



Coleg Llanymddyfri
Llandovery College

Welsh Policy

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Introduction

The promotion and celebration of Welsh culture, heritage and language is one of the College's founding charitable objects.

It is a strength of Llandovery College that pupils come from a variety of cultural and linguistic backgrounds. However all pupils share the common experience of living and learning in Wales and it is of vital importance therefore that pupils, as appropriate, are taught Welsh as a first or a second language.

Welsh language enriches pupils' knowledge and understanding of the culture and heritage of Wales. It develops personality and the ability to contribute to the community, giving pupils a sense of place and identity. Welsh is presented as a natural element in everyday life and every effort is made to encourage a positive attitude towards Welsh language and culture in a happy and relaxed atmosphere.

Aims

- To ensure that pupils have opportunities to develop the three language skills of Oracy, Reading and Writing
- To ensure that pupils build upon language skills already acquired
- To embrace opportunities that celebrate Welsh culture and heritage

The College's policy is in line with the Welsh Assembly Government's policy on Welsh language and bilingualism.

Leaders at all levels have a realistic view of what needs to be done to improve outcomes and provision in Welsh and to help achieve the key aims of the College:

- Encourages a positive attitude to Welsh
- Provides opportunity in all contexts for spoken Welsh
- Rewards pupils' use of Welsh, for example the Prep School's Tocyn Iaithe
- Makes pupils aware of the advantages of being bilingual
- Makes use of the Welsh language in contexts other than the Welsh language lesson
- Ensures suitable resources are available to all staff
- Ensures suitable differentiation in lessons
- Encourages the development of the key skills of Literacy, Numeracy and Digital Competency in Welsh lessons
- Takes into account equal opportunities legislation and SEN considerations
- Promotes a deeper understanding of Welsh language and heritage, through for example the Warden's Award for Years 5 & 6
- Promotes uniformity of approach and assessment
- Promotes the use of Welsh in signage and notices
- Plans regular Welsh culture events
- Celebrates Welsh festivals
- Takes part in Urdd and Eisteddfod events and competitions
- Promotes the activity of the Carwyn James Welsh Society
- Encourages trips and excursions relating to Welsh language and culture
- Encourages partnerships with external agencies and institutions e.g. UWTSO, Urdd