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HLTA DEVELOPMENT DAY - CELEBRATING SUCCESS

Cylch 7 and Cylch 8: CONGRATULATIONS



A day to celebrate the success and dedication of teaching assistants across the GwE region was held on Wednesday, 22 January 2025 in Venue Cymru, Llandudno

Their tireless dedication and effort paid off. Gaining their HLTA certificate is an extraordinary achievement, and it shows their commitment to educational excellence and their invaluable role in the teaching community.

Congratulations and best wishes to everyone. They have a bright future ahead of them.



GwE NEWS AND INFORMATION

Writing: Primary ages 8-11



DEVELOP THE WRITING JOURNEY WITHIN YOUR SCHOOL

During this 1-day programme, we will explore how to build the small steps of skill development necessary to create purposeful and effective writers in your school. In particular, we will explore how oracy and writing skills are interdependent and how by strengthening oracy, you will create more effective writers.

Course objectives:

- To have a deeper understanding of the writing process and of learner progression
- To have a deeper understanding of how to harness oracy to improve writing
- To be able to effectively use assessment for learning to support progress in writing
- To be further equipped to plan rich and purposeful writing opportunities across the curriculum
- To be able to create a supportive writing environment

ENGLISH: 11/02/2025 | 9:00-15:30 | Linden House, Mold

CYMRAEG: 13/02/2025 | 9:00-15:30 | Penrallt, Caernarfon



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For the latest information from GwE Digital, [click here](#).



Disciplinary Skills – AoLE Focus - Secondary Schools

SECONDARY COLLEAGUES: Need support to recognise rich cross-curricular opportunities in your AoLE?

Description/ Outcomes:

- Support AOLEs to authentically support the progression of literacy, numeracy and digital skills within their discipline.
- Equip middle leaders and classroom practitioners with a clear understanding of how cross-curricular skills are integral to the success of pupils in making progress in their discipline.
- Provide an opportunity for practitioners to work with subject and skills SSIsAs and network with similar subject specialists.

[Full details and registration available here.](#)

Workshops for Nursery/Reception Practitioners and Year 1, 2 and 3 Practitioners



PLANNING AND SHARING PURPOSEFUL OPPORTUNITIES FOR PUPILS TO DEVELOP THEIR LITERACY SKILLS IN AUTHENTIC CONTEXTS, INCORPORATING EFFECTIVE USE OF DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY TO ENHANCE LEARNING

Suitable for: Teachers, Teaching Assistants and Language and Literacy Coordinators

Description/ Outcomes:

- Develop further understanding of effective planning to ensure progression in the development of early language, literacy and digital skills.
- Develop further understanding of effective practice through sharing examples of learning experiences that can be delivered within schools.

1 FULL DAY WORKSHOP: 9:15 -15:30

**** LUNCH WILL NOT BE PROVIDED ****



NURSERY / RECEPTION



YEARS 1, 2 & 3



NEWLY QUALIFIED TEACHERS [NQTs]

NQT Regional Professional Learning Offer: Term 2 [2025]

The following live sessions can be accessed by booking a space on [Eventbrite](#)

SESSION	TRAINING	DATE	VENUE	PROVIDER	MEDIUM
2	Formative Assessment	31/01/2025 *	Business Centre, Conwy	Gwenno Jones	ENGLISH
3	Challenging Behaviour	11/02/2025	Wrexham University	Gavin Cass	ENGLISH
4	Ymddygiad Heriol	13/02/2025	Clwb Rygbi, Caernarfon	Gwyn Owen / Ieuan Jones	CYMRAEG
5	Digital Competence	11/03/2025	Business Centre, Conwy	Hywel Roberts	ENGLISH
6	Cymhwysedd Digidol	12/03/2025	Clwb Rygbi, Caernarfon	Gwion Clarke	CYMRAEG

*** NEW DATE: EVENT RESCHEDULED FOLLOWING CANCELLATION**



RESEARCH AND EVALUATION PROJECTS

Schools Partnership Programme Case Studies – Celebrating the success of GwE Schools



Since 2018, GwE has co-operated and supported over half the region's schools to develop the effectiveness of their peer assessment and supporting improvement systems. The effective partnership with the Education Development Trust has ensured that staff in over 250 schools across the region have received effective training to develop the roles of peer reviewers and improvement facilitators. Through the work of the EDT Senior Research Officer cases studies are now available detailing the success of a number of north Wales schools. These can be viewed on the Schools Partnership Programme website.

Click here to view the GwE case studies: [SPP impact stories GwE - Education Development Trust](#)



Y GYMRAEG [WELSH]

Welsh Language Strategic Planning: Leadership Development Programme

An opportunity for headteachers and leaders to strengthen their understanding of the importance of the Welsh language in their schools. A specific course for Welsh-medium schools, offered cross-regionally.

You can register by using the links below:

[WELSH-MEDIUM SCHOOLS: 06/03/2025](#)

 **NEW DATE**



Welsh Language Sabbatical Courses

WELSH ENTRY LEVEL COURSE FOR ENGLISH-MEDIUM PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHING ASSISTANTS

[5 week full-time course at St.Asaph Language Centre : 02/06/2025 – 04/07/2025](#)



GLOBAL FUTURES: INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGES

GwE International Languages Newsletter: [PRIMARY](#) | [SECONDARY](#)



PRIMARY SECTOR

Embedding International Languages in the primary curriculum

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING TRAINING DAY WITH RICHARD TALLARON, POWER LANGUAGE

27/01/2025 | 9:15-15:30 | Conwy Business Centre, Llandudno Junction.

Another day planned in collaboration between our Global Futures GwE team and our partners at Power Language, this day will aim to provide all primary teachers (language specialists or not as well as complete novices) with more practical ideas to embed languages effectively in their curriculum.

There is no condition or pre-requisite needed to attend the session. Everyone is welcome! Register [here](#).



RAISING THE PROFILE OF LANGUAGES & LEARNING EXPERIENCES

French Pop Video Competition 2025 Institut français

Playful and creative playground for your students (aged 7 to 18) to display their knowledge of French language.

Learn more about the competition [here](#). Register [here](#) by 16/03/2025



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 available to all staff across Wales.

NQT Induction Mentors [IM] and Validators

STATUTORY NQT INDUCTION ARRANGEMENTS FOR INDUCTION MENTOR / VALIDATOR

Follow [this link](#) to view the National Briefing recordings by the National Induction Team and the EWC Presentation.

Cross-regional Curriculum for Wales Professional Learning Offer

[Click here to view the recordings and PowerPoints from the 2023/24 cross-regional professional learning series for the Areas of Learning and Experience.](#)



INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE FROM OTHERS



[Pori Drwy Stori Reception webinar for practitioners](#)

- WELSH-MEDIUM: 29/01/2025 | 15:00-16:00 | [JOIN](#)
- ENGLISH-MEDIUM: 30/01/2025 | 15:00-16:00 | [JOIN](#)

Join Book Trust Cymru for a short informal webinar to learn more about your Pori Drwy Stori Reception Spring and Summer packs delivered to every Reception class in Wales at the end of January 2025.

[Further information available here.](#)



[Cyber Stars](#)

"Cyber Stars" is the latest module in e-sgol's 'E-xpanding Horizons' project for year 5 and 6 learners with a talent for IT. The course will touch on skills that are usually presented in secondary school, so it's important that learners have the ability to cope with content on this level.

[Register your talented learners by 24/01/2025](#)

[Safer Internet Day Assemblies](#)

e-sgol and Hwb are partnering to deliver whole-school assemblies for both primary and secondary schools.

The theme for Safer Internet Day is: 'Too good to be true? Protecting yourself and others from scams online.'

[Register your interest to join on 03/02/2025 and the Safer Internet Day assembly on 11/02/2025.](#)

[Science Project](#)

Thank you to over 120 schools for joining in the first session of the e-sgol and SparkLab Science Project. Mel and Rhi started to guide learners and teachers through a scientific inquiry.

We look forward to continuing with the project on Wednesday.

Watch the first session back here: <https://bit.ly/GwyddoniaethScience>

[Carlam Cymru](#)

[Click here](#) for the latest from Carlam Cymru.



[Royal Academy of Engineering - STEM Projects, Resources & online CPD](#)

The Royal Academy of Engineering, through its Welsh Valleys Engineering Project [WVEP], has developed a set of 10 STEM challenge resources for use in primary and secondary schools. [Full details.](#)



[Practical Learning Event for Teachers](#)

 17/02/2025 | 9:30–15:15  UNIVERSITY OF WALES, BANGOR  [REGISTER](#)

Practical learning event for teachers - emerging technologies, including interactive 360° experiences, AI-driven tools, and innovative green screen techniques. Contribution of £200.00 (inclusive of VAT) per attendee towards supply cover ([see advert for details](#)).

[AI Online Learning Lab Series](#)

Discover the transformative potential of artificial intelligence in education with three upcoming online twilight events from the WCLD, hosted in collaboration with the Curriculum and Pedagogy Collaborative Research Network (CRN). Starting with the fundamentals of AI, the series aims to guide educators through some of its practical applications to enhance classroom engagement and personalise learning. More information about each event can be found via [this link](#).



[Welcome to Your Vote Week 2025](#)

Welcome to Your Vote Week will be taking place from 10/03/2025 to 16/03/2025.

[Sign up now to take part in Welcome to Your Vote Week 2025](#) and receive free resources ahead of the week to help you get involved.



[Enterprise Troopers Primary School Competition](#)

The Enterprise Troopers Competition aims to inspire children's creativity, problem-solving, and team-working skills in a fun environment.

This year, entrants can also win cash prizes for their school! [Full details available here.](#)