

Welsh

Why study Welsh?

Welsh is an interesting and beneficial course which can open doors to several courses and careers in the future. It also maintains cultural values by providing a status for the history and heritage of our country. You will study film, poetry, contemporary set books and ancient manuscripts; you will discuss, research, analyse and create original work. You will be given an opportunity to build on solid GCSE foundations, by developing your oral, reading and writing skills, and also acquiring an insightful mind and an independent opinion. Different aspects of the course combine to offer a rounded experience which will prepare you for your next steps in present day modern Wales.

Entry requirements

Achieving a grade C or above in GCSE Language and Literature will guarantee your place to study Welsh AS.

Course details and assessment format

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Unit 1: [15%] Oral exam [group work]. You will study a film and a printed drama and discuss them according to theme, content, style, symbolism and language. The Unit will be assessed by an external examiner who will visit the school on a specific day during the second term.

Unit 2: [10%] Coursework tasks. You will complete two tasks, one under set conditions. You may choose from scripting, creative writing, presenting a factual text or creating an article on a contemporary topic.

Unit 3: [15%] Written exam. Two hour paper, Section A = using the language, Section B = discussing and analysing poetry; we will study 12 poems over the course of the year and you will respond to an essay question based on the set poems

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Unit 4: [20%] Oral exam [group assessment] which will be based on a set novel and associated synoptic works.

Unit 5: [20%] Written exam [2 hours] Chwedlau, yr Hengerdd a'r Cywyddau. You will study some of the most ancient Welsh works in existence and discuss them according to theme, background and style.

Unit 6: [20%] Written exam [2 hours] Appreciation of Literature and Welsh Language in Context. You will be able to use your analytical skills and learn about a variety of useful forms, such as writing a report, taking minutes and writing a speech.

Skills which are developed and possible progression

Studying Welsh as a subject can lead to several possible careers. It goes without saying that you must have a Welsh A Level qualification if you wish to study the subject at University. However, whatever your chosen subject may be, a Welsh A Level qualification will provide a solid foundation for all sorts of options. A good standard of Welsh is essential in areas such as local government, the media, public relations, journalism or teaching. Your A Level Welsh will be an asset for you in any job which requires communication skills of a high standard.



"During the course I was introduced to many valuable experiences while learning about the Legends, the Hengerdd and beautiful lyrical work. The visit to Hedd Wyn's home at Yr Ysgwrn was also an unforgettable experience."

Aziliz Kervegant

