
THE CURRICULUM / Y CWRICWLWM

Use of the Welsh Language / Defnydd o'r Iaith Gymraeg

Provision for promoting Welsh was acknowledged as 'sector leading' by the Estyn Inspections in 2012 and 2016, the highest accolade possible. Treorchy is proud of its tradition of having a committed and enthusiastic Welsh Department. This is reflected in the enthusiasm and commitment shown by the pupils themselves.

We often have the largest number of pupils studying Welsh at AS and A' level, not only in the Rhondda Valley, but also in the whole of Wales.

The school and the Welsh Department work closely with The Urdd, Menter Iaith, Cardiff Metropolitan University, Rhondda Cynon Tâf, and Glamorgan University to ensure that our pupils benefit from the best opportunities to speak in both formal and informal activities. Many staff members outside the Welsh Department give their time and energy to help our pupils enjoy themselves in the language, fuelling the pupils' desire to succeed.

At the school, Welsh is promoted in the following ways:

- Welsh is taught to all students in Years 7 to 11.
- Students are encouraged to read in Welsh in assemblies.
- An annual Eisteddfod is held. All students are encouraged to participate and are exposed to Welsh cultural tradition.
- A Welsh Curriculum group has been established with the feeder Primary Schools to assist curriculum continuity.

To develop this continuity and raise the pupils' ability in Welsh, Treorchy Comprehensive School has appointed Specialist Peripatetic Teachers to teach Welsh to Years 5 and 6 in all feeder primary schools.

A range of extra-curricular activities are organised including residential visits to the Welsh Language Centre at Llangrannog. Students are encouraged to use their language skills both inside and outside the classroom.

Bilingualism / Dwyieithrwydd

This academic session (2018/19) pupils who are identified in Year 6 as able pupils in Welsh will enter the school and study four subjects; History, Geography, Physical Education and Religious Education, bilingually and this will continue throughout Key Stage 3.

Complaints Procedure / Cwynion

If you have any complaints regarding the Curriculum being offered to your child, the procedure to be followed is:

- Advise the school in writing, outlining the complaint.
- If you are not satisfied with the response contact the Chair of the Governing Body in writing.
- If you are not satisfied with this response, contact the Director of Education in writing.