



# **Joining the Ysgol Eirias Sixth Form**

## **A Parents' Guide**



### 2021

#### Important Dates for your Diary

**28 Jan Virtual Opportunities Event**

**26 Feb Application closing date**

**July Virtual Induction Event**

**27 Aug GCSE Results Day**

**1 Sept Enrolment Day**

**3 Sept School starts**

#### 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**

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 Cambridge Technical Qualifications which are more vocational subjects (such as Sport, IT and Health & Social Care).

All Sixth Form students in Wales are required to undertake the Welsh Baccalaureate, an umbrella 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 Virtual Opportunities Event in January
- Students discussing option choices with their teachers
- Studying the Sixth Form Prospectus
- 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.

### Virtual Opportunities Event - 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 video by Mrs Sutton, the Head Teacher, an introduction from Mr Gavin, Head of Sixth Form and videos from the student Senior Team about life in the Sixth Form. There will be information about pastoral support in the 6<sup>th</sup> form from Academic Development Co-Ordinator, Mrs Davies, and Dr Greenslade will talk about subject options.

Representatives from each faculty will provide videos with information about each subject area. They will also be available via email 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.

The new Sixth Form Prospectus which includes the application form will be 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 Event – July

All students who have applied to the Sixth Form will be invited to attend the virtual Induction Event in July. This day event is an opportunity for students to find out important information about the 6<sup>th</sup> Form and enrolment for September



### What if my son/daughter cannot attend the induction event?

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.

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 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](mailto:GavinS@Hwbcymru.net) or ringing 01492 532025 and leaving a message for Mr Gavin, Head of Sixth 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 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.

Girls	09:30
Boys	11:00
All External Students	14:00

**Please note: these arrangements may be subject to change depending on Covid-19 restrictions**

### 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 McKenzie, Deputy Head, to discuss the matter further.

### Start of Term

Students should go to the Hall 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.