

Professional Learning Grant Statement 2025-26 for Ysgol David Hughes

The funding will help Ysgol David Hughes meet the demands of the new National Approach to Professional Learning (NAPL) and enable investment in the elements of the model. It will enable investment in practitioners' individual professional learning journeys and investment in collaboration. The primary purpose of the funding is creating time in schools for practitioners to make the changes to practice they need to make in advance of the realisation of the new curriculum.

The funding will be targeted at the learning required by teachers and learners to prepare them for the new curriculum and every practitioner, teachers and LSA, will be given the opportunity to engage with professional learning

The funding will be utilised to support engagement with the regional professional learning offer and to support professional learning collaboration across schools including the local primary schools.

In line with this, the funding will be used to support the following:

- the general release of teachers and TAs to engage in professional learning activities;
- the remuneration of individuals, creating roles and posts, to support the co-ordination of PL activities across a school or group of schools. These roles would support colleagues, departments or whole school approaches to critical enquiry, change management and SLO activities;
- the release costs for practitioners to engage in research activities and critical enquiry within the context of the four purposes;
- the release costs to enable practitioners to collaborate both within school and across clusters and networks of schools – engaging with collaborative professional learning and collaborative planning;
- provide specialist professional development for each teacher and teaching assistant in order to enable them to support each pupil with additional learning needs in the most appropriate way for each individual.

In 2025-26 Ysgol David Hughes were allocated a total Professional Learning Grant of £38,799