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# The **PISA** PAMPHLET

# What is PISA?

A question asked by hundreds of thousands of 15-year-old students in **over 90 countries** and economies world-wide.

PISA stands for **Programme for International Student Assessment**, and it was created by the organisation for Economic Co-Operation and Development (OECD) in 1997, with the first assessment taking place 3 years later in 2000.

It uses content that is relevant to curriculums across the world, to capture learner's abilities to apply knowledge and skills to examine, interpret and solve problems. Participating in PISA allows countries to monitor their progress in meeting their key learning goals, as the only educational survey to measure the knowledge and skills of 15-year-old students.





**YOU** have been specially  
selected for your own individual  
excellence

(aka it's completely random,  
but you've still got this!)



2 hours of **Maths,**  
**Reading and Science,**  
with a healthy dash of  
problem solving and  
digital skills.

## To revise or not to revise?

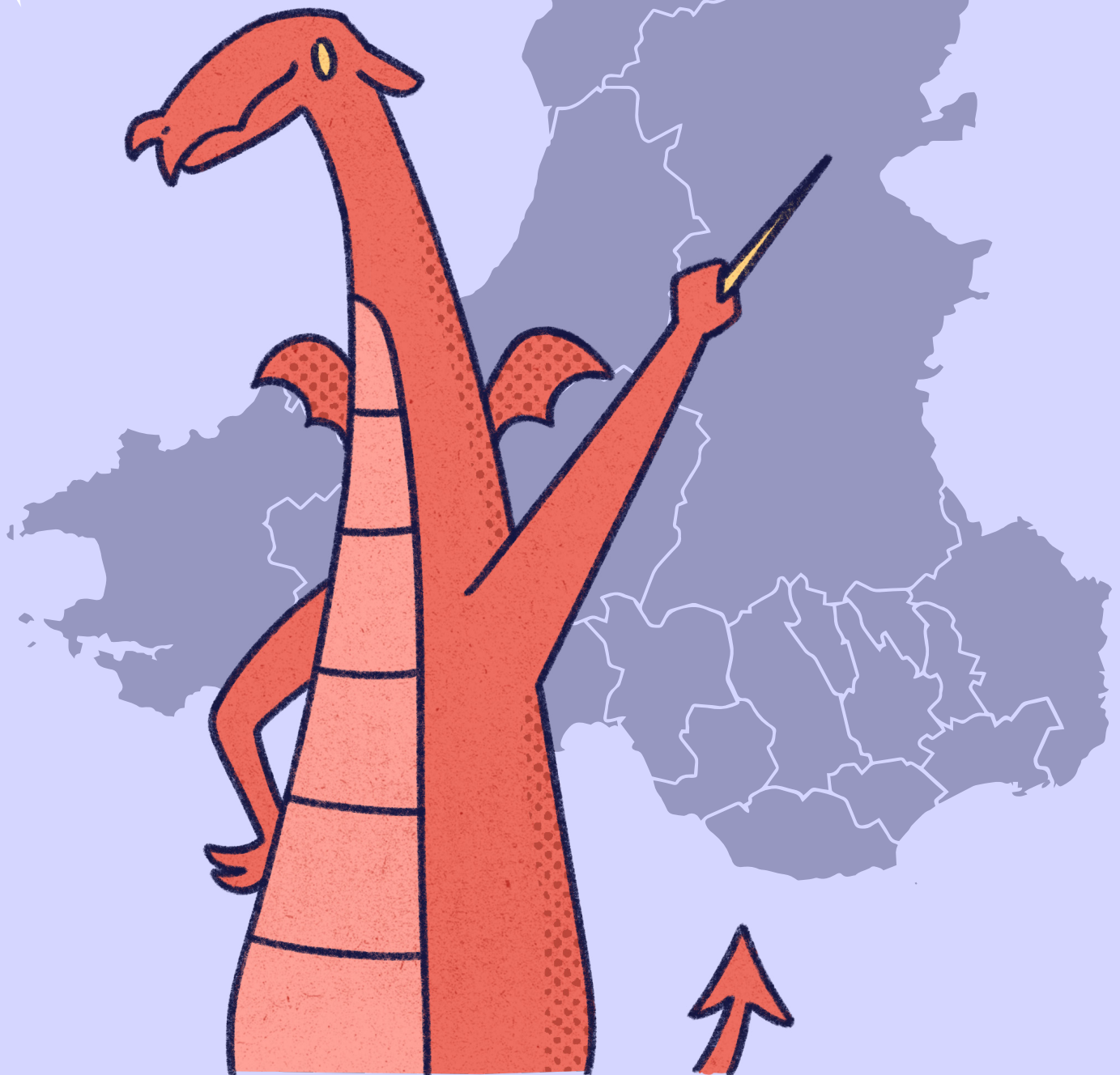
**There's no need!**

As PISA uses content that's relevant to curriculums  
around the world, you'll already know a lot of what's in it.  
So, **you don't need to revise – just give it your best shot!**

# Who takes part?

Schools are **randomly** selected from across **Wales** to take part in the PISA.

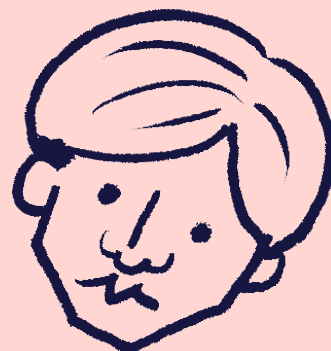
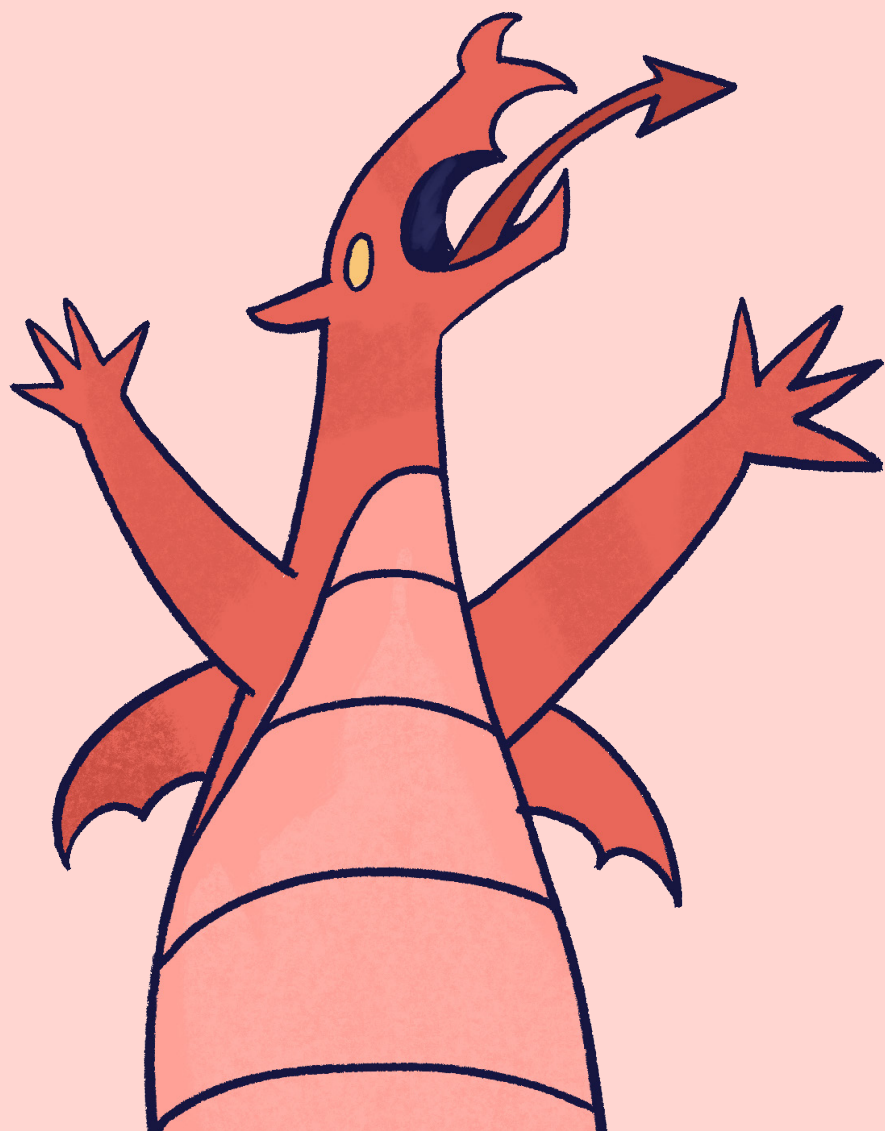
That's right, from Flintshire to Pembrokeshire, it could be your school that is chosen next!



# How did Wales do in past PISA tests?

So, I bet you're wondering how Wales has performed in previous PISA rankings?

Well...I know I don't need to tell you twice, but Wales is home to **fantastic inventions and incredible personalities**; from Aneurin Bevan's NHS to Tom Jones' smash hits - it's not unusual for us Welshies to make a mark on the world.



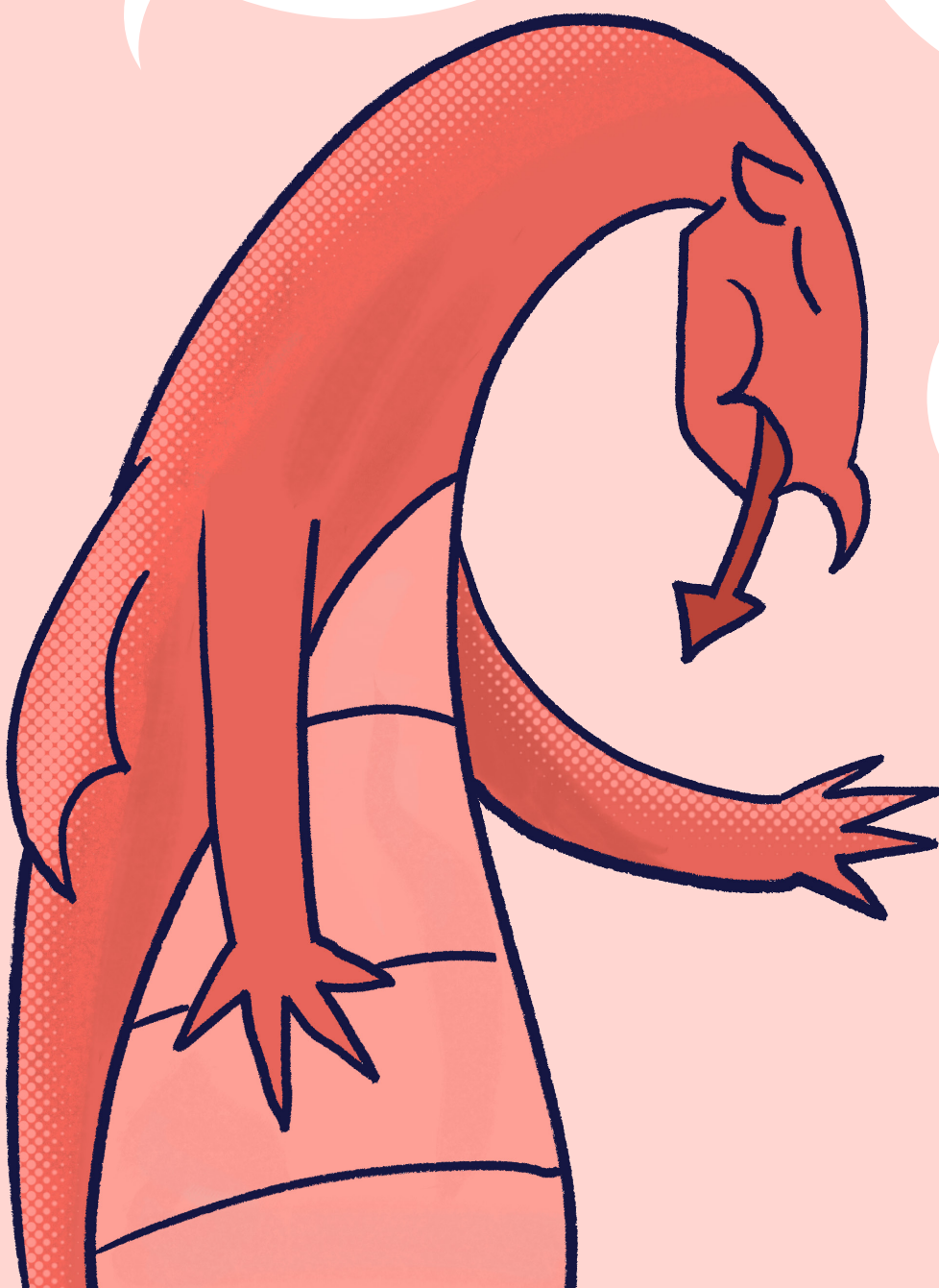
Our last PISA results were disappointing. In 2022, our **results fell 20% lower** than previous results. Not great huh?

BUT, we won't give up so easily! We are Welsh! We have fire in our bellies.

This is a chance to make a difference for young people in Wales. To highlight what we excel at, and also what might need a little bit more support.

With your help and hard work, we can show the world what we're made of!

So, if you get the call to take part in PISA, give it your best shot and make Cymru proud!





# Why bother?

**By participating in PISA, your answers could make a big difference in the future education in Wales.**

PISA allows countries to review general student performance by comparing student performance across different groups such as gender or socioeconomic background.



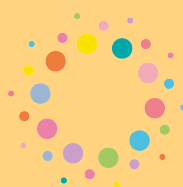
By analysing PISA results, schools and governments can identify where students may require extra support. This can **lead to positive changes** in Welsh schools and education systems throughout the world.

Taking part in PISA can **improve education for everyone** – including people from a variety of backgrounds and who have different learning needs.





**Thanks for reading,  
you've got this!**



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