

Curriculum for Wales 2022 Feedback Analysis

Children & Young People's Report

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Full results of questions on Areas
of Learning and Experience



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Each focus group looked at one of the AoLE's and were asked the following questions.

The online survey and toolkit gave respondents the option to choose which AoLE they answered the following questions on.

1. ***Why do you think it's important to learn about these things?***
2. ***Are the following 'What matters' statements easy to understand?***
3. ***Can you link up why you think it's important to learn about these things to the statements from the guidance?***

1. Expressive Arts

This AOLE was explored by four focus groups across Wales. Two primary schools, one secondary school and a protected characteristic group.

Are the following 'What matters' statements easy to understand?

Each group was asked to vote on the three what matters statements.

Expressive Arts, What matters statements	Green – fully understand	Yellow - sort of understand	Red - don't understand
a. Exploration through and of the Expressive Arts deepens our artistic knowledge and contributes to our understanding of identities, cultures and societies.	12	30	6
b. Responding and reflecting, both as artist and audience, is a fundamental part of learning about and through the Expressive Arts.	23	17	7
c. Creative work combines knowledge and skills using the senses, inspiration and imagination.	39	4	5

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Are the following 'What matters' explanations easy to understand?

Explanation - it's like a completely different language, the last one was so complicated and this one is child friendly (Protected characteristic group)

Expressive Arts, What matters explanations	Green – fully understand	Yellow - sort of understand	Red - don't understand
a. Experimenting with art, dance, drama, film and digital media, and music in terms of techniques, style, materials etc. helps us to develop our artistic knowledge and skills and learning through them help us understand our own cultures and societies.	40	5	3
b. Being able to respond and reflect as an artist and an audience member helps to develop skills, understanding, knowledge and appreciation of the arts.	38	7	2
c. Being creative in the arts combines knowledge and skills with inspiration, imagination and the senses in order to devise, make, choreograph, shape, compose and edit as well as perform, present, share, exhibit and produce.	27	12	9

QUESTION; Why do you think it's important to learn about these things? Focus groups

What matters statement

a. Exploration through and of the Expressive Arts deepens our artistic knowledge and contributes to our understanding of identities, cultures and societies.

Primary school group responses. It's important to learn about these things because...		
<i>It helps you express yourself</i>	<i>You can be more happy</i>	<i>Drama gives you more confidence and talent</i>
<i>Some people find it stress relieving</i>	<i>You can be creative</i>	<i>Drama can help us with our confidence</i>

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<i>It can make you more confident</i>	<i>Build up confidence</i>	<i>You get a better voice</i>
<i>You get to be yourself</i>	<i>New experiences</i>	<i>You may need those skills when you get a job</i>
<i>It can make you feel happy</i>	<i>Helps your brain get strong</i>	<i>It's expressive</i>
<i>In drama if you're a bit shy but like drama the performance can help your confidence grow</i>	<i>Music, because you learn words</i>	<i>Film interesting films</i>
<i>You can get better at it</i>	<i>Dance because it helps you to get strong</i>	<i>You have to use digital media like computers to learn facts</i>
<i>You can enjoy it</i>	<i>You learn things</i>	<i>So if you're upset and you don't want to talk you can express yourself</i>

Protected characteristic group responses. It's important to learn about these things because...

<i>If you want to pursue these jobs in the future</i>	<i>So you can put your emotions on paper</i>
<i>Something you can do to get out of your head like someone that bully you or trouble learning something</i>	<i>Because an employer would want someone that is creative</i>
<i>So you have an artistic approach to life</i>	<i>So you can be creative and express your emotions</i>

Secondary school group responses. It's important to learn about these things because...

<i>It can be a way to show your emotions and express how you feel when you can't in words</i>	<i>I think it's important because you can learn new things which can help you to understand different cultures and get jobs such as acting or being a musician</i>
<i>Mental health awareness</i>	<i>Art is the most important to me because it shares the creativity and other ideas of people</i>

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b. Responding and reflecting, both as artist and audience, is a fundamental part of learning about and through the Expressive Arts.

Primary school group responses. It's important to learn about these things because...	
<i>Impress</i>	<i>Because they might use it when they're older</i>
<i>You can get better at things</i>	<i>For success in your teen years</i>
<i>You can draw your feelings</i>	<i>You may need them when you are an adult</i>
<i>Your friends might show you how to do different things</i>	<i>You know you can do it!</i>
<i>It helps their wellbeing</i>	<i>I think drama is important because maybe when you are older you might be in a show and you might have a character that has some drama together</i>
<i>It can show improvement</i>	<i>Music is important because when you're stressed, music can calm you down, and yoga</i>

Secondary school group responses. It's important to learn about these things because...	
<i>I think that expressive arts is only important if you enjoy it</i>	<i>Music because I listen to it every day and it's part of my childhood</i>
<i>I don't think expressive arts are that important to me, but they can be for others because they might not enjoy academic lessons</i>	

What matters statement

c. Creative work combines knowledge and skills using the senses, inspiration and imagination.

Why is it important to learn about these things for children and young people?

Primary school group responses. It's important to learn about these things because...		
<i>Performances</i>	<i>So you can have fun</i>	<i>It can give you confidence</i>
<i>Get a career you enjoy</i>	<i>You might find you're really passionate about something</i>	<i>It's calming</i>
<i>Learn to speak in public</i>	<i>You can show people how good you are at it</i>	<i>You can look around and learn about film</i>
<i>Enjoyment</i>	<i>It can help us show what we can do</i>	<i>Art keeps our minds creative</i>

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<i>Find a passion</i>	<i>If you want to be an actor you need to learn about film</i>	<i>Art gives you more skills</i>
<i>Express yourself - dance</i>	<i>To prove people wrong</i>	<i>It's important to learn how to dance in case you get called into a dance competition and you will get disqualified in the competition and waste your money</i>
<i>Expressive arts is important because you show off your skills</i>	<i>You can show what you can do</i>	<i>It can show a story</i>
<i>You can be famous</i>	<i>If you learn about music you can be a singer when you are older</i>	<i>Films give you more ideas for your next movie</i>
<i>You can do it to entertain others</i>	<i>If you put your mind to something then you can always achieve it</i>	<i>It's important to dance because it keeps us all sporty and keeps our heart beating and our blood pumping</i>
<i>Show your talents</i>	<i>I think it's important to learn to express yourself in subjects like music and drama because then you can be confident in the future</i>	<i>It can distract you from bad things</i>
<i>You can express yourself</i>	<i>Confidence and showing you're not shy or afraid of trying something new</i>	<i>Art could be a hobby and help you get a job with your passion</i>

Secondary school group responses. It's important to learn about these things because...

It could help people express themselves

It's a way of expressing yourself

Jobs, knowledge, social skills, healthy lifestyle (physically and mentally)

Skills/GCSEs/Knowledge for work

I prefer art, drama and music

It helps you to express yourself

I think dance and music are important expressive arts because they help people express themselves

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QUESTION; Why do you think it's important to learn about these things? Online Survey

The main reasons it is important to learn about expressive arts for the participants in the survey were connected to career opportunities in the future, confidence, a way to express themselves in different formats and developing everyday skills.

I think it's important to learn about these things because you can make a career in it it's really important to learn art and other subjects because it will help you when you're older and trying to get a job

They can really open up a child's mind. They show the creative side to people. It offers art in a different way, not just drawing.

I think it is important to learn about these things because they boost your confidence by letting you express yourself in front of others and working with groups.

Because it boosts confidence and self-esteem of those learning the expressive arts, links and relates to learning culture and society.

It is important to learn about these things as they can help you develop your creative side, which isn't really relevant in other parts of school. It also helps you build self-confidence and develop skills that aren't usually used enough in school but can allow you to get certain jobs.

I really don't like Art lessons or Drama Lessons and I don't want to have to do it all the way to the end of GCSE. I like my music lessons, but I do music out of school and wouldn't want it as one of the few options I get given to choose from. Digital media and film sound fun and so would photography be but how will schools get equipment to do these we don't even have enough computers.

expressive arts and the other things are important because you need to express yourself all through your life. and if you don't express yourself you will be scared to speak or show your true self.

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2. Humanities***Are the following 'What matters' statements easy to understand?***

Each group was asked to vote on the five what matters statements.

Humanities, What matters statements	Green – fully understand	Yellow - sort of understand	Red – don't understand
a. Developing an enquiring mind enables learners to explore and investigate the world, past, present and future, for themselves.	22	43	5
b. Events and human experiences are complex, and are perceived, interpreted and represented in different ways.	32	35	4
c. Our natural world is diverse and dynamic, influenced by physical processes and human actions	16	50	5
d. Human societies are complex and diverse, and shaped by human actions and beliefs.	39	15	17
e. Informed, self-aware citizens engage with the challenges and opportunities that face humanity, and are able to take considered, ethical and sustainable action.	32	20	21

Are the following 'What matters' explanations easy to understand?

Humanities, What matters explanations	Green – fully understand	Yellow - sort of understand	Red - don't understand
a. Encouraging learners to ask questions, investigate and understand the world today and in the past. Helping learners to ask questions about their own experiences and think about what the future might be like.	58	11	2
b. Learning about and making sense of your own and other people's opinions, views and ideas.	66	10	1
c. Understanding the impact that the natural world has on humans and the impact humans have on the natural world. This includes how and why the natural world changes, and how these changes have positive and negative effects for humans. It also includes beliefs and ethical views about human actions toward the natural world.	36	24	8

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d. Understanding and learning about ways of life in different societies in the past and present. Understanding how people have and continue to live together, how communities and societies work, and how people try to build a sense of community and belonging.	39	25	7
e. Learning about the problems that humans face in the world today and understanding some of the opportunities there are to solve these problems. Understanding people's role and rights as citizens and being able to be an active citizen.	38	16	0

QUESTION: Why do you think it's important to learn about these things? Focus groups

What matters statement

- a. Developing an enquiring mind enables learners to explore and investigate the world, past, present and future, for themselves.

Primary school group responses. It's important to learn about these things because...		
<i>to know more</i>	<i>So you know stuff for your future, job</i>	<i>We learn about Cardiff, our Capital city</i>
<i>it's important to know about the history of the world</i>	<i>Help get a good job</i>	<i>To help get a very good job</i>
<i>learn about what has happened in history</i>	<i>Helps to go out exploring the world</i>	<i>So when we do the test we know the answer</i>
<i>what happens in the future if we continue</i>	<i>It's important to learn about Aberystwyth because it is our home</i>	<i>Vincent Van Gogh (famous artist)</i>
<i>to know what has happened in the world</i>	<i>It will help you to know how the world works</i>	<i>It is our right to learn about this stuff!</i>
<i>Business studies so you know how to set up a business and how taxes work</i>	<i>It will help you navigate the world</i>	<i>With business studies, it'll help you start your own business</i>
<i>Because if you're stranded, you know co-ordinates</i>	<i>Cardiff, capital cities, because Cardiff is our capital city</i>	<i>Tudors</i>
<i>Because we need to educate the children for a job!</i>	<i>To get to university, then get a job</i>	<i>Because it's good to learn about Wales</i>
<i>It will get you a job</i>	<i>We need to know about jobs!</i>	<i>Even if you don't go to university, you can get a job</i>

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It will help you to learn about your job

Protected characteristic group responses. It's important to learn about these things because...	
<i>History: What happened in the past, try not to repeat the same history and learn from the past</i>	<i>Religious Education: To understand others' religions and beliefs</i>
<i>Geography: To know what's happening all over the world and places</i>	<i>We need to know the past and know what the world is like today</i>
<i>History: To understand what it was like years ago</i>	<i>People to know what happened in the past</i>
<i>History: Because we need to learn about the past and help it.</i>	<i>To give knowledge about the world and how to protect the world</i>
<i>It needs to be worded better for young people!</i>	

Secondary school group responses. It's important to learn about these things because...	
<i>I just don't get it, we don't explore the world for ourselves</i>	<i>To learn about our ancestors</i>
<i>Maybe they will help you in the future</i>	<i>It may help us in the future with taxes</i>
<i>So events such as WWII don't happen</i>	<i>Geography so you know where a country is and you know how to use a map</i>

Explanation: I get it now!

b. Events and human experiences are complex, and are perceived, interpreted and represented in different ways.

Primary school group responses. It's important to learn about these things because...	
<i>know what is happening in the world</i>	<i>Social skills</i>
<i>it's important to learn or you don't know anything</i>	<i>Titanic</i>
<i>It's important to learn in order to learn information</i>	<i>New hobbies</i>

Protected characteristic group responses. It's important to learn about these things because...	
<i>To understand what's going on around the world, such as ethical issues (RE)</i>	
<i>We need to help the world because animal or forest it may not always live if it makes it worse.</i>	
<i>What matters statement complex - not sure what interpreted means - explanation explains it a bit more, puts it in simple form</i>	

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Secondary school group responses. It's important to learn about these things because...	
<i>It will give you the chance to learn about people</i>	<i>It may help you in the future</i>
<i>Helps us for the future</i>	<i>Because learning about people can help you be more sympathetic and understanding towards each other</i>
<i>You know what happened in the past</i>	<i>Help you go into a business or even create a business</i>
<i>So we know more about different countries, cultures and people</i>	<i>To get different views on religion etc.</i>
<i>It is important to understand others</i>	

c. Our natural world is diverse and dynamic, influenced by physical processes and human actions

Primary school group responses. It's important to learn about these things because...	
<i>to know what's happening in the world</i>	<i>History can help you learn and see how the lifestyle was in the 17th C</i>
<i>how you can help the world</i>	<i>Religious education can help tell people to support your Christianity</i>
<i>know about the world</i>	<i>To get around places and know where everything is</i>
<i>We need to know how to get places</i>	<i>To get to places in where you live</i>
<i>To educate children on where places are</i>	<i>Rivers and dangerous places</i>
<i>To get around places and to know where everything is</i>	<i>Geography</i>
<i>Because it's where we live</i>	<i>I think learning about creatures will help us</i>
<i>Mountains</i>	<i>You could find a new hobby</i>
<i>With history you get to know about the history of the world</i>	

Protected characteristic group responses. It's important to learn about these things because...
<i>Geography because we need to learn about nature</i>
<i>Explanation has words I understand, more descriptive, talks about pollution and litter - negative impact.</i>

Secondary school group responses. It's important to learn about these things because...
<i>You might have a job to do with geography, so it's important that you've learned about it</i>
<i>Different societies, cultures, countries and religions</i>
<i>I think it helps to stop racism of any kind</i>

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What do 'diverse' and 'dynamic' mean?

d. Human societies are complex and diverse, and shaped by human actions and beliefs.

Primary school group responses. It's important to learn about these things because...	
<i>to get a good job</i>	<i>Keeps record of what happened before</i>
<i>to know what's happened in the past</i>	<i>We live in Wales so we should learn about it</i>
<i>help you when you're older</i>	<i>Keep memories alive</i>
<i>Understand the world</i>	<i>Geography can help you learn more about our country and other countries</i>
<i>Learn about WWI/WWII, the royals or the Nazis</i>	<i>It's important to learn history so when you go to a place you know the history of it</i>
<i>Learn about how our country formed</i>	<i>We are humans too so we should learn about others such as people with religions, important people and the royal family</i>
<i>Passing it on to our children</i>	<i>Know what's happening more in the world!</i>

Protected characteristic group responses. It's important to learn about these things because...	
<i>To understand other people's belief in their religions</i>	<i>To know about the outside world</i>
<i>To understand other religions and beliefs</i>	<i>Learning about how we live together</i>
<i>To understand what is going on in society and the world (sociology)</i>	

I understand it but what does 'diverse' mean?

Secondary school group responses. It's important to learn about these things because...	
<i>To learn about different beliefs and teachings, I have given a presentation about my beliefs</i>	<i>Life, social skills and things</i>
<i>Helps you when you grow up by learning information for your job</i>	<i>Because it helps us understand</i>
<i>Because this is about us - humans. We are learning about our own species and it's important</i>	

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e. Informed, self-aware citizens engage with the challenges and opportunities that face humanity, and are able to take considered, ethical and sustainable action.

Primary school group responses. It's important to learn about these things because...

<i>good work</i>	<i>Because it will help you in life</i>
<i>learn things</i>	<i>Social awareness</i>
<i>develop skills</i>	<i>It's important to learn about England because it's our neighbouring country</i>
<i>what's going to happen in the future</i>	<i>We should learn about what rights we have</i>
<i>If we learn about history, we can learn from our mistakes</i>	<i>So it can help us move further on about the subjects in life</i>
<i>Major roads and places</i>	<i>I think it will help us when we are older</i>
<i>Because it could get you a job</i>	<i>Because it will help in life</i>
<i>It's important to learn about **** because it's our village</i>	<i>It's good to learn</i>
<i>It's important to learn about Wales because it is our country</i>	<i>It will help you to know what's right</i>
<i>You learn about the law so you don't break it without knowing</i>	<i>You could get a job with the subject you're best at! Like, if you're good at science you might get a job as a scientist!</i>
<i>History, learn from mistakes in the past</i>	<i>To learn from your mistakes - WW1 and WW 2</i>
<i>They need to know who sponsors and advertisers are</i>	

Protected characteristic group responses. It's important to learn about these things because...

<i>Understanding people and how they have troubles in their lives</i>	<i>Learn what's happening in the world</i>
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Secondary school group responses. It's important to learn about these things because...

<i>Adopt social skills</i>	<i>Knowing about business studies is important because of the practical skills you'll need later in life</i>
<i>Map reading</i>	<i>Helps you interact with others because you have a better understanding of each other</i>
<i>You can learn about other people's life/conditions</i>	<i>It is important because you learn about people and their heritage</i>
<i>Helps in later life</i>	<i>You can learn about the history of the world</i>

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Learning about the world around them was one of the most important aspects of learning about Humanities for many of the participants in the online survey. This included learning about cultures, politics, geography, religion and history. The importance of learning about history was highlighted numerous times as an important aspect of humanities to be able to understand how we had got to this point and learn from the past. This understanding was also strongly linked to developing acceptance and respect of others.

I think it is important to learn about these things because it gives you the chance to accept other people's religion and learn about the past.

To learn about humanities makes people more knowledgeable about other people. Especially with history and religious studies, this is because we can learn from our mistakes and other people in the world. This makes us learn about politics, social society and how the world works. We learn about the environment and how to help it. Business, even in Geography.

to learn about vital things in the past and respect different religious believes

I think its important to learn Humanities because it shows where we come from and how to respect each other, and to be able to think we're all equal

I think it's important because it can help us gain a better understanding of 'why are we here' and help us ask more 'what if?' questions. it can also help us gain a better knowledge of a career path.

Humanities helps pupils understand many things in their life and in the world present, past and maybe predicting the future. They are all essential to learning and would all help you in life in different ways.

3. Health and Well-being

Are the following 'What matters' statements easy to understand?

Each group was asked to vote on the five what matters statements. Two secondary, one primary and protected characteristic group looked at this AoLE.

Health and Wellbeing, What matters statements	Green – fully understand	Yellow - sort of understand	Red - don't understand
a. Developing physical health and wellbeing has lifelong benefits.	40	8	0
b. How we process and respond to our experiences affects our mental health and emotional wellbeing.	20	12	1
c. Our decision making, impacts on the quality of our lives and the lives of others.	41	7	0

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d. How we engage with different social influences shapes who we are and our health and wellbeing.	16	30	2
e. Healthy relationships are fundamental to our sense of belonging and wellbeing.	31	15	2

Are the following 'What matters' explanations easy to understand?

Health and Wellbeing, What matters explanation statements	Green – fully understand	Yellow - sort of understand	Red - don't understand
a. Health and well has life-long benefits	44	4	0
b. How we deal with the things that happen to us can affect the way we think, feel and behave.	47	1	0
c. The choices we make can affect the quality of our lives and the lives of others.	45	3	0
d. How we engage with the people, groups and influences around us makes us who we are and can affect our health and wellbeing.	33	14	0
e. Having positive and healthy relationships with friends, family and others helps us to feel part of something and can improve our well-being.	42	6	0

QUESTION: Why do you think it's important to learn about these things?

Focus groups

a. Developing physical health and wellbeing has lifelong benefits.

Primary school group responses. It's important to learn about these things because...

<i>So you can be healthy and tell your friends and family how to be healthy</i>	<i>To live a happy life</i>
<i>You can learn about your body and emotions</i>	<i>To keep healthy</i>
<i>So we can be exercised and we need to be well for school</i>	<i>If you are not healthy, you might get ill and that will be bad for your health</i>
<i>To be more happier about your stuff</i>	<i>So we can be healthy and have a happy life</i>

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It's good to learn about it because it shows you how to get fit and healthy

Protected characteristic group responses. It's important to learn about these things because...

<i>To understand the mind and body</i>	<i>Health should always come first</i>
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Secondary school group responses. It's important to learn about these things because...

<i>To learn not to bottle up problems</i>	<i>Prevent a future problem</i>
<i>To understand what's important in life</i>	<i>It will make people feel confident in themselves</i>
<i>If you get into that situation, you know what to do</i>	<i>Being physical can benefit mental health and physical health</i>
<i>Keep fit</i>	

b. How we process and respond to our experiences affects our mental health and emotional wellbeing.

Primary school group responses. It's important to learn about these things because...

<i>You might not know what to do if something happened to you</i>	<i>You know other people's emotions</i>
<i>You could do the wrong thing, eg. eat something raw</i>	<i>It's important because you can get healthier and some sports make you grow confident</i>
<i>You can be yourself</i>	<i>So you can feel happy all the time</i>
<i>To feel safe if you have an argument</i>	<i>To learn how to deal with problems</i>

Protected characteristic group responses. It's important to learn about these things because...

<i>For self-actualisation</i>	<i>So young people can recognise in themselves when things may be wrong, not judge themselves for struggling and seek help.</i>
<i>Programs to show people symptoms and how to help in those situations</i>	<i>Wider knowledge of mental health issues reduces the stigma surrounding them</i>
<i>Allowing people to know they're not alone through education of the topic is extremely important</i>	<i>Educate on resources available to help</i>
<i>Mental health is stigmatised and brushed off so easily</i>	

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Secondary school group responses. It's important to learn about these things because...

<i>To help people look after themselves</i>	<i>Deal with mental illnesses</i>
<i>To understand people more, mentally</i>	<i>Learn how to cope with knock backs in life and how to bounce back</i>
<i>So you don't get into a bad mental state</i>	<i>Humour</i>
<i>To help you be yourself</i>	<i>Spot psychological problems in others</i>

c. Our decision making, impacts on the quality of our lives and the lives of others.

Primary school group responses. It's important to learn about these things because...

<i>Because it makes you happy</i>	<i>If you're not well you can't learn</i>
<i>You won't know anything about diseases</i>	

Protected characteristic group responses. It's important to learn about these things because...

<i>To not be stuck in an academic box and venture outside of grades</i>

Secondary school group responses. It's important to learn about these things because...

<i>To understand their situation</i>	<i>How to support others with mental illness</i>
<i>To understand other people's points of view</i>	<i>Learning about psychology can help us understand and contribute to society</i>
<i>It will give people a better understanding of what things are happening in other people's lives</i>	<i>If you have a problem</i>
<i>Makes people less judgemental of others</i>	<i>Preparing for the future and going into the outside world</i>
<i>Knowing how to socialise with others to avoid arguments or getting into trouble</i>	

d. How we engage with different social influences shapes who we are and our health and wellbeing.

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Primary school group responses. It's important to learn about these things because...

<i>If you're not well then you won't be in for some days</i>	<i>We need to be well to go to school</i>
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Protected characteristic group responses. It's important to learn about these things because...

<i>Autistic people feel like they are left out in most situations and people may bully them because they are autistic</i>	<i>The world would be a healthier place</i>
<i>People have the knowledge about different people and hold positive inclusive views</i>	

Secondary school group responses. It's important to learn about these things because...

<i>So you understand other people and yourself</i>	<i>Learn about how to deal with the feelings of others</i>
<i>To help you feel like you're not alone</i>	<i>Learn about mental health</i>
<i>It will help you understand how you are feeling</i>	<i>Understanding</i>

e. Healthy relationships are fundamental to our sense of belonging and wellbeing.

Primary school group responses. It's important to learn about these things because...

<i>To be energetic</i>	<i>So you know what to do if you're depressed</i>
<i>To be fit</i>	<i>Being happy and healthy</i>
<i>To be strong</i>	<i>You're not going to be fit if we didn't do PE</i>

Protected characteristic group responses. It's important to learn about these things because...

<i>To take better care of oneself and better care of others</i>	<i>Learning how to communicate properly in an emotional way, controlling misdirected anger and learning how to talk about own issues</i>
<i>Able to help those around you</i>	<i>So people are able to form a variety of healthy and fulfilling relationships</i>

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Secondary school group responses. It's important to learn about these things because...

<i>To get them out of a sticky situation</i>	<i>To understand others</i>
<i>To understand what other people feel</i>	<i>Respect to others with mental health</i>
<i>How hard life can be for others</i>	<i>Respect</i>
<i>To understand other people's problems!</i>	<i>Understanding emotions can help people form good, strong relationships</i>
<i>To understand what other people are going through</i>	<i>Makes people feel accepted</i>
<i>To help people</i>	<i>Include everyone</i>
<i>To learn that others have different lives</i>	<i>Makes people feel like they're not alone</i>
<i>To understand people's problems</i>	<i>To understand other peoples issues</i>
<i>To understand their situation</i>	<i>Help others to become themselves</i>
<i>To know how you can help troubled people</i>	<i>To learn how to teach others</i>
<i>So people understand what people might be going through, and so more people could be educated on things like depression, anxiety, etc.</i>	

QUESTION: Why do you think it's important to learn about these things?**Online Survey**

This area of learning and experience was seen as one of the most important of all the areas as it teaches young people to look after their physical and mental health, build positive relationships and be happy.

I think its important to learn about being healthy and be well-being, is to keep you safe and strong, and to make new friends so you won't be lonely.

Keeping young people happy is very important. Health and well-being is a key part of children's education.

It's very important to learn how to keep healthy and active. Some children in my year can't come to school because they're too anxious.

so if we have a problem we know who to talk to if there is someone bullying you or hurting you you can go and tell a teacher

so you can be happy and healthy

My opinion on health and wellbeing is that its important because day after day more adults and kids are becoming depressed and some even try killing themselves. For this reason it's important not only to have a physical healthy lifestyle but a mentally healthy lifestyle as well, so we are all in our right minds and are not thinking so low about ourselves.

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4. Science and Technology

Each group was asked to vote on the six what matters statements. Two primary, one secondary and one protected characteristic group looked at this AoLE.

Are the following 'What matters' statements easy to understand?

Science and technology, What matters statements	Green – fully understand	Yellow - sort of understand	Red - don't understand
a. Being curious and searching for answers helps further our understanding of the natural world and helps society progress.	32	13	2
b. Design thinking and engineering are technical and creative endeavours intended to meet society's needs and wants.	18	21	7
c. The world around us is full of living things which depend on each other for survival.	45	3	0
d. Understanding the atomic nature of matter and how it shapes the world.	22	20	6
e. Forces and energy determine the structure and dynamics of the universe.	28	13	8
f. Computation applies algorithms to data in order to solve real-world problems.	8	20	20

Are the following 'What matters' explanations easy to understand?

Science and technology, What matters explanation statements	Green – fully understand	Yellow - sort of understand	Red - don't understand
a. Being curious and searching for answers helps us understand the natural world and helps society progress.	42	4	1
b. Using design methods and engineering, you can make products and services that people want and need.	40	7	0
c. The world around us is full of living things which depend on each other for survival.	40	8	0
d. Understanding the atomic nature of matter and how it shapes the world.	22	20	6

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e. Forces and energy affect the structure and movement of everything in the universe.	37	11	1
f. Understanding and solving real world problems using data and systems.	38	7	2

QUESTION: Why do you think it's important to learn about these things?**Focus groups****What matters statement**

a. Being curious and searching for answers helps further our understanding of the natural world and helps society progress.

Primary school group responses. It's important to learn about these things because...

<i>The world is evolving, technology is changing.</i>	<i>You see science every day</i>
<i>The explanation is easier to understand</i>	<i>Because you can use it in life</i>
<i>Because you can use it during life if you need to</i>	<i>To know how things work</i>
<i>Science is all around you, that's why it's important to learn about it</i>	<i>The world is evolving and we will need to use technology</i>
<i>So that in the future you will understand the world more.</i>	<i>It's important to learn about science and technology because when you have a job when you are older, it might involve it</i>

Protected characteristic group responses. It's important to learn about these things because...

<i>It allows for more development and improvement in our modern world, it pushes humanity forward.</i>	<i>think it is important because it will get you a degree</i>
<i>They are subjects that branch to GCSE courses</i>	<i>To find out if you like learning about it</i>
<i>Teaches you so you have a basic understanding and ability</i>	<i>Science is not important as I don't need it like maths and English.</i>
<i>To find out if you like learning about it</i>	<i>think it is important because it will get you a degree</i>

Secondary school group responses. It's important to learn about these things because...

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<i>To open up more jobs</i>	<i>Most jobs include science and technology, therefore it's important to learn</i>
<i>To be more creative</i>	<i>To understand how things work</i>
<i>To understand what chemicals are dangerous</i>	<i>Increase our knowledge</i>
<i>To understand about making things</i>	<i>Reach out and find new people</i>
<i>To teach us how to cook</i>	<i>You need to know what else there is in the world and the universe</i>
<i>How to make world changes</i>	<i>Reaching out to new people</i>
<i>To understand things more clearly</i>	<i>To be creative</i>
<i>To learn how to be creative</i>	<i>Expectations from mum who teaches physics</i>

b. Design thinking and engineering are technical and creative endeavours intended to meet society's needs and wants.

Primary school group responses. It's important to learn about these things because...

<i>because you will need to use it in your future jobs, that includes scientists, and astronomers, also a lot of ways to get rid of illegal drugs</i>	<i>It can be your job and career when you're older</i>
<i>I understand the WM statement, but I don't think younger kids would. Probably, year 4 might struggle and think it's gobbledeegook.</i>	<i>because if you want to learn about it when you're older</i>
<i>It can be your job and career when you're older</i>	<i>because if you want to be an engineer you need this for it</i>
<i>It's good to learn technology because when you're older you won't be confused with internet and your job might have technology</i>	<i>be able to make things</i>
<i>Science is good for your brain</i>	<i>It is important because if you don't know you might not graduate</i>

Protected characteristic group responses. It's important to learn about these things because...

<i>Science and Technology are advancing and becoming crucial in many mainstream jobs</i>	<i>If in primary, Y.P wouldn't get any of it</i>
<i>Lots of jobs relate to S.T.E.M subjects</i>	<i>ICT should be used much more</i>

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Secondary school group responses. It's important to learn about these things because...

<i>Life skills</i>	<i>Helps with future</i>
<i>Try new things</i>	<i>You need it for your future jobs</i>
<i>You need to be better than another person trying for a job, so you need to understand</i>	<i>How we make things</i>

c. The world around us is full of living things which depend on each other for survival.

Primary school group responses. It's important to learn about these things because...

<i>Because you might want a job in science or technology, so you need to learn about it</i>	<i>Learn the human body</i>
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Protected characteristic group responses. It's important to learn about these things because...

<i>Everything in life leads back to them</i>	<i>It is constantly developing and affecting our world</i>
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Secondary school group responses. It's important to learn about these things because...

<i>Tourism</i>	<i>Basic skills</i>
<i>The brain/evolutionary scale</i>	<i>Managers listen to people with more qualifications for jobs</i>
<i>How to make food and live healthy</i>	<i>How to look after yourself</i>
<i>To know how to be creative</i>	<i>To learn how to make things</i>
<i>To reach out to new people</i>	

d. Understanding the atomic nature of matter and how it shapes the world.

Primary school group responses. It's important to learn about these things because...

<i>Having a knowledge of science</i>	<i>In the future, you will understand the world more</i>
<i>Younger students won't know what atomic means, I don't even understand what that means</i>	<i>Physics is basically everything, how we kick a ball, etc.</i>

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Protected characteristic group responses. It's important to learn about these things because...

<i>I got it but other young people wouldn't</i>	<i>atomic nature of matter = particles? Chemists mind = Other mind.</i>
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Secondary school group responses. It's important to learn about these things because...

<i>To learn how the human body works</i>	<i>Life hacks</i>
<i>To understand the miracle of life</i>	<i>To know how the world works</i>
<i>These subjects are important to learn as you need good qualifications in good subjects</i>	

e. Forces and energy determine the structure and dynamics of the universe.

Primary school group responses. It's important to learn about these things because...

<i>Become an astronomer and stop illegal drugs</i>	<i>To know how things work</i>
<i>I understood it because I used to be a space maniac, I read a lot of space text books, but year 4's wouldn't understand it</i>	<i>Universe</i>

Secondary school group responses. It's important to learn about these things because...

<i>Weather</i>	<i>help other people</i>
<i>To have chance of a better job</i>	<i>to learn how to be creative</i>
<i>entertain</i>	<i>To understand how things happen</i>

f. Computation applies algorithms to data in order to solve real-world problems.

Primary school group responses. It's important to learn about these things because...

<i>I don't understand some of the words, they are too complicated</i>	<i>Because you need to know about cyber bullying to know that it's bad</i>
<i>Computation? Algorithms? Too hard and too complicated</i>	<i>The world is evolving and we will need to use technology</i>
<i>Science is everywhere, that's why it's important</i>	<i>If you don't learn you can't be an electrician</i>

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Protected characteristic group responses. It's important to learn about these things because...

<i>Involving pupils in the new developments within modern technology throughout the world</i>	<i>Improves maths and communication</i>
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Secondary school group responses. It's important to learn about these things because...

<i>Better understanding of the world</i>	<i>Learn about how the world is changing</i>
<i>Learn about culture</i>	<i>Important to learn it</i>
<i>Helps you get a job</i>	<i>Helps in other subjects</i>

QUESTION: Why do you think it's important to learn about these things?

Online survey

The importance of Science and technology for many respondents to the survey lies in understanding how things work and developing new technologies for the future. For many it was about developing skills for job opportunities in the future and others referred to the importance of science to develop curiosity and creativity.

I think it's important to learn how the world works because it's been over 2000 years and we still don't know how we are here or how the universe is even a thing. Because of this we should feel like we need to solve it and try our hardest to make our own theory's.

this is important to know how the earth works so we can stop doing stuff to damage it

it's better to understand the universe to help other people and again jobs can use science and you wold use science on an ordinary day

if we didn't know science and chemistry and all that stuff we wouldn't have any phones or things like that and nobody would know how to make a car.

it's important to teach science and technology, because we can help our generation by preparing new scientists, engineers etc. it can also help us prepare for the new changing world with technology and science equipment changing and improving every day.

This is important because it gives us knowledge about how things work and helps us understand about what might happen in the future. We need to know all these things because they are the things that are changing our future.

Learning about science and technology gives us a scientific view of the world, it teaches us how things can work, it helps us understand and solve problems and it mixes many subjects together to give us a good understanding of the world in all aspects of science and technology but it teaches us with them together so it develops our understanding of the world.

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5. Mathematics and Numeracy***Are the following 'What matters' statements easy to understand?***

Each group was asked to vote on the four what matters statements. One secondary and three primary groups looked at this AoLE.

Maths and numeracy, What matters statements	Green – fully understand	Yellow - sort of understand	Red - don't understand
a. The number system is used to represent and compare relationships between numbers and quantities.	16	25	17
b. Algebra uses symbol systems to express the structures of relationships between numbers, quantities and relations.	16	30	13
c. Geometry focuses on relationships involving properties of shape, space and position, and measurement focuses on quantifying phenomena in the physical world.	10	17	29
d. Statistics represent data, probability models chance, and both support informed inferences and decisions.	20	18	21

Are the following 'What matters' explanations easy to understand?

Maths and numeracy, What matters explanation statements	Green – fully understand	Yellow - sort of understand	Red - don't understand
a. Understanding numbers, qualities and how they relate to each other is an essential skill in all areas of life as well as for further study and employment.	43	14	3
b. Skills to use a symbol system in maths can help with problem solving, reasoning and creating models of the world and can be used in real world situations like working out finances and in technology.	37	16	6
c. Understanding how shapes relate to each other in Geometry can be used in many areas including art, construction, science and technology, engineering, and astronomy.	47	7	4
d. Statistics help to make informed choices and decisions.	47	7	4

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QUESTION: Why do you think it's important to learn about these things?**Focus groups****What matters statement**

a. The number system is used to represent and compare relationships between numbers and quantities.

Primary school group responses. It's important to learn about these things because...

<i>possible that younger children won't understand, infants that haven't done the numbers statement won't understand</i>	<i>counting</i>
<i>time</i>	<i>mean</i>
<i>a part of every job</i>	<i>you can get a job that includes maths, like an architect</i>
<i>know the date</i>	<i>shopping</i>
<i>jobs</i>	<i>pints, litres, mls</i>
<i>you'll know the date</i>	<i>measuring in cms, metres, mm, km, miles</i>
<i>help you in life</i>	<i>measuring</i>
<i>know tables</i>	<i>measuring units and liquid measuring units</i>
<i>to know the time</i>	<i>Liquids</i>
<i>Maths stands for Mental Abuse To Humans</i>	<i>Exams and GCSEs</i>
<i>Maths is good so we can calculate</i>	<i>So you are able to do your daily job</i>
<i>Maths helps us when we are in university</i>	<i>Most jobs need basic maths skills</i>
<i>Valuable</i>	<i>Add up numbers and understand sums for your job</i>
<i>Teach future children</i>	<i>If you get a job in a shop, you need to add up the money</i>
<i>Maths is very useful</i>	<i>Later life</i>
<i>Maths is valuable to our life</i>	<i>So if you work in a shop</i>
<i>Math = brain cells</i>	<i>When you're older to add things up</i>
<i>Use it every day</i>	<i>So you have to find out the total of your shopping you use maths</i>
<i>To learn about numbers and counting</i>	<i>I wanna be an inventor and you need maths for that</i>

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Secondary school group responses. It's important to learn about these things because...

<i>Finances</i>	<i>It helps you out in other subjects like science and DT</i>
<i>Shopping</i>	<i>Helps you get a job and start your life</i>
<i>Life skill, you need it in every day life</i>	<i>It makes you smarter</i>

b. Algebra uses symbol systems to express the structures of relationships between numbers, quantities and relations.

Primary school group responses. It's important to learn about these things because...

<i>division</i>	<i>helps you keep your money. Not be in debt.</i>
<i>money</i>	<i>main thing in shops</i>
<i>to know multiplication, division, addition and subtraction</i>	<i>money in the future</i>
<i>when you're in the shop</i>	<i>money</i>
<i>bank</i>	<i>divide money when paying for food</i>
<i>because multiplication, division, addition and subtraction will be easier</i>	<i>maths problems outside of school</i>
<i>charity work</i>	<i>dividing things</i>
<i>when you're buying clothes in a shop</i>	<i>Multiplication</i>
<i>Can be annoying</i>	<i>Counting money when we are older</i>
<i>It is important to the curriculum</i>	<i>Maths helps us with money</i>
<i>It makes us smart</i>	<i>Maths helps us with time</i>
<i>Hard</i>	<i>Do we know how to deal with money, etc</i>
<i>It helps us in our daily life</i>	<i>Because if you want to be a radiotherapist or most doctors or nurses or vet, then you need a high level of maths skills</i>
<i>Maths helps us with various things</i>	<i>Because it prepares you for work like architect and more</i>
<i>Helps with life</i>	

The statement is easier to understand than the explanation

Secondary school group responses. It's important to learn about these things because...

<i>Cooking</i>	<i>You can bet/gamble</i>
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<i>You can figure out how much and how many</i>	<i>You get a better chance</i>
<i>It can help you cook</i>	<i>Helps you finance and budget and save</i>
<i>You can feed animals</i>	<i>You can buy a car</i>

c. Geometry focuses on relationships involving properties of shape, space and position, and measurement focuses on quantifying phenomena in the physical world.

Primary school group responses. It's important to learn about these things because...

<i>The explanation really helped. Saying what it is about e.g. art has helped it make sense</i>	<i>Fun</i>
<i>Perimeters</i>	<i>We use maths every day</i>
<i>Surface area</i>	<i>Every day life</i>
<i>Buildings</i>	<i>For your job in the future or later in life</i>
<i>Work</i>	<i>Because money is in the real life</i>
<i>Building</i>	<i>If you're buying things</i>
<i>Maths is an international skill</i>	<i>Because we have maths everywhere and we need maths to be good at things</i>
<i>Increases chances of getting jobs</i>	<i>Because we have maths everywhere and we need maths to be good at things</i>
<i>Maths is an international skill</i>	<i>Every day life</i>
<i>Increases chances of getting jobs</i>	<i>For your job in the future or later in life</i>
<i>Fun</i>	<i>Because money is in the real life</i>
<i>We use maths every day</i>	<i>If you're buying things</i>
<i>Because we have maths everywhere and we need maths to be good at things</i>	

Secondary school group responses. It's important to learn about these things because...

<i>Work</i>	<i>Building</i>
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d. Statistics represent data, probability models chance, and both support informed inferences and decisions.

Primary school group responses. It's important to learn about these things because...

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<i>Percentages of people</i>	<i>it will help us with jobs when we're older</i>
<i>dealing with data</i>	<i>Also helpful</i>
<i>knowing numbers</i>	<i>Helps throughout life</i>
<i>dealing with money</i>	<i>Helps in everyday life</i>
<i>dealing with data</i>	<i>For money it helps</i>
<i>In general life you use maths every day</i>	<i>Exams and GCSEs</i>

Statement really difficult to understand

***One or two words we didn't understand
The explanation helped lots***

QUESTION: Why do you think it's important to learn about these things? Online survey

The importance of Maths in everyday life was recognised by the majority of respondents to the survey, this was linked to finances, DIY, shopping, problem solving and jobs.

maths and numeracy is everything around us and we need to learn about it

Mathematics and numeracy is in everyday life and we need it to understand many things including money, time and dates. Basic numeracy skills help us throughout every day and help us understand the world better.

its important because maths teaches you about real life situations you may have with money or if your building something you need the exact size of a corner .

Its important to learn Mathematics and Numeracy because in everything that we will do whilst we're alive will always include working with money and percentages when shopping- either as a discount or part of VAT of the product that you buy. Whatever we do in life will always be based on numeracy and mathematics , maybe not all of the aspects of it like algebra but most of it will be used.

***it will help our brain with solving problems and it will make a big difference in our life
you can get jobs like a builder***

maths is in every subject, so you basically have to know it to get anywhere in life. Without it, nowhere will take you, as even as say, a painter, you still need to know the ratio between colours.

Numeracy and Mathematics are essential for learning and are used daily by everyone, from solving problems to shopping and building.

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6. Languages, Literacy and Communication***Are the following 'What matters' statements easy to understand?***

Each group was asked to vote on the four what matters statements. One secondary, one primary and one protected characteristic group looked at this AoLE.

Language, literacy and communication, What matters statements	Green – fully understand	Yellow - sort of understand	Red - don't understand
a. Learning about identity and culture through languages prepares us to be citizens of Wales and the world.	6	7	8
b. Learners who listen and read effectively are prepared to learn throughout their lives.	15	3	2
c. Learners who speak and write effectively are prepared to play a full part in life and work.	12	8	0
d. Literature fires imagination and inspires creativity.	16	2	2

Are the following 'What matters' explanations easy to understand?

Language, literacy and communication, What matters explanation statements	Green – fully understand	Yellow - sort of understand	Red - don't understand
a. Learning through languages about ourselves and what makes us who we are and about the ideas, customs, and ways of life of different people and groups of people, prepares us to be citizens of Wales and the world.	17	9	5
b. Listening and reading will help you learn throughout your whole life.	29	2	0
c. Speaking and writing will help us play a full part in life and work	31	0	0
d. Books, poems plays and films can help you be more creative and imaginative	29	1	1

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QUESTION: Why do you think it's important to learn about these things?**Focus groups****What matters statement**

a. Learning about identity and culture through languages prepares us to be citizens of Wales and the world.

Primary school group responses. It's important to learn about these things because...

<i>You understand when you go to another country</i>	<i>When you go to another country you understand</i>
<i>Teach the language to other people</i>	<i>Learning Welsh</i>
<i>When you travel around the world</i>	<i>You can teach other people your own language</i>

Protected characteristic group responses. It's important to learn about these things because...

<i>In the future you will need these skills to get you through life</i>	<i>Get a home</i>
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b. Learners who listen and read effectively are prepared to learn throughout their lives.

Primary school group responses. It's important to learn about these things because...

<i>You can read more books</i>	<i>Speak with more people</i>
<i>Read more books</i>	<i>Read more books</i>
<i>Help you get a job</i>	<i>Understand more television programmes</i>

Protected characteristic group responses. It's important to learn about these things because...

<i>Understand things</i>	<i>To learn maths and science, history, DT</i>
<i>It gets you far in life, it gets you a job and gets you money for your kids</i>	<i>The words make it complicated, some people are deaf and blind, it won't help them</i>
<i>It is important to understand because it will help us in the future, we will all need extra help</i>	

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c. Learners who speak and write effectively are prepared to play a full part in life and work.

Primary school group responses. It's important to learn about these things because...

<i>To read signs</i>	<i>Welsh helps you get different jobs</i>
<i>Literacy means you can read better</i>	<i>Speak with different people</i>
<i>Do more work</i>	<i>Speak with new people</i>

d. Literature fires imagination and inspires creativity.

No responses given here.

**QUESTION: Why do you think it's important to learn about these things?
Online survey**

In this Area of Learning and experience it was important for many respondents that they could communicate in other languages to be able to communicate with people for employment, while travelling or on holiday, or with people from other countries. This was also highlighted as important in terms of understanding other cultures. The importance of communication skills for everyday was also emphasised by many respondents. There were mixed responses to learning Welsh as part of every young person's education.

it is important to learn languages so that is someone comes to your school and only speaks a little bit of English you can speak to them in what ever language they speak

Language helps people to communicate and learning other languages help to broaden your understanding of the world and other people you may come across.

It is extremely important as it helps people to communicate and become more ambitious and motivated to learn new languages. The languages you learn will help to build routes to confidence. Also, it helps to respect each language for what they are and not disrespect others because they the language they communicate in.

I think languages are one of the most important and fun thing to learn. It helps to know what other people speak and I enjoy personally learning how other languages learn. I want to learn more about languages like Korean and Mandarin.

In my opinion language subjects should be optional, this is why. In my current school we do Welsh, I have learnt to speak and write in welsh however as soon as I leave this will no longer matter, I will never need to speak it again. Again schools not preparing us for the future and only for a grade.

Welsh especially is a language that has started to decrease in popularity. People think it's important to learn the language as it's been apart of the country for centuries. Learning other languages is good for jobs such as voice actors in welsh or French etc.

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I am in an English School and I don't want to do more Welsh. I want other languages. I think the curriculum for English schools should be different so we can do more different languages. I can see why I would learn other languages but not Welsh. My cousins in England get to do more cool lessons while we do lots of Welsh. I don't need to be bilingual.

speaking a second language fluently improves multitasking and decision-making. Studies have found speaking more than one language can improve brain functions like the ability to perform mental tasks.

