

CORE SUBJECT

GCSE Cymraeg Language and Literature (Single Award)

INTRODUCTION

"The Welsh language is one of the treasures of Wales. It is part of what defines us as a people and as a nation." (Welsh Government, *Cymraeg 2050: A million Welsh speakers*, 2017, p.2). It is the Welsh Government's ambition to reach the target of 'a million Welsh speakers' by 2050 and you are one of the million! This is a new and exciting qualification in which you will be studying a wealth of literature that will ignite your imagination, build your enthusiasm and prepare you to communicate and live through the medium of Welsh.

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

UNIT 1 (Narrative) – in this unit you will study a Welsh contemporary novel and learn how to appreciate the contents, characters, themes and plot. You will also respond to the novel in a personal and creative way.

UNIT 2 (Identity) – in this unit you will study visual text i.e. a film or television programme, and you will form a group discussion with regards to the plot, characters and the themes. You will develop your listening and responding skills as well as the skill of communicating confidently in Welsh.

UNIT 3 (Attitudes) – in this unit you will study a collection of poetry to learn how to appreciate their contents, style and messaging. You will also individually present information orally on the text of your choosing.

UNIT 4a (Linguistic Connections) – in this unit you will read a variety of written texts and you will learn how to combine and summarise information. You will also respond creatively to the texts in a variety of different forms.

HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

EXAM – There will be two written examinations worth 60% of the Single Award qualification for units 1 and 4a. The two exams will be 90 minutes long and they will include a variety of comprehension questions, extended responses and the opportunity to write creatively.

NON-EXAMINATION ASSESSMENT – There will be two non-examination assessments worth 40% of the Single Award qualification for units 2 and 3. There will be two oral assessments (individual and group) and one written assessment (coursework).

WHAT SKILLS WOULD I DEVELOP?

GCSE Cymraeg Language and Literature is a core subject which will help you to develop the variety of skills listed below:

- the skill and strategy of learning a language
- reading, listening, speaking and writing skills
- skills related to interacting as part of a pair or group whilst listening to others, expressing an opinion and form conclusions
- written creative skills by reading a wide range of forms
- literary appreciation skills
- public speaking skills
- foster enthusiasm for the Welsh language for further study, in the workplace and in the community.

CAREERS IN THE 'CYMRAEG LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE' FIELD

GCSE Cymraeg Language and Literature – the purpose of this qualification is to inspire you to be citizens that take pride in your nation's culture, history and language. Jobs advertised in Wales often require the ability to speak Welsh as essential or desirable. If you have a GCSE Cymraeg Language and Literature qualification you already have an advantage over others! The ability to speak Welsh is important and advantageous in all areas including education, health and care, the government, media and entertainment, sport, law, marketing and much more. The journey to a million Welsh speakers by 2050 is an exciting one and you are a part of it.

FIND OUT MORE – TALK TO YOUR TEACHER TODAY!