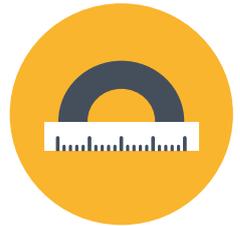




A young person's guide to the new Curriculum for Wales



Mae'r ddogfen yma hefyd ar gael yn Gymraeg.

This document is also available in Welsh.

Education is changing



Our world is changing fast and the Welsh Government wants to make sure you have the knowledge, skills and experience to make the most of life.

Teachers and experts who are interested in education are working together to develop your new curriculum.

It isn't just about what you learn, it's also about **how** you learn and **why** you're learning things.



It's designed by teachers

Using guidance that other teachers have written, your teachers are planning what you'll learn.



It's designed for all young people

The new curriculum will give more creative lessons with real-life meaning. It will match your needs and encourage you to reach your full potential.



It's designed for a fast-changing world.

Knowledge is really important, and the new curriculum will also give you the skills and opportunities you'll need to make the most of life.

The four purposes

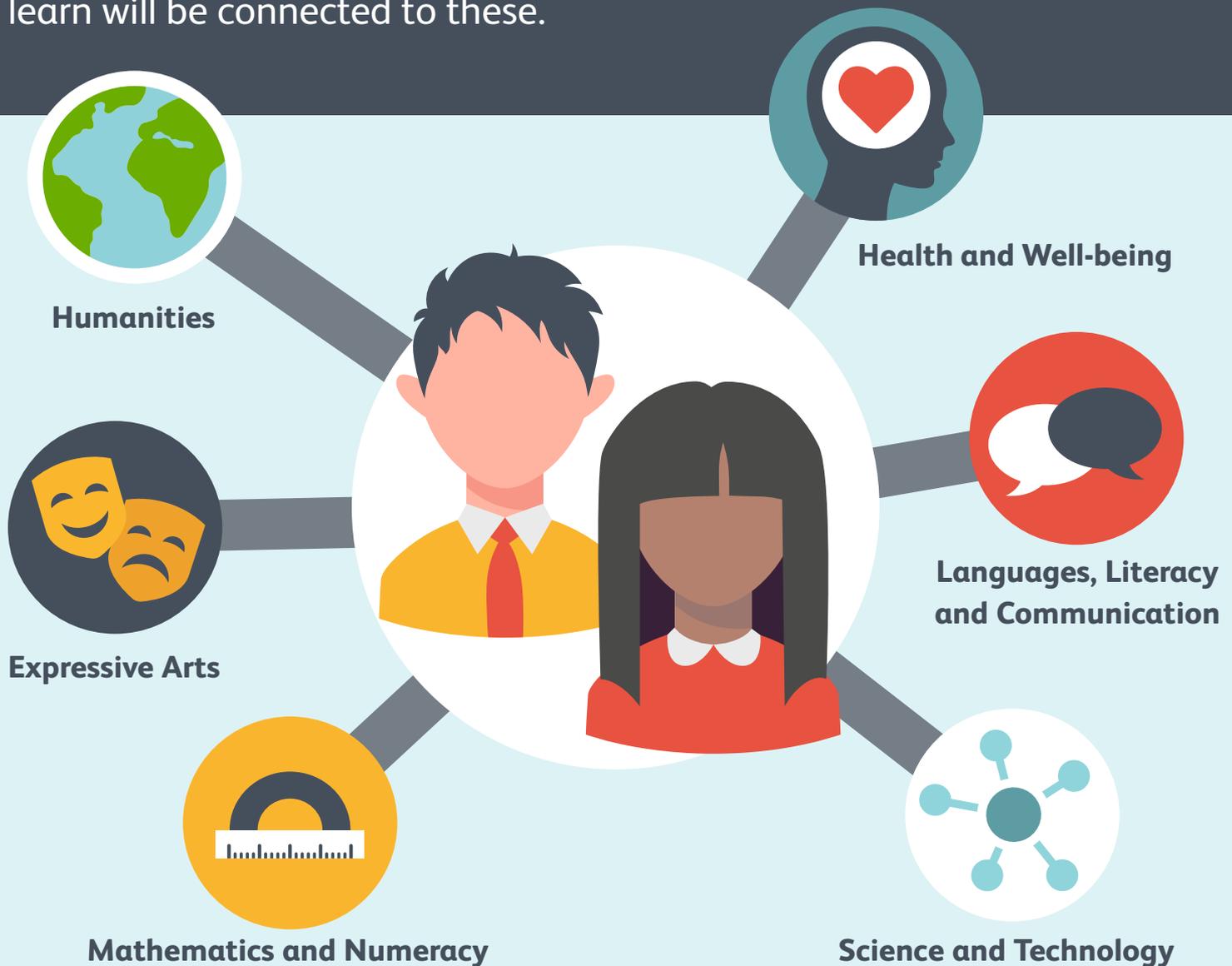
Your school will help you to be:

- an ambitious, capable learner, ready to learn throughout your life
- an enterprising, creative contributor, ready to play a full part in life and work
- an ethical, informed citizen, ready to play your part in Wales and the world
- a healthy, confident individual, ready to lead a fulfilling life as a valued member of society.



Areas of learning and experience

As well as literacy, numeracy and digital skills, there are **six areas of learning and experience**. Everything you learn will be connected to these.



The curriculum will also include:

- human rights
- diversity and respecting differences
- experiences and skills for careers and the workplace
- learning about things on a local, national and international level
- relationships and sexuality education appropriate to your development.

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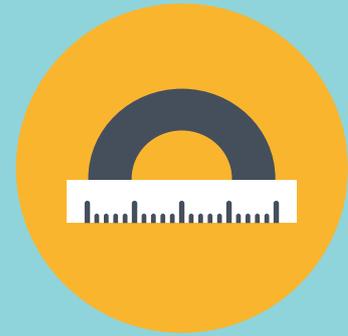
Expressive Arts

Exploring art, dance, drama, film and digital media, and music.



Humanities

Learning about the world, society and events in the past and present. Exploring the challenges and opportunities that face us, and the actions we can take to safeguard the world and its people in the future.



Mathematics and Numeracy

Understanding numbers. Using symbols in maths. Exploring shapes and measurement. Learning about statistics and probability.



Health and Well-being

Learning how to look after your body and your mental health including your emotional well-being. Learning about healthy relationships and healthy eating.

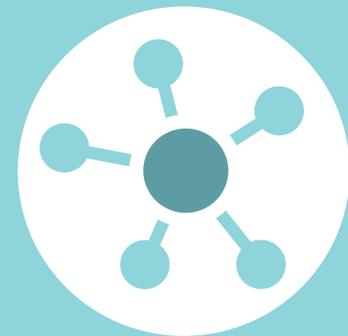
Understanding how to make good decisions and deal with influences.



Languages, Literacy and Communication

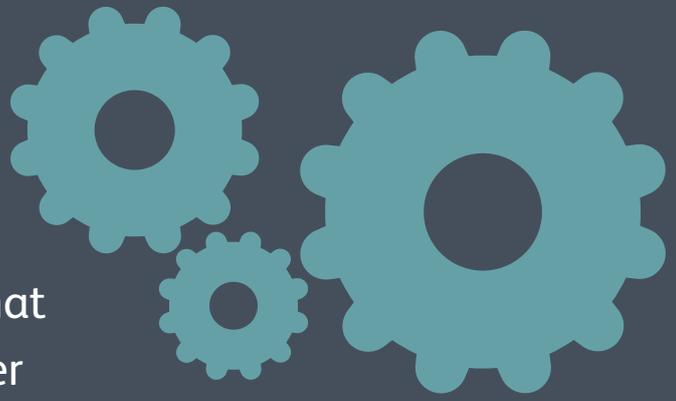
Learning about languages. Understanding and using Welsh, English and other languages.

Communicating in spoken, written or visual form. Studying and creating literature. This could include poetry, drama, film, fiction and non-fiction.



Science and Technology

Understanding the importance of science and technology. Learning about design and engineering, living things, matter, forces and energy, and how computers work.



What Matters

Your learning should focus on things that matter for you now and that will matter to you when you're an adult.

Statements of what matters in learning are in each area of learning and experience. These help you and your teachers think about what you're learning. As you learn, you'll see how topics link to each other, to work and to life.

Important skills for life

You will learn important life skills.

Creativity and innovation skills

You'll explore and use your imagination, create plans and find solutions.

Critical thinking and problem-solving skills

You'll ask questions, look at evidence, make decisions and learn to solve problems.

Personal effectiveness

You'll learn to make the most of your time and talents. You'll get support to improve your self-confidence, become aware of different views and learn from your mistakes.

Planning and organising skills

You'll learn to manage your time, set goals, make decisions and check your work.

An example of how this works

In the Science and Technology area of learning and experience, one of the statements of what matters focusses on:

'The world around us is full of living things which depend on each other for survival.'

As you learn more, you may think about this differently:

- I know that there are endangered animals
- I understand that what I do has an impact on the environment, people and animals
- I can identify ways to reduce the impact of climate change on the environment, humans and animals.

Learning in a way that works for you

Learning will be a different journey for everyone.

You will move forward when:

- you've learned something
- you understand more
- your communication skills grow and
- your skills improve.

There may be times when you:

- move forward quickly
- slow down to make sure you understand a topic or because you discover something that interests you.

Learning isn't always linked to your age. It won't happen in the same way, or at the same time for everyone.



Assessment

You and your teachers assess what you've learned all the time and it's an important part of learning.

It is important to:

- help you see where you're up to in your learning
- help you plan your next learning steps
- spot any extra support you need



to help your teachers to:

- encourage and support you to keep improving and
- see how well the whole class is doing.



Your school will also work with your parents or carers to make sure that you have the help you need to move forward.

Qualified for the future

In the future, as well as the qualifications people can study for now, you may also be able to choose other subjects such as World of Work, Financial Capability, Careers Development, Equality and Diversity, and First Aid.

There may also be different types of assessments, for example, digital technology might be used.

Getting ready

It's exciting to have a new curriculum for Wales.

Your school and teachers are already preparing for it.

It starts from **September 2022** in most schools, and is being extended each year until **September 2026**.



You, your parents or carers and your community are able to help develop your school's curriculum. Everyone working together will help you get the best education and prepare you for your future.

If you want to know more ask your teachers.



A **British Sign Language (BSL) video for children, young people and families about the Curriculum for Wales and BSL in the curriculum** is available on Education Wales YouTube channel.

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