

# **CALDICOT SCHOOL**

Ysgol Cil-y-Coed



## **Additional Learning Needs (ALN) Specialist Resource Base (SRB)**

**Supporting learners with  
ALN**

**INFORMATION  
FOR FAMILIES AND CARERS**

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## Aims

To provide inclusive support for pupils with additional learning needs and disabilities that form barriers to their learning.

- To identify learners with ALN in order to swiftly ameliorate barriers to learning.
- The planning and implementation of programmes to meet the needs of all learners
- The monitoring of the progress of pupils with ALN

The ALN department caters for pupils with a wide range of individual ability and aptitude enabling them access to the National Curriculum. Our SRB provides supported small group learning across the whole curriculum, these groups are arranged by stage of learning and personality in order to create the best possible environment for our learners to thrive. The placement of pupils is a flexible one as pupils are reviewed regularly. A high level of support is available for pupils with Autistic Spectrum Disorders (ASD) both in the SRB and within mainstream.

The SRB curriculum has been designed to incorporate high quality teaching from specialist teachers as well as allowing learners opportunities to participate in vocational activities and incorporate their own interests into their learning. We pride ourselves on maintaining a person centred ethos for all out learners.



At KS4 the majority of our SRB learners follow Entry Level courses with bespoke arrangements made to ensure special interests and talents are catered for wherever possible. Although the SRB represents a small part of the school there are opportunities for learners to access specialist areas throughout the school wherever appropriate for them.

We are a new build and currently at the tail end of our development, this year we will see the installation of our sensory room to cater for learners with a variety of sensory needs and a separate calming area for learners who require periods of calm and low stimuli.

SRB classrooms were designed with ASD friendly principles in mind, each room has access to outdoors and an abundance of natural light as well as a calming colour scheme. We have created 'the apartment' for our learners to develop independent living skills and for our older learners to use as a breakout area. This room is equipped with a kitchen and furniture to represent a small home.



Our SRB has a separate, smaller entrance that many of our learners prefer to use. We also offer a supervised breakfast club from 8am where learners are able to use 'the apartment' to make breakfast and interact with their peers before the school day commences.



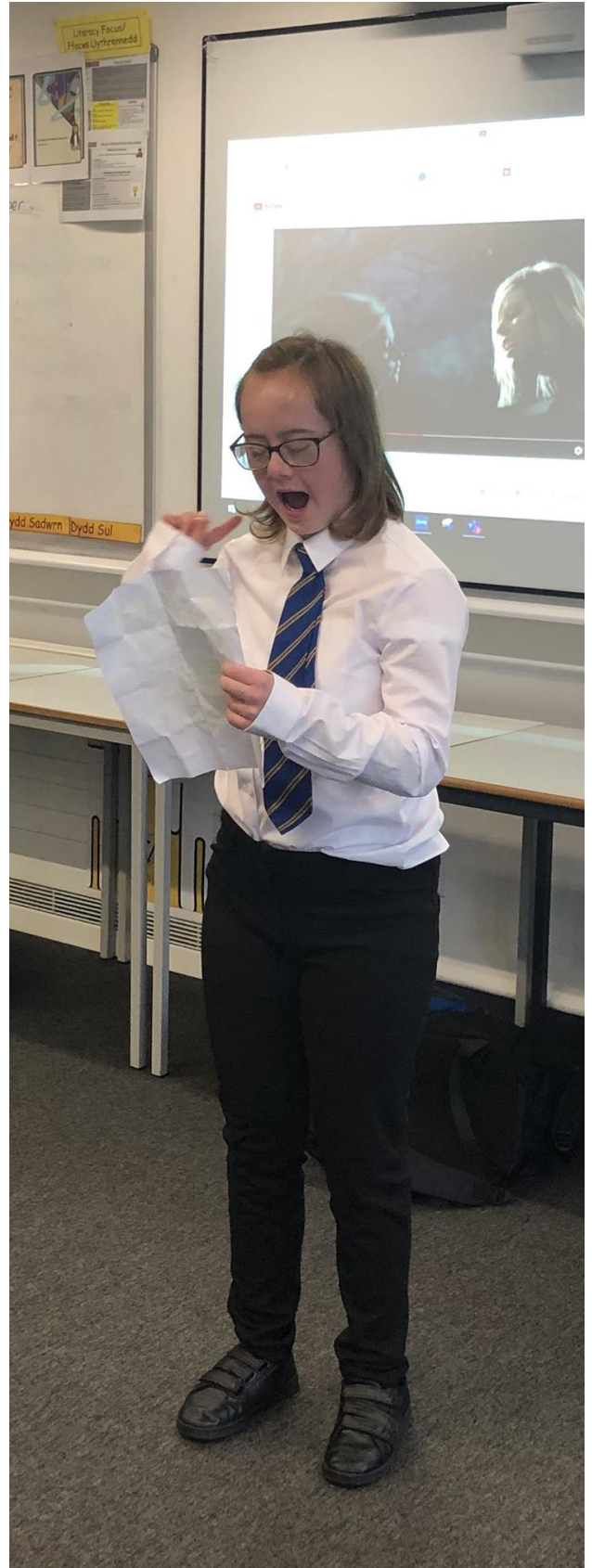
We hold a monthly youth club in the SRB where pupils have the opportunity to interact with peers and engage with activities on offer. This year we plan to extend invites to learners in years 5 and 6 who are likely to transition to the SRB in order to develop friendships and build familiarity with our environment.

In Years 9, 10 and 11 our pupils receive guidance from a specialist ALN Careers Advisor from Careers Wales who supports them in the transition to the workplace or continuing life-long learning.

The SRB liaises closely with the ALN support teams at Coleg Gwent, Newport, Pontypool & Crosskeys campus's where many pupils continue their education. We offer a small number of places at post 16 for learners whose needs may be difficult to meet at college.

Among the many activities SRB pupils participate in are visits to the National Museum of Wales, The Wild Place, and the Riverfront Theatre. Our pupils also have opportunities to take part in residential visits to Hilston Park, and Gilwern Outdoor Education Centres.

SRB pupils are supported through break and lunchtime. A variety of clubs are incorporated into our curriculum including drama, music, board games, computers, football, craft and gardening.



Pupils with additional needs in mainstream classes are supported in a variety of ways. These may include literacy & numeracy clinics, in-class support from a TA and differentiated classwork.

Other interventions provided by specialist TAs include Social Communication (ComIT), Emotional Intelligence, SpLD, Dyscalculia support. Occupational Therapists at Serennu support us well providing visits and equipment to ensure all learners are able to fully immerse themselves in school life.

We are regularly visited by Gwent SenCom service to assist our learners with visual and hearing impairments and have received special recognition from them for the work we have done to ensure learners sensory needs are supported fully.

Monmouthshire Educational Psychology Service support Caldicot School in both providing training for school staff and direct work with learners and their families.

And finally... we are proud to be supported by Poppy, Caldicot School's wellbeing dog. Learners can drop in to see Poppy or make arrangements to walk her or spend time with her by themselves.

**If you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact one of our team**

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**CaldicotSRB** @CaldicotSrb · 02 Oct  
All the students in @CaldicotSrb took part in the #Antibullyingassembly @AntiBullyingPro. Here we are pledging our support.



↻ CaldicotSRB retweeted



**Caldicot Hospitality & Catering** ... · 21 Sep  
Miss Smith has had a smashing 'Pop-Tart' morning with @CaldicotSrb Wye. This morning they had their demonstration on homemade strawberry/blueberry pop-tarts inspired by @StaceySolomon Let's just say they went down a real treat & they're very excited to make them! @Caldicot\_Sch 🧑🍳



**CaldicotSRB** @CaldicotSrb · 21 Sep  
Cas Troggi enjoying the new additions you our ALN yard. Hopefully the weather will stay sunny ☀️ to carry on enjoying the yard.



**CaldicotSRB** @CaldicotSrb · 02 Oct  
We love drama @CaldicotSrb !!! Our interpretation of funny bones is looking good. 🍷🍷



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**Caldicot School PE** @CaldicotPE... · 08 Oct  
We had a lovely surprise in our @CaldicotSrb lesson today.. Poppy joined in with our fitness lesson!

