

# Cymraeg - Ysgol Uwchradd Y Rhyl

## Welsh - Rhyl High School



**Did you know?** Welsh is the fastest growing minority language in the world today. Dead language, huh?

**Did you know?** Between 60% and 75% of the world's population is bilingual. People who only speak one language are in the minority.

**Did you know?** There are lots of advantages with evidence of better results and children who are able to use two languages being more versatile and creative in their thinking.

**Did you know?** Being bilingual can improve a person's multitasking skills, attention control, problem solving and creativity as it promotes outside-the-box thinking. It can also help improve your memory.

**Did you know?** Recent studies reveal that bilingual people's brains age more slowly and therefore they live longer and more satisfying lives. It is now widely recognized that being bilingual can delay neurological diseases like dementia and Alzheimer's.

Rhyl High School proudly embraces its location on the Welsh coast. We seek every opportunity to promote bilingualism across the school in order to increase the potential for our students.

Even in an English-medium school such as ours, Welsh is a compulsory curriculum subject up to GCSE level. As you might already be aware, Welsh is introduced as a second language in primary school, and it's typically given more weight than a second language would be in a school in England.

Although English is the first language at our school, we try to utilise the Welsh language as much as possible, with the aim of improving our pupils' everyday language skills in an increasingly bilingual and modern Wales. Our work reflects our vision to create 'ambitious and capable learners' that fully understand the value of using Welsh as a living and spoken language.



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There are a number of options available for your children to continue or even start learning Welsh as a second language, and there is a lot of support for parents who don't speak the language themselves. We are eager to ease any anxieties that you may have as parents and have outlined some below.



### Will learning Welsh affect my child's English?

No! In fact, it may even help your child's English. By learning two languages at the same time, children become aware of how languages work in general. Recent results suggest that children who receive an education with focus on a secondary language do better in subjects across the curriculum – including English!

### How do I support my child if I don't speak Welsh?

You don't need to be able to speak or even understand Welsh if your child attends secondary school in Wales. As a parent, the biggest help you can give your child is to encourage and praise them.