts

Kate Sturdy, Ysgol Bryn Gwalia, is one of the new teacher ambassadors for this year's Sky Arts Access All Arts week, running 17-21 June 2024! Access All Arts week is a nationwide arts week for primary schools packed full of free resources, covering 11 artforms, giving pupils the chance to celebrate their creativity.

"I've always loved the arts and believe that it is equally as important as literacy and numeracy in education. After taking part in Access All Arts week with my pupils and seeing how exciting it was for them to be able to explore the arts, I'm thrilled that it's back for a third year and to be involved as a teacher ambassador. To get warmed up ready for the week, my class has got involved in the brand-new competition by creating some amazing bird artwork."

Why not get your pupils involved for the chance of having their artwork featured in a special episode of 'Painting Birds with Jim and Nancy Moir'.

For more information visit: <https://accessallarts.skyarts.uk/competition-page>



Leading in Welsh: The Journey to 2050

 **01/05/2024 | 9:00-16:00**  **Venue Cymru, Llandudno**  [REGISTER](#)

This is to announce the first conference of its kind by the National Academy for Educational Leadership, '[Leading in Welsh: The Journey to 2050](#)'.

The conference is designed for headteachers and senior leaders from schools, the youth work sector and the post compulsory education and training sector. The conference will offer educational leaders from all settings the opportunity to celebrate their successes in developing the Welsh language in their organisations and explore the next steps to realise the ambition of one million Welsh speakers by 2050. [Full details available here.](#)



WJEC: Support the future of digital resources

As we continue to develop a new suite of Made-for-Wales GCSEs and related qualifications, our Digital Resources team is looking for authors and reviewers to support the creation of a new package of learning resources.

These innovative resources will be designed to support the implementation and delivery of our new qualifications, ensuring that they support the ambitions of the new 'Curriculum for Wales'.

Apply today: <https://www.wjec.co.uk/articles/support-the-future-of-digital-resources/>

Deadline: 29 March, 2024.



Training events - "Demystifying Semiconductors: Exploring the Technology behind modern Electronics"

FOR Y10, Y11 AND Y12 STUDENTS

The first event will be at Bangor University on 17/04/2024, with a second confirmed at Cardiff Met University on 24/06/2024. [More to be added asap!].

The events will have hands-on practical activities using the Grove Arduino kit, but also give learners the opportunity to experience life, and teaching at a university. They will be able to speak with other students and staff in a small informal setting, outside of an usual open day.

Anyone who is interested can sign up through CSA Catapult or directly with UKESF through these links:

[Spark their Imagination](#) | [UK Electronics Skills Foundation \(ukesf.org\)](#)

[CSA Catapult - Skills](#)

S4C and BAME Ed Wales - Anti-Racist Wales 2030 Film Competition

FOR PRIMARY, SECONDARY AND SPECIAL SCHOOLS

This is a special opportunity to discuss and learn about ethnicity in Wales.

For further information, go to s4c.cymru/antiracistfilm



CLOSING DATE: 26/04/2024



Careers Wales

[Enterprising Ideas Bank Resource](#)

Careers Wales is pleased to announce the launch of a new teaching resource, the Enterprising Ideas Bank. This resource was developed in collaboration with entrepreneurial role models from the Big Ideas Wales network and contains ideas to inspire, support and encourage entrepreneurship education with younger learners.

[Find out more.](#)

[Enterprise Troopers Challenge: Encouraging Enterprise Online Professional Learning](#)

Please [click here](#) to see the schedule for some online workshops for primary practitioners linked to the national Enterprise Troopers Challenge



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