

GCSE Welsh Second Language – Key Stage 3

The department has created a new innovative curriculum for KS3 that allows all pupils of all abilities to develop their language skills in readiness for GCSE.

The aim of the programme of study is to ensure that pupils are aware of the use made of Welsh in modern Wales by nurturing a positive attitude towards the Welsh language and culture. Pupils are also introduced to key skills such as proofreading, translation skills, oracy skills, report writing and creative writing that will support their use of Welsh in their communities and in the workplace.



What will we learn?

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9 End of key stage
Autumn Term	<p><u>Croeso i Ysgol Uwchradd Islwyn</u> Revising the basics with a focus on the present tense</p>	<p><u>Gwyliau</u> A study of holidays abroad and in Wales with the emphasis on using the past tense.</p>	<p><u>Adloniant – Ffrindiau</u> A study of friends and friendships and using adjectives to discuss positive and negative relationships. The unit focuses too on making comparisons and looking at similarities and differences.</p>
Spring Term	<p><u>Ysgol – School</u> A study of all aspects of school life with a focus on expressing opinions using both the present and past tense. Comparisons between primary and secondary school will also form part of the unit.</p>	<p><u>Cymru</u> A study of Wales, its language, its communities and its people.</p>	<p><u>Aldonaint – Y Cyfryngau</u> A study of TV both in Wales and in general developing adjectives to discuss programmes and discussing violence on TV and its influence on young people.</p>
Summer Term	<p><u>Cadw'n Iach a heini</u> Keeping fit and healthy with a focus on promoting healthy eating and a healthy lifestyle.</p>	<p><u>Cymreictod</u> A study of Welsh Culture such as the Eisteddfod, politics and famous people.</p>	<p><u>Adloniant Technoleg</u> A study of technology such as the internet, mobile phones, social media along with its place in society and the dangers in can sometimes bring.</p>
Assessment	<p>Pupils will receive a minimum of 2 formal assessment each half term in line with school policy and will be marked using National curriculum levels and sublevels. Positive feedback and advice for improvement will be provided in all formal assessments.</p>	<p>Pupils will receive a minimum of 2 formal assessment each half term in line with school policy and will be marked using National curriculum levels and sublevels. Positive feedback and advice for improvement will be provided in all formal assessments.</p>	<p>All year 9 assessments will contribute towards the end of key stage level. Pupils will receive a minimum of 2 formal assessment each half term in line with school policy and will be marked using National curriculum levels and sublevels. Positive feedback and advice for improvement will be provided in all formal assessments.</p>

Pupils will be assessed according the Welsh Assembly Government level descriptors: <https://s3-eu-west-1.amazonaws.com/hwb-live-storage/ff/9f/57/de/d8f44d238d7e8f64a280a7ee/welsh-second-language-in-the-national-curriculum.pdf>

GCSE Welsh Second Language – Key Stage 4

The new GCSE specification provides experiences that gives all candidates the opportunity to reach their full potential in Welsh in line with their needs and abilities.

The aim of the course is to ensure that candidates are aware of the use made of Welsh in modern Wales by nurturing a positive attitude towards the Welsh language and culture.



Learning Objectives and Outcomes

Studying the Welsh Second Language Course encourages candidates to:

- develop their interest in Welsh and enthusiasm for the language. They should be inspired, stimulated and challenged through the study of a broad, coherent, satisfying and rewarding course.
- develop their confidence when communicating effectively in Welsh.
- develop essential skills while undertaking practical tasks which fulfil the needs of candidates, employers and further education.
- develop their skills to make practical use of the language in order to communicate effectively, usefully and appropriately in the bilingual society of the 21st century.

What is in the exams?

Pupils will have to take four examinations in order to complete Welsh Second Language. There will be 1 in year 10 (25%) and 3 in year 11 (75%).

The department have set up a Google Classroom where your child can access important revision material in preparation for the following exams:

- Year 10 class code: 3j1kl0q
- Year 11 class code: d3hhb3

	Unit 1 – Paired Oral Examination	Unit 2 – Paired Oral Examination	Unit 3 – Reading and Writing	Unit 4 – Reading and Writing
How long is the exam?	10-15 minutes	10-15 minutes	1 hour 30 min	1 hour 30 min
What is in the exam?	Paired oral response to visual and audio stimuli (video).	Paired oral response to visual stimuli – topical exam paper.	Reading, Writing, proofreading and translation tasks.	Reading, Writing only. This paper will contain several short written tasks.
What is the exam worth?	25%	25%	25%	25%
When will I sit the examination?	Around Easter time in year 10. Dates set annually by the WJEC.	Around Easter time in year 11. Dates set annually by the WJEC.	Early May in year 11. Dates set annually by the WJEC.	Early May in year 11. Dates set annually by the WJEC.