

Welsh early years specialists



WJEC

Health and Social Care and Childcare GCSE:

- Can be studied for a single or double award
- Units include:
 - » Human growth, development and human welfare
 - » Promoting and maintaining health and welfare
 - » Childcare in the 21st Century
 - » Promoting and maintaining health and welfare to achieve positive outcomes within Childcare
- The course will be introduced and assessed through the medium of Welsh.
- Methods of assessment include exams and research reports.
- Progression from this qualification higher-level courses in Childcare, Play, Learning and Development may be studied.



The following two courses must be studied in order to gain a qualification Level 2/3 Diploma in Children's Care, Play, Learning and Development

WJEC Level 2

Children's Care, Play, Learning and Development: Core

This course is studied side by side with the Level 2/3 Children's Care, Play, Learning and Development: Practice qualification.

- Five compulsory knowledge and understanding units must be completed
- The course will be presented and assessed through the medium of Welsh
- The methods of assessment include three externally-set, scenario-based internal assessments; and one multiple choice test which is marked externally



City and Guilds Level 2/3

Children's Care, Play, Learning and Development: Practice

This course is studied side by side with the Level 2/3 Children's Care, Play, Learning and Development: Core qualification.

- Need to be in a childcare setting 2/3 days a week
- Need to complete 700 hours in the setting during the year
- Includes compulsory and optional units.
- Methods of assessment include a series of externally-set, internally-marked tasks; an evidence portfolio and professional discussion.
- Progression from this qualification into the world of work classroom assistant, Cylch Meithrin leader, Nanny, Foundation Phase assistant.







Level 3

Children's Care, Play, Learning and Development: Practice and Theory

This qualification is suitable for everybody who wants to work in childcare, learning or development settings or services in Wales.

The qualification enables students to develop the knowledge and skills needed to work or continue their studies in the field of Childcare.

- 2 year course
- 2 school-based days with an experienced tutor
- 2 days on placement within a Cylch Meithrin, Welsh-medium Primary School or Welsh-medium Day Nursery

This knowledge and practice course is the equivalent of $2 \times A$ -levels. The following UCAS points are available for this qualification:

Grade	Points
Distinction*	112
Distinction	96
Merit	64
Pass	32

Knowledge and Information

Includes 7 units which are assessed through:

- 3 x Case studies
- Multiple choice test
- External examination
- Investigation

Practice

It is mandatory for learners to complete at least 700 hours in a work placement in order to complete the qualification.

The assessor will visit the location to assess the learner's suitability to work with children. The methods of assessment include:

- evidence portfolio
- observed practice
- professional discussion

Completion of this qualification offers a suitable foundation for Early Years studies, education or nursing at university level.

The learner will also be qualified to work in different Childcare and Education settings.







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Health and Social Care and Childcare Advanced Subsidiary and Advanced Levels

- Learners will follow a wide range of Health and Social Care and Childcare studies at AS level, and then a Childcare pathway at the Advanced Level.
- AS Learners study two units:
 - » Promoting health and welfare
 - » Supporting health, welfare and resilience in Wales
- Advanced Level Learners study:
 - » Promoting health and welfare
 - » Supporting health, welfare and resilience in Wales
 - » Theoretical perspectives on children and young person's development



- » Supporting the development, health, welfare and resilience of children and young people
- Two externally-set, internally marked assignments must be completed, in addition to two external exams.
- The following UCAS points are available for this qualification:

Grade	Points
A*	56
Α	48
В	40
С	32
D	24
E	16

 Completion of this qualification offers a suitable foundation for Early Years studies, education or nursing at university level.













"I've enjoyed learning about different ways of supporting children. I've been supported by my tutor and have been involved in First Aid training. Having completed the course I have received a job in a local Welsh nursery and I hope to do the Extended Level 3 course ... and in the future, be a Foundation Phase teacher."

Kasey-Jane Richards, a former Level 3 former pupil at Ysgol Maes y Gwendraeth

"I have enjoyed supporting children
from other countries to learn the Welsh
language and also to plan activities in my
setting. After completing the course I'm
setting to Cardiff University to study
going to Cardiff University to study
"Health and Community"

Aron Jones, ex-pupil Level 3 Diploma,
Ysgol Bro Myrddin

"I would suggest these courses because I've enjoyed them, I've been in different locations such as nurseries, primary schools and special needs schools and I've got a job out of it.

Since I finished the Level 2, 3 and Extended courses, I went on to Trinity Saint David University to study an Early Years degree."

Amy Stewart, ex-pupil Level 2, 3 and Extended Diploma, Ysgol y Strade

"The experiences that the (Cam wrth Gam) courses offer provides a firm foundation for students before they start a degree ... it expands skills and helps students to connect theory with experiences. We highly recommend the Cam wrth Gam courses as a solid foundation before pursuing a degree course."

Sioned Saer, Early Years Lecturer, Trinity Saint David University "Ysgol Glan y Môr is very pleased to be part of Cam wrth Gam's School Scheme within Mudiad Meithrin for the first time this year. This scheme gives our pupils a great opportunity to learn new skills, gain experience and succeed in a Childcare qualification. By working with Mudiad Meithrin we are opening the doors to excellent experiences to our pupils and giving them the opportunity to experience an area that employs many people locally, all through the medium of Welsh."

Mr Guto Wyn, Deputy Headmaster, Ysgol Glan y Môr

"The Level 3 Diploma in Children's Care, Learning and Development offers a good balance of academic and practical work with the learners having a real, practical experience of the field that spurs them on to succeed. The Cam wrth Gam provision offers learners excellent opportunities to continue their studies through the medium of Welsh. In the past, we would have lost these learners to the English sector. It is our responsibility as a School to meet the needs of the local labour market and learners see the value of studying through the medium of Welsh."

Mr Meurig Jones, Head of Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Llangynwyd