



Introduction to the 6th Form at Ysgol Plasmawr



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www.ysgolplasmawr.cymru

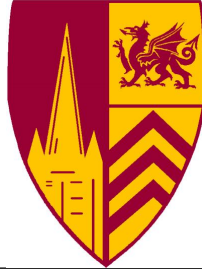


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Annwyl Fyfyryr,

It is a pleasure to present you with this prospectus which includes details of the Sixth Form at Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Plasmawr including information on the AS/A level and vocational courses. The full prospectus containing subject descriptions is also on the school website.

All students at Ysgol Plasmawr's 6th Form will also study the Skills Challenge Certificate (Welsh Baccalaureate) with their Level 3 courses. To succeed in the SCS you will need to ensure that you improve and learn new and all-round skills that will mean that you will gain a valuable and robust qualification for your next academic or career path.

The Sixth Form exists for students who are determined to succeed. It offers an excellent medium of education with a best quality 6th form centre with private study facilities and an opportunity to participate in a range of activities on a daily basis. First and foremost, it offers you the opportunity to continue your wider education and interests within the school's Welsh ethos.

We aim to offer a wide range of courses at Plasmawr, ensuring that you choose a suitable and wise combination in reaching this important milestone in your educational career. We hope as a school that we can guide and advise you and ensure the best possible support as you consider your future and career.

Countless opportunities are provided for each of you to contribute towards extra-curricular activities in the school and the local community including tours, visits, charitable activities, competitions and clubs. All members will have a role as a 6th Form Prefect, which will be a sure sign of the new status you will have within the school.

Therefore, choose wisely, seeking the advice of your parents, subject teachers and tutors, and take your own education seriously!

Edrychaf ymlaen at eich croesawu yn ôl i'r Chwched ym mis Medi.

Yn gywir iawn,
Mr John Hayes
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Sixth Form Uniform



The School policy on uniform promotes a professional standard similar to that expected in a place of work. Members of the sixth form are expected to set a high standard for the rest of the school community.

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| 1. Trousers: | Formal black or grey (no jeans/leggings) |
| 2. Skirt: | Formal black or grey |
| 3. Shirt: | White |
| 4. Official sixth form jumper or cardigan* | |
| 5. Shoes: | Black, no trainers |
| 6. Tie: | Sixth form tie* |
| 7. Jewellery / Make-up: | Suitable, discreet e.g. earrings only. Hair colour in line with the school policy of a natural colour. |

**The Sixth Form jumper/cardigan can be purchased from YC Sports shops. The sixth form tie will be available from the school on GCSE results/advice days or on registration in September, price £10.00 through parentpay.*





Guidelines for senior students returning to Plasmawr



As a senior student at the school you will of course be afforded greater freedom and privileges and will also be expected to assume certain responsibilities. It is therefore appropriate that such responsibilities be outlined briefly.

- **The promotion of Plasmawr's Welsh Ethos**

As young adults who have chosen to continue your studies through the medium of Welsh you will of course be anxious to ensure that use of the Welsh language flourishes in all aspects of school life. You yourselves will be the subject of younger pupils' admiration and will be respected because of your senior position. Regular contact with younger pupils in informal situations has an important part to play in the promotion of the meaningful use of Welsh at school. With this general principle in mind it is highly desirable that members of Year 12/13 take advantage of every opportunity to develop contact with younger pupils, engaging them in conversation and offering general support and encouragement.



- **Entry Requirements**

Entry into Year 12 is open to all students who have completed their Year 11 courses. You are welcome to follow courses in the sixth form that are suitable and offer a coherent balance regarding your future career path. **To follow Level 3 courses it is expected that students have received 5 A*-C GCSE or Level 2 equivalent including the Welsh Baccalaureate Skills Challenge Certificate at National Level. Every student must follow three level 3 courses to be a Sixth Form at Plasmawr.** Some subjects would advise students that a GCSE B grade is needed to be confident of making the transition to an AS course. Each case will be decided on an individual basis. The Welsh Baccalaureate is compulsory for every student that follows Level 3 courses. As there are considerable responsibilities which are enjoined on sixth form students, the school retains the right to decline entry to those students who have displayed a negative or aggressive attitude towards the fundamental values or staff at the school. In those exceptionally rare circumstances, an appeal can be made in writing

to the Headteacher or Chair of Governors at the school. It is expected that prospective students present a formal application (see form on website) with their option choices.

- **Year 12 /13 Which courses?**

You may choose to follow AS courses in Year 12 which follow on to full Advanced Level (A2) in Year 13. Other options are also available. You may choose to follow BTEC courses, or re-sits or AS courses only, or a combination of the three.

Possible Curriculum:

2 AS & Skills Challenge Certificate	Some students only follow this module	Can be a risk
3 AS & SCC	Good balance– majority of students follow this model	Strong record of success. Keeps options open.
4 AS & SCC	Minority of MAT students. Academic students who want to keep their options open.	Many drop down to three AS subjects during the year.
<i>Skills Challenge Certificate is followed by every student with their AS/A Level subjects</i>		

- **Choosing the right option**

It is your choice which courses are most suitable to your requirements. Heads of departments, personal tutors and the progress team can advise you on which courses are most suitable. Your choices are not definite until you receive your GCSE results in August. The KS5 team traditionally offer an 'Advice Morning' following the GCSE results to offer feedback and general suitability towards courses. In addition, an induction course in September for all members of Year 12 will provide support and advice to each student to choose a valid combination of suitable subjects to ensure a coherent balanced study.




- **Study / Leisure time / Daily Responsibilities**

As responsible students you will be expected to maintain an appropriate balance between formal lessons, personal study sessions and periods set aside for socialising and leisure. We will encourage you to organise your time sensibly, so that you can take advantage of the excellent study resources in school as well as enjoying leisure time with your peers. At specific times during the day you will be entrusted with particular duties, these may include morning / assembly periods and during break. It will be necessary for you to ensure the safety of younger pupils and you will gain their respect by responding firmly but fairly to situations as they arise. You may also supervise behaviour on the buses and report any incidents that cause concern to senior teachers at school.





- **Partneriaeth Chweched Dosbarth**

The partnership between Plasmawr and Ysgolion Glantaf and Bro Edern is intended to offer a wider curriculum choice through the medium of Welsh. Transport is arranged for partnership courses **only** and this occurs during registration, break and lunch periods. See the columns for more information regarding the courses that are offered during this academic year. The availability of these subjects is dependent on a minimum and maximum number of students according to the requirements of the teaching school.



6th FORM PARTNERSHIP

Aims of the partnership

The students curriculum choices are expanded through the partnership. This would ensure a progression for their 14-19 education and training.

Provide quality courses for the pupils of the partnership

Transport is arranged for the partnership courses in the morning, break and lunch periods.

Extend the provision and curricular opportunities for pupils without impact on the quality of provision.

Make effective and efficient use of resources.

6 th FORM PARTNERSHIP		
GLANTAF	PLASMAWR	BRO EDERN
Government & Politics	Public Services	Photography
Tourism	Spanish	Criminology
	Music Technology	Medical Science
	Information Technology	Sport
		Computing
		Hospitality
		CACHE –Child Care

- **Attendance / Punctuality**

Regular attendance and punctuality are required of all students in Plasmawr. As a common courtesy, letters explaining unauthorised absence should be submitted. It must be stressed that prior notification when attending specific courses should also be given to your personal tutor.

- **Student contribution to various aspects of school life**

In addition to the active promotion of the school's Welsh ethos and identity, senior students have a significant contribution to make during such events as parent evenings, concerts, courses and school fairs. It is hoped that members of years 12 /13 will wish to support links with the local community, through work with young children, the aged and the disabled. Students will of course continue to enjoy all positive aspects of the school's extra-curricular programme.



Life in the Sixth Form



- **Sixth Form Council**

Every registration class elects two students to represent them on the Sixth Form Council. Also meetings are open, held weekly and every member is welcome to attend. We discuss any matter directly involved with sixth form life but mostly end up discussing organising social, charity or fundraising events. The Council elects officers to lead meetings, Chair, Vice Chairs, Treasurers and Secretaries.

- **Prefects**

Year 13 students can make an application to be Higher Prefects in the school that come with expected duties. The Head Boy and Head Girl are voted for from the prefects.



- **Sixth Form Charity**

Each year the council agrees on a charity to promote during the year. We have supported several projects over the years including The Noah's Ark Appeal; Llamau; The British Heart Foundation; Dolen Cymru; HIV charity; Mind Cymru; Bopath; Maggie's and Ty Hafan. As part of a busy sixth form charity calendar, the Curry, Chinese and quiz nights have been very popular.

- **Charity Fundraising**

The sixth form also supports the individual house charities, and as such sixth form students have taken a lead role in promoting the Fun Run, and Inter-house events. Through various projects and schemes we are again on target to raise a significant sum of money towards these specific charities.

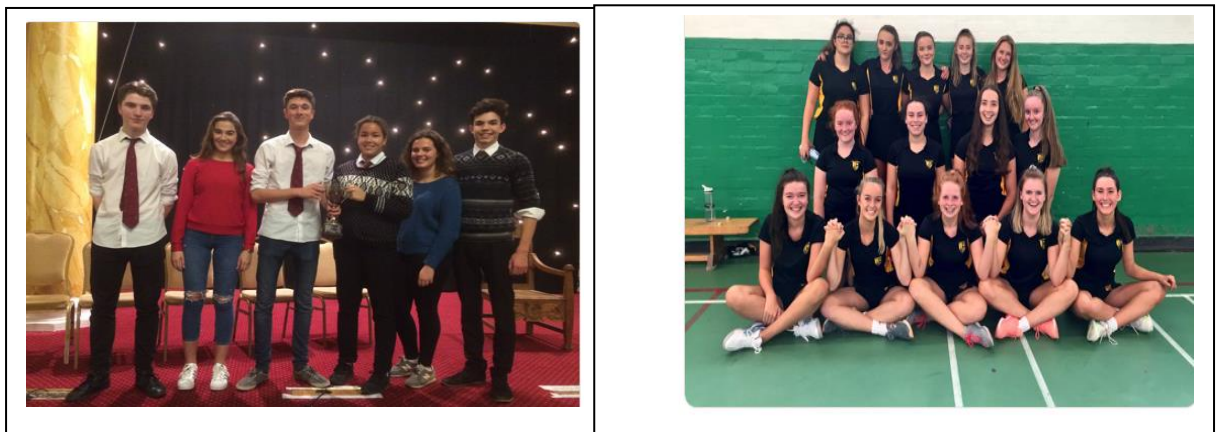


- **Activities for Years 7 & 8**

Since its inception the sixth form have organised parties for years 7 & 8, including Halloween, Christmas and St Dwynwen Discos. These have been very successful and have been important fundraisers for the sixth form charity. One of successes of the sixth form in the last few years has been P67 which is a monthly club for Year 7 organised by Year 12 and 13.

- **Eisteddfod, Sports Day and Interhouse events.**

Every house will elect a house captain and the 6th form are instrumental in leading and promoting all kinds of inter house events. The 6th form competitions during the Eisteddfod are a true highlight and the elder students' leadership is invaluable to the school ethos. The House Captains had an integral role this year in the success of the school houses-Taf, Rhymni and Elai.



- **Sith Form Centre -Study Rooms**

There is a dedicated 6th Centre with two workrooms, a social area, a café and an Art/Graphics room. A copy of all Universities prospectus are available as well as academic and career reference books. There are over twenty computers and the same number of laptops for the purpose of the Sixth only, together with quiet workrooms to complete research. Many of the students now bring their own equipment to the school to use the wireless resource.



- **Sixth Form Sports**

The Rugby, Netball, Football and Hockey first teams have already been successfully established. We also have a fitness suite at the school in which the 6th form can use during non-contact periods after an induction from the PE department. Many students also use the Fairwater Leisure Centre to swim and play badminton or squash.



Useful Websites:

www.cbac.co.uk

www.ucas.com

www.careerswales.com/cy/

<https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/home.html>

https://www.cbac.co.uk/cymwysterau/tystysgrif-her-sgiliau-bagloriaeth-cymru-uwch#tab_overview

www.cyllidmyfyrwrycymru.co.uk/

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