



Introduction to the 6th Form at Ysgol Plasmawr





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.

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.



- **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.

Acceptance Protocol and Year 12/13 Curriculum

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Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Plasmawr offers a wide range of post-16 courses including A Level and Advanced Subsidiary Level, WJEC Level 3 Certificates, BTEC and Agored Cymru Level 3 Courses as well as an opportunity for pupils to re-sit GCSE Welsh, English and Mathematics examinations. Through our partnership with other secondary schools in Cardiff (BroPlasTaf Partnership) we offer courses to pupils from other schools and our pupils have access to courses at our partnership schools. See the list of partnership subjects available. In exceptions it will be possible for some pupils to follow a subject in a partnership school if this is a way of resolving conflicts in a column. It will not be possible to follow a subject in a partnership school if it is available in the pupil's own school.

Entry to Sixth Form: Year 12

Year 11 pupils from any Welsh-medium school are welcome to apply for a place in year 12 at the school. We will consider all requests to ensure that we can offer an appropriate offer to as many pupils as possible.

In order to gain access to courses in the sixth form you must receive at least 5 A*-C GCSEs or similar courses. If you wish to study a subject that follows on from a GCSE course, a minimum grade of C is expected in the relevant GCSE. If a pupil receives 4 A*-C GCSEs or similar courses and resits GCSE courses in November of year 12, applications for a temporary place could be considered until the resit examination results are published at the beginning of January.

Entry to Sixth Form: Year 13

In order to continue with a course from year 12 to year 13 you must be successful in the first year. For A Level/Advanced Level courses you must receive an A-E grade in the Advanced Subsidiary course. For other courses success must be demonstrated in the relevant work units - this is described differently for different courses.

If an individual does not succeed in enough year 12 courses to gain access to an appropriate curriculum in year 13, options will need to be discussed with the head of year. This can include re-sitting the year if there is a likelihood that an individual will be able to succeed in the courses with more time, re-starting year 12 with different courses or considering options outside the school. If an individual continues at the school they will be on a monitoring process to ensure they reach the standards needed to succeed. If they do not meet the necessary standards, more appropriate options will have to be considered.

Year 12 Curriculum

All students are expected to study the baccalaureate and at least two other courses and the majority will study three other courses. Some individuals can start studying the baccalaureate and four other courses but this will have to be discussed with the head of year.

Year 13 Curriculum

All students are expected to study the baccalaureate and at least two other courses and most will study three more courses. In year 13 we can discuss modifications in the curriculum in special circumstances for individuals studying at least four A level courses but everyone else will be expected to study the baccalaureate with two or three higher standards. It is not possible to follow less than the baccalaureate and two higher level courses or similar.

- **Year 12 /13 – Course Options**

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>Advanced Skills Baccalaureate Wales is followed by every student with their AS/A Level subjects</i>		




- **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.

- **6th Form Partnership**

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.


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


Provide quality courses for the pupils of the partnership

Make effective and efficient use of resources.

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

6th FORM PARTNERSHIP





Partnership Subjects

GLANTAF	PLASMAWR	BRO EDERN
Government & Politics	Public Services	Photography
Tourism	Spanish	Criminology
Economics	Music Technology	Medical Science
Engineering	Digital Technology	Sport
		German
		Computing
		Food and Nutrition
		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.

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Tîm dadlau Saesneg yn cymryd rhan mewn ffug achos yn y Goruchaf Lys. The English debating team taking part in a mock trial at [@UKSupremeCourt](#)





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 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.



Llongyfarchiadau i lys Taf am ennill Mabolgampau'r Ysgol heddiw. Dyma lun o gapteiniaid Taf - Rosie, Lilybeth a Catrin yn mwynhau'r fuddugoliaeth gyda Mrs Minton a Miss Owen. 🏆



- **Sith Form Centre -Study Rooms**

There is a dedicated new 6th Centre with two large workrooms and teaching classes. 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 swim.



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.cyllidmyfyrwycymru.co.uk/

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