

ADRAN Y GYMRAEG /
The Welsh Department
A brief overview

The Welsh department here at Risca Community Comprehensive School is an ambitious and innovative department with two specialist teachers. Currently, all students in both Key Stage 3 and 4 receive three hours of Welsh lessons over a two-weekly cycle, though this is being increased to four in Y7 from September 2019. Nearly all students are entered for the WJEC qualification for Welsh Second Language.

The department is well-equipped with two classrooms that include interactive whiteboards and teacher computers. We also have access to Chromebooks and frequently access online platforms and Google for Education applications to support language learning and to foster independent learning skills.

We aim to engage in developing research informed practice through deepening our understanding of Second Language Acquisition through pedagogies such as Total Physical Response, Communicative Language Theory and Teaching Proficiency Through Reading and Storytelling. We seek to make Welsh the medium of education within our classes whilst supporting learners of all abilities to gain confidence, deepen their thinking and develop their language skills to make progress over-time.

The department is also very keen to develop the range of learning opportunities available outside the classroom. The department seeks to take the lead on promoting bilingualism and Cwricwlwm Cymreig across the school, including developing a school house system, School Eisteddfod, sporting activities and trips to Llangrannog and Glanllyn with Urdd Gobaith Cymru.

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