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# FROM PRIMARY TO SECONDARY — A TEACHER'S EXPERIENCE



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**Ffion now teaches Music and Welsh at Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Llangynwyd and saw the Cynllun Pontio as the perfect opportunity to take the next step in her career.**

**One of the main things that has struck Ffion about the secondary sector is the opportunity to work with learners of all ages.**

“In primary you are with one year group at a time for the whole year. As a secondary teacher, we have 6 lessons a day, so I see 6 different groups of individuals and that’s been really lovely.

“Also being able to specialise in a subject – Welsh and Music are areas that I really enjoy. It’s really nice to be able to share that with the learners as well, and to see them enjoying and thriving in extra-curricular activities also.”

**Ffion also feels strongly about being able to teach through the medium of Welsh.**

“Welsh is such a massive factor. With the aim of 1 million Welsh speakers by 2050 I think it’s important as a nation that we have the same goal.

Especially in a Welsh-medium school where perhaps the majority of the learners don’t come from a Welsh-speaking home, it’s vital that us teachers pave the way and inspire them.”

**Ffion would encourage anyone considering the Cynllun Pontio to apply.**

“As primary teachers we are lucky because we know the continuum already, we know where the children are expected to be, so we can carry that on. It’s really nice to be able to start the journey and end the journey with the learners as well.

“I would highly recommend the Cynllun Pontio because although it’s difficult, it’s totally worth it. With the right mentors and support, anything is possible.”