

Our achievements

<p>More than 11,000 young people are improving their digital skills through more than 700 code clubs. Over the last three years the number of young people taking part has increased by 75 per cent.</p>	<p>Between 2016 and 2019, the number of eFSM learners achieving at least one science GCSE qualification has increased by 60 per cent. The number achieving at least one grade C or above in a science GCSE has increased by over 30 per cent.</p>		<p>Schools with the largest class sizes benefiting from the Reducing Infant Class Sizes Grant have reduced their average infant class size to 23, directly benefiting more than 6,000 children, with an extra 165 staff employed.</p>		<p>We have developed and are delivering the National Approach to Professional Learning, investing a record £31 million in teachers' development. We have also successfully delivered a 'Made in Wales' pay and conditions framework, raising the starting salary significantly.</p>
<p>Of all A level learners in Wales in 2019, 27 per cent achieved A*–A grades, the highest in the UK. This is up from 23 per cent in 2016, when we were significantly behind England and Northern Ireland and the Minister for Education responded with a dedicated improvement plan.</p>	<p>Eighty-six per cent of Year 9 learners achieve at least the expected assessment level in core subjects. It was 63 per cent at the start of the last decade. The overall eFSM attainment gap has reduced by 4 per cent in the last four years.</p>	<p>We have improved the proportion of top-performing learners in PISA, and achieved our best ever scores in reading and mathematics, for the first time being in the OECD mainstream across all domains. In the last PISA results, Wales was the only national in the UK to improve all three domains.</p>	<p>Over 90,000 learners, across 176 settings, are benefiting from new and improved learning environments since 2016 thanks to our 21st Century School and Colleges Programme.</p>		
<p>In Wales 100 per cent of schools now access super-fast broadband. In 2016 it was just 37 per cent.</p>		<p>There were 950 participants on National Academy for Educational Leadership Wales endorsed leadership programmes in 2019/20.</p>	<p>We have reformed initial teacher education and have seen a 50 per cent increase in applications and an overall increase in the number of student teachers.</p>	<p>More than 10,000 learners have been supported through our two Seren Programmes, at the heart of Wales' first ever More Able and Talented Strategy. Record levels of students from disadvantaged and non-traditional backgrounds now go on to higher education.</p>	<p>We have delivered the ALN legislation in readiness for the ALN Code and regulations for the new ALN system to start in September 2021.</p>
	<p>Over 400 schools and over 40,000 learners are benefiting from the Small and Rural Schools Grant.</p>			<p>We have delivered Curriculum for Wales guidance, introducing new legislation to embed the four purposes of the curriculum and ensure that all are focused on higher standards of literacy and numeracy, and that our young people are more digitally and bilingually competent.</p>	