

Quality Marks for Welsh Schools (GQM-W)

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We are pleased to announce that we are now offering a version of the Quality Mark framework for Welsh Schools. See the Q and A below for further information.

Q. What is the different about the GQM-W?

A. It is basically the same framework but uses different language and detail to reflect the different curriculum contexts in Wales in terms of both organisation e.g. having a Foundation Phase Curriculum until KS2 and in terms of content e.g. the focus on ESDGC. It also refers to the literacy and numeracy frameworks.

Q. Is the GQM-W written in Welsh though?

A. No, the framework is not written in Welsh. It is written in English and we require applicants to complete it in English. The reason for this is that the Quality Marks are global Awards and we may have applications from many different countries. So, logistically, it would be complex to permit each applicant to apply in their home language and this would drive costs up.

Additionally, each application is assessed by the National Moderation Team for quality control purposes. Whilst some of our Moderators are Welsh speakers, it is essential that all moderators can understand what has been put on the main application form.

Q. Can we use pupils' / students' work in Welsh as evidence in our GQM-W application?

A. Yes, please do use examples of your pupils' / students' work in Welsh as evidence. Our Welsh speaking moderators will be able to individually examine and assess work in Welsh and convey the details verbally to other members of the National Moderation team where this is needed.

Q. I understand you may visit some schools, what if we are a Welsh medium school or wish to be visited by a Welsh speaking moderator?

A. We can send a Welsh speaking Moderator to do any visits should the need arise.

Q. How does the GQM-W work with the Global Learning Programme?

A. The GQM-W can be evidenced by work that you may be doing as part of the Global Learning Programme and vice versa. There is a strong global learning thread that runs through the Quality Marks where work you do in this area, especially through ESDGC, can be referenced.

Find out more about the [Global Learning Programme for Wales](#) here or [here](#).

Q. What about work done in the Nursery and Foundation Phases - is this relevant to the GQM-W?

A. Definitely! The Donaldson Report highlighted the value of global learning and many other aspects highlighted in the Quality Mark Frameworks. Underpinning subject rigour is vital for high quality work through Areas of Learning and doing the Quality Mark will help you evidence this.

Q. How does the GQM-W relate to the Estyn Key Questions?

A. The Geography Quality Mark will help you meet requirements of the Estyn framework. For example, [these matrices](#) show crossover areas between the Quality Mark areas and the Estyn key questions.

Q. What do I do next?

A. Find out more about the QM's:

- [Primary](#)
- [Secondary](#)

Download the [PGQM Checklist document here](#) or the [SGQM Framework sample here](#)

Browse some example GLP work [here](#)

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The deadline for registration for Welsh schools for the 2016 cohort are:

- PGQM Register by 31 January 2016 – submit your application by 3 June 2016
- SGQM Register by 29 February 2016 – submit your application by 29 July 2016