



CYMRAEG

Key Stage 4

Studying GCSE Welsh Second Language offers students the opportunity to develop their communication skills and express opinions both in writing and orally. The aim is to ensure that students are aware of the use made of Welsh in modern Wales by nurturing a positive attitude towards the Welsh language and culture. Students are encouraged to make practical use of the language in order to communicate effectively and appropriately in the bilingual society of the 21st century.

Welsh is used as much as possible during Welsh lessons here at Mary Immaculate and with the introduction of Full Course GCSE in 2011, students will have the opportunity to gain a full qualification in Welsh and take advantage of all the benefits and opportunities that studying Welsh has to offer.

Incidental Welsh is used throughout the school by a vast majority of departments and staff. Students will be inspired and challenged through the study of a coherent, satisfying and rewarding course.

There are many advantages of studying Welsh at Mary Immaculate. Students are encouraged to develop their communication skills and make use of the Welsh language in their everyday lives and in occupational situations. Studying Welsh at GCSE level can be extremely beneficial to those students seeking employment in the following areas:

Teaching / Civil Service / Lecturing / Journalism / Publishing / Media / TV / Business / Law / Police / Social Work / Performing Arts.

All students will follow GCSE full course Welsh.

The GCSE specification is comprised of 4 units each representing 25% of the course. Students will be awarded grades A*- G. Students will complete the 4 units over two years and will look at three main themes:

Thema 1: Cyflogaeth (Employment)

Thema 2: Ieuenctid (Youth)

Thema 3: Cymru a'r Byd (Wales and the World)



UNIT 1 : Group Speaking Exam (25%)

Listening (15%)

Oral (10%)

UNIT 2 : Group Speaking Exam (25%)

Listening (5%)

Oral (20%)

UNIT 3 : Written Paper - 1 hour (25%)

Reading (15%)

Writing (10%)

UNIT 4 : Written Paper - 1 hour (25%)

Writing (15%)

Reading (10%)

Units 1 and 2 can be completed in Year 10 or Year 11

Units 3 and 4 can be completed in Year 11 only.

The whole course content is comprised of the following:

Speaking 30%

Listening 20%

Reading 25 %

Writing 25%