Maelor Sixth



Cymraeg Craidd
WJEC A Level

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Introduction

The WJEC Cymraeg Craidd (Core Welsh) A Level course aims to prepare students to play an appropriate role in a bilingual Wales. It will help develop an understanding of both the language and culture of Wales. The units studied are varied and significantly different to those from the GCSE course. Students will, for example, develop skills in speaking, reading and writings by studying a variety of texts. The course aims to challenge the perception of Wales and her language and to encourage students to form their own mature opinions.

The Course

Year One

Unit 1 - Film and Oracy
Unit 2 - Wales Past and Present
Unit 3 - Appreciating Literature

Year Two

Unit 4 - Living Through the Medium of Welsh
Unit 5 - Practical Use of Welsh

Assessment

AS - Year 12
Unit 1 - oral examination worth 20% of the final A Level grade
Unit 2 - written examination worth 20% of the final A Level grade
Unit 3 - coursework worth 15% of the final A Level grade

A Level - Year 13
Unit 4 - oral examination worth 25% of the final A Level grade
Unit 5 - written examinations worth 20% of the final A Level grade

Entry Requirement

- GCSE grade B/6 in Welsh
- A genuine interest in the Welsh Language
- GCSE grade C/4 in English and Maths

Further Information

A Level Welsh is a challenging but rewarding course, therefore, it is important that students have an interest in the language. Students learn about a variety of topics which have not studied at GCSE, making this an interesting course. During Year 12 and 13 a visit to Glan-Llyn is available. This involves a 3-day residential at the annual sixth form conference.



Links to Future Careers

A Level Welsh is well-respected and there are great advantages in being bilingual. Welsh law expects public services to treat Welsh and English on an equal basis so there has been a rise in the demand for people who can communicate in both languages. Twice the language, double the skills. It can lead to employment in a variety of sectors:

- Journalism
- Law
- Local government roles
- Police
- Primary and Secondary Education
- Social Care & Nursing
- National Government
- Administration
- Human Resources

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