

What does learning look like Penmaenrhos?

At KS3, learning at Ysgol Penmaenrhos PRU is built around re-engagement, confidence building, and preparing learners for successful next steps. Our approach combines the Curriculum for Wales, the King's Trust Achieve Programme, and strong pastoral support to ensure that every young person experiences meaningful progress—both academically and personally.

A Curriculum Designed for Engagement and Growth – Curriculum for Wales at KS3 Learning is shaped by the Curriculum for Wales, which provides a broad and balanced programme across all Areas of Learning and Experience. It aims to develop the Four Purposes so that pupils grow into:

- Ambitious, capable learners
- Healthy, confident individuals
- Ethical, informed citizens
- Enterprising, creative contributors



The curriculum structures learning so pupils develop key skills—literacy, numeracy, digital competence, problem-solving, emotional awareness—through practical, purposeful experiences that meet individual needs.

The King's Trust Achieve Programme at KS3

KS3 learners also take part in the King's Trust Achieve Programme, a flexible, skill-building curriculum designed to improve confidence, teamwork, communication and readiness for future pathways.

The King's Trust describes its education offer as adaptable, accessible and suitable for a wide range of settings, providing educators with high-quality teaching resources and structured activities for developing life skills.

[cadw.gov.wales]

Key features of the Achieve Programme include:

Communication, teamwork and enterprise activities

Digital skills, personal project work, and financial health learning

Real-life scenarios and practical tasks designed to build independence

Clear routes to recognised qualifications through The King's Trust in Wales

[kingstrust.org.uk]

Learners often report boosts in confidence, improved engagement, and stronger preparation for next-step pathways—reflected in case studies from the King's

Trust Education Hub. [cadw.gov.wales]

What Learning Looks Like at Ysgol Penmaenrhos

Supportive, Consistent Environment

KS3 pupils learn in small groups with consistent staffing and clear routines, helping them feel safe, understood and ready to engage.

- Personalised & Practical Learning
- Lessons are adapted to individual needs and frequently include:
- Project-based learning
- Outdoor and community-based activities
- Digital media, ICT and creative tasks
- Hands-on, practical experiences
- Opportunities to explore interests and build strengths



Wellbeing at the Centre

Daily wellbeing routines and restorative practices help learners build emotional literacy, self-regulation and resilience. Strong relationships between staff and learners underpin positive engagement.

Skills for Life and the Future

Through the Curriculum for Wales and King's Trust partnership, pupils develop:

Confidence and communication

Independence and resilience

Digital and practical skills

Problem-solving and creativity

Aspirations for their next steps in education, training or employment

Our Commitment to KS3 Learners and Families

Families can expect:

Regular communication about progress

Staff who know each learner well and provide personalised support

A curriculum that balances academic learning with life-skills development

Opportunities for learners to gain meaningful accreditation and build future readiness