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| **TITLE**  | **Announcement of further Pioneer Schools focussing on curriculum design and development**  |
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| **BY**  | **Cabinet Secretary for Education** |

My priority as Cabinet Secretary for Education is to raise the aspirations in Wales for all children and young people, broadening horizons and developing ambition so that all can achieve. Our education system must be about providing children and young people with the skills, knowledge and attributes they need for the modern world, to enable them to compete and succeed for their own benefit and for the benefit of Wales. This ambition is reflected in the four purposes which will be at the heart of the new curriculum and assessment framework to ensure that children and young people develop as:

* **ambitious, capable learners** ready to learn throughout their lives
* **enterprising, creative contributors** ready to play a full part in life and work
* **healthy, confident individuals** ready to lead fulfilling lives as valued members of society and
* **ethical, informed citizens** ready to be citizens of Wales and the world

Work is well underway to develop the new curriculum for Wales which will be used to support learning and teaching in schools and settings from September 2021. I am clear that the education workforce needs to be at the heart of this design process and, therefore, I am delighted to announce an additional 25 schools have been awarded ‘Pioneer School’ status.

They will join the existing Pioneer Schools focusing on curriculum design and development as well as the wider Pioneer Network which includes schools leading on professional learning and Digital Competence. The Pioneer Schools Network works in an all-Wales partnership with Welsh Government, regional consortia, Estyn, higher education, further education, employers and other experts to take forward these reforms.

So far, the Pioneer Schools focussing on curriculum design have been developing the strategic and structural elements of the new framework. We are about to move into the second phase of the development process with work beginning this month on the high level design of the six Areas of Learning and Experience (AoLEs) of the new curriculum:

* + Expressive arts
	+ Health and well-being
	+ Humanities
	+ Languages, literacy and communication
	+ Mathematics and numeracy
	+ Science and technology

The appointment of these additional Pioneers will mean that we have the appropriate representation of sectors across the Pioneer Schools Network to ensure that the AoLEs developed are appropriate for all schools and settings in Wales.

**List of Pioneer Schools – leading on curriculum design and development**

**Updated January 2017 (Bold type = new Pioneer Schools)**

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| **School name** | **Region** | **Sector** |
| Abercynon Community Primary | CSC | Primary |
| Abertillery Primary School | EAS | Primary |
| Albert Primary School | CSC | Primary |
| Alun School | GwE | Secondary |
| **Bassaleg School** | **EAS** | **Secondary** |
| Bishop Hedley Catholic High School | CSC | Secondary |
| Blackwood Comprehensive School | EAS | Secondary |
| Coed Eva Primary School | EAS | Primary |
| **Connah’s Quay High School** | **GwE** | **Secondary** |
| Crickhowell High School | ERW | Secondary |
| Crownbridge School  | EAS | Special |
| Crynallt Primary School | ERW | Primary |
| Darran Park Primary School | CSC | Primary |
| Eveswell Primary School | EAS | Primary |
| **Fitzalan High School** | **CSC** | **Secondary** |
| Garnteg Primary School | EAS | Primary |
| Glan Usk Primary School | EAS | Primary |
| **Gwernyfed High School** | **ERW** | **Secondary** |
| Gwyrosydd Primary SchoolGlyncollen Primary School | ERW | Primary |
| Hawarden High School | GwE | Secondary |
| Hendredenny Park Primary School | EAS | Primary |
| Lewis School Pengam | EAS | Secondary |
| Llandybie Primary School | ERW | Primary |
| Llandysul School | ERW | Primary |
| **Llanidloes High School** | **ERW** | **Secondary** |
| Llanrhidian Primary SchoolWaunarlwydd Primary School | ERW | Primary |
| Llysfaen Primary School | CSC | Primary |
| Maesteg Comprehensive School | CSC | Secondary |
| Malpas Court Primary School | EAS | Primary |
| Malpas Park Primary School | EAS | Primary |
| Mount Street Junior School Mount Street Infant School Cradoc Primary SchoolLlanfaes Primary School  | ERW | Primary |
| Mount Stuart Primary School | CSC | Primary |
| Mynydd Cynffig Primary School | CSC | Primary |
| Parkland Primary School Olchfa School  | ERW | Primary/ Secondary  |
| **Pembroke High School** | **ERW** | **Secondary** |
| Pencoed Comprehensive School  | CSC | Secondary |
| Penllwyn Primary School | EAS | Primary |
| Pentrepoeth Primary School | EAS | Primary |
| Phillipstown Primary School | EAS | Primary |
| Plascrug Community Primary School | ERW | Primary |
| Pontarddulais Comprehensive School | ERW | Secondary |
| **Portfield School** | **ERW** | **Special** |
| **Porthcawl Comprehensive School** | **CSC** | **Secondary** |
| Radnor Valley CP School | ERW | Primary |
| Rhydypenau Primary School | CSC | Primary |
| **Rhyl High School** | **GwE** | **Secondary** |
| Shirenewton Primary School | EAS | Primary |
| St Cadoc’s Catholic Primary School | CSC | Primary |
| St Joseph’s Catholic and Anglican High School | GwE | Secondary |
| **St Joseph’s RC Primary, Penarth** | **CSC** | **Primary** |
| St Joseph’s Roman Catholic School, Port Talbot St Joseph’s Catholic Junior School St Joseph’s Catholic Infant School  | ERW | Secondary/ Primary  |
| St Mary’s Catholic Primary School, Bridgend | CSC | Primary |
| St Philip Evans Catholic Primary School | CSC | Primary |
| The Hollies SchoolHeronsbridge SchoolYsgol Heol Goffa | CSC/ERW | Special |
| **The Maelor School** | **GwE** | **Secondary** |
| Trallwn Primary School | ERW | Primary |
| Trellech Primary School | EAS | Primary |
| **Welshpool High School** | **ERW** | **Secondary** |
| Whitchurch Primary School | CSC | Primary |
| Ysgol Babanod T. Gwynn Jones | GwE | Primary |
| Ysgol Bro SannanYsgol Gynradd Cwmbran Caldicot Comprehensive School | EAS | Primary/Secondary |
| Ysgol Bryn Gwalia | GwE | Primary |
| Ysgol BryngwynYsgol Glan-y-Môr  | ERW | Secondary |
| **Ysgol Brynrefail** | **GwE** | **Secondary** |
| **Ysgol Cedewain** | **ERW** | **Special** |
| **Ysgol David Hughes** | **GwE** | **Secondary** |
| **Ysgol Dewi Sant** | **ERW** | **Secondary** |
| **Ysgol Dinas Bran** | **GwE** | **Secondary** |
| **Ysgol Dyffryn Conwy** | **GwE** | **Secondary** |
| **Ysgol Friars** | **GwE** | **Secondary** |
| **Ysgol Glan y Môr** | **GwE** | **Secondary** |
| Ysgol Gyfun Bodedern | GwE | Secondary |
| Ysgol Gyfun Bro EdernYsgol Gynradd Santes Tudful Ysgol Gyfun Plasmawr | CSC | Primary/Secondary |
| Ysgol Gyfun Bro MorgannwgYsgol Gyfun Garth Olwg | CSC | Secondary |
| Ysgol Gyfun BryntaweYsgol Gyfun Gŵyr  | ERW | Secondary |
| Ysgol Gyfun Cwm Rhymni | EAS | Secondary |
| Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Bro Myrddin | ERW | Secondary |
| **Ysgol Gyfun Llangefni** | **GwE** | **Secondary** |
| Ysgol Gyfun Preseli | ERW | Secondary |
| Ysgol Gymraeg Sant CurigCadoxton Primary SchoolRomilly Primary School | CSC | Primary |
| Ysgol Gynradd CasnewyddYsgol Gynradd Ifor HaelYsgol Gynradd Bro Teyrnon  | EAS | Primary |
| Ysgol Gynradd Cynwyd SantYsgol Llanhari  | CSC | Primary/3 to 18 |
| Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Gwaun Cae GurwenYsgol Gynradd Gymraeg PontardaweYsgol Gyfun Ystalyfera | ERW | Primary/Secondary |
| Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Lôn LasYsgol Bryniago  | ERW | Primary |
| Ysgol Gynradd y CastellYsgol Gynradd CaerffiliYsgol Gynradd Cwm Gwyddon  | EAS | Primary |
| Ysgol O.M. Edwards | GwE | Primary |
| Ysgol Pen Coch | GwE |  Special |
| **Ysgol Penboyr** | **ERW** | **Primary** |
| Ysgol Pen y Bryn Ysgol Hendrefelin Ysgol Maes y Coed Ysgol Crug Glas Swansea | ERW |  Special |

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| **Ysgol Syr Hugh Owen** | **GwE** | **Secondary** |
| Ysgol Uwchradd TywynYsgol y BerwynYsgol y MoelwynYsgol y Gader | GwE | Secondary |
| **Ysgol y Creuddyn** | **GwE** | **Secondary** |
| **Ysgol y Gogarth** | **GwE** | **Special** |
| Ystruth Primary School | EAS | Primary |

**List of Pioneer Schools – leading on Digital Competence**

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| **School Name** | **Region** | **Sector** |
| Portfield School Partnership | All Wales  | Special  |
| Cadoxton Primary School | CSC | Primary |
| Ynysowen Community Primary | CSC | Primary |
| Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg/Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Bro Edern/Ysgol Gyfyn Gymraeg Plasmawr/Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Rhydywaun | CSC | Secondary |
| Bassaleg School | EAS | Secondary |
| St Gwladys School | EAS | Primary |
| St. Julian's Primary School | EAS | Primary |
| Gowerton Comprehensive School / St. Thomas Primary | ERW | Secondary/ Primary |
| Ysgol Gymraeg Teilo Sant and partner schools | ERW | Primary |
| Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Pennant | ERW | Primary |
| Bryn Elian Secondary School | GwE | Secondary |
| Cornist Park Primary School | GwE | Primary |
| Ysgol Y Graig | GwE | Primary |

**List of Pioneer Schools – leading on Professional Learning for the Education Workforce**

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| **School Name** | **Consortia** | **Phase** | **Lead / Cluster** |
| Barry Island Primary School  | CSC | Primary | Cluster |
| Blaenavon Heritage VC Primary School | EAS | Primary | EAS  |
| Bryngwyn Comprehensive School | ERW | Secondary | Lead |
| Cadoxton Primary School  | CSC | Primary | Cluster |
| Caldicot School | EAS | Secondary | EAS  |
| Cardiff High School | CSC | Secondary | Lead |
| Cardinal Newman RC School | CSC | Secondary | Lead |
| Cefn Hengoed Community School | ERW | Secondary | Lead |
| Christchurch Primary School | ERW | Primary | Lead |
| Coedcae School | ERW | Secondary | Lead |
| Connah’s Quay High School | GwE | Secondary | Lead |
| Cowbridge Comprehensive School | CSC | Secondary | Lead |
| Craig yr Hesg/Cefn Primary Fern Federation | CSC | Primary | Lead |
| Crickhowell High School | ERW | Secondary | Lead |
| Croesyceiliog Primary | EAS | Primary | EAS  |
| Cwmtawe Community School | ERW | Secondary | Lead |
| Dwr-y-Felin Comprehensive School | ERW | Secondary | Lead |
| Eveswell Primary School | EAS | Primary | EAS  |
| Ferndale Community School | CSC | Secondary | Lead |
| Flint High School | GwE | Secondary | Lead |
| George Street Primary School | EAS | Primary | EAS  |
| Gilwern Primary School | EAS | Primary | EAS  |
| Glan Usk, Primary School | EAS | Primary | EAS  |
| Glan y Mor Federation | ERW | Secondary | Cluster |
| Herbert Thompson Primary School | CSC | Primary | Lead |
| Heronsbridge Special School | CSC | Special | Lead |
| Langstone Primary School | EAS | Primary | EAS  |
| Lewis School Pengam | EAS | Secondary | EAS  |
| Llangattock Church in Wales School | ERW | Primary | Lead |
| Llanishen Fach Primary School | CSC | Primary | Lead |
| Maesteg School | CSC | Secondary | Lead |
| Millbrook Primary School | EAS | Primary | EAS  |
| Newport High School | EAS | Secondary | EAS  |
| Oldcastle School | CSC | Primary | Lead |
| Pembroke Dock Community School | ERW | Primary | Lead |
| Penmaes School  | ERW | Special | Lead |
| Pontarddulais Primary School | ERW | Primary | Lead |
| Priory Church in Wales School | ERW | Primary | Lead |
| Rhiw Syr Dafydd Primary School | EAS | Primary | EAS  |
| Rhws Primary School | CSC | Primary | Cluster |
| Rhydypenau Primary School | CSC | Primary | Lead |
| Romilly Primary School | CSC | Primary | Cluster |
| St Albans RC High School | EAS | Secondary | EAS  |
| St Christopher’s School | GwE | Specialist | Lead |
| St Gwladys Bargoed Primary  | EAS | Primary | EAS  |
| St Joseph’s RC High School | EAS | Secondary | EAS  |
| St Julian’s Primary School | EAS | Primary | EAS  |
| Stanwell Comprehensive School | CSC | Secondary | Lead |
| Tai Education Centre | CSC | Special | Cluster |
| The Hollies School | CSC | Special | Cluster |
| The John Frost School | EAS | Secondary | EAS |
| Tredegar Comprehensive School | EAS | Secondary | EAS  |
| Treorchy Comprehensive School | CSC | Secondary | Lead |
| Ty Gwyn Special School | CSC | Special | Lead |
| Y Pant School | CSC | Secondary | Lead |
| Ysgol Ardudwy | GwE | Secondary | Cluster |
| Ysgol Gynradd Aberteifi | ERW | Primary | Lead |
| Ysgol Bro Pedr | ERW | Secondary | Lead |
| Ysgol Bro Tryweryn | GwE | Primary | Cluster |
| Ysgol Bryn Elian | GwE | Secondary | Lead |
| Ysgol Casnewydd | EAS | Primary | EAS  |
| Ysgol Cynwyd Sant | CSC | Primary | Lead |
| Ysgol Dyffryn Ogwen | GwE | Secondary | Lead |
| Ysgol Eirias | GwE | Secondary | Lead |
| Ysgol Glan Gele | GwE | Primary | Lead |
| Ysgol Gwynedd | GwE | Primary | Lead |
| Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg | CSC | Secondary | Lead |
| Ysgol Gyfun Cwm Rhymni | EAS | Secondary | EAS  |
| Ysgol Gyfun Gŵyr | ERW | Secondary | Lead |
| Ysgol Gymraeg Aberystwyth | ERW | Primary | Lead |
| Ysgol Gymraeg Castell Nedd | ERW | Primary | Lead |
| Ysgol John Bright | GwE | Secondary | Lead |
| Ysgol Landrillo yn Rhos | GwE | Primary  | Lead |
| Ysgol Manod  | GwE | Primary | Lead |
| Ysgol O. M. Edwards | GwE | Primary | Lead |
| Ysgol Pen Coch | GwE | Special | Lead |
| Ysgol y Berwyn | GwE | Secondary | Cluster |
| Ysgol y Gader | GwE | Secondary | Cluster |
| Ysgol y Moelwyn | GwE | Secondary | Cluster |
| Ysgol y Preseli | ERW | Secondary | Lead |
| Ysgol Y Strade | ERW | Secondary | Lead |
| Ysgol Tywyn | GwE | Secondary | Cluster |
| Ystrad Mynach Primary School | EAS | Primary | EAS  |