



# Welsh / Cymraeg

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**Examination Board:** WJEC

**Desirable GCSE's:** It is preferable that students studying A Level Welsh achieve a B grade or higher at GCSE level.

A Level Welsh at Bassaleg allows pupils to develop their fluency in speaking the Welsh language and also gives students the opportunity to study different forms of Welsh literature and media, study an element of Welsh culture and learn about the history of the Welsh language.

## Overview of Year 12 course content:-

In Year 12, students will study 3 units in total and will complete 40% of their overall A Level within this year.

### **Unit 1 - Arholiad Llafar/ Speaking Examination (This is based on the Welsh film 'Patagonia').**

#### *Unit Overview:*

- This unit is worth 15% of the overall qualification (60 marks in total).
- Pupils will work in pairs/ groups of three to discuss the film (predominantly the characters, themes and techniques) for 20 minutes and give an individual personal response about the film for 5 minutes.

### **Unit 2 - Gwaith Cwrs/ Coursework**

#### *Unit Overview:*

- This unit is worth 10% of the overall qualification (60 marks in total)
- Pupils will be required to write 3 extended pieces based on a topic of their choice (for example Sport in Wales). Each of the pieces will need to be completed in a different written style (for example, a letter, a diary entry or an article)
- One of the pieces will need to be completed in examination conditions in the classroom setting with the other two pieces being completed in drafts and submitted for marking in the form of a portfolio.
- Students should aim to complete a portfolio of work between 1,500 and 2,000 words for this unit.

### **Unit 3 - Arholiad Ysgrifenedig / Written Examination (This exam focuses on grammar and poetry)**

#### *Unit Overview:*

- This unit is worth 15% of the qualification (120 marks in total)
- The exam is split into two sections
  - Section A = A composite question which includes different types of linguistic exercises that require a detailed knowledge of Welsh grammar.
  - Section B = 3 questions based on one of the prescribed poems.
- The 5 poems that students will study over the course of the year are named:-  
Caerdydd, Lerpwl, Y Twyll, Dim ond Serch and Newyddion.

## Overview of Year 13 course content:-

In Year 13, students will study the final 3 units of the course which will allow them to complete the final 60% of the A Level course.

### **Unit 4 - Arholiad Llafar / Speaking Examination (This is based on the Welsh play 'Crash').**

#### *Unit Overview:*

- This unit is worth 25% of the qualification (75 marks in total)
- Pupils will again work in pairs/ groups of three to discuss three sections.
  - Section A: Living through the medium of Welsh
  - Section B: Discussing the play
  - Section C: Personal response
- Students will need to discuss Sections A & B as a group for 30 minutes and will complete Section C individually for 5 minutes.

**Unit 5 - Arholiad Ysgrifenedig / Written Examination (This is based on the topic 'Welsh in society' and the skill of Translanguating).**

*Unit Overview:*

- This unit is worth 15% of the qualification (80 marks in total)
- This examination is split into two sections:-
  - Section A: The Welsh language in society- The questions will encourage students to discuss key elements of Welsh history and culture that they will study throughout the course.
  - Section B: Translanguating - Students will use their skills of translanguating that they will learn throughout the course to give a written response in Welsh to an English language article. Students will not need to translate this directly, but will instead rewrite the article in their own words in Welsh.

**Unit 6 - Arholiad Ysgrifenedig / Written Examination (This is based on students' use of language, predominantly their grammar skills, and the short stories).**

*Unit Overview:*

- This unit is worth 20% of the qualification (100 marks in total)
- This examination is split into two sections:
  - Section A: A composite question which includes different types of linguistic exercises.
  - Section B: Two questions based on one of the prescribed short stories and one synoptic question which brings together the information, understanding and skills developed in the subject.
- The short stories that students will study are:
  - Pwy Fyth a Fyddai'n Fetel (Saith Pechod Marwol: Mihangel Morgan)
  - Beth os? (Cariad Pur?: Llio Mai Hughes)
  - Trŵ lyf (Cariad Pur?: Marlyn Samuel)
  - Angladd yn y Wlad (O'r Cyrion: Ioan Kidd)