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THE SIXTH FORM

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## A WORD FROM THE HEADTEACHER

This prospectus outlines the extensive provision offered in the Sixth Form at Ysgol David Hughes. We are especially proud of our Sixth Form students and their continued success both academically and in terms of their personal development.

High quality teaching combined with a passion for learning ensures we consistently achieve excellent A Level and AS results. Matching this with exceptional care, guidance and support ensures that our students work hard, enjoy their learning and are accepted onto university courses and careers of their choice.

Students at Ysgol David Hughes work very well with committed teachers who have long experience and expertise in their subjects. We offer a very broad and varied curriculum including A Levels as well as vocational courses, some in collaboration with local partners.

We have excellent facilities across the school and within the designated Sixth Form Centre creating a supportive and positive learning environment in which students excel.

We want all our students to be proud to be a part of our community at Ysgol David Hughes. We want our students to feel safe and that they belong. We also want to support them in becoming independent learners and understand that through effort, hard work and commitment anything is possible.

## WELCOME TO 16+ EDUCATION

The aim of 16+ Education is to prepare you as an individual for a purposeful future. We hope to see you mature academically, personally and socially during your time in Years 12 + 13.

There will inevitably be vast ranges of ability, qualifications, needs and interests among you, but at all times, we seek to consider what is best for you as an individual within your course of study, and it is essential that you yourselves do likewise.

Your motivation is crucial to your success now and in later years. What subjects do you enjoy? Do you have an aim in mind? How determined are you to succeed in achieving your aim? Are you prepared to sacrifice to that end, or are you drifting aimlessly? Are you returning to school under duress, or because you can think of nothing better to do? Think carefully now. Don't choose a course just because you have a friend following that course. Consider carefully what is best for you. At the moment, you are standing on the threshold of the future, and your decisions now are of paramount importance.

We hope that the information that you glean from reading the following pages will help you to embark upon a meaningful and successful journey into your future.



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**Dirprwy Benaethiaid Blwyddyn 12 a 13 / Deputy Heads of Years 12 and 13**

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Mrs Lowri Parry

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**Tiwtoriaid /Tutors**

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Mrs Helen Hale

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Miss Sally A Hughes

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Mr Andrew Sharrock

Mrs Christina Thatcher

Mrs Mari Rhun Thomas

Mrs Nia Williams

**Anogwr Dysgu / Learning Coach**

Mrs Arianwen Owen



## A WORD FROM OUR SENIOR PUPILS

Since becoming a member of Ysgol David Hughes Sixth Form I have been able to take advantage of a variety of rich and varied opportunities and experiences. From speaking at the Senedd in Cardiff to making street art while on a tour in Berlin, and from meditating in the mindfulness sessions to salsa dancing during Skills Day, I've gained many valuable skills. Academically, there is an emphasis on reaching the potential and strong desire of the subject teachers to see their pupils succeed. There is caring pastoral support at the Sixth Form Centre and strong encouragement to become independent citizens when we leave school

All staff and pupils are extremely welcoming both within the sixth form and beyond, throughout the school, the environment built creates a brilliant opportunity for any pupil to reach their potential within our sixth form.

The 6th Form Centre's facilities are fantastic, with two computer rooms, a quiet room and the library to work, which enables us to reach our potential. There is also a sense of community and family at David Hughes Sixth School.

From volunteering and assisting year 7 at registration, to being a member of the School Council and Governors, I can't express how much I enjoyed my time in the sixth form. The sense of community within the sixth form family is special, and my time here has undoubtedly been a highlight of my time at Ysgol David Hughes.



### INTRODUCTION

The curriculum and qualifications at Advanced Level, Advanced Subsidiary and Advanced Applied Subjects as well as the Advanced Skills Challenge Certificate (BAC) have been carefully planned to enable students to study a wide variety of subjects across a two year programme and to develop valuable skills for higher education and employment.

The Advanced Subsidiary qualification provides a course aimed at the standard usually achieved by students after a year's study in the sixth form. It is designed to offer an improved progression after GCSE and to encourage students to choose a wider range of subjects.

### TEACHING TIME AND LEARNING TIME

Teaching time is the time you spend in lessons, i.e., in direct contact with your teachers. Learning time on the other hand, is the time you are expected to be working and studying on your own. Your teachers will set you a variety of assignments/tasks to do. You should spend a large part of your non-contact time working in the library, in the quiet room or on the computers. It is of the utmost importance that you foster and develop a mature attitude towards your work. It is your responsibility to manage your time and ensure that you complete your work punctually.

### STRUCTURE OF THE COURSES

#### **Advanced Level and Advanced Subsidiary Courses**

The majority of Advanced Level courses have been divided into units. The first units give an Advance Subsidiary (AS) qualification. The other units are called A2. The AS units plus the A2 units give a full Advanced Level.

Usually the AS units will be studied in Year 12 and the A2 units in Year 13. Assessment of the AS units will be a little easier and will include structured questions and questions which require short answers. On the other hand, assessment of the A2 units, the second half of the full Advanced Level course, will be more difficult and will include questions which require extended answers and synoptic questions which assess a broader knowledge and understanding across the whole course.

End of unit examinations may be taken in June in Years 12 and 13. It is not possible to study A2 units without studying and passing AS units as well.

#### **BTEC Level 3 Courses**

Numerous Level 3 BTEC Subsidiary Diploma courses are offered in partnership with the other Anglesey schools and Coleg Menai. A BTEC Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma course is the equivalent of one A Level. A one year study will give the opportunity to achieve a Level 3 BTEC Certificate which is equivalent to one AS Level. The courses are assessed by a portfolio of coursework, there are no examinations. A Distinction grade in a BTEC Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma course gives **48** UCAS points.



## HOW MANY SUBJECTS SHOULD YOU STUDY IN YEAR 12?

One of the Government's main reasons for introducing changes to Education at 16+ is to increase the breadth of students' education. Breadth means more variety and not more of the same kind of subjects. The number of subjects studied by each student in Year 12 will depend upon a number of factors, eg GCSE Results, the best combination for the career you have in mind.

Admission to the 6<sup>th</sup> form will be dependent on the appropriate provision for that pupil.

The subjects may be chosen from the options table – **choose one subject only from a column**. A combination of subjects within the same column is not allowed. Remember that it is possible to combine A level subjects with Applied A Level subjects. When choosing your subjects consider the following considerations carefully:

- The advice of your subject teachers.
- The best combination for the career you have in mind. Ask for advice. You are welcome to discuss the matter with your personal tutor, careers teachers or the Head of Year 12/13.
- The subjects in which you had the best results in GCSE.
- The subjects you enjoy the most.



At the end of Year 12, or the beginning of Year 13, you will have to decide which subjects you wish to continue to study. Most will study what corresponds to three A2 subjects in Year 13.

Every pupil follows the Advanced Skills Challenge Certificate course (Welsh Baccalaureate).

There is a lot of additional advice and information on the following websites:

<https://gyrfacymru.llyw.cymru/cyrsiau-a-hyfforddiant/sut-i-ddewis-y-pwnc-neu-gwrs-cywir>

<https://www.thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk/a-levels-and-highers/choosing-a-levels>

<https://www.theuniguide.co.uk/advice/a-level-choices>

<https://www.informedchoices.ac.uk/>





## ADVANCED SKILLS CHALLENGE CERTIFICATE (THE WELSH BACCALAUREATE)

The Welsh Baccalaureate is based on the Advanced Skills Challenge Certificate, which will be graded alongside supporting qualifications. The requirements of both the Advanced Skills Challenge Certificate and Supporting Qualifications must be met in order to achieve the overarching Welsh Baccalaureate.

The primary aim is to enable learners to develop and demonstrate an understanding of and proficiency in essential and employability skills; the students gain experiences that better prepares them for Higher Education and employment.

They will have the opportunity to:

- Work with employers
- Develop entrepreneurial skills
- Participate in a community activity
- Work independently
- Gain in confidence
- Strengthen literacy, numeracy and digital literacy skills



- The students are expected to develop seven essential skills that required in education, the world of work and life:

- Literacy
- Numeracy
- Digital Literacy
- Critical Thinking and Problem Solving
- Planning and Organisation
- Creativity and Innovation
- Personal Effectiveness



The emphasis is on applied and purposeful learning and to provide opportunities for assessment in a range of real life context through three Challenge Briefs and an Individual Project.

Each student will be supported by a personal tutor and will have access to a resource room to complete their work. This subject is compulsory.





## ADVANCED AND ADVANCED SUBSIDIARY SUBJECTS OFFERED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH OTHER ANGLESEY SCHOOLS AND COLEG MENAI

AS, A Level and BTEC provision in certain subjects will be offered in partnership with other Anglesey schools and Coleg Menai.

Qualification	Subject	Location
AS/A	German	Ysgol David Hughes
AS/A	French	Ysgol David Hughes
AS/A	Drama	Ysgol David Hughes
AS/A	Geography	Ysgol David Hughes
AS/A	Music	Ysgol David Hughes
AS/A	Health and Social Care	Ysgol David Hughes
AS/A	Law	Ysgol David Hughes
AS/A	Further Mathematics	Ysgol David Hughes
BTEC Level 3	Tourism	Ysgol David Hughes
AS/A	Computer Science	Ysgol Gyfun Llangefni
BTEC Level 3	Creative Media – Television and Film	Coleg Menai, Llangefni
BTEC Level 3	Creative Media – Games Development	Coleg Menai, Llangefni
BTEC Level 3	Mechanical Engineering	Coleg Menai, Llangefni
BTEC Level 3	Civil Engineering & Construction	Coleg Menai, Llangefni

Details of the individual subjects are found with the other subject descriptions. The number of places available on the courses listed is obviously limited.

Teaching of these subjects takes place in morning and/or afternoon sessions. As well as this time students will be expected to do some work at school or home. Arrangements will be made to transport the students from the school to the location of study and back to their school, and when courses continue later than 3.20pm, students are required to make their own transport arrangements to get home.



## CAREERS EDUCATION AND GUIDANCE

Careers Education and Guidance is a continuous process in the career development of all students and it is important for you to maintain close contact with the department throughout the two years.

Information on all courses in Colleges of Higher Education and Universities is available in the prospectus of each institution and can be found in the Careers Centre in room 115. In addition there is information about training, Apprenticeships and job opportunities locally and nationally. A Careers Advisor from Careers Wales is available to interview Year 12 and 13 students as and when needed.

There is a special emphasis on individual counselling and we offer assistance, advice and careers information to all members of Years 12 and 13 and the careers room, 115 is open at all times.

## UCAS POINTS

The Government has revised the points system for entry to Higher Education. Since September 2016 grades A\* → E are worth the points shown in the table below.

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UWCH GYFRANNOL  AS LEVEL	LEFEL A A'R BAC  A LEVEL AND BACC	TARIFF NEWYDD  NEW TARIFF POINTS	BTEC DIPLOMA ATODOL SUBSIDIARY DIPLOMA	BTEC TYSTYSGRIF CERTIFICATE
	A*	56	D*	
	A	48	D	
	B	40		
	C	32	M	
		28		D*
	D	24		D
A		20		
B	E	16	P	M
C		12		
D		10		
		8		P
E		6		



## ENRICHMENT

### VARIOUS OPPORTUNITIES

We offer our students all manner of opportunities. In the past few years we have taken part in a variety of projects and have had visits from a wide range of guest speakers and we encourage all our students to take full advantage of the chances afforded to them.

School Council  
6th Form Committee  
Mentoring Younger Pupils  
Maths Mentoring  
Head Pupils  
Prefects  
Sports Prefects

Public Speaking - CEWC and the UN  
Crest / EESW Competitions  
Nuffield Project  
Headstart Courses



Sutton Trust Summer Schools  
UNIQ Summer Schools  
Bangor University Summer School  
Aberystwyth University Summer School  
Summer Schools abroad e.g. Harvard, Yale  
Oxford and Cambridge Summer  
Schools  
Seren Network  
UCAS Convention, Liverpool

Livery Company of Wales' Bursaries  
DoE Awards  
Doctoriaid Yfory Project  
Speakers for Schools Project



Volunteering  
Rotary Interviews  
Rotary Youth Leadership Awards  
Profi Project, Bangor University  
Educational Visits



## WORK EXPERIENCE

In July, students have five days of work experience. The experience obtained in Year 12 should not be a repeat of Year 10 work experience, unless there is a valid reason for doing so. Students should consult their subject teachers and their form tutors as they try to decide upon their area of experience.

A decision should be made on the basis of one of the following:-

- To develop 'core skills' e.g. communication, problem-solving, use of leisure
- The experience would be associated with their choice of career
- The experience would enable them to complete a project/course work.

Every pupil is responsible to arrange their own work experience placement.

## VOLUNTARY WORK / GAINING RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

The school is prepared to release Year 12 and 13 students to partake in voluntary work or to gain relevant experience. Naturally, this can only take place during non-contact time and on one morning/afternoon per week.

Universities prefer students who have engaged in a variety of experiences. This will help your university application immensely.

## RESOURCES

### THE 6TH FORM CENTRE AND THE HARBWR

We trust everyone will take full advantage and make good use of the 6th Form Centre, the Quiet Room and the Harbwr. During non-contact lessons, students are expected to revise, read around their subject, make additional notes on aspects of the syllabus and learn their work. You will have to work independently in University – so start now!



There are definite rules regarding the use of the Quiet Room and the Harbwr. Silence is the golden rule. It is emphasised that this rule must always be observed to ensure fair play for everyone.

We aim to assist you in adapting to the life of a wise and prudent student, and to encourage you to be self-disciplined - something which is difficult for adults to practise, despite good intentions, but which is crucial for success.

### INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY (ICT)

The school has made a major investment to extend its computer network and provides fast Internet access around the school. Computers are available for Year 12/13 in the 6<sup>th</sup> Form Ganolfan and in the Harbwr, along with a number of laptops which the students can borrow, or individuals can bring their own laptops to school. There are lockers available to keep them secure.



## WELFARE



We encourage our students to talk to any member of the 6<sup>th</sup> Form Team if they have any concerns regarding their health or their work. Parents are also most welcome to contact us so that we can give our students the best possible support.

### EDUCATIONAL MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE

If you remain in education past the statutory school leaving age of 16, you might be eligible to apply for EMA. You can receive up to £60 to your bank account every fortnight to help you with the cost of continuing with your education.

Detailed information is available in the EMA Wales application pack available from school or visit the website

<https://www.studentfinancewales.co.uk/fe/ema.aspx>

## RULES

The general school rules will apply to post 16 students, but it is hoped that self discipline will be the motivating force in your behaviour.

### PRIVILEGES

1. **YEAR 12+13 CENTRE** - This is an informal work room with access to computers, including internet access for using personal devices under the Bring your own Device Policy. We expect you to treat the building and the furniture with respect.
2. **REGISTRATION** - Every pupil must register promptly at 8.50 am and at 1.35 pm, unless you have a lesson.
3. **LEAVING THE SCHOOL DURING THE DAY** – Year 12 and 13 students who have no lessons for one whole morning or one whole afternoon are permitted to stay at home to work for one session only each week IF THIS ARRANGEMENT MEETS WITH YOUR PARENTS APPROVAL. Please see the copy of the official contract which has been approved by the school governors.

### SCHOOL UNIFORM

Every post 16 student should set an example to younger pupils by the way they dress and present themselves. The school uniform which has been approved by the Governors will be compulsory for all Year 12 and 13 students.

The students are asked to wear **plain** black trousers or skirts (knee length), white shirt, V-neck jumper with Year 12/13 Ysgol David Hughes logo and official Ysgol David Hughes tie. We request that students wear **black footwear**. A 'dark' coloured coat will be necessary during wet and/or cold weather.



## THE FUTURE

### INFORMATION AND ADVICE ABOUT ENTRY TO HIGHER EDUCATION

The purpose of Year 12 + 13 is to prepare you for taking your next step into the future. Only you can make the important decisions ahead of you, but each person mentioned in the personnel team on page 3 is on hand to advise and assist you at any time. **If you need help, ask!**

We have two advice systems working simultaneously - a formal and an informal system.

#### FORMAL

1. **Handbook** - Information about everything related to your time in Years 12+13.
2. **Induction Day** - An opportunity to become familiar with the system, meet personal tutors, receive timetables, discuss courses etc.
3. **Day Of Advice On Entry To Higher Education** - Practical help with filling in forms, handbook for further assistance, advice by specialists.
4. **Parents' Evening** - Invitation for parents to hear the above advice.
5. **Transferring To Higher Education** - The school keeps a record of offers made to you from colleges - your firm acceptance and your insurance.
- 6.

**Day Of Results** - We sincerely hope you will achieve the results you require, but whatever happens, help and advice will be immediately available.

#### INFORMAL

Each student has a PERSONAL TUTOR who will be available to discuss problems and give advice.

#### CAREERS ADVICE

Appointments can be made with the career teachers.

## THE NEXT STEP

- Open Evening - an opportunity to discuss options with students and teachers
- Choose your subjects
- Fill in a subject form
- Fill in an application form
- Confirm your place on results day

**We sincerely hope you will enjoy your post 16 career and wish you every success and blessing at the commencement of your journey into the future.**







A taste of  
life in the  
6<sup>th</sup> form  
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