

CYMRAEG/WELSH

WJEC A LEVEL

The course aims to prepare you to play an appropriate role in a bilingual Wales. It will help you to develop a high understanding of both the language and culture of Wales. The units studied are varied and significantly different to those from the GCSE course. You will, for example, develop your speaking, reading and writing skills by studying a variety of texts. The course aims to challenge your perception of Wales and her language and to encourage you to form your own mature opinions.

The Course Involves:

Year 1

AS Unit 1: Film and Oracy

AS Unit 2: Write 3 Extended Pieces (1,500-2,000 words in total)

AS Unit 3: The Use of Language; Poetry

Year 2

A2 Unit 4: Drama and Oracy

A2 Unit 5: The Welsh Language in Society and Translanguaging

A2 Unit 6: The Use of Language and the Short Story

Assessment

- **AS Unit 1** - Speaking about a Film - 15%
- **AS Unit 2** - Non-exam Assessment - 10%
- **AS Unit 3** - Writing Exam 2 hours - 15%

Assessment (cont.)

- **A Level Unit 4** - Speaking about a Play - 25%
- **A Level Unit 5** - Written Exam 2 hours - 15%
- **A Level Unit 6** - Written Exam 2 hours - 20%

Particular Subjects, Skills or Interests

A Level Welsh is a challenging but rewarding course, therefore, it is important that you have an interest in the language. You will learn about a variety of topics which you will not have studied at GCSE, making this an interesting course. You will need to have at least a B/6 grade in GCSE Welsh.

Study Visits/Fieldwork

During year 12 and 13 a visit to Glan-Llyn is available. This involves a 3-day residential at the annual sixth form conference.

Post-18 Opportunities

A Level Welsh is a well-respected qualification which can help you find your future career both in and out of Wales. It can lead to employment in a variety of sectors such as the media and law and a variety of public services such as the police, local and national government and education.

There are great advantages in being bilingual. Welsh law expects public services to treat Welsh and English on an equal basis so there has been a rise in the demand for people who can communicate in both languages. Twice the language, double the skills.

Subject Leader: Mrs G Goodchild

Subject Champions

2021/22



Eryn Jones

Studying: Welsh Baccalaureate, Biology, Physical Education and Welsh.

Future aspirations: to study Forensic Biology at university.

Jess Owen

Studying: Welsh Baccalaureate, Biology, Psychology and Welsh.

Future aspirations: to study Midwifery at university.

“At A Level Welsh a wide range of topics are studied over Years 12 and 13. We study literature, aspects of Welsh history and how the language is used in modern society. We use a broad range of skills to improve our ability to communicate in Welsh and have to apply thinking skills to decipher language frequently.”