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# Our Welsh Community

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# WELCOME

Welcome to Pembrokeshire College! We are delighted that you have chosen to study with us. This booklet is your gateway to exploring our vibrant Welsh Community and all the exciting Welsh and bilingual opportunities that await you this September.

Our dedicated Welsh Language Team is here to support you every step of the way. Whether you have questions, need guidance, or simply want to get in touch, don't hesitate to e-mail us at [cymraeg@colegsirbenfro.ac.uk](mailto:cymraeg@colegsirbenfro.ac.uk) or come and see us in person.





We can't wait to welcome you to our community and support you in developing and utilising your Welsh language skills, no matter your current level, at Pembrokeshire College!

**Maintain language skills:**

Building on skills that have already been nurtured in school, ensuring continuity and progression on to further study or into the world of work.

**Career opportunities:**

Many employers value Welsh language skills, offering more job opportunities in Wales and beyond.

**Bilingual advantage:**

Being bilingual can enhance cognitive abilities, improve understanding of the subject as you learn, improve multi-tasking, and boost problem-solving skills.

**Cultural identity:**

Embracing Welsh helps maintain a strong connection to your cultural heritage and identity.

**Community engagement:**

Using Welsh allows you to participate more fully in local events, traditions, and communities.





# Welsh... **Why?**

Here are several reasons highlighting the benefits of engaging with Welsh language and culture opportunities at the College:



## **Cultural preservation:**

Speaking Welsh helps preserve the language for future generations, keeping it alive and vibrant.



## **Networking:**

Knowing Welsh can expand your social network, helping you connect with a wider range of people.



## **Mental health:**

Engaging with your cultural language can foster a sense of belonging and improve overall mental well-being.



## **Creativity:**

Being bilingual enhances creativity and thinking outside the box.



## **Global perspective:**

Being bilingual in Welsh and English can make it easier to learn additional languages and understand different cultures.







# DISCOVER THE VARIOUS WAYS TO USE YOUR WELSH LANGUAGE SKILLS AT COLLEGE!

We actively encourage all Welsh-speaking learners to maintain and enhance their Welsh language skills throughout their studies. Here are several opportunities where you can apply your Welsh:

## Weekly Welsh sessions:

Many courses offer weekly Welsh sessions focused on workplace language skills, delivered by our Bilingual Support Tutors. These sessions cater to learners of all proficiency levels, providing a supportive environment to strengthen your Welsh language abilities.

## Additional support:

Receive personalised Welsh language support from the Bilingual Support Tutors. They offer guidance on both written and spoken Welsh, and provide

access to Welsh and bilingual learning materials. Additionally, they can introduce you to digital resources, tools, and apps designed to enhance your proficiency in using Welsh throughout your learning journey.

Embrace the opportunity to strengthen your Welsh language abilities at Pembrokeshire College and prepare for a future enriched with bilingual proficiency!







## The College's Welsh Language Award

Each year, we recognise a learner who has demonstrated dedication to using Welsh in their coursework or other areas of their learning. By actively engaging with Welsh, whether through completing coursework or participating in other learning activities, you could be eligible to win the Welsh Language Award. The winner will receive a prize of £150, along with recognition for their commitment to bilingualism and Welsh culture. Why not grab this opportunity to showcase your Welsh language skills and strive for the award? Embrace the challenge, demonstrate your proficiency, and potentially walk away with the prize!

## Welsh Language Ambassador

Become a Welsh Language Ambassador and unlock a world of exciting opportunities at Pembrokeshire College! As an Ambassador, you'll play a key role in raising the profile of Welsh language and culture within our community. This paid position isn't just about earning; it's a chance to cultivate new skills, gain invaluable experience, and connect with peers across the college. Whether you are passionate about promoting bilingualism, enhancing your leadership abilities, or expanding your network, this role offers it all.

Applications open in September. Don't miss out on this unique chance to make a lasting impact while embarking on a rewarding journey with us as a Welsh Language Ambassador!

**Photos:** Welsh Ambassadors Amy-Lee and Bedri



**GET INVOLVED WITH  
THE URDD...**





At Pembrokeshire College, we strongly encourage our learners to participate in Urdd activities, particularly the Urdd Eisteddfod competitions. These events are not just about competition; they are about celebrating Welsh culture, creativity, and talent.

**A year of achievements:** We are incredibly proud to share that this year has been a very successful one for our talented learners, winning an impressive 19 gold, silver, and bronze medals in the National Urdd Eisteddfod. From music to art, design and technology, their achievements reflect the dedication and excellence that we foster here at Pembrokeshire College.

## Why participate?

**Showcase your talent:** The Urdd Eisteddfod is the perfect platform to demonstrate your skills and creativity. Whether you excel in performing arts, literature, or visual arts, there's a category for you.

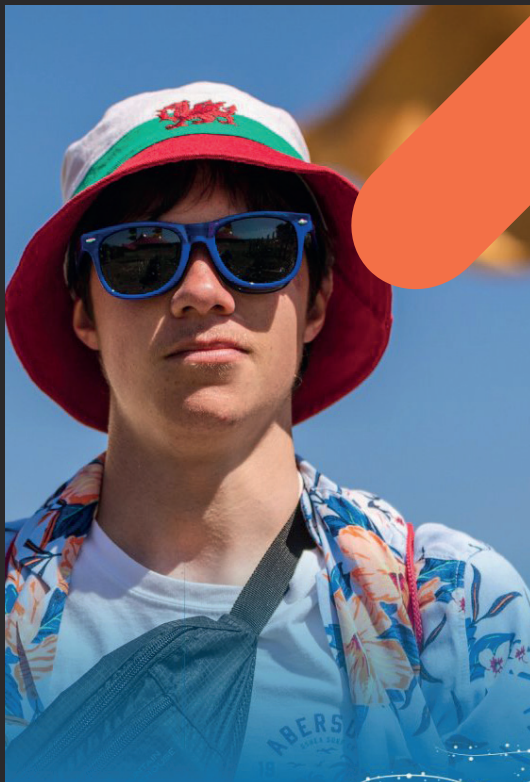
**Springboard to success:** Participating in Urdd competitions can be a significant stepping stone for your future endeavours. It is an opportunity to gain recognition, build your confidence, and open doors to further opportunities in your chosen field.

**Cultural engagement:** Being part of Urdd activities helps you connect more deeply with Welsh culture and heritage, enriching your educational experience and personal growth.

**Community and friendship:** Joining Urdd events means becoming part of a vibrant community of young people who share your interests and passions. It is a chance to make new friends and create lasting memories.

**Join us and make your mark!** We invite you to take part in Urdd activities and be a part of this incredible journey. Who knows? Next year, it could be you standing on the podium, celebrating your achievements and making your college proud.

# GET INVOLVED IN 'CELEBRATING WALES' **EVENTS...**



We are passionate about celebrating Wales' rich language and culture. Each year, we organise a series of events that invite all our learners to get involved, learn, and have fun. Here are some of the key events you won't want to miss:





**Shwmae Day – 15 October:** Kick off the celebrations with Shwmae Day, where everyone is encouraged to greet each other with a cheerful “Shwmae!” and embrace the Welsh language. Learners will be invited to join in fun activities.

**Welsh Rights Day – 7 December:** Celebrate Welsh Rights Day with us as we promote the use of Welsh in the College through various activities, workshops and competitions to highlight the importance of language choice when providing services.

**Santes Dwynwen Day – 25 January:** Experience the Welsh equivalent of Valentine’s Day! Santes Dwynwen Day is all about love and friendship. Enjoy themed events, storytelling sessions, and craft activities that celebrate the spirit of Welsh romance and tradition.

**Welsh Music Day – 9 February:** Discover the vibrant world of Welsh music through activities such as creating playlists, listening sessions, competitions and live performances! It’s a fantastic opportunity to appreciate the diverse sounds of Wales.

**St David’s Day – 1 March:** Join us for a grand celebration of St David’s Day, honouring the patron saint of Wales. The day is filled with cultural activity, a craft fair and an opportunity for you to dress in your best Welsh attire!

**College Eisteddfod Week – March:** Immerse yourself in the rich tradition of the Eisteddfod during our College Eisteddfod Week. Participate in various competitions, including music, dance, poetry, and art and showcase your talents.

**Urdd Peace and Goodwill Day – 18 May:** Celebrate Urdd Peace and Goodwill Day with activities that promote peace, friendship, and goodwill. Join us in spreading positive messages and participating in community projects.

These events offer a great opportunity to immerse yourself in Welsh activity and learn new things, enhancing your cultural experience at the College.

# Meet the Welsh Language **TEAM**

Discover how the Welsh Language Team at Pembrokeshire College can enhance your learning journey:

**Tailored support:** Whether you aim to complete coursework in Welsh or develop workplace-ready language skills, our team is here to assist you every step of the way.

**Cultural immersion:** Explore opportunities to engage with Welsh language and culture beyond the classroom, enriching your overall cultural experience.



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