



# **Report summary for parents and carers on Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Llangynwyd**

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by Estyn, His Majesty's Inspectorate for Education and Training in Wales

# Overview

The headteacher and other leaders have very high expectations of staff and pupils. They promote professional values regularly and lead with sensitivity. There is a familial Welsh atmosphere and a strong ethos of teamwork that permeate the whole school. There is a high level of consistency in the way in which staff perform their duties, which ensures that strong support is available to pupils so that they can achieve their potential.

The quality of teaching is consistently high across the school and there are close and supportive working relationships between pupils and teachers. In most cases, staff plan interesting learning opportunities that provide an appropriately high level of challenge for pupils. They know the pupils well and give them clear feedback on how to improve their work. As a result, many pupils make strong progress in their subject understanding and skills.

The school provides a wide range of courses in key stage 4 and the sixth form, which includes some vocational courses. There is a very wide range of opportunities for pupils to take part in cultural and physical activities.

Pastoral staff promote pupils' personal development very effectively. They work positively with pupils and there is a close and supportive relationship between staff and parents. There is a host of extra-curricular activities to enable pupils to pursue their interests and develop as well-informed citizens. Overall, pupils genuinely enjoy coming to school and attendance levels are notably higher than the national average.

Staff in the additional learning needs (ALN) department and 'Tŷ Derwen' have very high expectations in terms of what pupils can achieve academically and socially. They know their pupils very well and tailor their provision carefully to ensure that they achieve to the best of their ability.

Leaders have a comprehensive picture of the school's strengths and areas for improvement. They are ambitious and plan carefully for improvements. There is a strong link between the professional learning activities that are provided for staff and the school's improvement priorities. As a result of inspiring leadership, Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Llangynwyd provides a very positive environment for pupils to thrive academically and develop as well-rounded citizens.

# Recommendations

**R1** The school should continue with its improvement plans. There are no specific recommendations that arise from this inspection.

## What happens next

Estyn will invite the school to prepare a case study on its work in relation to:

- Ways in which the school ignites a sense of belonging to the school and how this influences the high levels of well-being and attendance
- Planning for improvement to ensure the best learning experiences for pupils

to be disseminated on Estyn's website.





# School context

Name of provider	Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Llangynwyd
Local authority	Bridgend County Borough Council
Language of the provider	Welsh
Type of school	Secondary
Number of pupils on roll	683
Pupils of statutory school age	565
Number in sixth form	118
Percentage of pupils eligible for free school meals over a three-year average (The national percentage of pupils eligible for free school meals over a three-year average in Secondary is 20.2%)	15.8%
Percentage of pupils identified as having additional learning needs (a) (The national percentage of pupils identified as having an additional learning need in Secondary is 17.8%)	2.8%
Percentage of pupils who speak Welsh at home	30.7%
Percentage of pupils with English as an additional language	0.0%
Date of headteacher appointment	01/04/2016
Date of previous Estyn inspection (if applicable)	09/03/2015
Start date of inspection	27/03/2023

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