



Curriculum Summary - September 2023

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Our Vision

Ysgol John Bright is a community of learning. With our core principles of equity, well-being and excellence we strive to ensure every student achieves their potential. We ensure we provide opportunities that allow students to experience the richness of North Wales and beyond, so that they leave us with broad horizons and qualifications that allow them to achieve their ambitions.

Our Context

Ysgol John Bright is an 11-18 English medium school community of 1200 students and 120 staff, including 230 students in the Sixth Form. We serve the town of Llandudno as well as Penrhyn Bay and surrounding areas. Within our diverse school we have a broad range of students with 18% receiving free school meals, and 25 different languages spoken.

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Developing our Curriculum

As a community of learning we have:

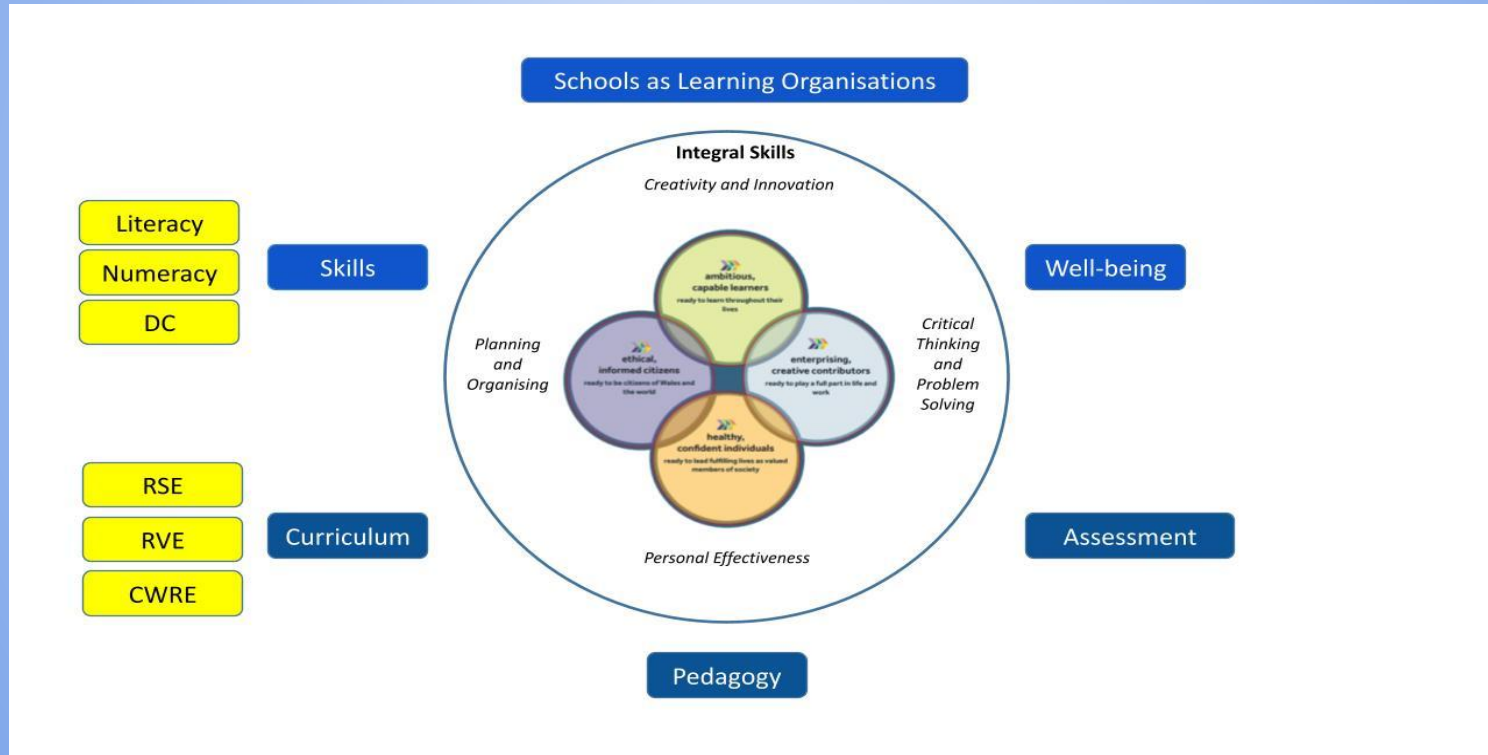
- **Reflected** on our current curriculum, it's strengths and shortcomings, and considered our priorities for our students.
- **Considered** the curriculum guidance and the nuances and disciplines unique to every subject
- **Developed** our thinking about big ideas underpinning subject knowledge and what good progress looks like for every student.
- **Planned** our journey through 5 years of the curriculum.
- **Shared** our planning with colleagues at YJB and across our alliance (Mold Alun, Ysgol Eirias, Ysgol Friars) and are on the journey with Years 7 and 8 from September 2023.



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Curriculum Design

At the heart of our curriculum are the four core purposes. To help every student develop into a healthy, confident individual with the knowledge and skills needed to be successful in the future, our curriculum is designed to consider all aspects of student development. Our staff are actively engaged in evidenced based research and there is a strong emphasis on developing the school as a learning organisation.



Our Curriculum Principles at YJB:

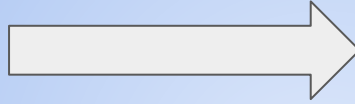


- We use **big ideas** to help students make connections and engage in deep learning.
- Our curriculum is **disciplinary** meaning students are taught by subject specialists from Year 7 to Year 11 (and beyond)
- Our curriculum is **progressive** meaning knowledge and skills are developed and improved as students progress through the curriculum.

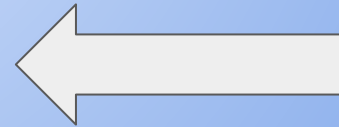
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Parent Feedback

We asked our parent community what they thought were the most important skills we should be teaching



We then asked what topics they would like to see more of at YJB.



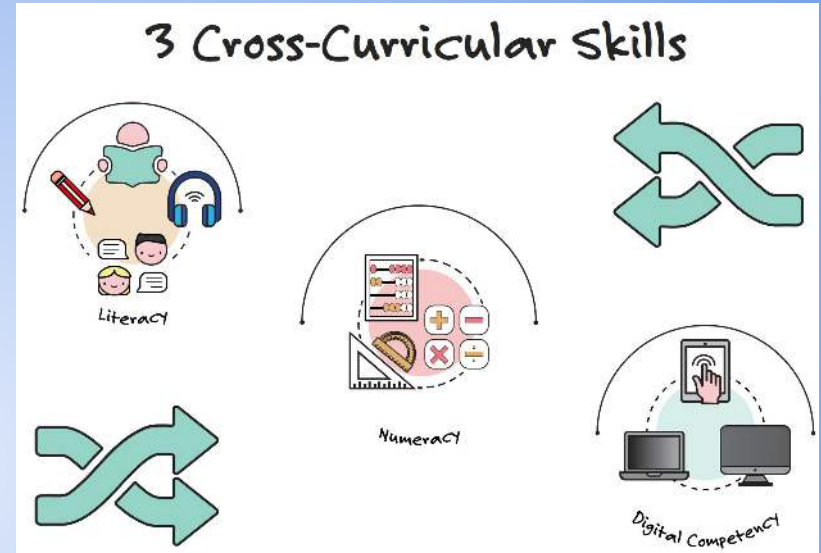
Cross Curricular Skills

Literacy, numeracy and digital competence skills are essential in enabling learners to realise the four purposes.

Our Ysgol John Bright curriculum embeds the mandatory cross-curricular skills and the integral skills which underpin the four purposes of the curriculum. These skills are embedded and developed across all areas of learning and experience where they naturally occur in order to allow students to develop these skills.

Our students are given opportunities across the curriculum to:

- develop listening, reading, speaking and writing skills
- use numbers and solve problems in real-life situations
- Confidently use a range of technologies to help them function and communicate effectively and make sense of the world.



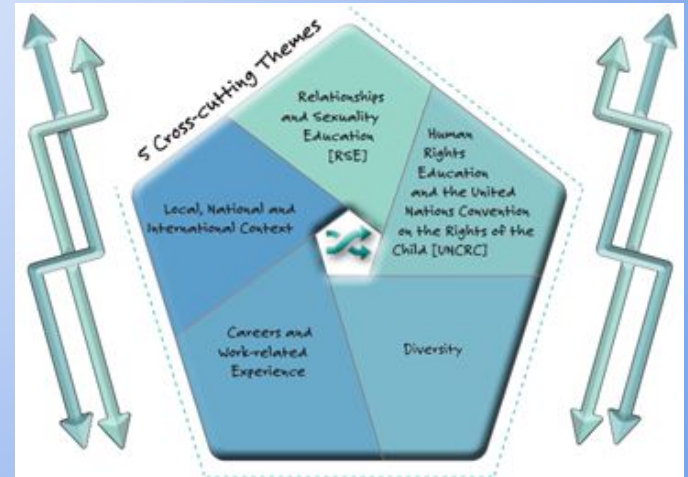
Integral Skills & Mandatory Elements

When planning at YJB we want to ensure our students are given high-quality, rich, broad and balanced learning experiences. We also plan to ensure that our provision and teaching develops the integral skills, which are essential to achieve the four purposes.



While designing our YJB curriculum we have included the five cross-cutting themes as they occur within different areas of learning:

- Careers & Work-related Experience
- Relationships & sexuality education (RSE)
- Human rights and the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child
- Diversity
- Local, national and international context



Cymraeg a Chymreictod



- As an English medium school in a town where 20% speak Welsh (2011 Census) **all students at Ysgol John Bright** are taught **Welsh Second language up to GCSE level** (aged 16)
- We strive to **develop students' skills in the Welsh language**, as well as their understanding of **what it means to be Welsh**, to live in Wales and to **appreciate the rich cultural, heritage and history** of the nation and **embrace our Welsh identity**.
- '**Cymraeg bob Cyfle**' is our ethos for encouraging students and staff to **use every opportunity** to use **Welsh in their everyday lives** and in conversations within the school and beyond.

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Progression & Assessment



- **Students will be continually supported** and given regular feedback in their lessons to help them make progress.
- The **curriculum** has been **built with progression in mind**-developing skills and deepening knowledge.
- **Students** will be **assessed** regularly in a **subject-specific way** (e.g. a test / piece of work / performance / assessed conversation).
- This information will be used to **help students make more progress, report to parents** and for the **school to monitor the progress** of students as they travel through the curriculum.

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Reviewing & Revising



- **Curriculum plans are live documents**, reviewed as part of our teaching and learning.
- **Students will be asked for their opinions on their learning regularly**; though informal feedback in class as well as more formal questionnaires and the school's Senedd.
- We will **use assessment data** to check the **progress of groups of learners**, and revise the curriculum accordingly to support improved progress

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