

2019-2020 Prospectus

Canolfan y Chweched
Ysgol Brynhyfryd





***“The perfect stepping stone
between school and university”***

Canolfan Y Chweched Dosbarth Ysgol Brynhyfryd

Welcome



It gives me great pleasure to introduce you to the Sixth Form Centre at Ysgol Brynhyfryd. At The Sixth Form Centre, we aim to offer an education of the highest standard possible which meets the needs of individual pupils within a supportive and happy bilingual environment. The Sixth Form Centre has a strong work ethic and motivates all pupils to achieve their very best at all times.

The Sixth Form Centre at Ysgol Brynhyfryd is a unique and dedicated home for our A Level students. With a bespoke centre for the Sixth Form students, a separate entity to the rest of the school, this provides the perfect halfway house between school and university for young adults, as they look to pursue future ambitions. This bespoke facility is established to provide high quality education, where we actively promote positive attitudes in our students that will be evident in their approach to their studies, and the wider life of the school. Here at The Sixth Form Centre we are committed to realising the full potential of all our students so they leave us as being well-rounded individuals that are well prepared for the exciting opportunities they will encounter beyond A-Levels. We have established a purposeful and supportive environment that gives all our students the best possible chance to achieve success.

We are immensely proud of our students not only in terms of their exceptional academic performance, but also for the positive contribution they make to the daily life of the school and our community. Our students play a significant role in ensuring that Brynhyfryd is a happy and welcoming place to study. Here at The Sixth Form Centre, we are unapologetically ambitious for our students and strive to attain the highest standards possible.

This is a very important and exciting time, I look forward to welcoming you to The Sixth Form Centre and working with you over the next few years.

Mr Geraint Wyn Parry
Headteacher



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***“Thank you for preparing me for the
next step of my future ”***
Gwydion Davies,
Year 13 Student, September 2018

Admissions



If you would like to join us here at Canolfan y Chweched Dosbarth, it is important that you know our entry requirements. Your GCSE examinations is your first significant step towards your future career, and so it's vital that you are aware of what is to be expected, should you consider studying you're A Levels with us here. Here is what you need to know:

Our standard entry requirements are 5 GCSE's A*-C grades. To study Mathematics, Business, Economics, Computer Science, or Science subjects you need at least a grade B in those subjects at GCSE and to have studied the Higher Tier papers. To study Psychology a grade B in Science is necessary. To study Art and Design (Fine Art) you should have studied the subject at GCSE level or at least have a portfolio of work.

It is not necessary to have a GCSE in the following subjects in order to be able to study them at A Level – Geography, History, Philosophy, Ethics and Religion, Music (however it is expected that students can read music scores independently and also have a grade 5 with an instrument or voice), Media, Sociology, ICT, Product Design.



Transition

*“Every single one of my teachers
have worked amazingly hard for
me and I can’t thank them enough!”*

Sian Baldry

Year 13 Student, Summer 2018

What are the next steps?

- **Open Evening (November 22nd 2018 5-7pm)** - This is a chance for us to invite you to meet our subject specialists and explore the range of subjects on offer at our Sixth form Centre.
- **Option Columns Released (Spring Term 2019)** - This is when you decide your career pathway and narrow it down to 3 or 4 A Level subjects, along with the Welsh Bacallaureate.
- **Admission Form submitted** - Once you’ve decided on your subjects, you then need to submit your application during the Spring Term 2019.
- **Conditional offer confirmation (Early Summer Term)** - Once we have received your admission form we will get in touch with you with a conditional offer for The Sixth Form Centre or an invitation to attend an interview.
- **GCSE Results Day - August 14th 2019 (Date to be confirmed)**
- **Enrolment Morning** - This is when we confirm your admission to the Sixth Form Centre and you receive your Welcome Pack. Enrolment morning will be on the day of your GCSE results.
- **Late Enrolment** - It’s not too late! If you still haven’t made your mind up on where you’d like to study your A Levels, we have a two week window for you to join us in September 2019.



Typical day in the life of a Sixth Form Student



- 8:55-9:20 : Fortnightly Assemblies / Study Periods / Mentoring
- 9:20-10:20: Lesson 1- Mathematics
- 10:20-11:20: Lesson 2- Geography
- 11:20-11:40: Morning Break
- 11:40-12:40: Lesson 3- English
- 12:40-1:35: Lunch and extra curricular activities
- 1:35-2:35: Lesson 4- Independent Study
- 2:35-3:35: Lesson 5- Welsh Bacallaureate



Career Pathways; Where did they go?



**“Best A Level
Results in
Denbighshire
2018”**

A perfect pass rate was achieved by the A Level students at Ruthin's Ysgol Brynhyfryd. The school achieved outstanding A Level results and for the third year in succession, Brynhyfryd achieved the best A Level results in Denbighshire.

A perfect 100 percent of students passed their A Levels, with over 35% achieving A* and A grades. With 84 percent of students achieving A*-C grades, Brynhyfryd students have now begun their Higher Education courses at Universities across the country and are continuing to keep in touch with the staff at school. Mr Geraint Parry headteacher said: “I would like to recognise and thank our staff for their tremendous work and our parents for their support. It is thanks to them that the life chances of our wonderful students have been so significantly enhanced”.

Among the success stories were Sian Baldry Head Girl who achieved two A and two A* grades. Sian has now gone on to study medicine at University. Gwydion Davies, secured 4 A grades in his studies.

The future looks bright for the Vale of Clwyd's young adults, with Elwy Lloyd achieving one A*, two A and a B in his studies. Elwy is currently studying Veterinary studies at Liverpool. Matthew Reay achieved four A* in his studies – what an achievement! Matthew is now studying Business and Economics at Leeds. Phoebe Hughes achieved four grade A in her A Levels and she is at Manchester University studying Dentistry. Megan Evans decided on a career in Medicine following her results – four A grades.

Other successful students were: Ella Leatt (3A), Evie Nelson (3A, 1A*)
Catrin Roulston (2A*, 2A), William Fellows (4A), Emily Harrison (1A*, 3A).





Meet the Headgirl

Throughout my time at Ysgol Brynhyfryd, I have received academic and pastoral support that has been second to none. The close and personal atmosphere in Canolfan y Chweched means that you are able to master the art of independence, as well as co-operate with your peers, especially during times of exam pressure. I feel that I am able to approach any member of staff, or pastoral leaders if I need guidance at any time.

During the Sixth Form I feel that I have grown as an individual, and also I have learnt skills that are vital for my future at University. My A Level subject teachers have nurtured and challenged me in order that I reach my full potential, and also they have deepened my interest in those subjects. The jump from GCSE to A Level is a big jump, and can seem quite a feat. You have to adapt to a heavier workload, a new way of working and a different environment. This is true no matter where you choose to study. What is special about Brynhyfryd is that the Sixth Form staff, and peers, will not let anybody feel overwhelmed. Support is in place to help everybody, whether the problem lies with school work or something more personal. One of the strengths of Canolfan y Chweched is the enrichment opportunities that is offered to all. Each student are encouraged to enjoy their time at the Sixth Form, as well as to give something back to the school and wider community. I have been a Reading Buddy and also have supported a number of Charities. During my time in here I have been able to represent the school in Sporting and Urdd activities. This year, I have supported the ALN Committee, which has involved encouraging younger students and offering help to the staff. A fantastic opportunity, which has meant that I have been able to include that experience within my personal statement for my University application.

Brynhyfryd has helped me develop countless skills that I will need throughout my life, and I feel prepared to go on to follow my chosen path, which is to study Medicine at University. I have been given extremely valuable advice and guidance in my application, and I know that everyone has been given the same support no matter where they want to go following Year 13. I would recommend Brynhyfryd to anyone, and I feel proud to be the Head Girl of such an inclusive community.

Eurgain Roberts, Head Girl.

Meet the Headboy

During my time at Ysgol Brynhyfryd I have developed on both an academic and personal level. I have been provided with lots of opportunities to enrich my learning whilst having fun at the same time. The teaching here is fantastic and the teachers really get to know you which adds that personal touch to the whole learning experience. The school is a great community and everybody gets on well together, especially in the Sixth Form. The attitude to learning is really positive and all of the teachers are really enthusiastic about each and every one of the students.

Independent learning is one of my favourite aspects of the Sixth Form. We are given free time to work in school and this really helps us to cope with the workload and become more independent in our studies, preparing us well for university. The student community and attitude to learning is one of the biggest selling points of our Sixth Form as it makes you feel so included no matter what your academic ability.

I have been able to undertake many activities through the school over the years including sporting, academic and social events, and this doesn't change in the Sixth Form. There's something for everyone and the teachers help to get the most out of you as a pupil. There is a fantastic array of courses available and the wide range of subject tutors and super pastoral tutors means that we're well equipped with a good team of pastoral care should we need it.

There is comprehensive guidance from lots of experienced teachers in preparing for university. The UCAS application process is a big step for everyone and the support we are given here in terms of personal statements and interviews is second to none. The school always organises guest speakers and these allow us to get some expert guidance on aspects of life after Sixth Form.

I am currently in the final year of 6th form and hoping to go on to study dentistry. The school has really supported me both in the application process and academically, pushing me to achieve the best results I can this summer. I am proud to be Head Boy and cannot recommend the school enough.

**Toby Williams,
Head Boy**



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Life at The Sixth Form, it's more than education...



At the Sixth Form Centre we offer many opportunities beyond the classroom, to name a few...

- University preparation Workshops
- Student Voice Committee/Opportunity to become leaders on Committee's such as Environment Committee, Urdd and Welsh Committee/ALN Department Support Committee/Charity and Fundraising Committee.
- Become a Subject Ambassador
- Mentoring and Reading Buddies
- Guest Speakers discussing World of Work/UCAS/Personal Statements/ Student Finance/Wellbeing and Health issues.
- Independent Study sessions.



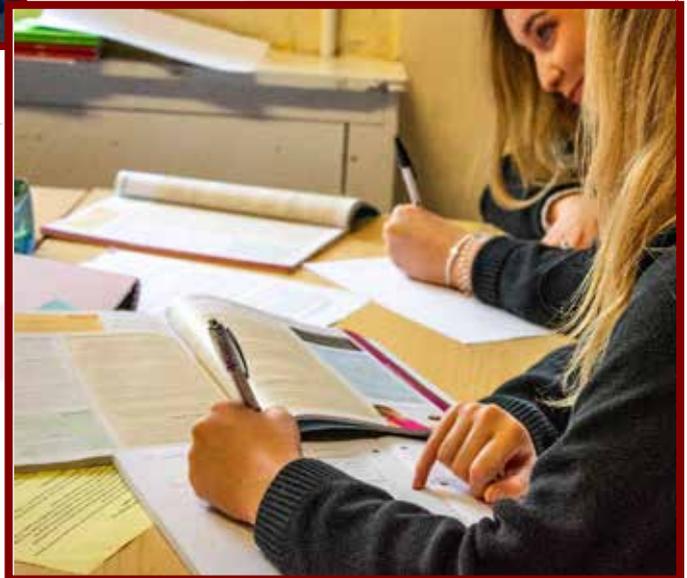
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Enrichment (and so much more!)



“The supervised study and enrichment programme is a great addition to the day to day life of the students”

**Year 12 Parent
October 2018**



We offer a rich timetable of extra activities, it is important to us that you leave The Sixth Form Centre as well rounded citizens. Whether you fancy exploring the outdoors and gaining a Duke of Edinburgh award, or turning your hand to a musical instrument, there's something for everyone!

- Fitness Classes
- Debating
- Sports Leaders
- School Concerts
- Team Building Exercises
- School Events
- Sports Competitions
- Duke of Edinburgh
- Music Competitions
- Senior Choir





Wider life: The Welsh Baccalaureate



***"The Welsh Bacc
has been a great
insight into the World
of Work and has
really strengthened
my Personal Statement
for my university
application"
Year 13 Student
October 2018***

The **Welsh Baccalaureate** is based on the new **Skills Challenge Certificate**, along with other Additional Qualifications. The aim of the Welsh Baccalaureate is to ensure that students can show an understanding of the following essential skills;

- Literacy – Numeracy – Digital Literacy – Critical Thinking and Problem Solving – Plan and Organise – Creativity and Innovate – Personal Effectiveness.

- Enterprise and Employability Challenge 20%
- Global Citizen Challenge – 15%
- Community Challenge – 15%
- Individual Project – 50%
- Giving something back hour within the school
- University Open Days and UCAS Conventions
- Developing Independent Research Skills with your own individual investigation.



Let's talk subjects...

Choosing the right subject to study at A Level can be a hard decision to make. Here at Canolfan y Chweched Dosbarth, we provide continued guidance. Here, you can take a look at a number of different career paths and the subjects that are advised so that this can help you make the right choice. You will be expected to choose 3 A Level subjects and the Welsh Bacalaureate.

Some subjects will be available through the medium of Welsh.

Business, Finance and Law

Economist	Mathematics, Business, Economics
Accountant	Mathematics, Economics, Business
Business and Finance	Business, Economics, ICT, Mathematics
Law	English, History, Geography, Philosophy, Ethics and Religion, Psychology, Economics

Creative Arts and Media

Journalism	Welsh, English, History, Geography, Philosophy, Ethics, Sociology
Film and Media	Media, English, Welsh, ICT, Art, Music
Performing & Music Performance	Welsh, English, Music

Engineering and Maths

Engineering	Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Product Design
Architecture	Art, Mathematics, Product Design, Physics, ICT
Maths and Statistics	Mathematics, Physics, Economics, ICT

ICT and Computing

Web designers	ICT, Computer Science, Business, Art
Computing	ICT, Mathematics, Business, Economics, Physics



Science

Ecologist	Geography, Chemistry, Biology
Vetinary	Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics, Physics
Biological Sciences	Chemistry, Biology, Mathematics, Physics
Earth Science	Chemistry, Geography, Biology, Mathematics
Zoologist	Geography, Biology, English, Welsh, Psychology
Pilot	Physics, Mathematics, Welsh, English

Education, Health Care, Public Services

Nursing	Biology, Sociology, Welsh, English, Philosohpy, Ethics and Religion
Midwifery	Sociology, Biology, Welsh, English, Philosophy, Ethics and Religion
Dentistry	Chemistry, Biology, Mathematics, Physics
Nursing and Paramedic	Biology, Sociology, Welsh, English, Philosohpy, Ethics and Religion
Social Care	Sociology, Psychology, Philosophy, Ethics and Religion
Physiotherapy	Biology, Mathematics, Chemistry, Physics
Psychology and Counselling	Psychology, Biology, Chemistry, History, Physics, Philosophy, Ethics and Religion
Policing	By 2020 there will be a change in Policing where by it will be expected that all applicants have a degree. Subjects that are advised at A Level are Biology, Sociology, Psychology, Geography, Welsh, English
Emergency Services	Biology, Sociology, Psychology, Welsh, English, Philosophy, Ethics and Religion
British Armed Forces/ The Navy	Geography, English, Welsh, Sociology, Psychology

Sports, Tourism and Leisure

Tourism and Hospitality	Business, Economics, Geography, Welsh, English
International Travel	Business, Geography, Welsh, English
Sports	PE, Biology, Sociology, Welsh, English
Sports Science	PE, Biology, Chemistry, Psychology

Please note that subjects are offered based on demand and may be subject to change.





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