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Sixth Form Admissions Policy

Llanishen High School

This document contains the specific policy and associated information related to gaining entry to the 16 to 19 learning environment at Llanishen High School.

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Introduction

Llanishen High School prides itself on having a thriving and successful sixth form taking over 280 students through their 16-19 learning experience. We enhance every student's further education experience thus providing them with a greater opportunity to progress to higher education or personal career choices.

Llanishen High School welcomes interest from our existing Year 11 pupils and any other interested pupils outside our own community. The Sixth Form Prospectus details the subjects on offer and entry qualifications for each.

The Sixth Form use the WJEC examination board to deliver 28 Level 3 subjects. We also offer BTEC Sport Level 3 (Development, Coaching & Fitness) and BTEC Health and Social Care Level 3 (Pearson). All Llanishen High School Sixth Form students undertake the Advanced Welsh Baccalaureate. To widen curriculum choice we operate a partnership with Cardiff High School.

The school website, www.llanishenhighschool.co.uk carries the Sixth Form Prospectus that details, each year, the subjects on offer and the entry qualifications required. A Year 11 into 12 Learning Pathways Evening is held annually at the school to promote entry into the Sixth Form. All current Year 11 students and external students are welcome and encouraged to attend.

All prospective Sixth Form students will have a one to one meeting with a member of the Senior Leadership Team or Sixth Form Team. They will advise each student as to the suitability of their chosen subjects with their future aspirations in mind.

Legislation

Llanishen High School acts in accordance with the Welsh Assembly Government's School Admissions Code 005/2013 dated July 2013. This Code is made under Section 84 of the School Standards & Framework Act 1998 as amended by Section 40 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006. The Code recognises that school sixth forms may select pupils based on ability. Selection cannot be made on students' previous attendance, behaviour record or perception of attitude or motivation. Selection interviews cannot be used although meetings to provide options advice may be held.

Entry Requirements

At Llanishen High School we aim to provide a broad range of subject choices and have varied subject entry requirements in order to ensure success at AS and A Level or equivalent. Students applying for the Sixth Form should have achieved a high degree of success in the GCSE or BTEC (Level 2) subjects taken.

The minimum requirement is that all students achieve 5 A* - C grades in order to study at AS Level. This should, ideally include GCSE Mathematics / Numeracy and English Language.

Number of GCSE's obtained	Number of AS Levels Advised	Continued study at A Level
5 + A* - C	4 + WBQ	4 or 3 + WBQ
BTEC Level 2 + 3x C Grades at GCSE or Level 2 equivalent	BTEC Level 3 + WBQ	BTEC + WBQ
No 5 A* - C / No Mathematics / English = No pathway		

NB. Students achieving above the required level to study BTEC may study a BTEC subject plus an additional AS Level subject/s.

All students should undertake **four** AS subjects or the equivalent in Year 12, alongside the Welsh Baccalaureate, which is compulsory for all students. It is expected that students will reduce to **three** A Level subjects in Year 13. Each student will be considered on an individual basis.

Continuing a subject at A2 Level: students must have gained 2 or more passes (Grade A*-E) at AS Level in order to continue onto Year 13. For BTEC subjects all completed unit assignments must have been submitted by the set deadline in order to continue with the remaining units in Year 13. Completion of all Welsh Baccalaureate work is also a pre-requisite for continuation into Year 13.

IMPORTANT POINTS TO NOTE:

- Students with a Grade C at GCSE will generally be admitted to an AS level course, some subjects require a minimum of a B grade to cope with the demands of the course – please refer to individual subject information sheet.
- Where new subjects are introduced (e.g. Economics, Psychology, Politics, Sociology) achievement in other relevant curriculum areas will be considered for course entry. Please see subject information sheet.

MATHEMATICS & ENGLISH GCSE

- A minimum of a C grade is required in Mathematics and English language.
- If students have not achieved this standard they **MUST** re-sit either/both subjects in the November of Year 12 and are required to attend all timetabled re-sit lessons.
- Failure to meet these requirements will result in withdrawal from the Sixth Form.

Post 16-19 Pathways

The school offers opportunity tempered with advisability and recognises that higher education may not benefit every student. Additional advice on apprenticeships and career opportunities can be obtained from the Career Wales Advisor based in the Llanishen High School Sixth Form Private Study Area. Additional advice can be obtained from the Sixth Form team and by using the research platform of unifrog in which the school has invested.

Choosing A level Subjects in Year 11

Applicants must submit their subject options via 'Free Choice Online' to the school following the Year 11 into 12 Learning Pathways evening.

In the Spring term the timetable will be finalised and we will endeavour to accommodate all students' options. When this is not possible, the Leader of Learning 16-19 and KS4 Achievement leaders will meet with the relevant students and liaise with parents/guardians.

Acceptance into Year 12 is dependent on pupils obtaining the required general and subject specific GCSE grades. (Please see the tables on the following pages.)

In the Spring term all students applying will receive an offer letter stating their chosen options and the conditions for admission into the Sixth Form. The letter also outlines the final stages of the application process.

Support in the Sixth Form

Learning tutors will hold regular meetings with Sixth Form students to monitor academic progress, complete target setting exercises and discuss their well-being. Post 16 Pathway options will be included in these meeting from the Spring term of Year 12. The Honours programme within school encourages and supports more able and talented students to be aspirational in their Post 16 Pathways. They are also supported externally by the Seren Network, which provides 'super' curricular activities, advice and guidance for the highest achieving KS4 students from Wales.

Additional Qualifications Guidance for Sixth Form Entry 2017

Below is a table of other qualifications offered at Level 2 at Llanishen High School outside of the more traditional GCSE subjects.

Please see the GCSE equivalent column for their weighting for Sixth Form entry and suggested pathway of study

Qualification	GCSE Equivalent	Suitable Pathway
GCSE- Languages (Russian etc)	1	A level in a language
BTEC Sport Level 2	2	BTEC Sport Level 3
BTEC Health & Social Level 2	2	BTEC Health & Social Level 3
BTEC Engineering	1 (2 for Extended Certificate)	BTEC Course
BTEC Music	2	Music A Level and practical performance to Grade 5 or above
IVQ Science	1	BTEC Course
IVQ Hospitality & Catering	1	BTEC Course
NCFE Nutrition and Health	1	BTEC Course
Hair and Beauty	None	No pathway at LHS
Work skills	1 (2 for Ext Cert)	BTEC Course
Mathematical Applications	None	No pathway at LHS
IFS	1	BTEC Course
Home Cooking (JO)	None	No pathway at LHS
COPE/SWEET	None	No pathway at LHS