



Joining the Ysgol Eirias Sixth Form

A Parents' Guide

2019

Important Dates for your Diary

24 Jan Opportunities Evening 7pm

20 Feb Sixth Form Open Morning

22 Feb Application closing date

21 June Induction Day 8:45 am

25 Aug GCSE Results Day

2 Sept Enrolment Day

4 Sept School starts

Sixth Form Contacts

Mr S Gavin – Head of Sixth Form

**Dr M Greenslade – Deputy Head
of Sixth Form**

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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 Opportunities Evening 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.

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 Mrs Sutton, the Head Teacher, by Mrs E Crombie, Deputy Head, about subject options, followed by Mr Gavin, Head of Sixth Form, and the student Senior 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.

The new Sixth Form Prospectus which includes the application form will be available on the evening.

If you cannot attend the evening please contact Mr Gavin, Head of Sixth Form, for a Prospectus.

Optional Student Meetings with the Sixth Form Team – February

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 within the school prospectus. 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 the Induction Day in June. This whole day event is an opportunity for students to have taster sessions 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 substantially differ from GCSE.



Students will be asked to confirm their options choices at Induction Day by meeting with a member of the Sixth Form 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 the 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.

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 sgn@eirias.conwy.sch.uk 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

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 Mrs E Crombie, 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.