

# Curriculum Booklet KS4

## Subject: Welsh First Language GCSE



This course is equivalent to 1 GCSE. This GCSE in Welsh language promotes an integrated approach to oracy, reading and writing so that writing and oracy work are stimulated by reading experiences. All texts in the examination will be 'unseen', that is, learners will not have studied the examination texts during the course. GCSE Welsh language will focus primarily on providing learners with the skills and abilities they need to take active and responsible roles in their communities, everyday life, the workplace and in educational settings.

### Year 10.

Term 1:- Focus on the theme "Rhyfel/War". Pupils study a variety of forms of writing as well as some aspects of the history of Wales in the War. Pupils also learn about Hedd Wyn a famous Welsh poet. Pupils sit an internal examination on the theme during lessons before Christmas.

Term 2:- Pupils study the theme "Ieuenctid/Youth". The main focus this term is on the individual speaking assessment which is 15% of their overall GCSE grade. Their presentation is based on a topic of choice from five different themes including Wales, Leisure, The World of Work, The World of Science, Technology, and Citizenship. The presentation should last for 5-7 minutes.

Term 3:- Pupils study a variety of forms once again under the theme "Cymru/Wales". There will be a focus on completing comparison and summarising questions in preparation for the Unit 3 internal examination that the pupils sit in the summer of year 10.

### Year 11.

Term 1:- Pupils will work towards completing the second oracy presentation within a group (2-3 pupils) on a chosen topic set by the WJEC.

End of Term 1 and Term 2:- Pupils will practise their examination skills. They learn how to answer specific examination questions including comparison and summarising questions.

Term 3:- The focus is placed on preparing the pupils for the two written external examinations.

#### Assessments.

Two oracy tasks are assessed internally (one in year 10 and one in year 11). There are also two written examinations which are assessed externally, (May of year 11.)

Unit 1: Non-examination assessment Oracy 30%

Task 1 (15%) – Individual Researched Presentation (40 marks)

Task 2 (15%) – Responding and Interacting (40 marks) One group discussion based on a written and/or visual stimuli provided by WJEC to initiate the discussion.

Unit 2: External assessment (Reading and Writing): Description, Narration and Exposition 35% (2 hours).

Unit 3: External assessment Reading and Writing): Argumentation, Persuasion and Instructional 35% (2 hours).

Exam Board –WJEC/CBAC

Course Title: - WJEC GCSE in WELSH LANGUAGE

#### Website:-

[http://www.wjec.co.uk/qualifications/welsh-first-language/r-welsh-language-gcse/?language\\_id=1](http://www.wjec.co.uk/qualifications/welsh-first-language/r-welsh-language-gcse/?language_id=1)