

## Literacy at Ysgol David Hughes

A high standard of literacy is essential for our learners to succeed in their external examinations and in the world of work. We promote the importance of literacy regularly within our lessons and across the Curriculum. (Subject vocabulary list.)

Since 2013 we have responded to the requirements of the National Literacy Framework, identifying opportunities for developing literacy skills in each subject (see map). As parents you will receive an annual report on your child's attainment in literacy and this will also note what needs to be done to further improve your child's standard of literacy.

The reading skills of our learners are tested annually in the National Tests (see example of a reading test paper). We hold reading sessions during the registration period and your child is welcome to bring reading material of interest to them to these sessions.

In order to support some pupils further we have a Literacy Learning Coach who offers additional support for groups of learners, and reading and spelling activities in the morning clubs.

Here are some resources and activities which support our learners in improving their literacy skills:

- Language improvement exercises (see link)
- A language accuracy keyring for every learner.
- The school's Correction Code, which is used by teachers and pupils to identify and correct errors in written work.
- Spelling Club
- Handwriting Club
- Premier League Reading Stars Project
- Morning reading sessions during registration periods
- Celebration of World Book Day annually
- Creating a Yr. 6/7 Bridging Magazine where there is an opportunity for learners to ask questions and collect information; to contribute articles and to edit and typeset the work.