

Roots and Wings Task 2

An issue impinging on the effectiveness of Gwendraeth School

Boys Underachievement

Boys consistently underachieve in comparison with girls at Ysgol Y Gwendraeth.

It is an issue which I identified as a cause for concern in our school self -evaluation before the recent inspection. It was therefore no surprise when it was identified as one of our four key issues by the inspectors.

Boys achieve relatively well at the lower and middle end of the ability range particularly at 16 but the examination results of the more able boys - at 14 and at 16 - are consistently below that of the girls.

This gap is most apparent in the difference between the number of boys getting the core subject indicator i.e. level 5 in English, Maths and Science at 14 and an A*-C G.C.S.E. pass in English, Maths and Science at 16.