

Nantgwyn Cluster Transition Plan

2024/25

The transition plan represents a joint agreement between the following schools, in consultation with the Governing Bodies:

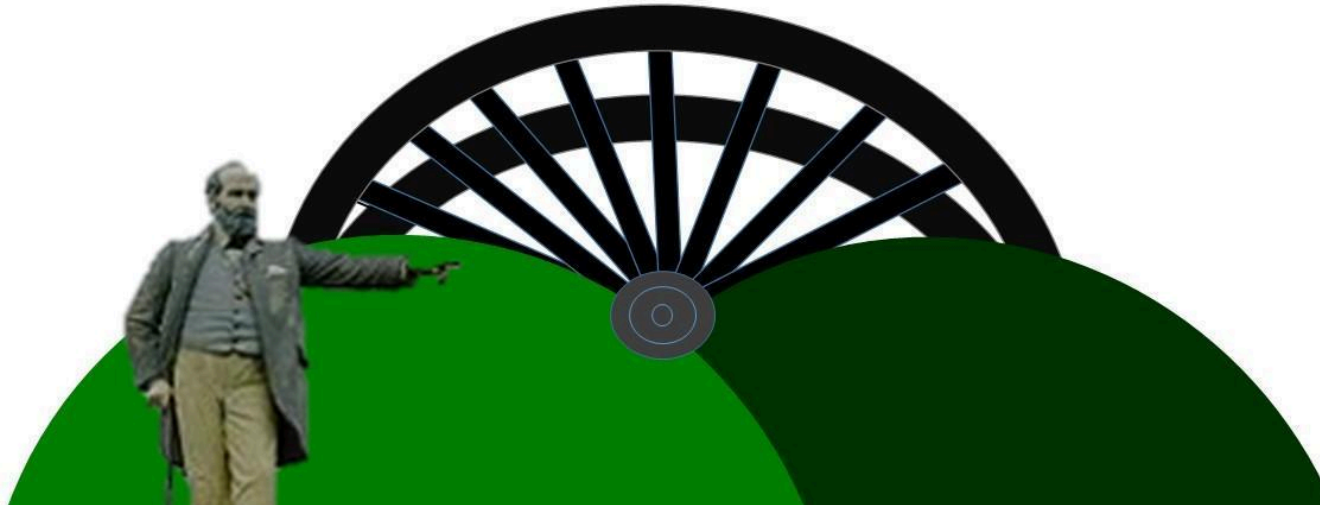
Ysgol Nant Gwyn

Cwm Clydach Primary School

Llwynypia Primary School

Pontrhondda Primary School

Williamstown Primary School



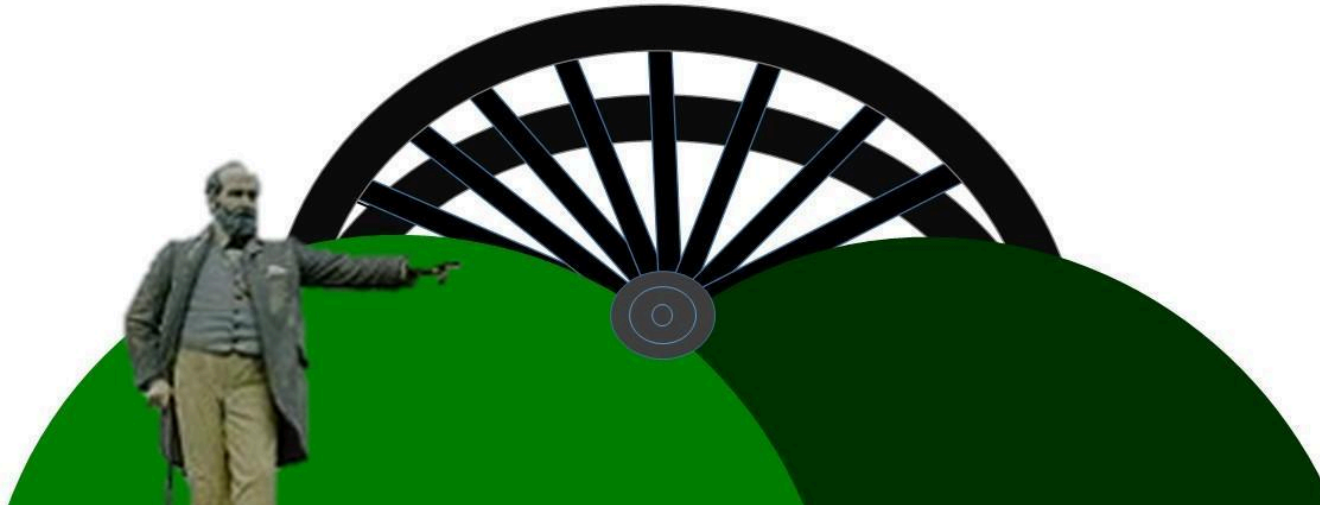
The plan sets out the priorities that Ysgol Nantgwyn Cluster have identified to drive standards forward across the cluster. The plan will focus on achieving the aims of the cluster.

Purpose

Our agreed aims are:

- To raise standards of teaching and learning across the Cluster
- To promote continuity across all key stages
- To promote and support cross-phase work
- To promote consistency among key stages
- To identify and target support at vulnerable pupils
- To share good practice across all phases within the cluster
- To promote the continuity of education between Key Stage 2 and 3
- To ensure that appropriate pupil data is transferred and used to enable all pupils to make appropriate progress
- To ensure that parents/careers are fully informed of the transfer process
- To share expertise and resources
- To realise the benefits from shared training and acquisition of knowledge and skills

The Plan sets out how we will work together to realise the above aims. It summarises aims and priorities agreed by partner schools for the period September 2024 to July 2025 and provides detailed action plans for the academic year 2024- 25. Progress and next steps will be reviewed and agreed



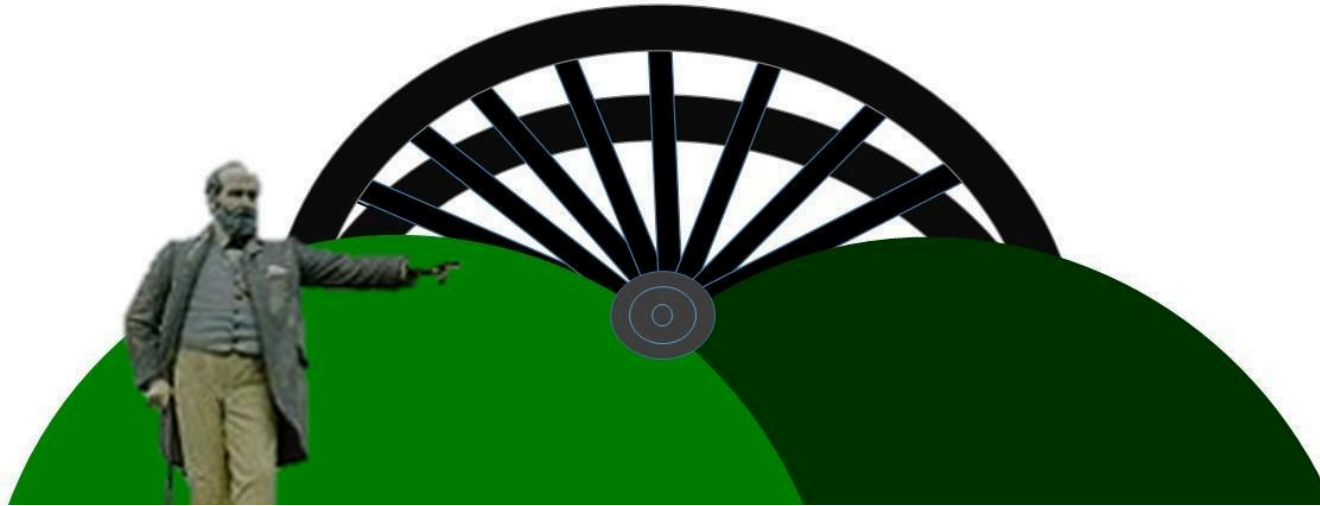
annually by our partner schools; as with the production of this plan we will seek the views of parents, carers and pupils on the approach taken (individual schools will put documents on school website).

This plan addresses the action that will be taken against the core requirements set out in the guidance provided by the Welsh Assembly Government.

- 1.Managing and co-ordinating the transition of learners from the feeder primary schools to the secondary school
- 2.Continuity of learning will be achieved through curriculum design and planning for learning and teaching for learners in Year 6 transitioning to Year 7
- 3.Supporting individual learner's progression as they transition from primary school to secondary school
4. Supporting the learning needs and the well-being of each individual learner will be supported as they transition from primary school to secondary school
- 5.Proposals for reviewing and monitoring the impact of the transition plan

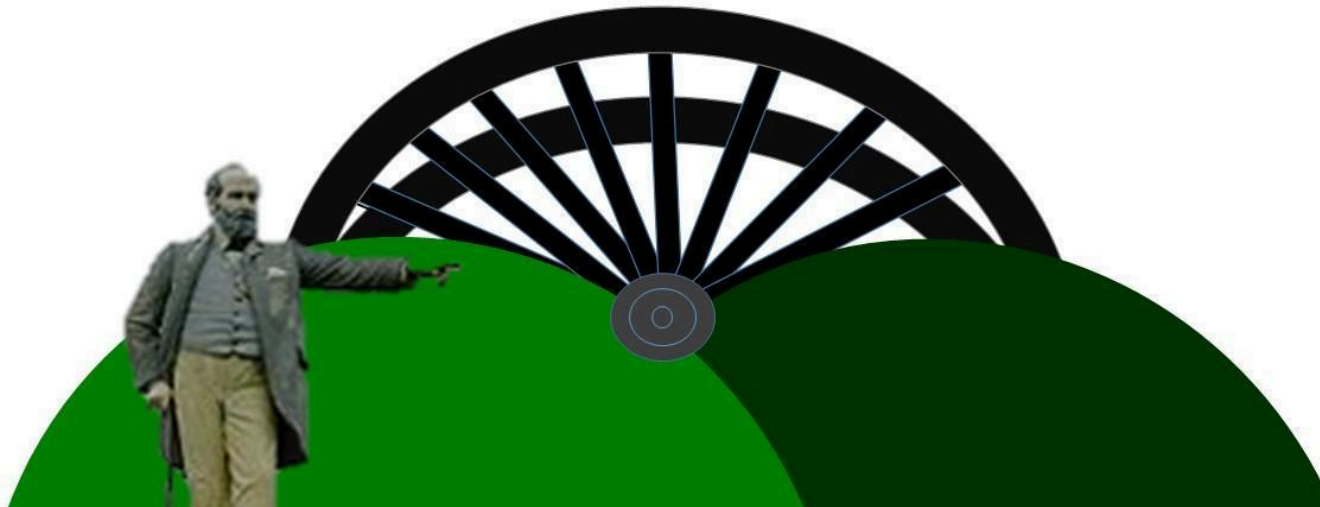
The Ysgol Nantgwyn cluster works collaboratively to ensure that all schools work together to support coherent learner progression, support the overall needs and well-being of pupils and ensure appropriate pace and challenge in a school's approach to progression when developing their curriculum and assessment arrangements.

Opportunities for transition are plentiful and are detailed in the agreed cluster calendar included in this document.



The cluster has developed a 3 year cluster improvement plan to address key areas as detailed in this document. In addition the following support is agreed across the cluster to support pupils as they progress from year 6 into year 7.

Managing and co-ordinating the transition of learners from the feeder primary schools to the secondary school	Opportunities for transition are plentiful and are detailed in the agreed cluster calendar included in this document. Pupils from Ysgol Nantgwyn and from the cluster have the opportunity to take part in well-being and curriculum activities throughout years 5 and year 6. This includes planned visits to Ysgol Nantgwyn. Regular communication takes place between the cluster headteachers, ALNCos, the Ysgol Nantgwyn middle school team and year 6 teachers to ensure that a smooth transition takes place into year 7 for all pupils. The Head of Middle School and Acting Deputy Headteacher will have the responsibility for coordinating the transition process.
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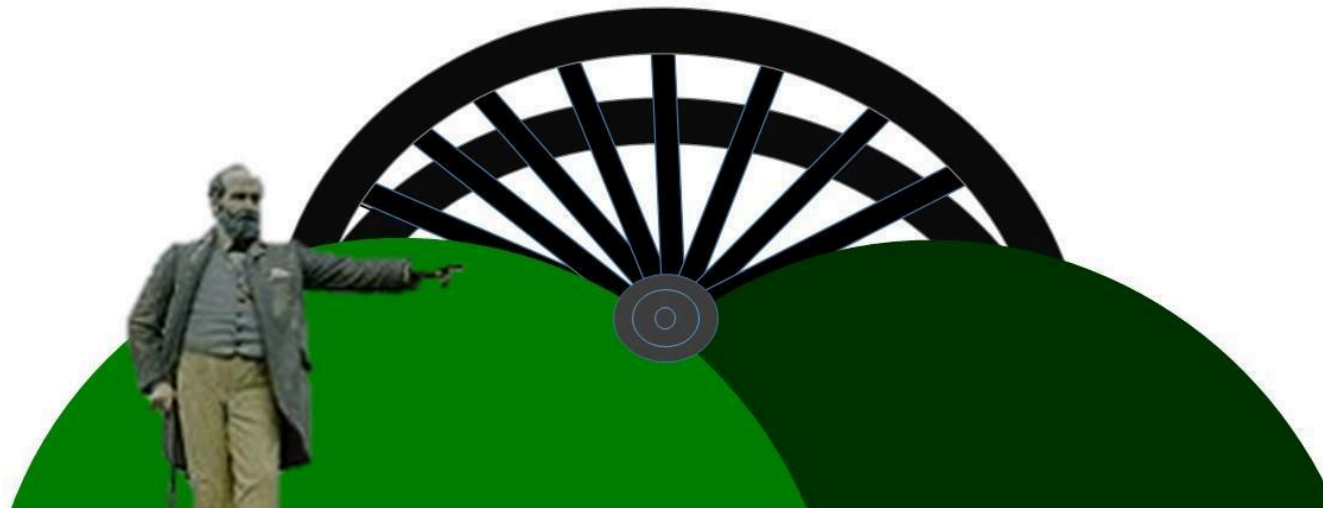
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The cluster will work to continue to develop and plan for an enquiry led curriculum, planning through concepts to incorporate shared approaches to learning. This will include the development of a year 6 'identity' unit and shared text for the theme.

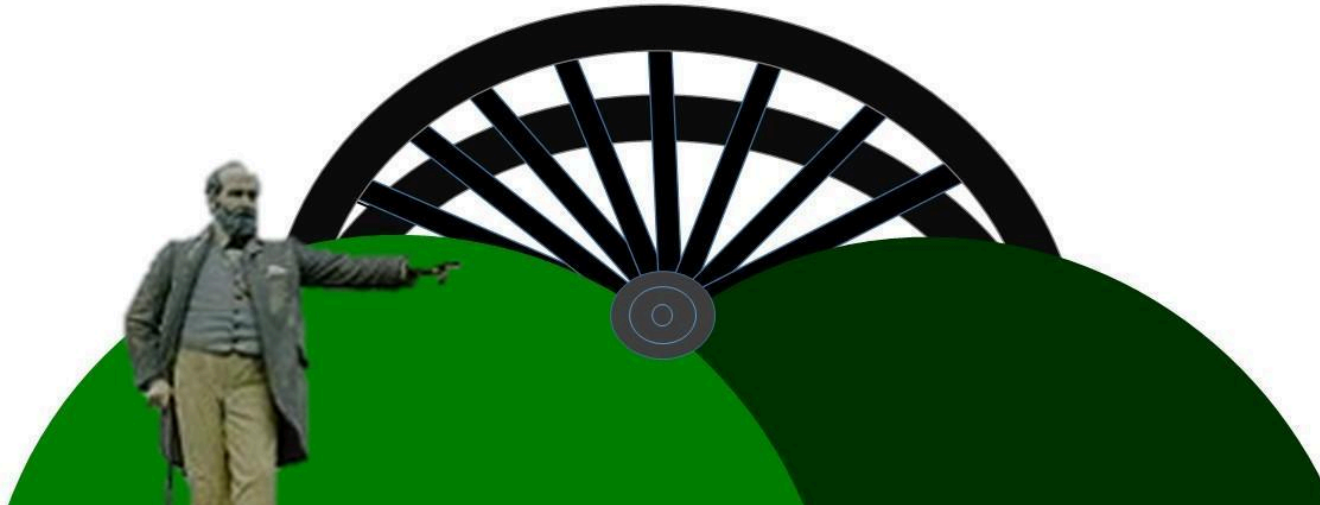
Improving standards of literacy has been identified as priority in the cluster improvement plan as detailed in this document. Actions will include developing speaking and listening approaches and strategies across the cluster (Voice 21, critical skills, foundation phase approach). Standards in reading will also be developed through a shared approach to testing reading to ensure that all bench mark data is accurate for pupils when starting in year 7.

As part of the cluster's ongoing work the cluster will continue to review established AoLE groups and evaluate their impact. The cluster will Implement iterative curriculum design cycles and promote the pedagogical principles through curriculum design and staff collaboration.

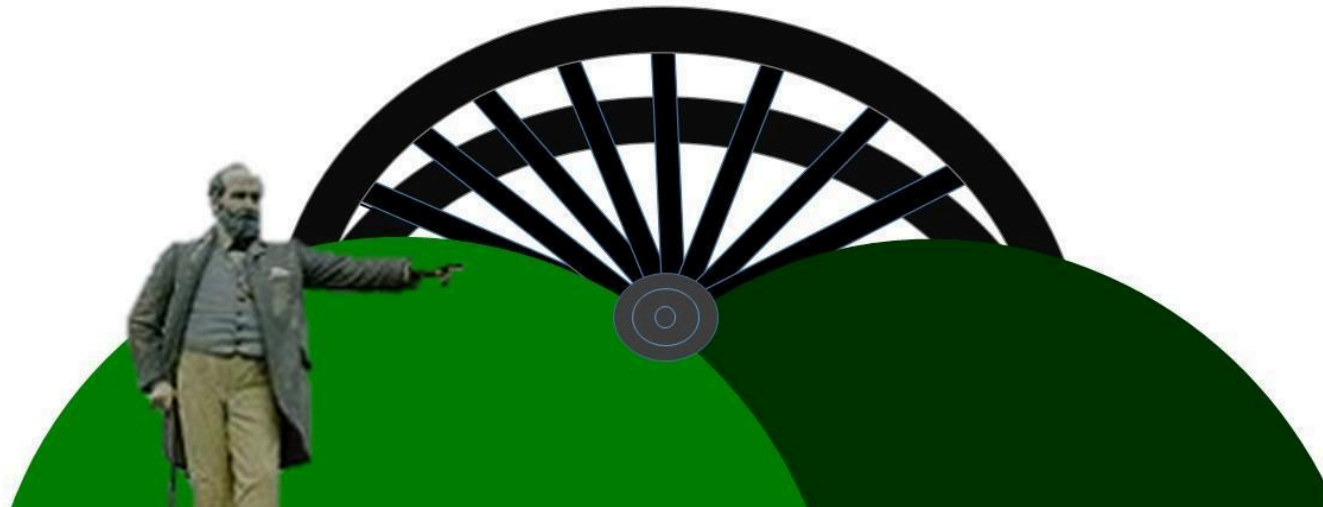
The cluster will develop a RSE network group in order to consistently implement and develop RSE across the cluster.



<p>Supporting individual learner's progression as they transition from primary school to secondary school</p>	<p>Discussions between all cluster schools take place to ensure that staff at Ysgol Nantgwyn are aware of pupils prior attainment in year 6 and the next steps to build on this.</p> <p>The cluster are working together to develop a more consistent approach of assessment.</p>
<p>Supporting the learning needs and the well-being of each individual learner will be supported as they transition from primary school to secondary school</p>	<p>Planned and agreed transition events take place throughout the year with both a well-being and curriculum focus (see calendar.) All year 5 and year 6 pupils are encouraged to take part in Transition Thursday sessions with a well-being focus.</p> <p>Visits to the cluster schools by Ysgol Nantgwyn staff are mapped out throughout the year to support years 5 and 6 pupils in getting to know key staff.</p> <p>Planned visits to Ysgol Nantgwyn will take place for year 5 and 6 pupils to allow them to become familiar with the building. Year 6 pupils also attend an induction day with their form tutor in the summer term</p> <p>Pupil information meetings take place in the summer term with key staff to ensure that all learning</p>



	<p>and well-being needs are discussed and planned for before pupils start in year 7.</p> <p>ALNCOs across the cluster regularly meet to discuss pupils and implement policy in a cluster approach.</p> <p>Extra ALN transition is planned for and takes place in the summer term to support ALN pupils with the transition process.</p> <p>Planned INSET throughout the year will develop a trauma informed schools approach throughout the cluster.</p> <p>As an agreed focus we will develop attendance cluster groups to enable collaboration and sharing of effective practice to improve standards of attendance consistently across the cluster. This will include creating a cluster policy to promote consistency of approach, creating cluster communications for families and developing collective approaches with shared families.</p>
Proposals for reviewing and	The cluster headteacher and staff with responsibility for the transition process will regularly meet



monitoring the impact of the transition plan

throughout the year to review and monitor the impact of the cluster improvement plan.

Managing and Coordinating Transition

Each school has nominated its Headteacher to be the lead on transition. The Headteacher steering group strategically manages transition targets and meets half-termly. Transition is high on the list of priorities for the agenda for each meeting.

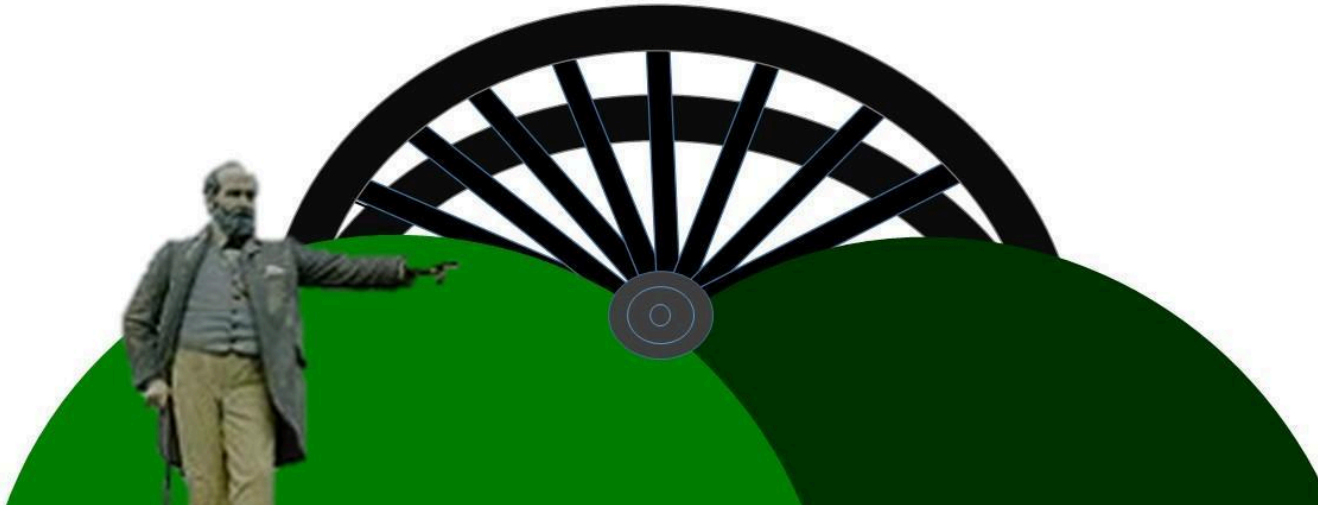
Annual Review

The steering group meets monthly to review progress, identify further issues to be addressed and agree to any necessary actions. An annual review of progress takes place in the Summer Term and considers the progress made and agrees priorities for the following year including roles and responsibilities.

Evaluation of the impact and improvement initiatives on standards

To achieve our ultimate aim of raising standards in all our schools it is important that targets are evaluated annually and are monitored monthly for the life of the plan. The working parties and forums we currently have in place will contribute to the monitoring and evaluation programme. We will also seek evaluation of the programmes we introduce from the wider community.

Three years priorities 2024/2027



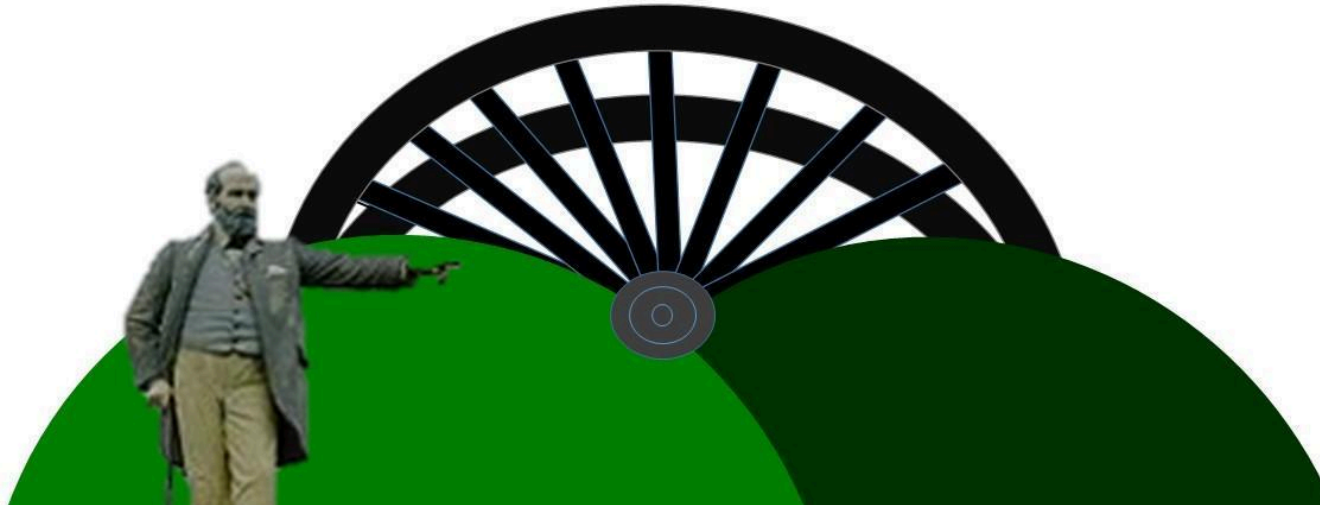
- Improving standards of achievement
- Improving and enhancing pupil wellbeing (including safeguarding, CLA, attendance)
- Curriculum implementation, review and iterative development and develop effective assessment approaches
- Improve learning and teaching (inclusive of ALN transformation)
- To develop staff to become highly effective practitioners
- To develop highly effective leaders

Year One priorities 2024/2025

- Continuation of cross cluster collaboration to develop a shared understanding of planning and progression within AOLEs and cross cutting themes, begin portfolio
- Cross cluster collaboration with regards Nursery transition and FP links between developmental pathways and AOLEs
- Improve attendance across the cluster

Year Two priorities 2025/2026

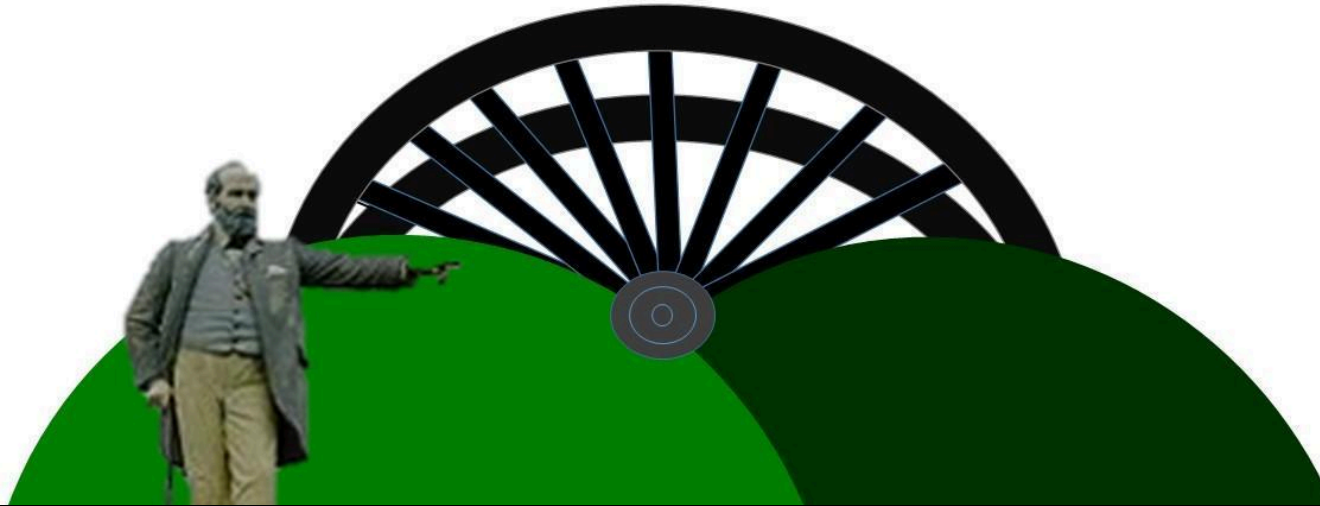
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- Develop a consistent cluster approach to formative assessment
- Cluster working to support attendance



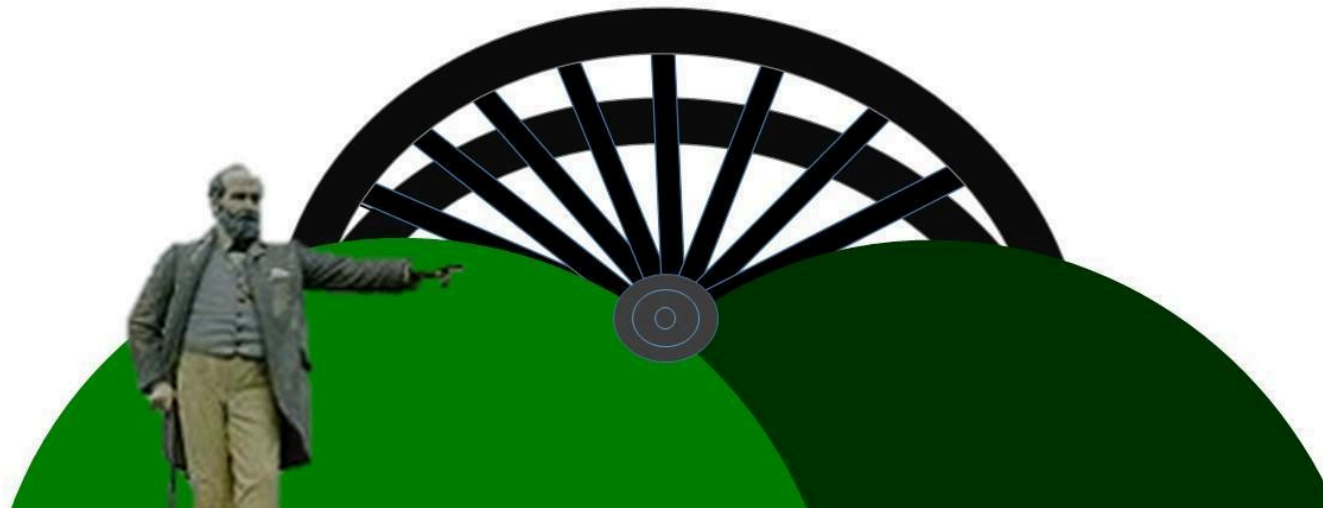
Year Two priorities 2026/2027

- Continuation of cross cluster collaboration to develop a shared understanding of planning and progression within AOLEs and cross cutting themes, improve portfolios
- Share good practice on teaching and learning that challenges all learners to meet expectations that are high but achievable (differentiation)
- Evaluate ALN processes

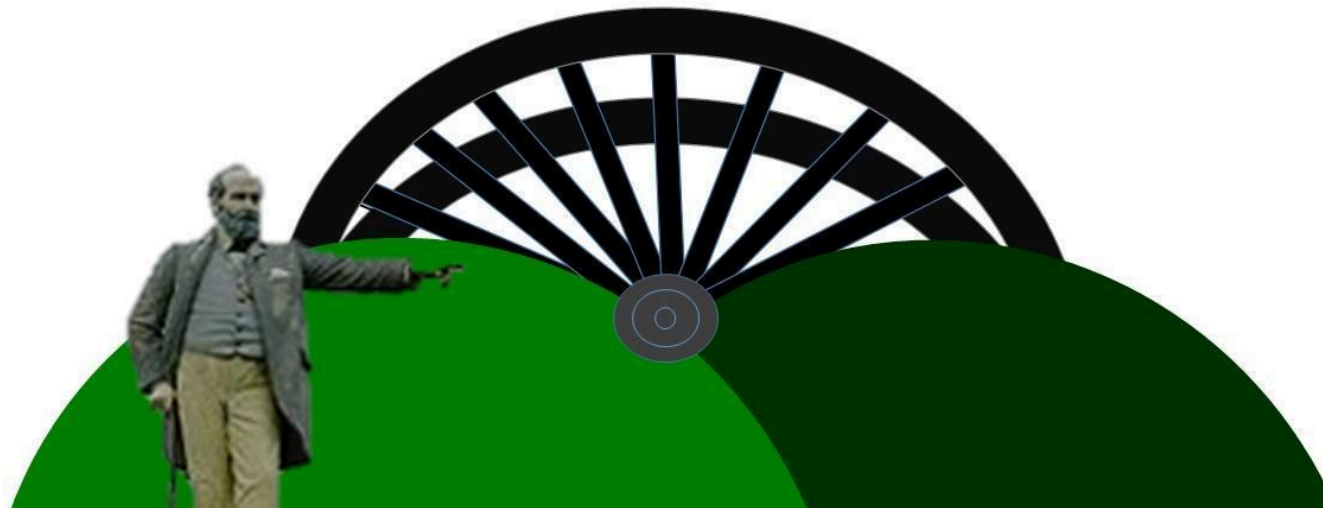
Ysgol Nantgwyn Cluster Improvement Plan			
Outcome	Actions	Lead and timescales	Evaluation/ Review
Improving standards of achievement			
Improve transition arrangements for Nursery	Develop baseline assessment and how it could show progress throughout CfW Cluster working party to meet regularly Strengthen links with pre- nurseries and external agencies previously involved with learners	Senior Lead - Leanne Brown Ysgol Nantgwyn - Cwmclydach- TBC/ Emma Smith Williamstown - Leanne Brown Pontrhondda - Rebecca Morris/ Emma Dando Llwynypia - Rachel Price	



	<p>Sharing good practice across cluster in order to develop consistency</p> <p>Leanne to share contacts that attend parent sessions with cluster</p>		
<p>Improve transition arrangements for year 6 pupils</p>	<p>Develop assessment and progression</p> <p>Create portfolio of exemplar work- Writing portfolio</p> <p>Additional transition opportunities for learners with ALN</p>	<p>Senior Lead - Dan Stanton</p> <p>Ysgol Nantgwyn -</p> <p>Cwmclydach- Janet Edwards</p> <p>Williamstown - Nicola Densley/ Daniel Stack</p> <p>Pontrhondda - Helen John/ John Carroll</p> <p>Llwynypia - Sophie Gregory</p>	
Implement and review curriculum			
<p>Build on previous cluster curriculum development groups processes</p>	<p>Review established AoLE groups</p> <p>Evaluate current implementation and its impact</p> <p>Implement iterative curriculum design cycles</p> <p>Promote the pedagogical principles through curriculum design and staff collaboration</p> <p>Use of LLC Rubric for auditing and assessing current provision</p>	<p>Senior Lead - Linsey Owens</p> <p>Ysgol Nantgwyn - Tracey Mein</p> <p>Cwmclydach- Alison Howells</p> <p>Williamstown - Jamie Lewis</p> <p>Pontrhondda - Alyson James</p> <p>Llwynypia - Sheena Dessent</p>	



<p>An effective assessment system and processes</p>	<p>Develop a consistency of structure, processes and approach that allows progress to be shown. Build on assessment for learning training throughout the cluster</p> <p>Review of assessment and progression cluster statement</p>	<p>Senior Lead - Cluster Heads Ysgol Nantgwyn - Tracey Mein Cwmclydach- Alison Howells/ Linsey Owens Williamstown - Jamie Lewis/ Alison Hall Pontrhondda - Jonathan Carroll/Alyson James Llwynypia - Lisa Chinnock</p>	
<p>Improve attendance</p>			
<p>Attendance officers are supported in their roles</p>	<p>Develop attendance cluster groups to enable collaboration and sharing of effective practice Create cluster policy to promote consistency of approach Create cluster communications for families Develop collective approaches with shared families</p> <p>Arrange meeting for attendance leads/Chairs of GB/link governors - invite AWS?</p>	<p>Senior Lead - Laura Morris Ysgol Nantgwyn - John Davies Cwmclydach- Devhan Johnson Williamstown - Alison Hall/ Lisa Francis Pontrhondda - Amy Aubrey Llwynypia - Sheena Dessent/ Claire Ball</p>	



Pupils' well-being improves

Further develop a cluster trauma informed schools approach and link to healthy schools awards.

Senior Lead - Alyson James
 Ysgol Nantgwyn - Catherine Waithaka
 Cwmclydach- Kayley Phillips
 Williamstown - Nesta Clement
 Pontrhondda - Helen John
 Llwynypia - Lisa Chinnock

Cluster working academic year 24 to 25

Dear Headteacher and Wellbeing Lead

Your cluster has been chosen to work together to identify good practice in relation to the Whole School Approaches to Wellbeing that has been rolled out by Jo Bendon and her team (Healthy Schools).

During the year we will have 6 days: a day per half term to work together.
The day per half term costs will be provided to cover your role in school.

The purpose of the wellbeing cluster work:
 I would like us to celebrate good practice and identify an area we would like to develop together as a cluster of schools.

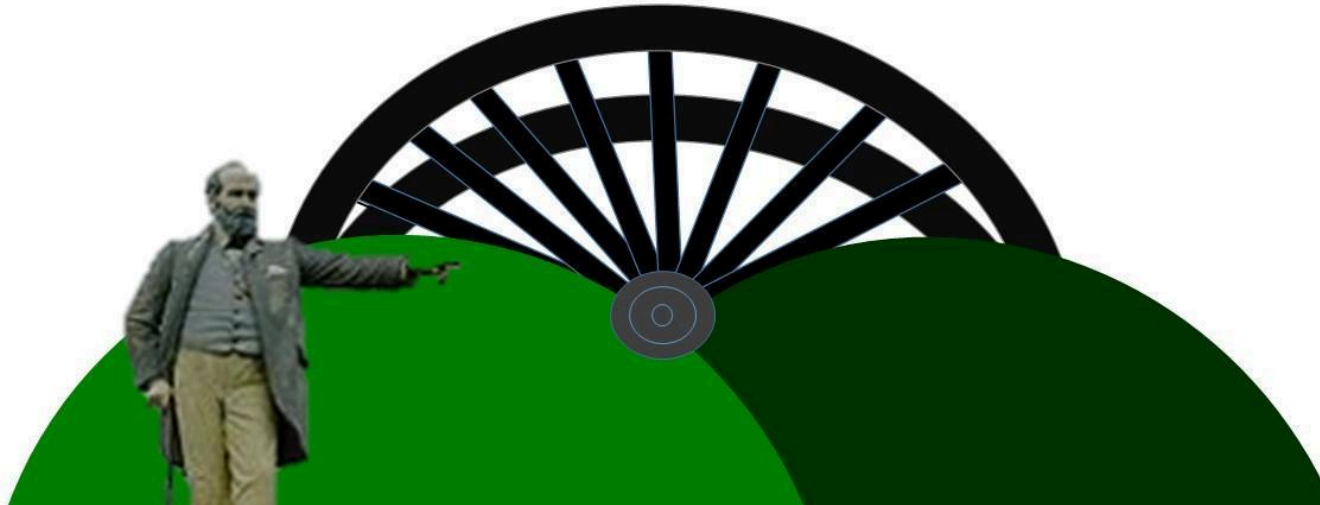
The dates for your cluster are:

- October 18th
- December 5th
- February 5th
- March 25th
- May 12th
- July 4th

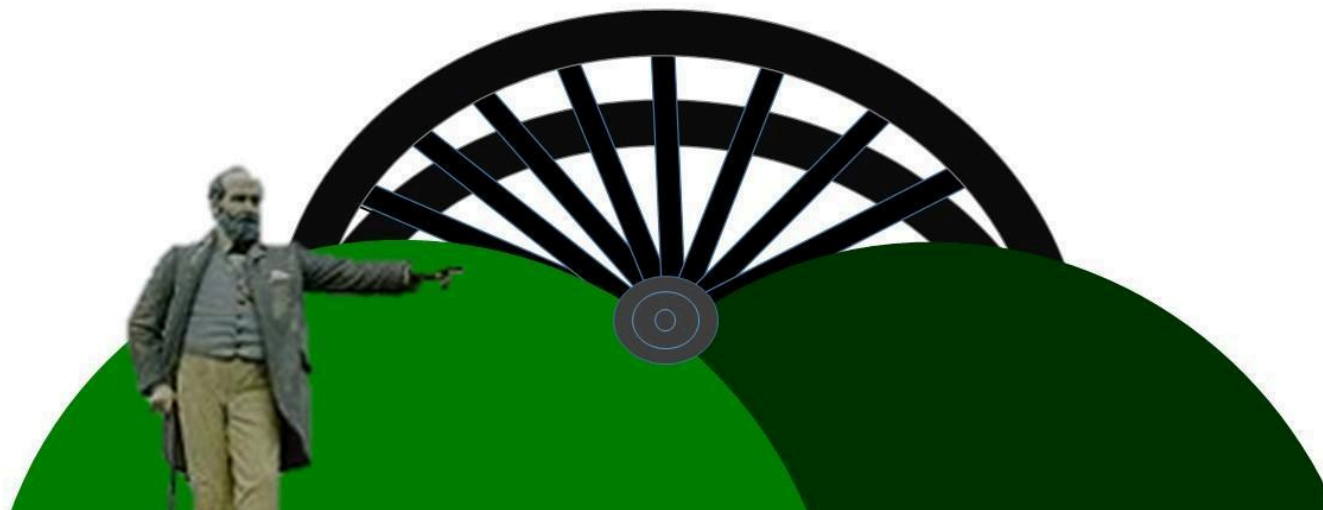
There will also be an opportunity for a member of SLT to go on the IACT training – Date to be confirmed.

Plus an opportunity for Spectacle theatre to work with the school- date to be confirmed.

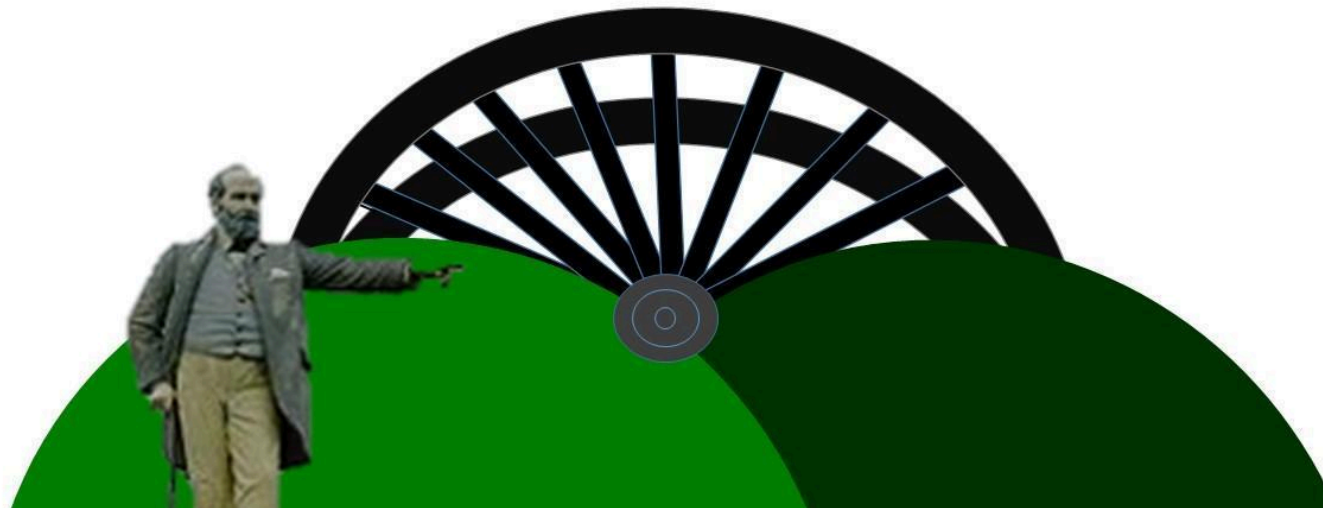
All schools involved, currently developing key themes to work on as a cluster.



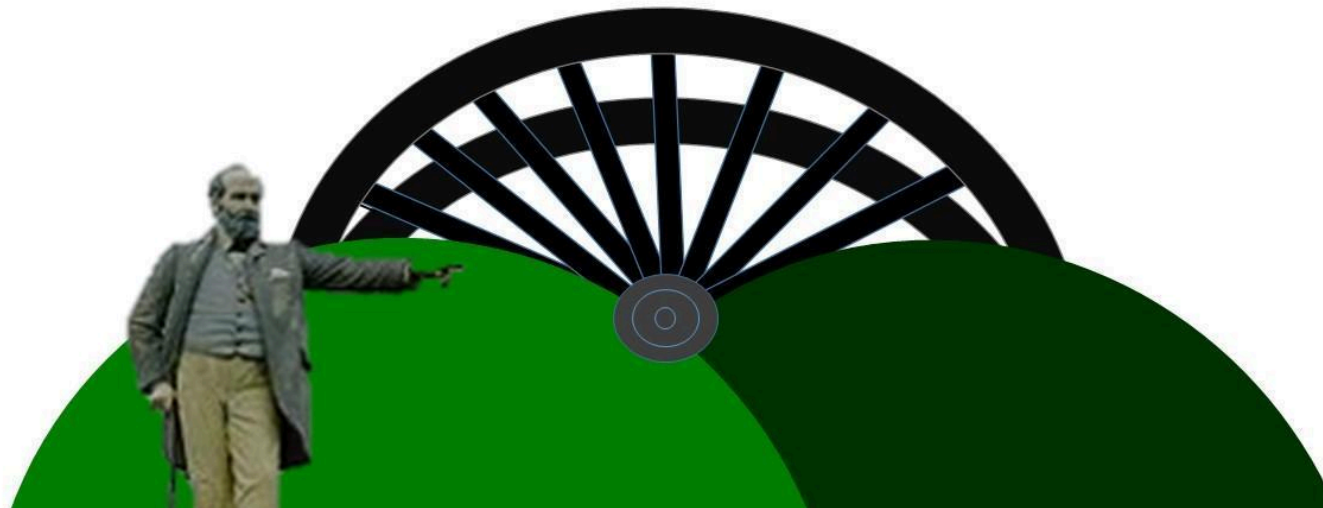
Date	Event	Who	Where	When	Year	Schools
September						
WB 16th/21st September	Cluster assemblies	DS	primaries	TBA with individual School	years 6	all of cluster
Thursday 26th September	Ysgol Nantgwyn open evening	Ysgol Nantgwyn staff	Ysgol Nantgwyn	4.00pm - 6.30pm	years 4, 5 and 6	all of cluster
October						
1st September-11th October	Year 7 admissions deadline	-	-	-	year 6- cluster	all of cluster
Week 21st Oct	Year 6 cluster sports event at Ysgol Nantgwyn	DS	Ysgol Nantgwyn	TBC	year 6	all of cluster
Last week of half term	Year 6 reading data capture	DS	-	-	year 6	all of cluster
November						



Thursday 7th Nov	Year 5 and 6 Transition Thursdays	DS and AC	Ysgol Nantgwyn	3.30pm-4.30pm	Years 5 and 6	all of cluster
Thursday 14th Nov	Year 5 and 6 Transition Thursdays	DS and AC	DS and AC	3.30pm-4.30pm	Years 5 and 6	all of cluster
Thursday 21st Nov	Year 5 and 6 Transition Thursdays	DS and AC	Ysgol Nantgwyn	3.30pm-4.30pm	Years 5 and 6	all of cluster
December						
Thursday 28th Nov	Year 5 and 6 Transition Thursdays	DS and AC	Ysgol Nantgwyn	3.30pm-4.30pm	Years 5 and 6	all of cluster
January						
February						
Week 3rd Feb	Year 6 cluster sports event at Ysgol Nantgwyn	DS	Ysgol Nantgwyn	TBC	year 6	all of cluster
March						
April						
Throughout month- TBA	Year 6 cluster visits-DS- one per school (April or May)	DS	cluster schools	TBA	6	all of cluster
Tuesday 29th April	Year 5 Interschool sports day	AC	Ysgol Nantgwyn	10.00-1.40	5	all of cluster



May						
Throughout month- TBA	Year 6 cluster visits-DS- one per school (April or May)	DS	cluster schools	TBC	6	all of cluster
Week 19th May	Year 6 cluster sports event at Ysgol Nantgwyn	DS	Ysgol Nantgwyn	TBC	year 6	all of cluster
Tuesday 13th May and Tues 20th May	Additional year 6 ALN transition	DS/SD	Ysgol Nantgwyn	TBC	6	all of cluster
June						
WB Monday 2nd June and Monday 9th June	Year 6 cluster data handover visits (cover can be provided)	DS	cluster schools	TBC	6	all of cluster
Tuesday 3rd June and Tues 10th June	Additional year 6 ALN transition	DS/SD	Ysgol Nantgwyn	TBC	6	all of cluster
Thurs 26th June	Year 6 transition day at Ysgol Nantgwyn		Ysgol Nantgwyn	10.00-2.00	6	all of cluster
July						



Thursday 3rd July	Year 6 transition day at Ysgol Nantgwyn		Ysgol Nantgwyn	10.00-2.00	6	all of cluster
Thursday 3rd July	Year 6 parent information evening at Ysgol Nantgwyn		Ysgol Nantgwyn	4.30-5.30	6	all of cluster
WB 7th July	Additional year 6 behaviour transition		Ysgol Nantgwyn	TBC	6	all of cluster