

Whether you want to learn Welsh from scratch, begin a new course after taking time out, practise speaking or improve your skills in written Welsh, a full range of courses at all levels will be available in Cardigan Castle from the end of September.

The courses, which are run by Aberystwyth University, aim to get you using your Welsh as quickly as possible, and depending on the course and the level, they run for either two or four hours a week in the daytime or evening.

In the beginners to intermediate classes, the emphasis is on speaking and understanding everyday Welsh, while the higher level classes build on this and introduce more formal varieties of Welsh.

An integral part of all these course is the involvement of local volunteers who come to classes to help learners develop their conversational skills.

The classroom sessions are accompanied by free online resources at every level. These include a large number of specially devised games and a soap opera.

In addition to the course-based classes, we also provide three conversation classes at different levels. These are designed to boost your confidence in using the language while expanding your vocabulary. We discuss a huge range of topics from gardening and cookery, health and what's on the television, to hot topics in the local and national news. Several times a year we also invite guest speakers.

The courses and the materials are affordable, and the classes themselves are relaxed and friendly. All this in the wonderful setting of Cardigan Castle!

We also arrange or take part in a number of activities outside the classroom. These include a programme of walks, a learners' choir and occasional trips.

A list of the courses being run in the castle can be found below, but if you require more information or would just like to chat to a tutor to find out which is the right course for you, please feel free to contact them by e-mail or phone.

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### **Registration**

You can either contact one of the tutors or just register when you come along to class for the first time.

### **Brief description of the different courses available**

**Mynediad Dwys/Intensive Entry** This is a four hours a week class for beginners. The aim is to develop basic conversational skills, talking about yourself and others, the weather, likes and dislikes.

**Sylfaen Dwys/Intensive Foundation** This is a four hours a week course which follows on from the first year *Mynediad* class. By the end of this course you will have covered all of the tenses and nearly all of the grammar used in everyday Welsh. If *Mynediad* is the primer, *Sylfaen* is the undercoat!

**Canolradd Dwys/Intensive Intermediate** The aim of this course is to consolidate everything learned in the first two years, give you more practice in speaking and understanding, and also to expand the range of your vocabulary.

**Uwch/Higher** These classes run over two years, and introduce more formal kinds of Welsh, with an introduction to some aspects of Welsh culture.

**Uwch Pontio** These classes run for two hours or four hours a week for students who will usually have completed the *Uwch* course.

### **Sgwrsio/Conversation**

These classes run at three different levels: *Canolradd/Intermediate*, *Uwch 1/Higher 1* and *Uwch 2/Higher 2*. In addition to students who have learned Welsh as adults, these classes are also suitable for all those who feel that their Welsh has become rusty and who lack confidence to speak Welsh out in the “real world”.

### **The Courses**

#### **Mynediad/Entry**

Course code	Time	Start Date	Fee per 10 week term*
NB108	7-9pm (Mon and Thurs)	28/9/15	£55 (£40 concession)
NB107	9.30am-2pm (Tues)	29/9/15	£55 (£40 concession)

#### **Sylfaen/Foundation**

Course code	Time	Start Date	Fee per 10 week term*
NB109	9.30am-2pm (Tues)	29/9/15	£55 (£40 concession)

#### **Canolradd/Intermediate**

Course code	Time	Start Date	Fee per 10 week term*
NB102	6.30-8.30pm (Tues and Thurs)	29/9/15	£55 (£40 concession)
NB101 – This is the 2 <sup>nd</sup> year of a course which began last year. New joiners welcome.	9.30am-2pm (Thurs)	1/10/15	£55 (£40 concession)
NB103 - This is the 2nd year of a course which	9.30-2pm (Weds)	30/9/15	£55 (£40 concession)

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#### Uwch 1 Dwys

Course code	Time	Start Date	Fee per 10 week term*
NB110 (this class will spend the first part of the new year completing the Intermediate level before moving on)	7-9pm (Mon and Weds)	28/9/15	£55 (£40 concession)

#### Uwch 2 Dwys

Course code	Time	Start Date	Fee per 10 week term*
NB111	9.30am-2pm (Mon)	28/9/15	£55 (£40 concession)

#### Uwch Pontio

Course code	Time	Start Date	Fee per 10 week term*
NB106 (intensive course)	9.30am-2pm (Tues)	29/9/15	£55 (£40 concession)
NB105 (2 hours per week)	7-9pm (Mon)	28/9/15	£40 (£30 concession)

#### Sgwrsio/Conversation

Course code	Time	Start Date	Fee per 10 week term*
NB104 Canolradd/Intermediate	12.00-2pm (Thurs)	1/10/15	£40 (£30 concession)
NB113 Uwch 1	9.30-11.30 (Weds)	30/9/15	£40 (£30 concession)
NB112 Uwch 2	9.30-11.30 (Thurs)	1/10/15	£40 (£30 concession)

#### Fees

There are three terms per year over 30 weeks. You may pay for the whole year in advance, in which case a discount of 10% is applied.

You may also attend more than one course, in which case the following scale of charges applies:

2 hours a week: £40 (£30 concession)

4 hours a week: £55 (£40 concession)

6 hours a week: £65 (£45 concession)

In addition, there is a charge for course books. These vary in price, but for most of the courses listed here, the fee is £5.

Limited financial assistance to aid students with the cost of course materials, travel and childcare is available (but not the course fees themselves). The tutors will be able to advise you how to apply.