

Our Principles for Gaelic in Bishopbriggs Academy

- We strive for equal respect for Gaelic and English throughout the school
- Gaelic Medium Education delivery is an immersive Gaelic learning experience that enhances attainment and fluency for Gaelic Medium pupils
- Gaelic Learner Education expands the opportunity to all Bishopbriggs Academy pupils to learn Gaelic
- Growth for Gaelic throughout the school
- Statutory Guidance and Advice for Education provide the foundation for our delivery as the Centre for Gaelic Medium Education in East Dunbartonshire
- Our contribution to and responsibilities outlined in East Dunbartonshire's Gaelic Language Plan further guides our implementation of GME in Bishopbriggs Academy
- Our agreed terminology (see below) is referred to and used by all

Whole School Initiatives

- School improvement plan prioritises development and ethos of Gaelic throughout the school
- There is a Gaelic Plan that is regularly reviewed by SLT, GME staff and GME/GLE pupils
- Gaelic signage can be recognised throughout the school
- Our vision, values and aims are displayed daily in Gaelic
- Meta-skills are displayed in Gaelic
- All pupils and staff can participate and contribute to Seachdain na Gàidhlig
- All pupils are given the opportunity to learn Gaelic as an option choice
- Gaelic literature will be available to all pupils through our School Library

GME Initiatives

- Delivery of Gaelic in an immersive Gaelic environment
- GME is entirely distinct to Modern Languages through curriculum and initiatives
- Our aim is to increase competency and fluency in Gàidhlig through the delivery of Gàidhlig from S1-6
- This aim is further supported through the variety of opportunities provided to pupils to use their Gaelic out with the curriculum
 - FilmG
 - Deasbad Nàiseanta
 - Seachdain na Gàidhlig
 - Partnership visits
 - Shinty

- Football
- Meet ups with other GME pupils in Central Scotland and beyond
- Podcast Project
- A Gaelic environment and community is nurtured from the Gaelic department
- Comhairle na Gàidhlig provides an opportunity for all GME pupils to share views, develop opportunities and work collaboratively to sustain and develop a Gaelic ethos in the school
- This community will be further nurtured through support from SLT and all staff
- All GME pupils are provided with an opportunity to gain Gaelic Literacy qualifications at Level 4 or 5 by end of BGE curriculum
- Expansion of delivery of GME through subjects will be investigated and supported by SLT through recruitment and timetable support

GLE initiatives

- Pupils who studied Gaelic (Learners) as their L2 at Primary School level will have the opportunity to study Gaelic (Learners) as part of their BGE Languages curriculum
- All pupils will be given the opportunity to study Gaelic in Column I in S3
- These pupils will be given the opportunity to continue with Gaelic (Learners) as a qualification at N4/5, Higher and Advanced Higher level
- BGE GLE is delivered alongside Modern Languages

The School's Name

Acadamaidh Dhrochaid an Easbaig will be used alongside Bishopbriggs Academy for all communication purposes.

Terminology

GME/FtMG - Gaelic Medium Education

GLE – Gaelic Learner Education

Gaelic – used when referring to the language in English

Gàidhlig - used when referring to the language in Gaelic and in reference to the fluent Gàidhlig curriculum

Gaelic (Learners) - used when referring to the Learners curriculum