

Classics in Wales: Past, Present, Future

Background: education in Wales

- Past: declining PISA results in 2006, 2009, and 2012
- Present: National Literacy and Numeracy Framework has failed to support pupils; 2015 PISA predictions worse than 2012; Donaldson report (<https://hwbplus.wales.gov.uk/schools/6714052/Documents/Donaldson%20Report.pdf>)
- Future: Curriculum and Initial Teacher Training being overhauled in 2018 (Huw Lewis – stepping down in May 2016)

Classics:

- Past:
 - Classics: 1980s: closure of Classics at Bangor and Aberystwyth
 - 1960s-1990s: decline of students taking Classics exams
- Present:
 - Latin: Secondary: 11% (64% comp., 36% independent) and Primary: 0.9%
 - South Wales: www.literacythroughclassics.weebly.com; North Wales is problem area
- Future:
 - Cymru Wales Classics Hub (www.cymruwalesclassicshub.weebly.com)
 - Collaboration with Welsh Government (Report: <http://cymruwalesclassicshub.weebly.com/learning-latin-in-wales-report.html>), local councils, and school consortia with support of Classics for All (support packages for schools to be created); new research group on Classics in Wales (details TBC)
 - Creation of Latin resources through medium of Welsh (bilingual requirement)