

Core subject

GCSE Core Cymraeg



Do you want to be able to understand and use Welsh, the language of Wales, confidently and spontaneously? Do you want to develop a valuable skill and use Welsh in further study, in the workplace and in your communities? Do you want to be a part of the government's aim and be one of the million Welsh speakers by 2050? This is a qualification that can foster your curiosity, develop your language learning skills and strategies, and open doors to further study and future jobs.

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

You will study **three broad themes of 'cynefin', identity and culture** and within these themes you will learn:

- about the value of the Welsh language socially and in the world of work
- about its use in Wales and around the world
- how to understand and use Cymraeg with others in a spontaneous and confident way
- how to develop skills for work and life
- how to respond creatively to literature.

UNIT 1 (Responding to a Visual Stimulus) & UNIT 2 (Responding to Various Sources)

In these speaking and listening units you will learn how to understand and use Welsh with others in a spontaneous and confident way by:

- watching visual stimuli (Unit 1)
- looking at various sources for example, graph/chart, facts and/or statistics and images (Unit 2)

UNIT 3 (Preparing for the Future) & UNIT 4 (Literature and Creative Writing)

In these units you will develop both skills, reading and writing, by responding to non-verbal reading and writing texts, practicing and responding to a variety of language forms, as well as:

- learn essential skills for the future such as translanguaging and translating (Unit 3)
- study short stories and set poems (Unit 4)

All units will be based on the three broad themes.

HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

EXAMINATION

There will be two written examinations:

Unit 3 – 1 hour 30 minutes; 100 marks; 25% of qualification.

Unit 4 – 1 hour 30 minutes; 100 marks; 25% of qualification.

There will be a variety of reading tasks with non-verbal and written responses in both units along with descriptive, persuasive, poetic writing and express opinions tasks (Unit 3) and creative writing tasks (Unit 4).

In Unit 3, translanguaging and translating tasks will be assessed in each series. In Unit 4, one set text (from the two poems and two short stories) will be assessed in each series. You will be told before the exam (Unit 4) which set text will be used in each series.

NON-EXAMINATION ASSESSMENT

There will be two non-examination assessments:

Unit 1 – one oral assessment for pairs (6-8 minutes) / group of three (8-10 minutes); 50 marks; 25% of qualification.

Unit 2 – one oral assessment for pairs (6-8 minutes) / group of three (8-10 minutes); 50 marks; 25% of qualification.

WHAT SKILLS WILL I DEVELOP?

- **Speaking and Listening Skills**
You will develop your speaking and listening skills to be able to communicate, interact, express and justify opinions and ask and respond effectively to questions.
- **Reading and Writing skills**
You will develop your reading and writing skills to be able to understand and respond to different types of written language in various forms including work-related language and responding to literature.
- **Analysing skills**
You will develop your analytical skills to respond critically, evaluate relevant points and develop ideas in texts and spoken communication.

CAREERS IN CORE CYMRAEG

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Jobs advertised in Wales often require the ability to speak Welsh as essential or desirable. If you have a GCSE Core Cymraeg qualification and if the other candidates applying for the post do not have this qualification, you have a head start.

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. You can even get a job in Patagonia in South America if you can speak Welsh!

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