



Joining the Ysgol Eirias Sixth Form

A Parents' Guide

2024

Important Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 16th January (1730-1930)
Sixth Form Opportunities Evening

Friday 23rd February
Deadline for application to Sixth Form

Wednesday 26th June
Sixth Form Induction Day for Year 11 learners who have applied to join Sixth Form

June/July (TBA)
Higher Education evening for Year 12 students and parents

Thursday 15th August
AS/A2 Results Day

Thursday 22nd August
GCSE Results Day

Monday 2nd September
Enrolment Day

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

The Sixth Form offers a wide range of A-level Subjects as well as Cambridge Technical Qualifications for more vocational subjects (such as Digital Technology and Health & Social Care).

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

Information is available from many sources to help you and your child to 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.



Wednesday 4th September
School starts

Sixth Form Contacts

Dr M D Greenslade
Head of Sixth Form

Mrs C Davies
Deputy Head of Sixth Form

Mrs C Green
Deputy Head of Sixth Form

- Studying the Sixth Form Prospectus.
- Students meeting with the Sixth Form Team.
- Attending the Sixth Form Induction Day in the Summer Term.

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 event is an opportunity for both students and parents to begin the process of applying to join the Sixth Form. The event will include a welcome talk by Mrs Evans, the Headteacher, an introduction from Dr Greenslade, Head of Sixth Form, and presentations from the student Senior Team about life in the Sixth Form.

Students and parents can then circulate around school to visit subject areas and to discuss options with teaching staff. Each subject area will provide detailed information about the courses that are on offer and staff will be happy to answer your questions. Careful consideration of subject options at this point will help students to plan their future effectively and to give the appropriate focus for their GCSE year.

The Head of Sixth Form, Dr Greenslade, together with the Deputy Heads of Sixth Form, Mrs Davies and Mrs Green, will be available in the Resource Base (Sixth Form library) to answer any further questions you may have and to discuss combinations of subjects, future plans and pastoral support.

The Sixth Form prospectus, which includes the application form, will be distributed on the evening and is also available online.

Optional Student Meetings with the Sixth Form Team – Spring term

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 found on the Sixth Form section of the school website: <https://eirias.co.uk/sixth-form/sixth-form-prospectus> . It must be returned via email or by post 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 <https://eirias.co.uk/sixth-form/join-us> . 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 students 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 the Induction Day in June. This event is an opportunity for students to find out important information about the Sixth Form and enrolment for September.

What if my child cannot attend the Induction Day?

You should contact the Sixth Form Team as soon as possible to let us know, we can then check your child'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.

You can complete the table below to help you check if your child 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 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 child has not reached the entry requirements for a course?

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 GreensladeM6@Hwbcymru.net or ringing 01492 532025 and leaving a message for Dr Greenslade, Head of Sixth Form. Please bear in mind that Sixth Form staff do not work full time 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 will need to queue up and wait for an appointment with a member of the Enrolment Team. Students are not required to wear school uniform.

Students currently attending Ysgol Eirias	09:30
External Students	14:00

What if I don't feel the options open to my child 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 child's situation with a member of the Sixth Form team and are still not happy with the outcome you should contact Mr McKenzie, Deputy Head, to discuss the matter further.

Start of Term

Students should go to the Restaurant 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 information, timetables and familiarising students with the Sixth Form.

What if my child is not 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 Dr Greenslade at the earliest opportunity and no later than 2 weeks from the start of Year 12 to discuss their options.