



Joining the Ysgol Eirias Sixth Form

A Parents' Guide

2023

Important Dates for your Diary

17 Jan: Opportunities Evening 7pm

17 Feb: Application closing date

June: Induction Day 8.40am

25 Aug: GCSE Results Day

1 Sept Enrolment Day

5 Sept School starts

**Link to 6th Form section of website
and prospectus:**



<https://eirias.co.uk/sixth-form>

As your son/daughter approaches the end of year 11, they need to start consider their choices for next year. This guide will help you to understand the process of applying to join the Ysgol Eirias Sixth Form.

The Sixth Form offers a wide range of AS / A Level Subjects as well as WJEC Level 3 and Cambridge Technical Qualifications which are more vocational subjects (such as Sport, Tourism and Health & Social Care).

All Sixth Form students in Wales are required to undertake the Advanced Skills Baccalaureate Wales, a qualification which not only shows they are academically able but that they have wider skills that employers and universities require.

Information is available from many sources to help you and your son/daughter decide on their subject choices at Sixth Form. Some of the sources are:

- Attending the Sixth Form Opportunities Evening in January
- Students discussing option choices with their teachers
- Studying the Sixth Form Prospectus (see QR code)
- Students meeting with the Sixth Form Team



When does the application process begin?

Students can start to consider their options at Sixth Form at any time but the formal process of applying starts in January.

Opportunities Evening - January

This evening is an opportunity for both students and parents to begin the process of applying to join the Sixth Form. Starting at 7 pm in the school hall with an introduction by the Leadership Team, followed by Mr Gavin, Head of Sixth Form, and the Senior Prefect Team about life in the Sixth Form.

Representatives from each faculty will then be available to discuss with you the particular needs of your son/daughter and to answer any general questions about subjects within their faculty. This is an invaluable opportunity to gain information so that your son/daughter can make sensible choices about their future after GCSE examinations.

Optional Student Meetings with the Sixth Form Team – March

Students will be offered the opportunity to meet with a member of the Sixth Form Team to discuss their option choices. These meetings are particularly useful for students who are not sure of their option choices and also for students who have a particular career path in mind. There are certain combinations of subjects that must be taken to pursue specific careers, for example Medicine. Form teachers will let students know when these meetings are available.

Complete the Application Form – February

Students currently attending Ysgol Eirias

Students currently attending Ysgol Eirias should complete the application form provided. It must be returned to the student's form tutor by the deadline shown on the application form. All students who apply will have a provisional place in the Sixth Form but this place can only be taken up if the student meets the GCSE entry requirements of the chosen courses in September.

External Students

External students will need a more detailed form in order that we can enrol them in the school if they take up a place. The External Application form is available at Opportunities Evening or from the Sixth Form Team. Once the application form is received, a letter will be sent to the student confirming if they have a provisional place. This place will only be able to be taken up if the student meets the GCSE entry requirements of the chosen courses in September.

Induction Day – June

All students who have applied to the Sixth Form will be invited to attend an Induction Day in June. This whole day event is an opportunity for students to have taster lessons in the subjects they are interested in taking in Sixth Form. These sessions are particularly useful for subjects which are not offered at GCSE. Please also remember that subjects at 'A' level can differ substantially from GCSE. Students will be asked to confirm their option choices at Induction Day by meeting with a member of the 6th Form Pastoral Team before they leave for the day. Students do not need to wear school uniform but should dress in smart/casual clothes.



What if my son/daughter cannot attend Induction Day?

You should contact the Sixth Form Team as soon as possible to let us know, we can then check your son/daughter's subject choices and ensure that we have registered them to return in September.

Results Day – August

Once students have received their results they should review their option choices to ensure that they meet the entry requirements of their chosen courses. Course entry requirements are listed in the Sixth Form prospectus. The Sixth Form prospectus is always available on the Ysgol Eirias website under the Sixth Form section: <https://eirias.co.uk/sixth-form/sixth-form-prospectus>

You can complete the table below to help you check if your son/daughter meets the entry requirements for their chosen choices:

Chosen AS Level Subject	Entry Requirements from School Prospectus	GCSE results	Meets entry requirements?
For Example: History	History A* - B Eng Lang A* - B	History A ✓ Eng Lang B ✓	Yes

Fast track enrolment will be available on GCSE Results Day in the Library for students who have met the entry requirements of all the courses they have specified in their application form. Students who have completed the fast track enrolment will not need to attend Enrolment Day unless they wish to discuss or change their options.

What if my son/daughter has not reached the entry requirements for a course(s)

The Sixth Form team will be available on GCSE Results Day to discuss options with students. This will involve queuing to see a member of staff. You can also contact the school at the earliest opportunity to discuss the options available. You can contact the school by emailing gavins@hwbcymru.net or ringing 01492 532025 and leaving a message for Mr Gavin, Head of Sixth Form. Please bear in mind that Sixth Form staff do not work fulltime during the summer holidays so you will need to leave a message but this will be responded to before enrolment day.

As a school we adhere to the entry requirements for all courses unless there are special circumstances but we will try to offer suitable alternative options.



Enrolment Day

Students, who have not been able to use the fast track enrolment, are asked to attend at the times specified below, but they should be aware that they may need to queue up and wait for an appointment with a member of the Enrolment Team. Students are not required to wear school uniform.

Current Eirias students 09.30

All External Students 14:00

What if I don't feel the options open to my son/daughter are suitable?

We will try to accommodate all students who wish to return to the Sixth Form but we do adhere to the entry requirements of a course unless there are special and extenuating circumstances. If you have discussed your son/daughter's situation with a member of the Sixth Form Management team and are still not happy with the outcome you should contact Mr D McKenzie, Deputy Head, to discuss the matter further.

Start of Term

Students should go to the School Canteen by 08:40 on the first day of term where they will be introduced to their new form tutor. The first two periods of the day will then be spent receiving planners, timetables and familiarising students with the Sixth Form.

What if my Son/Daughter isn't happy with a course they have chosen?

Hopefully, students will have had sufficient information and preparation time to ensure that their course choices are suitable. However, if a student is not happy with a course, they should see Mr Gavin at the earliest opportunity and no later than 2 weeks from the start of Year 12 to discuss their options.

Sixth Form Contacts

Mr S Gavin – Head of Sixth Form

Dr M Greenslade – Deputy Head of Sixth Form

Mrs C Davies – Deputy Head of Sixth Form

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Subject Option Pools September 2023

All students should choose one subject from four of the option columns. The fifth option will be devoted to the Advanced Skills Challenge Wales (WBQ) which is compulsory for all Sixth Form students in Wales. The Health Diploma and Sport Diploma (12 lessons) are taught using two option columns – you need to choose both for these subjects. You may combine a Diploma with an Introductory Diploma or with an AS level, provided you meet the entry criteria for that subject.

Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4	Option 5
Biology	Chemistry	Biology	German	Art
Geography	English Language	Chemistry	French	Business Studies
History	English Literature	Design & Technology	History	English Language
Physics	Maths	Economics	Maths	Geography
Cymraeg	Further Maths	Computer Science	Further Maths	Digital Technology
Introductory Diploma in Sport	Financial Studies	Applied Business	Environmental Science	Medical Science
Diploma in Sport		Music	Theatre Studies	Philosophy & Ethics
Diploma in Health & Social Care		Conwy LINC Courses	Tourism	
			Sociology	
WBQ	WBQ	WBQ	WBQ	WBQ

Please note : The Head Teacher reserves the right to withdraw courses should there be insufficient numbers for them to go ahead.